



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

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

#### ***Ordinary Meeting***

***4.00pm, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023, Kells Civic Offices***

An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Eugene Cassidy, presided.

**Councillors Present:** Mike Bray, Seán Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Paul McCabe and Sarah Reilly.

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Seán Drew and seconded by Councillor Michael Gallagher.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Sympathy was extended to:

- The family of the late Sib Rooney, former councillor;



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- Minister Helen McEntee on the death of her grandmother, May Corbally;
- The family and colleagues of the late Councillor Seán Smith, Cavan County Council.

### **4 Statutory Business**

#### **4.1 Planning**

- 4.1.1 To receive the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000–2022 and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001–2022 on the proposed development at Townparks, Calliaghstown, Lackmelch and Barfordstown, southwest of Kells, Co Meath (P822018)

Development will consist of:-

- The provision of a footpath (approximately 950m long) primarily along the northside of the N52 from its junction with the Rhine road L68355 to the existing footpath at the M3-N3-N52 roundabout at Townparks, Kells, Co Meath
- Two number traffic calming gateways on the N52 at Barfordstown and Townparks
- Safety improvement works to the junctions of the N52 and The Rhine road, L68355 and to the junction of the N52 and Boolies road, L68350
- Drainage works comprising road gullies, underground pipelines (both new and upsizing existing)
- Public lighting, accommodation & fencing / boundary works, relocation of utility poles
- Landscaping works and ancillary infrastructure works



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Development Location: Townparks, Calliaghstown, Lackmelch and Barfordstown, southwest of Kells, Co Meath (P822018).

Paul McKown, Executive Engineer, Transportation Department outlined the key points in report, confirming that the issues raised in the submissions received would be addressed as part of the detailed design. The Part 8 process was also outlined, with councillors having six weeks to consider the report from the date of its receipt.

### **4.2 Transportation**

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

The report, circulated in advance, was noted.

## **5 Notice of Question**

### **5.1 Submitted by Councillor Seán Drew**

“Please provide the following information in relation to the current status of the Kells Waste Water Treatment plant.

1. What is the current existing total PE capacity of the Kells WWTP?
2. What is the current PE usage of the Kells WWTP?
3. Confirm the current unused PE availability of the Kells WWTP?
4. Advise the PE of all undeveloped lands that have existing planning permission grants within the Kells WWTP service area.



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5. Advise the PE of all lands zoned under the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 that have not yet applied for or received planning grants within the service area of the Kells WWTP.

6. Are there any water pollution issues originating from the Kells WWTP impacting negatively on the River Blackwater?

6. Advise if MCC is aware of any plans by Irish Water to extend the capacity of the Kells WWTP and the current status of these proposals?"

### **Response:**

1. ***What is the current existing total PE capacity of the Kells WWTP? - 9,800 PE.***

2. ***What is the current PE usage of the Kells WWTP? - 8,013PE (as Irish Water's 2021 Annual Environmental Report to the EPA).***

3. ***Confirm the current unused PE availability of the Kells WWTP? 1,787 PE (as Irish Water's 2021 Annual Environmental Report to EPA).***

4. ***Advise the PE of all undeveloped lands that have existing planning permission grants within the Kells WWTP service area. - 610 PE (The estimated total number of units granted permission on A2 New Residential zoned lands is 244 units. Please note that some of these units would be under construction currently).***

5. ***Advise the PE of all lands zoned under the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027 that have not yet applied for or received planning grants within the service area of the Kells WWTP. - 700 PE (Based on a household occupancy of 2.5 with a density of 35 units - Note this only relates to A2 New Residential zoned lands. There are also C1 Mixed Use and B1 Town Centre lands in Kells which potentially will provide residential units however a number cannot be predicted).***

6. ***Are there any water pollution issues originating from the Kells WWTP impacting negatively on the River Blackwater? - No.***



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***6. Advise if MCC is aware of any plans by Irish Water to extend the capacity of the Kells WWTP and the current status of these proposals? - Upgrade works undertaken at Kells WWTP over recent years have increased the treatment capacity significantly and hence there is no current Irish Water plan to increase capacity further. A project to upgrade parts of the wastewater network is proposed by Irish Water. Meath County Council understands that Irish Water plans to complete the project scoping and procure a Consultant this year with construction expected to be undertaken during 2025.***

The response was noted. Councillor Seán Drew sought clarification on whether Uisce Éireann and the EPA were in agreement with the information outlined in the response.

### **6 Notice of Motion**

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

“That Meath County Council and the Road Safety Officer put road safety measures in place at the old Slats pub junction in Crossakiel and examine road safety generally in the village.”

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

*The Transportation Department will arrange to have the location in question assessed, and any additional road markings and signage deemed necessary will be put forward for consideration in a future programme of works.*

Councillor Mike Bray introduced the motion by referring to the concerns of local residents, businesses and road users in relation to safety at the junction.

The motion, proposed by Councillor Mike Bray and seconded by Councillor Michael Gallagher, was agreed.

#### **6.2 Submitted by Councillor Seán Drew**



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"That this Municipal District requests that Meath County Council transportation officials bring forward proposals to provide additional residential car parking in the below Meath County Council housing estates in Kells. Funding for additional car parking facilities in these estates to be provided from the Kells MD 2023 General Municipal Allocation (GMA) - Housing Estates/ Roads/ Public Lighting Funding of €150,000.

- St Colmcilles Villas
- O'Growney Terrace
- Ard Na Greine."

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

*This request has been noted and the locations will be assessed, and a cost estimate prepared for each one. Pending suitability, proposals will be included for the consideration of the elected members.*

Councillor Seán Drew introduced the motion by outlining the issues being experienced by those living in the estates mentioned in relation to parking. Councillor Sarah Reilly pointed out that some residents have reservations that additional parking would impede on the green areas in the estates.

The motion, proposed by **Councillor Seán Drew** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**, was agreed.

## **7 Correspondence**

- 7.1 Correspondence received from the HSE in response to correspondence issued as per Item 9.3.1 from the December minutes in relation to the Emergency Department of Our Lady's Hospital, Navan.

The correspondence was noted.



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- 7.2 Correspondence received from the Minister for Health in response to correspondence issued as per Item 9.3.1 from the December minutes in relation to the Emergency Department of Our Lady's Hospital, Navan.

The correspondence was noted.

In relation to both letters, Councillor Michael Gallagher welcomed the responses and referred to the inadequate capacity at other hospitals in the area, with long waiting times in Drogheda A&E. Councillor David Gilroy suggested that there were different messages contained in the letters received and it was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor David Gilroy and seconded by Councillor Sarah Reilly, to respond to the Minister, attaching a copy of the correspondence from the HSE, and seeking clarification on the situation.

### **8 Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Councillor David Gilroy raised the following issue:

8.1.1 Requested an update on the unauthorised development at Martinstown, Athboy.

- 8.2 Councillor Michael Gallagher raised the following issue:

8.2.1 Queried who is responsible for trees along roads that are in poor condition – landowners are responsible for trees if they are within their own boundary. If deemed unsafe, it can be visually inspected by local staff, following which, it can be referred for expert assessment.

- 8.3 Councillor Paul McCabe raised the following issue:

8.3.1 Referred to a previous request made to invite a representative from Bus Éireann to meet with councillors.

- 8.4 Councillor Seán Drew raised the following issues:

8.4.1 Thanked the Public Lighting team for the new scheme from Deerpark to Carlanstown.



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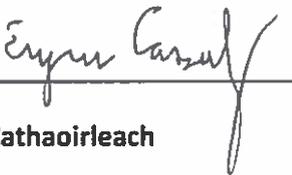


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8.4.2 Requested an update on the draft Kells Public Realm Plan.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

  
Cathaoirleach