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Kells Municipal District

Annual Meeting

4.00p.m., 17th June 2019, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Seán Drew**, presided.

Councillors Present: Mike Bray, David Gilroy, Johnny Guirke, Paul McCabe, Sarah Reilly.

Apologies: Councillor Eugene Cassidy.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Kevin Stewart

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor Seán Drew was elected unopposed on the proposal of Councillor Paul McCabe and seconded by Councillor Sarah Reilly and assumed the chair. He thanked councillors for their support and congratulated all returning and new councillors. He also acknowledged the contribution made by former councillors, Bryan Reilly and Michael Gallagher. He thanked all staff for their work during polling day and the election count. He outlined his key priorities for the coming term, including the need to increase employment opportunities in north Meath to reduce the need for commuting and increase the amount of money coming into the local economy, the provision of local community facilities in conjunction with local community groups and the need to increase awareness of the positive achievements being made by the council for the community.

He also requested that regular updates be provided to councillors on projects in receipt of council or national funding.

2 Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach



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Councillor Johnny Guirke was elected unopposed on the proposal of Councillor Mike Bray and seconded by Councillor David Gilroy.

3 To consider the election, appointment or nomination of Councillors to Local Bodies & Committees

3.1 Appointment of one Councillor from Kells Municipal District to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

This was deferred to the July meeting.

3.2 Appointment of one Councillor from Kells Municipal District to the Meath Heritage Forum.

Councillor Paul McCabe was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Mike Bray and seconded by Councillor Sarah Reilly.

3.3 Appointment of two Councillors to the Athboy Social Needs & Recreation Company Ltd.

Councillor David Gilroy was appointed on the proposal of Councillor David Gilroy and seconded by Councillor Paul McCabe.

Councillor Mike Bray was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Johnny Guirke and seconded by Councillor David Gilroy.

3.4 Appointment of four Councillors to the Kells Community Enterprise Company Ltd.

Councillor Sarah Reilly was appointed on the proposal of Councillor David Gilroy and seconded by Councillor Paul McCabe.

Councillor Seán Drew was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Paul McCabe and seconded by Councillor Mike Bray.

Councillor Paul McCabe was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Johnny Guirke and seconded by Councillor Mike Bray.



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Councillor Mike Bray was appointed on the proposal of Councillor Johnny Guirke and seconded by Councillor Paul McCabe.

4 To agree the 2019-2020 Schedule of Meetings

Meetings will commence at **4.00 p.m.** on the following dates:

Date	Type
Monday, 15 th July 2019	Ordinary
Monday, 16 th September 2019	Ordinary
Monday, 21 st October 2019	Ordinary
Monday, 18 th November 2019	Ordinary
Monday, 16 th December 2019	Ordinary
Monday, 20 th January 2020	Ordinary
Monday, 17 th February 2020	Ordinary
Monday, 9 th March 2020 (<i>changed due to St. Patrick's Day</i>)	Ordinary
Monday, 20 th April 2020	Ordinary
Monday, 18 th May 2020	Ordinary
Monday, 15 th June 2020	Annual & Ordinary

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Paul McCabe** and seconded by **Councillor Johnny Guirke**.

5 Standing Orders

5.1 To adopt the Standing Orders for the meetings of Kells Municipal District.

These were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.



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6 Any Other Business

- 6.1 To agree the date of 12th September 2019, 7.00pm, in the Kells Chamber for the Civic Awards of Kells Municipal District.

The date was agreed and it was requested that the list of recipients be circulated.

- 6.2 Orientation for Councillors

Orientation for Councillors will take place on Friday, 21st June from 9.30am to 1.00pm in Buvinda House.

- 6.3 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:

6.3.1 Requested that signage be provided to indicate the locations of designated parking for tour buses, coaches, etc.

6.3.2 Requested an update on the Public Realm Plans for Oldcastle and Athboy.

6.3.3 Confirmed that the situation at Kilkeelan, Athboy, which he had been raising for some time, now appears to have been resolved and thanked everyone involved.

- 6.4 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:

6.4.1 Requested an update on the Notice of Motion adopted at the May meeting relating to the footpath design on the Mullingar Road.

6.4.2 Requested an update on the provision of a footpath from the Oldcastle Road to the Cavan Road to facilitate students attending the new school campus.

- 6.5 Councillor Johnny Guirke raised the following issue:

6.5.1 The recent hedge cutting activity undertaken in advance of an event – the process was outlined, including the role of the National Parks & Wildlife Service. Councillors were informed that hedge cutting would be taking place at junctions where sightlines required improvement.



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6.6 Councillor Paul McCabe raised the following issue:

- 6.6.1 Requested that consideration be given to re-commissioning the chain of office used by the former Kells Town Council – it was agreed to refer this to the Protocol Committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach