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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4:00 p.m., 16th November 2015, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Bryan Reilly**, presided.

Councillors Present: Eugene Cassidy, Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Johnny Guirke, Sarah Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Senior Executive Engineer: Fiona Beers

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 19th October 2015.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th October 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 4th November 2015.

The Minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 4th November 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Sympathy was extended to:

- The relatives and friends of the late Maureen O’Hara, particularly those living locally.
- Former Councillor Michael Lynch on the death of his wife, Maureen.
- The Grimes family on the death of Patrick (Pa) Grimes.
- The families of those killed and all affected by the recent events in Paris and Beirut.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Oldcastle Minors on winning the Division 2 Championship.
- All involved with the Kells Age Friendly Initiative and the Spirits of Halloween Festival for being commended at the recent Chambers Ireland – Excellence in Local Government Awards.

It was agreed to issue a letter of good wishes and a speedy recovery to former Councillor, Tommy Grimes.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Kells Municipal District.

The report was noted.

4.2 Planning

- 4.2.1 To consider taking in charge the following estate and the making of a declaration that the roads within the estate shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Act 2000-2014.



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- Townparks Manor, Kells.

It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew** to defer this item to the January meeting, following a meeting with residents where it was confirmed that all outstanding works should be complete by then.

5 Notice of Question

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“To ask the Executive to provide, in tabular format per year, the following numerical data as relevant to the Kells Municipal District:

1. How many periodic inspections of registered sewage sludge facilities took place each year from 2010 to 2015 as provided for under the Waste Management (Registration of Sewage Sludge Facility) Regulations 2010?
2. How many requests have been made to operators of said facilities for information as specified under section 11 (1) (a) of the 2010 Regulations?
3. How many legal proceedings have been taken by Meath County Council under the Regulations and how many of these proceedings have resulted in successful prosecution?”

Response:

The Register for the Waste Management (Registration of Sewage Sludge Facility) Regulations 2010 shows that 3 applications were submitted for Certificates of Registration in the Kells Municipal District Area since the Regulations came into being in January 2011. One application was invalidated on the basis of insufficient information with another in the Oldcastle Area being granted but subsequently surrendered in 2014. The remaining application at Rosmeen, Kells was granted in September 2013 and subject to various conditions and rules including a requirement to maintain a register of the sewage sludge entering the facility and which shall be available for inspection by the Council and detailing the specified information which is contained in Article 11 (1) of the Regulations.



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It is confirmed that that this premises 'was the subject of 4 inspections by Council Officials since the Certificate Of Registration was granted and that activities on site were being carried out in accordance with the conditions of the Certificate . The Council have not initiated any legal proceedings under the Regulations in the Kells Municipal District.

The response was noted.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

8.1.1 Parking enforcement in Kells: a discussion followed on the potential benefits of rotating traffic wardens in the county, the need for ongoing enforcement particularly with regard to illegal parking in loading bays, disabled spaces and on footpaths, and the need for traders to consider where they park – it was agreed to refer this to the Transportation Department for consideration as part of the parking review currently being undertaken.

8.1.2 The possible contamination from the sewerage treatment plant in Virginia to Lough Ramor and the implications for the drinking water supply in Kells – it was agreed to refer this again to Water Services.

8.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

8.2.1 The responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the public lighting on Bothar Tom Taimin in Rathcairn – it was confirmed that this road was not taken in charge and therefore the responsibility lay with the developer/person in charge of the lighting.



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8.3 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

- 8.3.1 Update on the HGV ban – it was confirmed that a consultant had been appointed to prepare the necessary documents, that it would soon be going out to tender, following which a costing would be known and funding would have to be sought.
- 8.3.2 Update on the walkway/cycleway on the Gardenrath Road – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

8.4 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:

- 8.4.1 Update on the provision of age friendly parking spaces in Kells – it was confirmed that spaces had been identified near the Post Office, that signage had arrived and that these would be erected once the Community Department had confirmed if these were to be officially launched.
- 8.4.2 Update on the taking of charge of Carrick Court, Kells to enable the introduction of yellow lines to manage the parking – it was agreed to refer this to Planning.

8.5 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

- 8.5.1 Update on Gibbstown Cross – it was confirmed that three options were being considered, based on the level of works required, and funding of €17,000 would need to be allocated in 2016 to cover the replacement of the wall and foundations, if that extent of works was required.
- 8.5.2 Signs on Donegal Road were in English only – it was confirmed that this would be addressed.
- 8.5.3 The extension of public lighting on the Oldcastle Road to the nursing home – it was agreed to request a design and costing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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