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Ordinary Meeting

Kells Municipal District

4:00pm, 15th January 2024, Kells Civic Offices

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

Councillors Present: Sean Drew, Michael Gallagher, David Gilroy, Eugene Cassidy and Sarah Reilly

Councillors Present via Zoom:

Apologies/absent: Councillors Mike Bray

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Aaron Smith

Meetings Administrator: Áine Bird

Staff Officer: Ann Monaghan

1 Confirmation of Minutes

1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 11th December 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to Councillor Mike Bray on the passing of his wife's grandfather.

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

There was none.

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5 Statutory Business

5.1 Transport

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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

- 5.2.1 To approve amendments to the Municipal District Standing Orders Regulating the proceedings of the meetings

On the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** the members approved the amendments.

6 Notice of Question

6.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

That an update be provided on the purchase of the car park situated on Grove Lane, Kells.

RESPONSE

The Council considered the purchase of this land a number of years ago, but the purchase did not proceed for a number of reasons. The Council currently has no plans to recommence this process.

Councillor Reilly stated that refuse trucks and fire engines cannot get down the lane to residents since the installation of an external gas service to a premises which has narrowed the lane.

Dara McGowan advised that the council has no remit with this but can follow up with the energy supplier.

The response was noted.

7 Notice of Motion

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7.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly

That Meath County Council Take in Charge Loughcrew Hills, Oldcastle.

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

A valid Taking in Charge request has been received for this Estate, however the workflow for 2024 has not yet been finalised.

On the proposal of **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher** the motion and response were noted.

Councillor Reilly said that the estate was built in two phases and a plebiscite has been submitted for the taking in charge. She asked if the works will be completed in 2024 and an outline of the works for each phase.

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

There was none.

9 Correspondence

There was none.

10 Any Other Business

The members raised the following:

- Enquired if trees could be planted in Lloyd similar to the initiative where trees are given to groups to plant. - advised that planting in Lloyd is part of the plan for this area.
- Suggested that Tower of Lloyd, Kells be submitted as an application to the Historic Towns Initiative - Advised that the works are completed and to revert back with any proposals to open the tower.
- Enquired if salt boxes could be left at junctions – engineer advised that this is happening at junctions and estates for the public to use.
- Referred to potholes reappearing in Meath Hill – engineer advised that the crew continue to fill potholes as they arise.



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- Referred to the continuous flooding at Kearnstown Drumconrath. The engineer advised that an application for funding has been sought to alleviate the flooding at this location. However, as the location is a natural flood plain the issue may not be fully resolved.
- Referred to the public attending meetings and raised the issue that no canvassing or disruption to meetings is allowed.

The meeting concluded at 4.30pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach