



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 20th May, 2019, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**, presided.

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 15th April, 2019.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 15th April 2019 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.

4 Statutory Business



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

4.1 Transportation

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

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

- 4.1.2 To receive an update on the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme on the R162 at Kilberry.

Paul Phelan, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation pointed out that the scheme, which is subject to non-statutory public consultation, would go on public display later this month and the final proposal will be presented to the municipal district. The proposed works were outlined and were welcomed by councillors.

4.2 Corporate Services

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

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

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“That Meath County Council take in charge Bellews lane at Clogher, Rathkenny - this lane has been repaired last year with the LIS grant.”

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

In all instances, requests for lanes to be taken in charge require a full investigation into the condition of the road, including any potential safety issues at junctions etc., followed by a report on the findings. In addition to this, funding for any resulting works must be identified before the Taking in Charge process can begin, and any additional lands required to carry out any safety measures must be dedicated to the Council by the relevant landowners. The land that forms the lane itself should also be dedicated to Meath County Council.

In this particular instance, the road in question has been repaired using funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development for Local Improvement Schemes. This funding is provided specifically for lanes that are in private ownership. Meath County Council has, in conjunction with the Transportation SPC, agreed the selection criteria for all LIS projects to facilitate such improvements and therefore reduce the requests for lanes to be taken in charge. The lane in question was successful in securing funding, on this basis, in 2017.

As this funding was awarded due to the “private” status of the road, it is not intended to pursue the Taking in Charge at this time.

The motion was proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

The motion was noted.

6.2 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

“That the Transport Section of Meath County Council, in conjunction with the TII, design a footpath for the Mullingar Road, Kells.”

Supporting information subject to the motion being proposed, seconded and considered:

Transportation Department are liaising with the Community Section of Meath County Council and a community group in Calliaghstown regarding technical details of this footpath.

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



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

A short discussion followed, where it was noted that a footpath was needed to facilitate the safe access by residents to the town. It was pointed out that a funding application had been unsuccessful in 2016 and that, due to the location being on a national primary route, a feasibility study is required by TII to determine the suitability of the proposal and that this was being progressed by the Transportation Department, who have been liaising with the group representing the residents. It was confirmed that the feasibility study would include information on traffic volumes and speed.

The motion was adopted.

7 Strategic Policy Committee & Corporate Policy Group Reports – For Information Purposes

- 7.1 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 16th April, 2019.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 25th April, 2019.

The report was noted.

- 7.3 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise PC meeting of 3rd May, 2019 (CDP timetable also attached).

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issue:

9.1.1 The issues relating to access to the private car park to the rear of Farrell Street – it was pointed out that this car park was private property and that previous



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

efforts to acquire this site and amalgamate it with the public car park on Kenlis Place had been unsuccessful due to unresolved legal issues.

9.2 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Expressed dissatisfaction at the way in which the OPW were dealing with heritage sites in the town, including St. Colmcille's House.

9.3 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:

9.3.1 The possibility of installing a camera at the bottle banks in Athboy where illegal dumping was taking place.

9.3.2 Requested an update on the illegal halting sites at Kilkeelan and Martinstown, Athboy and pointed out that the number of illegal occupants had increased significantly and outlined the adverse impacts that this was having on people living in the immediate and wider area.

9.3.3 Requested an update on the consultation progress regarding the Part 8 for the Fairgreen in Athboy.

The Cathaoirleach and councillors thanked the officials and engineering staff, in particular, for their work during the council term and acknowledged the progress made. On behalf of the staff, Kevin Stewart thanked councillors for their support and cooperation over the five year term, in which time significant achievements had been made.

Tributes were paid to Councillor Bryan Reilly by both his councillor colleagues and the executive following his decision to retire from politics at both town and county levels after 37 years. Councillor Reilly thanked everyone for their comments and acknowledged the progress that had been made within that time and in recent years.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Cathaoirleach