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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.15pm, 15th June 2020, County Hall, Navan

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Paul McCabe**, presided.

Councillors Present: Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy and Sarah Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

A/Director of Service: Larry Whelan

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

Clerical Officer: Edita Zolotuchina

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 9th March 2020.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 9th March 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- All families in Meath who had experienced a bereavement during the lockdown;



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- The family of the late Peter Clarke, Garristown, Fordstown at 102 years with tributes paid to his contribution to the community and to traditional Irish music;
- The family of the late Tommy Ennis, Castlelawns, Athboy;
- The family of the late Joseph Anderson, Scurlogstown, Delvin who died tragically;
- The family of the late Jimmy Morris, Headfort Road, Kells.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor David Gilroy on his election as Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council;
- All community and voluntary groups in north Meath who had participated in the Community Call initiative.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report had been circulated in advance and matters raised by councillors included:

- Referred to the poor condition of the L8001-10 in Castlemartin/Phoenix town, Bohermeen and queried as to which municipal district has responsibility for its maintenance – it was agreed to check the boundary.
- Queried the approach to road repair and maintenance, e.g. Girley Road, Drewstown, where potholes are being covered but not repaired – it was pointed out that works were being carried out by a contractor and it was agreed to check this with the Transportation Department.



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- Referred to the need for the Drumconrath to Carrickmacross Road to be repaired/restored due to the volume of heavy traffic using it.
- Queried the timeframe for the consideration of the three-year roadworks programme – proposals will be brought to the municipal district towards the end of the year for consideration.
- Queried whether PSCI is to be carried out this year – it was agreed to check this with Transportation.

4.2 Planning

4.2.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the developments shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2019.

- The Cairns, Crossakiel

This was approved on the proposal of **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

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

7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC virtual meeting of 21st May 2020.

The report was noted.



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8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 Councillor Sarah Reilly raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Requested an update on St. Shiria's Church, Crossakiel – it was agreed to refer this to the Heritage Officer.

9.1.2 Queried the planned re-opening of playgrounds and the need for adequate protocols/signage regarding responsibility – this will be circulated on social media.

9.2 Councillor Mike Bray raised the following issues:

9.2.1 Queried whether allocations from the Municipal District Allocation Scheme for CIS/LIS projects must be received by 26th June, i.e. the same deadline for the receipt of community contributions – it was agreed to check this with Transportation.

9.2.2 Referred to heavy traffic volumes on Cloncat Lane in Drewstown/Fordstown where residents have requested additional safety measures, for which they have offered to cover the costs, and the possibility of widening the entrance – it was agreed to check this.

9.3 Dara McGowan raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Referred to the paid parking system and its enforcement, both whilst shops were closed and during the re-opening. The incentives will remain, with a charge of 50c per hour, a fifteen minute grace period before charges apply and a 30 minute grace period after ticket expiry up to 20th July. After this date, the 30 minute grace period after ticket expiry will reduce to 15 minutes. This new fee structure will be advertised on social media. A parking meter replacement programme is to commence on 29th June, following which it will be possible to pay by phone. It was requested that the charging information also be clearly conveyed on parking meters.



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9.4 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

9.4.1 Referred to the need to counter any negative perception created by a RTE survey which suggested that broadband at Kells Enterprise Centre was poor.

9.5 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

9.5.1 Referred to recent activity relating to an illegal halting site at Killeelan, Athboy – the planning enforcement actions were outlined.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach