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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.15pm, 20th June 2022, Kells Civic Offices

An Leas-Chathaoirleach, Councillor Paul McCabe, presided.

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

Apologies: Councillor Eugene Cassidy.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Clerical Officer: Edita Asaciova

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 16th May 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 16th May 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Mike Bray and seconded by Councillor Seán Drew.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:



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- The family of the late Jack Oliver, who tragically died during the Kells Road Races and to the organisers of and participants in the event.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Councillor Mike Bray on being elected Leas-Chathaoirleach of Meath County Council;
- Councillor Seán Drew on his term as Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council;
- Meath County Council on the MD Civic Awards Event and all those whose achievements were acknowledged.

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

- 4.1 Agreement in principle to dispose of land 0.8261 Ha, at Kildalkey Road, Athboy, Co. Meath in the Kells MD District.

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

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

- 5.1.1 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 2000-2021.

- Highfield, Athboy, Co. Meath

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Mike Bray** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.



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Councillor Mike Bray queried the extent of the works to be carried out and when these are due to commence.

5.2 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

5.3 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 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

"That Meath County Council explore the possible funding to resurface the access road to Ballyhoe Lake. This site is visited by a high volume of people and sees an annual festival that brings hundreds of people to each year."

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

The lower section of the access road to Ballyhoe lake is on the Road Schedule, approximately 530m. Approximately 260m of road is in private ownership, this consists of



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the access to the lake and a short spur off this leading to a car parking area. It is noted a gate has been erected at the lower part of the road and gravel speed ramps have been placed along the road by others. There are two options available to upgrade the road, namely:

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS): *This type of scheme is for less trafficked local roads and cul-de-sacs that would not be included in the annual roadworks programme but allows works to be progressed with a small contribution from the occupiers on the local road or cul-de-sac. Funding to deliver same is provided by the Department of Transport. It should be noted that the funding allocation for 2022 was less than previous years and therefore it is anticipated that not all the 2022 CIS projects can be delivered this year. There is also a reserve list for 2022 which, with any undelivered projects, will become the funding application list for 2023. Given the funding allocations are not published until February of each year it is difficult to ascertain how many of the 2023 projects can be delivered.*

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS): *This scheme is for private roads and cul-de-sacs and funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and as above requires a small contribution from the applicant. This funding stream may make additional funds available during the year therefore allowing a greater number of schemes to be delivered. In order to progress with this scheme for Ballyhoe lake it would be necessary to abandon the public road.*

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

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 6th May 2022.

The minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.



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10 Any Other Business

10.1 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

- 10.1.1 Referred to the problems caused by derelict buildings in housing estates in Drumconrath, with reference to one particular house which has been vacant for a number of years and is now occupied by squatters who are allegedly responsible for a number of crimes in the local area and which is causing particular concern for the family living in the adjacent house. He queried whether the council can CPO the house from the financial institution that currently owns it – it was advised that contact be made with the Gardaí in relation to any suspected criminal activity. It was pointed out that the CPO process relating to a derelict building can take up to two years. It was agreed to write to the financial institution concerned on receipt of the appropriate contact information.

10.2 Councillor Mike Bray raised the following issue:

- 10.2.1 Requested an update on planned works for Oldcastle and Nobber fire stations, for which funding was allocated a number of years ago – it is intended to commence works in Nobber first, with the design for the station in Oldcastle to be prepared in parallel. The design and costing will be submitted to the department and it may be necessary to seek additional funding to reflect increased costs.

Before the meeting concluded, Dara McGowan addressed the public present in relation to behaviour at the meeting. Following on from comments made by the Cathaoirleach at the May meeting, the public present were reminded that it is the responsibility of council employees to take the necessary steps to maintain order and decorum during meetings. He wished to have it recorded that he was informing the member of the public in attendance that, if there are any future actions that disrupt the meeting, the Cathaoirleach will be asked to request that disrupting person to leave the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eoghan Corbett", written over a horizontal line.

Cathaoirleach