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Ordinary Meeting

Kells Municipal District

4 pm, 11th December 2023, Athboy Digital Hub, Athboy, Co. Meath.

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

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

Councillors Present via Zoom: Eugene Cassidy and Sarah Reilly

Apologies/absent:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Ann Monaghan

Apologies:

Cathaoirleach Councillor Paul McCabe welcomed everyone to the Athboy Community Hub and said it is the first time the MD meeting has been held outside of Kells MD office.

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13th November 2023

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 13th of November 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Sean Drew** and seconded by **Councillor Mike Bray**.

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Special Finance Meeting held on 9th November 2023

The minutes of the finance meeting held on the 9th of November 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Sean Drew**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.



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Following last month's update, John McGrath SE Transportation updated on progress since the meeting. He advised that contact has been made with the landowner regarding a safety scheme for the N51 at Caucestown.

He referred to a meeting held last week with a representative of the residents committee. Discussions with individual landowners will continue to reach agreement on the transfer of the lands. A source of funding has yet to be confirmed. The Design Team will discuss further with TII in 2024.

He referred to Rathmore school and suggested that the principal contact him if they require a letter of support for their funding application.

The members welcomed the progress to date and suggested giving an update in early 2024.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

The members congratulated Councillor Michael Gallagher on shaving off his moustache in aid of Ardee & District Cancer Support charity.

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

There was none.

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Planning

5.1.1 To Receive an update on Public Realm Plans and Projects in Kells Municipal District.

Wendy Bagnall, SE Planner presented an update to the members. She advised that public realm plans and implementation action plans are completed for Oldcastle and Athboy and are being progressed by the Active Travel section.

Kells public realm and regeneration plan is ongoing, where additional data gathering around traffic movements and patterns is required.

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The Amenity plan at the Lands at Lloyd is also ongoing where draft proposals are being advanced.

She said that the closing date for applications under the RRDF call is 8th February 2024 and a maximum of 3 applications can be submitted where projects must be ready to start if approved.

The members had the following queries:

- Welcomed access points to Lloyd which are closer to the town.
- Enquired if an events area can be set aside and an area for pitches- can refer to consultant.
- Suggested including toilet facilities at Lloyd – noted for inclusion.
- Referred to various surveys and plans carried out at Lloyd and are these included in draft plans – advised all plans are feeding into the draft plan.
- Enquired on the next steps for Lloyd – advised go to public consultation in Q1.
- Referred to the Oldcastle Fair green project and would delays with the Oldcastle town centre plan affect this - advised that the Fairgreen project can still progress.
- Referred to the Oldcastle town centre plan, if An Bord Pleanála request assessments, a new part 8 will be required which could take up to 18 months for a decision.

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. Members commended the work done throughout the year by Aaron, staff, and the outdoor crew.

5.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance

5.3.1 To note the Municipal District Allocations submitted by Councillors on behalf of Kells Municipal District.

The allocations were noted.

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6 Notice of Question

There were none.

7 Notice of Motion

7.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher

That Meath County Council Take in Charge Clonberton Lane at Drumconrath

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

There is currently 629m of the L34038 Clonbartan lane in charge of MCC. A General public utility report will be carried out on the remaining section of the lane for the consideration of the elected members.

The supporting information and motion were agreed on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**.

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

8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 3rd November 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.2 To note the Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 3rd November 2023.

The minutes were noted.

8.3 To note the Draft minutes from the Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC of 21st November 2023.

The draft minutes were noted.

8.4 To note the Draft minutes from the Climate Action, Environment and Emergency Services SPC of 3rd November 2023

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The draft minutes were noted.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

The members raised the following:

- Contractors are leaving their signs behind following the completion of works.
- Thanked all staff and outdoor crew for their work throughout the year.
- Enquired when the Community Amenity Grant scheme will open for applications – advised that it will be announced shortly.
- Asked that there be free parking up to Christmas in the Fairgreen, Kells similar to Kenlis Place– advised will refer to the Parking section.
- Referred to trees and hedges causing damage to vehicles- advised to send in locations.
- Enquired if one can pay for the next morning's parking the evening before – advised will refer to parking for a response.
- Referred to illegal developments at Martinstown and if any update from planning- referred to members reps to seek an update.
- Referred to a sign in Donaghpatrick which needs to be relocated- advised that the area engineer will review this.

The Cathaoirleach and Director thanked and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach