



Miontuairiscí/ Meeting Minutes

Kells Municipal District

Ordinary Meeting

4.00pm, 13th March 2023, Kells Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present:, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy and Sarah Reilly.

Councillors Present via Zoom:. Seán Drew

Absent/Apologies: Councillor Eugene Cassidy, Councillor Mike Bray

Officials in Attendance:

A/Director of Service: Larry Whelan

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Triona Keating

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 13th February 2023.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 13th February 2023 were proposed by Councillor David Gilroy 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

There were no expressions of sympathy or congratulations.



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4 To receive an update on the proposed Pop-Up Pool in Oldcastle.

Mary Murphy, Meath Local Sports Partnership gave a presentation on details of the pop-up swimming pool proposed for Oldcastle which will be located at the Fairgreen

She outlined the following:

- It is being operated by Swim Ireland like other pop-up pools around the country
- Swim Ireland has insured the pool and indemnified the Council
- It will be 12 meters in length and located in a hard marquee
- The potential timetables and user groups
- It will open from 1st April at 7am to 10pm daily over the next 5 months
- It can cater for up-to 16 children at a time

Matters raised by the councillors with responses included:

- Welcomed the opportunity to bring the pool to Oldcastle as Kells pool is at capacity
- Children missed out with their swimming lessons during covid, some have fallen behind
- Kells pool has no early morning public swim available
- Will it be marketed as the pool in Ardee is not being used
- Can the pool be secured again for another date. – it is hoped to look at other areas around the county with the next opportunity available in April 2024.

Members requested that a letter issue to the Co-op in Oldcastle thanking them for facilitating the site.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

- 5.1.1 To consider taking in charge of Old Court Drumcondrath 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 2000-2022.

On the proposal of Cllr Michael Gallagher and seconded by Cllr Sarah Reilly the members agreed to the taking in charge of Old Court Drumcondrath



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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. Cllr Drew requested some water gullies in housing estates needed to be re-opened.

5.3 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 5.3.1 To discuss the 2023 Arts, Festivals, Festive Lighting & MD Renewal budget.

Audrey Norris, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services advised the members that the allocation for 2023 is €7,500. The members agreed to allocate the allocations as per 2022 as follows:

MD	2023 Allocation of €7,500
Kells	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athboy Business Association - €1,200• Kells Christmas Lights - €2,000• Nobber Amenity Park Committee - €1,200• Oldcastle Christmas Lights Fund - €1,200• Moynalty - €700• Drumconrath Parish Grotto Committee - €600• Castletown - €600

- 5.3.2 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



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There were no notices of questions.

7 Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motions

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 27th January 2023.

The minutes were noted

8.2 To note the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC meeting minutes of the 7th February 2023.

The minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Municipal District Awards Night – Thursday, 11th May 2023 at 7.00pm in Buvinda House.

Audrey Norris, Corporate Services advised that one awards night will be held for all 6 Municipal Districts. She said it's a celebration and acknowledgment of achievements by groups and/or individuals. She requested that the members submit their suggestions to her and will revert to them in April with the agreed nominations.

Larry Whelan advised the members on the response received from the OPW regarding the proposal for a key to be left with the Heritage Centre. OPW to check on the deposit/return element of the proposal and will revert with an update.



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Regarding St Colmcille's House, the previous caretaker/keyholder arrangement with respect to St Colmcille's House has been reinstated and the previous arrangements should be in effect with the site is open and the caretakers providing access upon request.

With regarding the Round Tower, the OPW will revert with an update on plans for conservation works in due course.

Clr Gilroy requested a list of monuments in charge of the OPW in the Kells MD.

Clr Gallagher requested a letter issue to the Minister for Education to reverse the decision and to find funds for the Nobber Community School. This was agreed on the proposal of Clr Gallagher and seconded by Clr McCabe.

Clr Reilly enquired when the Spire might re-open. It was advised that a utility company is finishing the wiring and will revert when completed.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed:

Cathaoirleach