



## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Kells Municipal District***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4:00 p.m., 21<sup>st</sup> December 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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015.**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.



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### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Corporate Services**

##### 4.1.1 To receive proposals for a 1916 commemorative garden.

Dara McGowan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services attended the meeting and delivered a presentation on the proposal for Kells Municipal District, which included:

- The 1916 Gardens of Remembrance is an initiative to ensure an enduring physical legacy following the centenary celebration of the 1916 Rising. These gardens are an important element of the project with the objective of commemorating The Easter Rising, celebrating and honouring the lives of those who signed the Proclamation and those who fought in the cause of Irish freedom.
- These gardens will have 3 elements in common: an engraved life size typographical replica of the 1916 Proclamation, a maintenance-free flag pole and 7 trees that would represent the 7 signatories of the Proclamation.
- The proposed site and design for Kells Municipal District at the Fairgreen, Kells.

A short discussion followed, confirming that the local committee were in agreement with this location and that additional funds of €2,000 had been raised locally, primarily to ensure that appropriate and durable materials would be used for the proclamation stone and for lighting. It was also requested that the trees planted would be appropriate for the location. It was agreed that Meath County Council would liaise with the committee regarding the design for the garden.

#### **4.2 Transportation**

##### 4.2.1 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Kells Municipal District.



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The report was circulated in advance and there were no matters arising.

### **5 Notice of Question**

#### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Seán Drew**

“It is noted that Meath County Council has received a valid plebiscite/ taking in charge request for Clifton Court, Athboy and that the Planning Authority have confirmed their intention to carry out an inspection of the Development to formulate a snag list of outstanding works to be forwarded to the Developer/Owner of the site.

Can the Executive please outline the following:

1. The timescale for formulating the snag list;
2. The period of time afforded to the Developer/Owner of the site to undertake the outstanding works included on the snag list, bearing in mind that the estate has remained unfinished by the said Developer/Owner for over 30 years?”

#### **Response:**

*Please note the current position re Clifton Court:*

*The Council can confirm that the full snag list will be compiled prior to week ending the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.*

*There are three separate developers of this site namely Hugh Kelly Construction Ltd. (who are dissolved with an effective Date of 29 April 2011), John Coughlan and Michael McGrath. The snag list will issue to the Developers John Coughlan and Michael McGrath requesting the carrying out of works to bring the Development up to the standard for taking in charge. The response and engagement of the Developers will determine the timeframe for TIC and in this regard the Council can update the Members further in February/March 2016.*

It was confirmed that the snag list had been completed by 18<sup>th</sup> December, as indicated in the response, which was noted.



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### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly**

“To move forward the position now held by Kells on the world heritage tentative list, that this Municipal District invites the relevant stakeholders from Clonmacnoise, Durrow, Glendalough, Inis Cealtra and Monasterboice to discuss how we can work in collaboration to strengthen our joint position.”

Jill Chadwick, Conservation Officer attended the meeting and provided background information to this motion.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the report on the economic benefits of a World Heritage Site would be presented at the February meeting if available and that informal contacts would take place between officials and Councillors in the relevant local authorities to identify the issues that may be preventing progress being made.

The motion was noted.

### **7 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **8 Any Other Business**

#### **8.1 Pride of Place 2015 Survey**

Meath County Council, having completed the six Municipal District awards and the County awards, are currently carrying out a review of the 2015 Pride of Place Scheme. A survey has been drawn up and we are inviting all interested individuals and groups to participate in this survey, which will be circulated to all groups who took part in Pride of Place 2015 and will also be posted on our Website and Social Media sites. This survey will be open to all suggestions from interested parties regarding the structure of the Scheme for 2016 and what categories might be included. Please have the survey



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completed by Wednesday 23rd December 2015. For more information about Pride of Place 2015, please see:

<http://www.meath.ie/Community/PrideofPlace/Name,62388,en.html>

### 8.2 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issues:

8.2.1 Illegal dumping at the bottle bank in Oldcastle, the possibility of relocating it to a more suitable site and/or the use of CCTV – it was agreed to refer this to Environment.

8.2.2 Enforcement of parking bye-laws in Kells – it was confirmed that an update had been circulated indicating that the parking review would consider the rotation of traffic wardens. It was agreed that a letter would be drafted, on behalf of Kells Municipal District Councillors and distributed by the Traffic Warden, confirming that the parking bye-laws would be fully enforced and without exception.

8.2.3 Update on the site for the scouts group – it was confirmed that the preferred site was in the ownership of the Department of Education & Skills and that it was recently confirmed that a request had been received by them but that no response had been issued. It was agreed that a reminder would be sent to the Department.

8.2.4 Requested that Kells Local Heroes be invited to the January meeting to present their 2016 work programme – this was agreed.

### 8.3 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

8.3.1 Complimented Aaron, Fiona and all the outdoor staff on the progress made during the year, particularly the use of the Jetvac in clearing the drains resulting in no reports of flooding in Kells this year.

### 8.4 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

8.4.1 Reports of flooding in areas such as Bush Road, Gibbstown and Rathkenny church car park and the need for the OPW to clean out the River Dee to prevent flooding incidents.



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Councillors acknowledged the positive progress made during the year as a result of the works undertaken by staff. The Cathaoirleach and Director of Service wished everyone a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**