

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 17<sup>TH</sup>BEALTINE 2019. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019.**

**Mayor, Councillor, Peter Cleere, Presiding.**

**Present/I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr Michael Doyle, Cllr Patrick O'Neill.

**Apologies:** -Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

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**The Mayor opened the meeting by asking for a 5 minute adjournment as a mark of respect for the passing of the Freeman of the City Pat Shortis.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy  
And Resolved

“That the meeting will be adjourned as mark of respect to Pat Shortis”.

**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

**1. A dhaingniú Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe.**  
**Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting:**

Minutes of monthly Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019, having been previously Circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick O'Neill  
And Resolved

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

## **2. Votes of Sympathy**

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

Teresa O'Shea, Cherrymount, Stoneyford, Co, Kilkenny.  
Very Rev. Msgr. James Walsh, Ballagh, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny.  
Paddy Butler, Sycamore Drive, Ardmore, Kilkenny.  
Jimmy Cashin, Archers Court, Ardmore, Kilkenny.  
Tommy O'Connell, 71 Maudlin Street, Kilkenny.  
Tommy McGuinness, Maudlin Street, Kilkenny.  
Audrey Marnell, Clarnwood, Freshford Rd., Kilkenny.  
John Mullins, Caomhnu, Kilceene, Kilkenny.  
Donal O'Brien, Coolgrange, Kilkenny  
Peggy O'Neill, Margaretsfield, Kilkenny.

A minute silence was held for all.

The Mayor congratulated Cllr. Andrew McGuinness on the birth of his baby.

## **3. Athchóiriúar Sráide Ormonde Ormonde Street Refurbishment**

Mr. Simon Walton gave a presentation on the proposed urban enhancement scheme for Ormonde Street. He explained the street was declared as a public street 3 years ago but it falls short of the standard of other streets in Kilkenny. This scheme is designed to address this. He described how the scheme had been drawn up in consultation with local businesses, hotels and residents of Ormonde Street. The main features of the scheme include:

- No vehicle turn into Patrick Street from Ormonde Street.
- Two-way traffic from New Street to Multi-story car park.
- Lower end of street will be one way only in the direction of New Street.
- Traffic markings at the Ormonde Street/New Street Junction including a yellow box.
- Wider footpaths and seating for businesses along the street.
- Removal of unsuitable lime trees and replace with planter boxes.
- Kilkenny Medieval City Wall will be marked where it crosses Ormonde Street.

It was proposed Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
And All Agreed

That the Plan should go for public consultation.

The plan will go on display from Friday 31st May to Friday 12th July. The display will include an explanation booklet, an assessment report, planning report, archaeological & architectural impact assessment reports and book of drawings.

The Members congratulated Mr. Walton on the plan and made the follow observations and comments:

- Contra flow cycle way
- Enhancement of the walls at the Multi-storey car park
- Visually impaired enhancements, wheelchair accessibility and disable parking
- Yellow box junction on New Street
- Type of paving that will be used
- On street parking
- Cost of scheme
- Possible start date.

Mr. Walton responded to Members confirming that bicycles will have 2-way flow. He explained that he had met with Q park and he is hoping that the scheme will encourage all business on the street to improve their appearance. He made it clear that the street will be disabled friendly but said that he can't control people's behaviour in the amount of time they park in the disabled spaces. He explained that traffic control measures could be introduced if necessary once the scheme was completed. On street parking will be limited to provide more seating for businesses but with an 800 space car park just off the street, parking should not be a problem. The scheme is estimated to cost approximately €1 million euros, with funding coming from development contributions and the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. Mr. Walton stated that it was unlikely the scheme would start before 2020 but the timing of works would be sensitive to businesses and the public.

#### **4. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre agus ar bhóithre**

- a) Update on Road Projects
- b) Roads

Ms. Emir Slattery and Mr. Simon Walton provided members with written updates on the road projects, roadworks and closures for the Kilkenny Municipal District East and West.

Members thanked Ms. Slattery and Mr. Walton and raised the following queries in relation to other road items.

- Sign -Dunningstown Road junction
- Possibility of having a more visible sign on the Waterford Road coming into Thomastown.
- Cement spillage at the Culvert in Thomastown.
- The number of covered bus stops for the new bus service
- Promoting the new bus service e.g. free travel for the 1st week.
- Possibility of relocating the bus stops for the new bus service
- Crossing at junctions from the Dublin Road to Waterford Road, overbridges and zebra crossings

Mr. Butler, Ms Slattery and Mr. Walton responded to members. Ms. Slattery confirmed that the signage in Thomastown complies with statutory requirements. If people are speeding into Thomastown it is a Garda enforcement issue. Mr. Butler explained that a seal had broken when the cement was being poured at the Culvert but the works were

stopped immediately. No lasting damage was done and no trace of the spillage remains. The Contractor has re-examined their processes for pouring cement to ensure that this incident is never repeated. Mr. Walton clarified that there are 10 bus stops being provided at present but the only covered ones will be at the terminals excluding the existing ones. The routes have been designed by the NTA and there is no going back at this stage. In terms of advertising the services a marketing company has been engaged by NTA and they will make the decisions about promoting the service after discussions with the Council.

The TII are responsible for the National Roads and the Council is engaging with them to try and address some of the issues in relation to safety at junctions, more crossings etc. There are no easy solutions and the provision of overbridges and zebra crossings are hugely complex. The Council has taken advise and are awaiting feedback from the TII to see their recommendations. Speed limits on the National Roads are also the responsibility the TII.

All the Members thanked Ms Emir Slattery for her great support and help in her role as Senior Executive Engineer. They all wish her well in her new position.

**AOB:**

The Mayor acknowledged that this was the last meeting of the present Municipal District of Kilkenny and wanted to take the opportunity to thank the Executive, the Administrative Staff and Engineers for all their help and support over the last 5 years. He thanked in particular Phil Costigan and John Dunphy for all the work behind the scenes. He also thanked the media, including KCLR and the Kilkenny People for their accurate reporting over the years. He went on to thank all the Members for giving him the opportunity to become Mayor. He proceeded to give a brief summary of each Member's time in office and wished them all the very best of luck in the upcoming elections.

Each Member spoke individually, thanked the Mayor, their fellow Councillors, the Executive, and Staff. and wished each other well in the elections. Members from the urban area acknowledged that they were happy that the Kilkenny City area was restored and deemed the experiment a failure. Member from the rural areas were grateful for the opportunity to represent the City area as Kilkenny City means so much to them all. The rural Members who were fortunate enough to become Mayor or deputy Mayor over the term of this present council were very thankful and proud to champion the City.

Mr. Tim Butler, on behalf of the Executive thank all the Members for their cooperation over the last 5 years and acknowledged what had been achieved. He thanked the Mayor and the Media for their positive reporting. He went on to wish all the Members good luck in the elections and look forward to working together in the future.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_