

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A
TIONÓLADH AN 14th FÓMHAIR 2022

*MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON 14th OCTOBER, 2022 AT 2.30 P.M.*

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Andrew McGuinness, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. Maria Dollard,
Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness.

Apologies: Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Mayor.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Aileen McGrath Acting Head of LEO, Nicolaas Louw Acting Senior Planner, Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 7th October, 2022, 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 9th September, 2022, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr. Joe Malone

Seconded By: Cllr. John Coonan

And Agreed

"That the Minutes as presented to the meeting be and are hereby adopted"

A minutes silence was held for the victims and families of the Cresslough explosion. There is a book of condolences available on line and outside City Hall. Ms. Anne Maria Walsh confirmed that a letter from the County Council will accompany the book of condolences when it is sent to Cresslough.

2. **Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Méara - Matters brought forward by direction of the Deputy Mayor**

The Deputy Mayor:

- Requested that Kilkenny County Council intervene in relation to the steps at Lacken Drive and take away the railing and make the area safer, due to the delays by Iarnród Éireann.
- Asked if signage at Greens Bridge Street could include cul-de-sac sign and residence only parking.

- Enquired about a Traffic Management Plan for Parcnagowan.

Mr. Butler responded to the Deputy Mayor.

3. LECP Cur i láthair - LECP Presentation

Ms Aileen McGrath gave an update on the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028. The new LECP will cover the period 2023-2028, includes the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of County Kilkenny.

She gave an overview on:

- the timing of the Plan.
- the elements included in the Plan.
- the process the Plan will follow.
- the membership of the Steering Group.
- the progress to date.
- the current status and the public consultation phase.

There are 6 stages involved in the Plan:

- Stage 1 involves the preparation.
- Stage 2 (which is the current stage) is the public consultation stage.
- Stage 3 will develop objectives and outcome.
- Stage 4 is the finalised plan (approved by Kilkenny County Council) and submitted to the Minister.
- Stage 5 is implementation of the Plan.
- Stage 6 is the monitoring and evaluation of the plan.

Members were advised the online survey is still open for comment. The Steering Group will meet on the 26th October to agree the high level goals and then the Plan will go to the joint SPC 1 and LCDC on the 16th November. It is hoped to have the Plan approved by Kilkenny County Council by April 2023.

Contributions were raised by Cllr. Maria Dollard and Cllr. Martin Brett.

Ms. Aileen McGrath and Ms. Anne Maria Walsh responded to the contributions raised by the Members.

4. Máistirphlean Lock Mocháise uasdátú ar sheisiún faisnéise - Loughmacask Masterplan -update on information sessions.

Mr. Nicholas Louw gave the Members an update on the Loughmacask Masterplan. He explained that the Draft Masterplan has been on display since the 26th August. He advised that the deadline for submissions had been extended to Friday 28th October. Submissions or observations may be made online at consult.ie, by e-mail to ourplan@kilkennycoco.ie or in writing to the A/Senior Planner, Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council.

Following the closing date for submissions on 28th October Mr. Louw confirmed that they will consider the submissions and will revert to the Municipal District with proposals to amend the Masterplan before the draft goes back again on public display.

5. *Boithre* - Roads

- Monthly Update
- Update on one-way system

Mr. Butler advised that Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer is away and the Roads Monthly update will be given at the next meeting.

Mr. Butler provided the Members with a map to show the Priority 1 and 2 areas under the Winter Maintenance Plan 2022/23. All the main arteries into City will fall under Priority 3. To encourage people to walk and cycle in the City salt barns have been strategically located to ensure that footpaths and roads can be treated before 8 am where needed.

Contributions were raised by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and Cllr John Coonan in relation to salting in Housing Estates and the possibility of providing salt barns for use by Residences Associations.

Mr. Butler responded to the Members.

- Update on one-way system.

Cllr Andrew McGuinness advised Members that the Mayor had requested this item to be put on the agenda and in his absence, it would be deferred to the next meeting.

6. *Chathair Charbóin Cothaitheach* – Carbon Neutral City

This item was requested to be put on the agenda by the Mayor and in his absence will be deferred to the next meeting.

7. (7) 22 Cllr. Joe Malone

“Littering is a blight on our cities, towns and countryside. Despite the Council’s best efforts in educating against litter and working with communities we need to strengthen our enforcement. I am requesting Kilkenny City Municipal District considers the appointment of litter or community wardens to combat indiscriminate littering in the City and Environs”.

Cllr. Joe Malone spoke on this item.

The motion was carried, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan.

Mr. Butler complimented the Environment Section on all the work they are doing in education and enforcement around littering. "Clean up Kilkenny Day" held on the 9th October was very successful. He confirmed that the possibility of employing a Litter Warden in the City is been considered.

(8) 22 Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

“To ask Kilkenny County Council to remove the wall at Assumption Place/O’loughlin Road railway bridge which causes a visual obstruction as

you enter the bridge from the Dublin/Carlow road direction. This bridge/junction has become even more dangerous since our new bus system was introduced”.

This item was deferred at the request of Cllr. Eugene McGuinness.

(9) 22 Cllr. David Fitzgerald

“That Kilkenny MDC introduce a permit to allow commercial rate payers who use their private cars for collections and deliveries to and from their commercial premises uses the loading bays within the City centre by displaying a valid loading bay permit to be issued by Kilkenny County Council”.

This item was deferred.

(10) 22 Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

“To ask Kilkenny County Council to contact the relevant authority and ask them to consider lowering the height of the stone boundary wall on St. Johns Graveyard (Dublin/Carlow road side) by one meter to open up the view of this ancient and historic cemetery and to put in place an all year round cleaning/ maintenance programme to ensure the proper and respectful upkeep of such an important part of Kilkenny’s history”.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness spoke on this item.

Cllr. Maria Dollard, Cllr Joe Malone, Cllr John Coonan, Cllr Martin Brett made contributions.

Mr. Butler explained that the stone boundary wall is a protected structure and the graveyard is vested in St John’s Parish. It is therefore not under Kilkenny County Council remit. He confirmed that the Council’s Conservation Officer will engage with St. John’s Parish and explore options of seeking funding under Historical Funding Structure scheme to make the graveyard safer.

8. Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business

Cllr. Maria Dollard informed the Members that the Keep Kilkenny Beautiful Awards are taking place on 18th October.

Cllr. John Coonan expressed concerns regarding the use of Fireworks. He asked all to be vigilant and report illegal use.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor thanked all for attending.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____