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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 19th April 2021, Via Zoom

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

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

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Martin Murray

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting by welcoming Martin Murray to Kells Municipal District and as Director of Service. He also thanked Larry Whelan for having assumed the role in Kells Municipal District in recent months. Martin thanked the Cathaoirleach and councillors and confirmed that he was looking forward to working with them into the future.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 8th March 2021.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 8th March 2021 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

Councillor Michael Gallagher referred to the response received regarding the felling of trees in Drumconrath in 2003 and asked that Meath County Council contact the relevant bodies to request that they look into the matter, with a view to having the trees replaced.



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3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Best wishes were expressed to Renee and Bartle Clarke, Teltown House on developing a new tourism and recreational walkway.

4 Disposal of Land pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal of Land at Site "Plot B" Kells Business Park, Kells, Co Meath.

Aoife Fegan, Staff Officer, Local Enterprise Office/Economic Development provided responses to a number of queries raised.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** 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 and the district engineer was commended for the amount of works undertaken and for responding quickly to queries submitted.

- 5.1.2 To receive a report on the non-statutory public consultation for the proposed Phase 2 Traffic Calming Scheme on the R162 at Kilberry.

Paul Phelan, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation outlined the report, including a summary of submissions received, and provided responses to queries raised, including timescale and funding sources. It was requested that a cost estimate for the provision of a footpath on the R163 Slane Road, as far as the



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graveyard (circa 300m), and a link to the greenway on the R163 Kells road (circa 1.75km) be provided.

Councillors welcomed the scheme.

5.2 Planning

5.2.1 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 2000-2020.

- Moy Park, Kells.

Councillors raised a number of queries in relation to the taking in charge of the green space and the development on the adjacent land. It was agreed to provide the relevant maps for the May meeting, which will assist in explaining the situation. The item was deferred to the May meeting.

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.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher



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“That Meath County Council prioritise the construction of footpaths in following areas where the lives of pedestrians are in danger when using these roads:

Balrath Road, Kells; Gibbstown from the community centre to the school; Drumconrath, from the village to the football pitch; and Drumbaragh from the football pitch to the Bolies Road.”

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

The Balrath footpath Kells along the N52 is currently in preliminary design stage prior to TII approval and progression to part 8 planning process. If design is approved and planning granted appropriate funding will then need to be sourced to construct the works. The remainder of the footpaths identified have been noted by MCC in the past and a request for funding has been made for each specific project. Unfortunately, no department funding has been made available to date. The only funding which has been made available for the provision of new footpaths in the last number of years has been through community grants which are applied for by local committees and groups through the Community section of Meath County Council.

A short discussion followed, with reference to funding applications previously made and the different locations, which may be considered a priority. It was pointed out that cost estimates, excluding accommodation works, are as follows:

- Drumbaragh - €120,000
- Gibbstown - €95,000
- Drumconrath - €30,000

It was agreed to invite Fiona Fallon, Community Department to the May meeting to discuss relevant applications made under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme.

The supporting information and motion, proposed by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**, was noted.



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

- 8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 26th February 2021.

The report was noted.

- 8.2 To note the report from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC meeting of 25th March 2021.

The report was noted.

- 8.3 To note the report from the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 7th April 2021.

The report was noted.

9 Correspondence

- 9.1 Correspondence received from Mr Ronnie McGrane.

The correspondence was noted.

10 Any Other Business

- 10.1 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issues:

10.1.1 Referred to a request from Monaghan County Council that the road from Ballyhoe to Drumconrath, on the Carrickmacross Road, be included on the winter gritting programme – it was pointed out that this should be raised with the Transportation SPC.

10.1.2 Referred to trees overhanging the footpath on the top of Bird Hill and requested that they be trimmed or removed – it was agreed to check this location.



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- 10.1.3 Requested that funding be sought to ensure that the Victorian Waterworks are made available for use.

- 10.2 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issues:
 - 10.2.1 Requested that Meath County Council remove the car from the Stonyford River – it was confirmed that it would be removed in the coming days

 - 10.2.2 Requested an update on the status of the illegal halting site at Kilkeelan, Athboy.

- 10.3 Councillor Mike Bray raised the following issues:
 - 10.3.1 Referred to water pooling on the footpath on Church Street, Oldcastle outside the health centre and opposite St. Brigid’s Church, which can be dangerous during icy weather conditions – works at this location are included in the current tender process and will be undertaken later this year.

 - 10.3.2 Queried the process in providing CCTV to address illegal dumping and the permission needed from the Garda Commissioner – it was pointed out that a commitment has been given, under the new National Waste Management Plan, to enact new legislation to enable overt and covert CCTV usage to tackle illegal dumping and deal with the related data protection issues.

- 10.4 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:
 - 10.4.1 Referred to overflowing bins in Kells at weekends, particularly on Sundays – bins are emptied on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Sunday collections resulting in additional staff costs. It was agreed to check funding availability for additional solar compacting bins.

 - 10.4.2 Requested that a report be provided at the May meeting on plans for additional social housing projects in Kells Municipal District, including the planned provision of one bed units, an update on the Carrick Street/Maudlin Street regeneration project and engagement with developers regarding the delivery of units in the early stages of development.



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This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach