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Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 12th December 2022, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Eugene Cassidy, presided.

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Councillor Sarah Reilly.

Apologies: Councillor Paul McCabe

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Meetings Administrator: Claire King

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 21st November 2022.

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st November 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Michael Gallagher and seconded by Councillor David Gilroy.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations



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Congratulations were extended to:

- All the community groups who recently received confirmation of significant funding for the upgrade and development of community centres under the Community Centre Investment Fund.

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

5 Notice of Question

There were no Notices of Question.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

“Liam Mellows was elected a TD to the first Dail in 1918 in two Constituencies Galway and Meath North. Liam was executed on the 8th December 1922 in the Civil war, while there is a statue in Galway city and a street and the army barracks named in his honour.

There is nothing in North Meath to remember or honour Liam Mellows. I am asking that Meath County Council do something to remember and honour this great Republican in North Meath.”

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



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If this motion is passed it will be referred to the Commemorative Committee.

Councillor Michael Gallagher introduced the motion by asking that Liam Mellows be commemorated in north Meath, having been the first TD representing Meath North and having been executed 100 years ago last week. Councillor Seán Drew spoke in support of the motion. Councillor David Gilroy spoke in support of the motion but asked that any commemoration include the historical context of the time.

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

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

7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 11th November 2022.

The minutes were noted.

8 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

9.1 To agree the proposed change of date of the February 2023 meeting from 20th February to 13th February.

This was agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Mike Bray**.

9.2 Councillor Mike Bray raised the following issue:

9.2.1 Queried if there are plans to grit footpaths, e.g. around the schools in Athboy – footpaths are not normally gritted, due to limited resources, but councillors can submit locations and these will be checked.



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9.3 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

9.3.1 Requested that a letter issue to the Minister for Health and HSE regarding the planned closure of the Emergency Department at Navan Hospital and the impacts on the people of north Meath.


9.4 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

9.4.1 Referred to some of the planned resurfacing works in estates having been put back to next year and queried if the availability of contractors would pose an issue – whilst this may be an issue, the key is to start the tendering process as early as possible.

9.4.2 Referred to the funding for the Safe Route to Schools at Kells primary schools and asked who decides what works will be undertaken and whether the schools are consulted – this is being funded by the NTA through An Taisce. Meath County Council's Active Travel Team are currently developing the plan for Drumconrath National school and it is intended to go to public consultation in the near future.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:


Cathaoirleach