



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

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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4.00pm, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020, County Hall, Navan***

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

**Councillors Present:** Mike Bray, Eugene Cassidy, Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher.

**Apologies:** Councillors 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

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew**.

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

Councillor Seán Drew requested an amendment under Item 4.1.1 – Community: To receive details of the allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2020 and if in agreement, recommend to the full Council of Meath County Council for approval. He requested that the minutes record the agreement that, in future, notification and more detail on submitted projects be provided to councillors in advance of the meeting where these are to be considered.



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### 3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Tom Gavigan, to whom tributes were paid on his role in the business, social and sporting sectors.
- The family, including daughter-in-law Mairead McGuinness, of the late Katherine Duff, Mentrim, Drumconrath.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Carnaross GFC on their recent win;
- Gaeil Colmcille on reaching the Meath Senior Football Championship final.

### 4 Statutory Business

#### 4.1 Planning

4.1.1 To consider taking in charge of the following and the making of a declaration that the roads within the development shall be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Roads Act 1993 and the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2020.

- Taylor Hall, Kells.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

#### 4.2 Corporate Services

4.2.1 To discuss the 2020 Arts, Festivals, Festive Decoration & MD Renewal Budgets.

Audrey Norris, Corporate Services outlined a proposal that the remaining budget be used towards investment in an asset that can be reused throughout the year to support various events and initiatives, i.e. a projector for which the



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colour and design of the projection can be changed as required. It was suggested that for Christmas 2020, the projector be used at Kells Civic Offices, with the locations being rotated in subsequent years. It was pointed out that the lighting is most effective when used for higher buildings and open spaces, with a power supply required. There should be some funding remaining and this can be used to support local groups.

It was unanimously agreed, on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**, to proceed with the recommended proposal and to divide €5,000 of the balance remaining equally to Kells, Athboy, Oldcastle, Nobber and Drumconrath. Councillors will be informed of any further balance remaining.

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

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

The Cathaoirleach, on behalf of councillors, complimented Triona Keating on her excellent administration of the scheme.

### **4.3 Transportation**

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

Matters raised by councillors included:

- Requested an update on the small sweeper visiting Athboy – the small sweeper will be in Athboy, weather permitting, but it may not be suitable to deal with large volumes of leaves.
- Referred to an issue of blocked gullies in front of houses in Kells and queried whether these can be cleared – whilst this is not a routine activity, a schedule can be implemented.



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### **5 Notice of Question**

There were no Notices of Question.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

#### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray**

“That Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) be requested to appear before a Kells Municipal District meeting to discuss the ongoing safety issues on the N51 and N52 roads which are, in particular, impacting the communities in Rathmore and Balrath.”

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Seán Drew**, was agreed.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray**

“Go gcuireann Comhairle Contae na Mí níos mó ceansú tráchta ar fáil is go dtéann siad i ngleic leis na húdaráis cuí ó thaobh deacrachtaí sábháilteacht bóithre ar an mbóthar L40022-10 ag tarraingt i dtreo sráidbhaile Ráth Chairn.”

“That Meath County Council puts further traffic calming measures in place and engages with the other relevant authorities to address road safety issues on the L40022-10 approach road into the village of Ráth Chairn.”

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

*The location has been assessed and additional advance road markings will be put in place to inform motorists of the schools ahead.*

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**, was agreed.



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

- 7.1 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The report was noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Transportation SPC meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The report was noted. Councillor Seán Drew referred to a commitment previously given to increase the number of regional roads on the winter gritting programme and to include the R163 as a priority due to the traffic volumes, schools and number of incidents. Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction that the R163 had not been included in the 2020 programme.

- 7.3 To note the report from the Climate Action, Environment & Emergency Services SPC meeting of 24th September 2020.

The report was noted.

- 7.4 To note the report from the Planning Economic Development, Enterprise and European Affairs of 25th September 2020.

The report was noted.

### **8 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **9 Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

9.1.1 Referred to recent reports in relation to a chemical being used in the water supply serving Louth/Meath that could potentially contain cancer causing agent and requested that Irish Water be contacted asking that they change the water supply to Drumconrath from Ardee.



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- 9.1.2 Referred to a derelict garage site in Drumconrath, where windows were open and no repairs undertaken, in addition to six derelict cars on the street – the derelict sites team had visited the premises on a number of occasions and would investigate if the building presents a danger.
- 9.2 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:
- 9.2.1 Requested that contact be made with the relevant landowner regarding an overgrown hedge at Rathbrack, Carnaross which is impacting on pedestrians – it was confirmed that hedge cutting notices had issued this week but that the issue in this case is the verge, which is the responsibility of the council with resources unavailable to address it.
- 9.2.2 Referred to the need for flood works outside a residence in Gravelstown, Carlanstown – it was agreed to check this.
- 9.2.3 Referred to the support expressed by local Gardaí for the installation of CCTV in Kells and suggested that an application be made to the JPC for Community CCTV in Kells – it was agreed to invite the Community Department to the November meeting to outline application process.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

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**Cathaoirleach**