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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 14th November 2016, Kells Civic Offices

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

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Senior Executive Engineer: Fiona Beers

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Apologies: Aaron Smith, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 17th October, 2016.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th October were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 3rd November, 2016.

The Minutes of the Special Finance Meeting held on 3rd November were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Joe Horan, former County Manager, Meath County Council.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

- 4.1 This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Bryan Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Corporate Services

5.1.1 Festive Lighting Allocation 2016.

In 2015, an allocation of €1,000 was made to Kells Christmas Festival Committee. It was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly** to continue this arrangement for 2016.

It was proposed by **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy** that the allocation of €1,000 be made to Oldcastle and Athboy in 2017 and 2018 respectively.

- 5.1.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Kells Municipal District.

The list of allocations, circulated in advance, was noted.

5.2 Transportation

- 5.2.1 To receive a report on the findings relating to the Kells One-Way System Trial.



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Rory Ryan and Tom McMahon, MDM Consultants, Nicholas Whyatt, Senior Engineer, Duncan Byrne, Executive Engineer, and Pat Shore, Assistant Engineer, Transportation Department attended the meeting.

A presentation was made to the meeting, which included the background to and overview of the trial, traffic counts, aerial video surveys, public interview surveys, a summary and evaluation. It was pointed out that, overall, the trial had seemed to work well for traffic flow, the temporary nature of the trial had resulted in a less favourable outcome for pedestrians and the survey results indicated a negative public reaction based on the survey results and submissions received.

Matters raised by Councillors included:

- The feasibility of relocating the Market Cross to Cross Street – it was pointed out that, as a national monument, Ministerial consent would be required for such a move and that previous engagement with the Department had underlined their requirements that the cross be positioned in an indoor location only. No such proposal had been made recently and would require careful consideration of the relevant issues.
- The need to communicate the results of the surveys to the public.
- The need to consider the next steps based on the results of the trial, for example implementing a number of changes that would improve the town centre, improve safety for pedestrians, increase car parking facilities, amend junctions, etc.
- The impact of the barriers on the outcome of the trial – it was underlined that the length of the trial determined the nature of the measures that could be put in place and that, had the trial been longer, other measures could have been used.
- The availability of funding to undertake some improvements – it was agreed to consider the options now available and see if external funding could be secured.



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- The effectiveness of the HGV ban – it was confirmed that monitoring had indicated that the ban was being well observed. It was also pointed out that the wording of the ban was to be reviewed based on feedback received and relating to access for HGVs through the town in the event of an emergency and access by agricultural vehicles during certain periods.

It was agreed that a further update on the possible improvements would be provided in January. The Cathaoirleach and Councillors thanked the officials for their work in relation to the trial.

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

The report, which had been circulated in advance, was noted.

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence received from Carrickmacross – Castleblayney Municipal District re Appointment of Minister for Brexit.

The correspondence was noted.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

- 9.1.1 Update on the provision of a footpath at Deerpark, Carlanstown – it was confirmed that the location had been surveyed, that land acquisition would be



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required and that different approaches would have different cost implications.

9.1.2 The need to ensure that leaves are collected and drains cleared – it was agreed to review road sweeping and Jetvac schedules.

9.1.3 Requested an update on the provision of additional off-street car parking in Kells for the December meeting.

9.1.4 Requested an update on the provision of a walkway from the Gardenrath Road to the schools for the December meeting.

9.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Update on the Litter Management Plan and fast food outlets – it was agreed to re-issue the update circulated on 20th October.

9.2.2 Requested that Adrian O’Loughlin be invited to a meeting of Kells Municipal District to discuss issues affecting bus services in the municipal district, including issues relating to connectivity – this was agreed.

9.3 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:

9.3.1 Requested that the Alzheimer’s Society of Ireland be invited to make a presentation to Kells Municipal District on the funding challenges facing Oldcastle Alzheimer’s Day Care Centre – this was agreed.

9.3.2 Update on the request to Eir for the removal of the phone box in Oldcastle – it was agreed to refer this to Transportation.

9.3.3 Update on the funding application to Clár for the footpath in Ballinacree – it was confirmed that an application had been made but that no notification had yet been received regarding the outcome of that application.

9.4 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Update on the problems being experienced as a result of the recycling plant at Gibbstown – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.



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9.5 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:

9.5.1 Complimented the replacement of drainage channels in footpaths in the town that had improved accessibility and requested that these improvements be carried out at other locations.

9.5.2 The impact on residents and business owners of the recent works undertaken at Bective Street, including night works, and the need to remove the materials that remain – it was agreed to get the contractor back to remove any remaining debris.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach