

**CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE,  
2017 AT 2.30 P.M.**

**Mayor, Councillor Patrick O'Neill, Presiding.**

**Present:-**

**Councillors:** Peter 'Chap' Cleere, Michael Doyle, Matt Doran, David Fitzgerald, Breda Gardner, Joe Malone, Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Seán Tyrrell.

**Apologies:** Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness.

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, and Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere  
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle  
And Resolved

“That the minutes as presented to this meeting be and are hereby adopted.”

**2. Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.**

The Mayor acknowledged the following recent achievements and all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended:

- Famine Experience at MacDonagh Junction, Kilkenny.
- Open Day at the Brewery Site.
- Official Opening of St. Francis Bridge.
- Opening of new Indian Restaurant at Kieran Street, Kilkenny.

- Launch of FAI Festival of Football 2017.
- Twinning Delegation to Formigine, Italy.
- Butler Society – Launch of Butler Journal.
- Polska/Eire Festival 2017.
- European Digital Agritech Conference held in Kilkenny.
- Teac Tom 24 hour charity cycle.
- Failte Isteach Awards – Fr. McGrath Centre.
- Mayoral Reception for Bengali Community and Unity Singers.
- Commemoration of 1917 Bye Election.
- Mayoral Reception for Moroccan Ambassador.
- Kilkenny Tourism AGM.
- St. Canice’s Primary School Graduation Concert.
- Féile na nGael Festival.
- Gerard Byrne, Kells Road, Kilkenny, on his achievement of Gold Medal in Pitch and Putt Competition in Special Olympics Leinster Games which are the qualifier for Team Ireland.

The Mayor reminded Members of the following upcoming events for their diaries:

- “Drink Tea for MND” Day on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017.
- Grand Opening of Connollys Red Mills facility at Cilín Hill on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017.
- Change of date and time for the Annual Meeting of Municipal District of Kilkenny City. It was:  
Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner  
And resolved  
“that the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City be held on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, at 6.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall, Kilkenny.”

The Mayor congratulated Cllr. David Fitzgerald on his recent election to the role of Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council and thanked the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Matt Doran, for his commitment to the role during 2016/2017.

### Votes of Sympathy

Members joined with the Mayor in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the families of the following recently deceased:

Denis Byrne, 37, Cypress Grove, Loughboy, Kilkenny, former Town Sergeant, City Hall.

Seán (Georgie) Leahy, 21, Riverview, Ardnore, Kilkenny.

Kathleen Cummins, Cypress Avenue, Loughboy, Kilkenny.

John (Johnny) Kavanagh, Bohercrussia Street, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny

William (Billy) Maloney, Strand Bar, Coon, Co. Kilkenny.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and respectfully passed in silence, all present standing.

All Members present expressed their sympathies to the family of the late Denis Byrne, former Town Sergeant, and acknowledged his many years of service to Kilkenny Borough Council and support to the Mayors of Kilkenny Borough Council and former Kilkenny Corporation.

In response to queries from Members regarding the future of City Hall, Mr. Tim Butler confirmed that there will continue to be a presence for support to the Mayor, it will be the intention to move staff to the currently vacant offices in City Hall and Members will be kept informed of any future plans.

### **3. Proposed Control of Skips on Public Roads Bye Laws.**

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, gave a brief outline on the reason for the proposed Bye Laws to regularise indiscriminate dropping of Skips on public roads around the City. Draft Bye Laws were circulated to those present and Mr. Kavanagh requested the Members consent to proceed to public consultation stage.

Following a discussion during which Members raised queries in relation to the enforcement of the Bye Laws, it was agreed that legal advice would be sought and Mr. Kavanagh will report back to the Members.

### **4. Update on City Bus Service.**

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh gave the Members an update on Services, following which Members raised queries in relation to the following:

- Electric Buses.
- Integrated bus service.
- Provision of proper infrastructure.
- Costings.
- Marketing Campaign.
- Shared Bus Stops.
- Electronic Signage.

Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Tim Butler responded to queries raised and agreed to circulate a copy of the route to Members.

### **5. Town Twinning Committee.**

Mr. Tim Butler advised the Members of correspondence received from the Mayor of Formigine requesting a formal signing of Twinning Charter in Formigine in May 2018.

Cllr. Malcolm Noonan informed the meeting of the links which have currently taken place between Kilkenny and Formigine.

Members requested that a dedicated member of staff be assigned to support the Twinning Committee.

**5. Roads.**

Members raised queries in relation to the following issues:

- Road Safety issues at the cross at Sevenhouses.
- Road Safety issues at the cross in the centre of Callan.
- Footpaths on West Street, Callan.
- Has traffic survey been carried out on Haggard Road, Callan.
- Upkeep of Callan Friary Trust site.
- Progress Report on the Road Works Scheme at next meeting.
- Extra Department funding.
- Traffic calming measures in relation to schools.
- Street Sweeper schedule in Kilkenny City.
- Priority list for the taking in charge of roads/lanes.
- Carlow Road Roundabout and Bohernatounish Road Roundabout.

All queries were responded to by Mr. Tim Butler, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh and Mr. Shane Aylward.

**6. Any Other Business**

Callan Friary Trust Complex – Childcare Facilities

Members raised concerns in relation to recent issues regarding Callan Friary Trust and the future of the Childcare Centre.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**Signed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MAYOR**

**Date:**

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