



Miontuairiscí/ Meeting Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Kells Municipal District

4.00pm, 17th April 2023, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Eugene Cassidy**, presided.

Councillors Present:, Mike Bray, Sean Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy

Councillors Present via Zoom:. Paul McCabe, Sarah Reilly.

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

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 March 2023.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of March 2023 were proposed by **CLlr Sean Drew** and seconded by **CLlr Michael Gallagher**

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to:

- Family of the late Meghan Mallee, Athboy
- Family of the late Cyril Cole Snr. Kells and former Kells Urban Town Councillor
- Family of the late Catherine (Kitty) McEntee, Kells



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- Family of the late Michael Gilsean, Oldcastle.

Congratulations were extended to:

- Cllr David Gilroy and wife Maura on the birth of their son Patrick
- Swimmers representing Meath in the County finals in Mayo on May 13th.
- Kells road races committee on their fundraising event

4 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1 To receive an update on progression of 'Safe Routes to School' Programme for Scoil Naomh Pheadair agus Phoil, Drumconrath.

Paul McKeon SEE Transportation provided an update on the **Safe Routes to School** programme as follows:

- An Taisce Green-Schools coordinates the Safe Routes to Schools programme working with schools and the local authorities.
- Schools apply to the Scheme for inclusion. The programme aims to support active travel to school (walking and cycling).
- The programme is funded by the Department of Transport through the National Transport Authority.
- Scoil Naomh Pheadair agus Phoil, Drumconrath has been selected by An Taisce for this round.
- Jacobs have been appointed as the technical consultant and have completed the preliminary design and met with the schools in developing the proposed design.
- The proposed works will be progressed under Section 38 "Traffic calming measures" of the Roads Act 1994 which has a public consultation element.
- Funding has been allocated by the NTA. It is expected construction works will commence over the summer months when the schools are closed.

On proposal of **Cllr Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Cllr Michael Gallagher**, members agreed to proceed with the design.



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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

4.2 Corporate Affairs and Governance

- 4.2.1 To note details of recipients for the MD Awards night Thursday, May 11th, 2023.

Audrey Norris, SSO, Events gave details on the following nominees received to date for Kells:

- Castletown Football Team on winning the Junior Championship
- Aidan Young, Manager, Castletown Football Club, on winning Meath Club of the Year

These were noted by the members.

- 4.2.2 To note Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Kells Municipal District.

The list of allocations circulated in advance was noted.

5 Notice of Question

There was no notice of questions.

6 Notice of Motion

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Mike Bray

“That Meath County Council examines if the installation of a new zebra-style pedestrian crossing in the centre of Athboy to replace the existing push-button pedestrian crossing system will improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety in the town.”



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

It would be premature to examine the proposal in isolation. The Transportation Department are currently working on the Athboy public realm which will include a number of pedestrian crossings along the whole Main Street of Athboy and the proposal can be incorporated into this process.'

Cllr Mike Bray introduced the motion and advised that there's a traffic blockage when someone uses the current push button pedestrian crossing. He suggested that a zebra crossing would be more ideal at this location. He enquired when the centre of town would be addressed under the public realm plan as there are traffic delays.

Cllr David Gilroy asked that a traffic survey be carried out to examine why there is a traffic backlog from 4-6pm daily.

Dara McGowan advised that he would ask the Transportation Department to see if the issue relating to the traffic delays could be examined sooner rather than later under the public realm design and would seek the information for circulation to the members.

On the proposal of **Cllr Mike Bray** and seconded by **Cllr Sean Drew**, the motion was agreed.

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

- 7.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 3rd March 2023.

The minutes were noted.

- 7.2 To note the report from the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise, and European Affairs SPC of 24th March 2023.

The report was noted.

8 Correspondence



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There was no correspondence.

9 Any Other Business

- Cllr Gallagher referred to the increase in potholes in the Meath Hill area, repairs are not staying in place.

Area Engineer advised that due to the bad weather, cannot get repairs done and any that have been done are being washed away. Need good weather to fill the potholes with macadam.

Cllr Cassidy stated that there has been an increase in funding over the years which has allowed the MD to use a higher quality of chip and less roads are now being done.

This concluded the business of the meeting

Signed:

Cathaoirleach