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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 18th December, 2017, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor David Gilroy**, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Technician: Conor Kenny

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

Apologies: Aaron Smith, Executive Engineer

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 20th November, 2017.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 20th November, 2017 were adopted on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Margaret Flynn, Westport.



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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 Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

5.2 Planning

- 5.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within these developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2017.

- Clifton Court, Athboy.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

5.3 Corporate Services

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

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

6 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.



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7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew

“The EU Regional Aid Guidelines (RAGS) allow each Member State to provide enhanced rates of State Aid in the least economically developed areas of each country. Since 2014, Irelands designated assisted areas, includes the Kells Municipal District. The members of Kells Municipal District hereby call on the relevant Government Departments to introduce Regional Aid in the form of grants to support new investment and new employment in productive projects, tourism grants, urban and rural renewal and other tax-based development schemes, in Irelands designated assisted areas.”

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly**.

Following a discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Johnny Guirke** and seconded by **Councillor Bryan Reilly** that a meeting would be sought by Councillors with the six Meath Deputies to highlight the additional funding required for the county and comparable to other counties and to enquire as to what was being done to introduce regional aid as per the motion above.

The motion was adopted.

8 Strategic Policy Committee Reports – For Information Purposes

- 8.1 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting of 14th November, 2017.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting of 23rd November, 2017.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence



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- 9.1 Correspondence received from OPW in response to the Notice of Item 8.1.2 from September meeting re Kells Round Tower.

It was agreed to issue an invitation to Ana Dolan, OPW to attend a meeting of the municipal district to discuss this matter further.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issue:

10.1.1 Requested that a letter issue on behalf of Kells Municipal District Councillors to all the official representatives that attended the recent workshop in Kells.

- 10.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

10.2.1 Congratulated Kevin Stewart and Gary O'Meara on their achievements in relation to Kells Tech Hub.

- 10.3 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

10.3.1 The condition of the roads and footpaths in Drumconrath following works undertaken by a contractor on behalf of Eir.

- 10.4 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

10.4.1 The provision of the boundary wall for the proposed social housing development in Kells and as discussed at the November meeting. A short discussion followed on the Part 8 process and the possible implications of such an amendment. It was agreed that no such amendment would be made but that the wall could be dealt with separately as the scheme progresses.

- 10.5 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issue:

10.5.1 Sought an update on the provision of the taxi ranks – it was agreed to check this.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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Signed:

Cathaoirleach