

## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

#### ***Kells Municipal District***

***4.00pm, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Kells Civic Offices***

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

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

**Councillors Present via Zoom:**

**Apologies/absent:** Councillor Mike Bray

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Dara McGowan

**Executive Engineer:** Aaron Smith

**Meetings Administrator:** Áine Bird

**Assistant Staff Officer:** Stephen Carey

#### **1 Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of Councillor Eugene Cassidy and seconded by Councillor Michael Gallagher.

#### **2 Matters arising from the Minutes.**

There was none.

#### **3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations**

Congratulations were extended to Councillor Mike Bray and his wife on the birth of their son.

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

4.1 Agreement in principle to disposal by way of Lease of 0.2304Ha of land at Drumconrath,

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Navan, Co. Meath. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

Councillor Michael Gallagher declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

On the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**, the members agreed in principle to the disposal by way of lease.

- 4.2 Agreement in principle to disposal of derelict property comprising 0.015Ha at Main Street, Drumconrath, Navan, County Meath. The lands are not affected by the provisions of the Land Development Agency Act 2021.

On the proposal of **Councillor Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly**, the members agreed in principle to the disposal.

## **5 Statutory Business**

### **5.1 Transportation**

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

The report circulated in advance was noted and the following raised.

- recognised the issues caused by the recent weather conditions and commended the outdoor crew on all the works undertaken.
- Enquired if there was any national funding available to cover damage following a severe weather event. The members agreed on the proposal of **Clr Eugene Cassidy** and seconded by **Clr Sean Drew** to write to the department seeking a national fund for local roads due to the recent wet weather. All other LA's should be notified to do similar.

- 5.1.2 To present proposed Part 8 Application for the works associated with the Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway.

(i) Carpark at Gibbstown Greenway crossing and footpath link to Kilberry Village

(ii) Car Park at Poles Cross, Kilmainhamwood and footpath link to Gyproc manufacturing facility.



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David O'Reilly SEE Transportation, updated on progress to the Boyne Valley to Lakelands greenway. He advised that the Navan to Poles Cross section is open with the final part from Kingscourt to Gyproc due to open in the next week. He said that traffic calming is being installed at Poles Cross and Gibbstown greenway crossings with upgrades being done to the existing parking area at Nobber, Kilbeg road.

The members welcomed the progress and traffic calming measures being installed. They enquired about the 2m wide footpaths and are they pedestrian only. They referred to signage in the carpark at Gibbstown and if this will in Irish. Enquired about the provision of a footpath from the community hall to the school in Gibbstown. Responses to the queries were provided by David O'Reilly.

### **5.2 Community**

To receive details of the proposed grant allocations under the Community Amenity Project Scheme 2024.

Brian Hora SEO, Community gave a presentation on the scheme and advised accordingly on the applications received and the criteria used to allocate the funds to the projects.

The members complimented the scheme and on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** the members agreed to the proposals as presented. Cllr McCabe suggested a more geographical spread of funds for future schemes.

### **5.3 Corporate Affairs & Governance.**

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

The report circulated in advance was noted.

## **6 Notice of Question**

### **6.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher**

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What is the update and timeframe for the installation of the CCTV System in Kells Town Centre and Maudlin Street

**RESPONSE:**

Before any further CCTV schemes can progress, the Navan scheme must be finalised. Data protection documentation is currently with by An Garda Síochána in Navan for sign-off which will then be submitted to the Commissioner for consideration and, hopefully, approval. Once the Navan scheme is approved, the possibility of progressing other schemes can then be reviewed.

**The response was noted.**

**6.2 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly**

To ask for an update on the footpath/safety upgrade works planned for Balrath and Balrath Crossroads.

**RESPONSE:**

The N52 Balrath Crossroads scheme is currently at design stage. The Council are liaising with landowners regarding transfer of lands to accommodate the scheme. The project does not have a current funding allocation and the Council continue to liaise with TII to identify a possible source of grant funding for the project.

Clarification is sought regarding the response as the question relates to two separate schemes.

**7 Notice of Motion**

**7.1 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher**

That Meath County Council to provide outside gym equipment at an appropriate site in Kells.

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

The Community Section will work with the Elected Members and other stakeholders to identify a suitable location to install outdoor exercise equipment. Applications for funding can then be made to deliver the project.

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The members agreed to the motion and response on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Sean Drew**.

### **7.2 Submitted by Councillor Michael Gallagher**

That Meath County Council review the safety measures at Meathhill National School and explore the possibility of the construction of a footpath from the school to the Meathhill GAA pitch.

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

The Road Safety Officer will contact the Principal of St Brigid's to discuss road safety concerns at the school. The footpath between the school and the GAA pitch would require a footpath of circa 1.1km. The provision of footpaths to amenity sites in the County was discussed at the last Transport SPC meeting and a policy is going to be brought forward for consideration by the SPC later this year. In the meantime, the footpath in question will be added to the list of requested works for review.

The members agreed to the motion and response on the proposal of **Councillor Michael Gallagher** and seconded by **Councillor Paul McCabe**.

Cllr Gilroy suggested that there should be a matrix to measure the amount of people who will use the footpaths and the community gain, to assist in decision making and prioritising of new footpaths.

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

### **8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The minutes were noted.

### **8.2 To note the Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The minutes were noted.

### **8.3 To note the Special Protocol Committee Meeting Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

The minutes were noted.

### **8.4 To note the Draft Housing Community & Cultural Development SPC Meeting Minutes**

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**of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

The draft minutes were noted.

**8.5 To note the Draft Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

The draft minutes were noted.

### **9 Correspondence**

There was none.

### **10 Any Other Business**

- The members were presented with the proposed dates for the AGM's and July meetings for noting.
- Referred to cars speeding from Supervalu to the Kells Road roundabout and asked that a letter issue to the Kells guards to monitor the situation.
- Enquired if there was any update on the speed limit review – to seek an update and circulate.
- Referred to the 2 judicial reviews submitted by Kells Anglers for social housing schemes planned for Kells, which could hold up development for up to two years. Members suggested that Kells Anglers reconsider the judicial reviews and meet with Uisce Eireann to resolve the issues. – Dara McGowan advised that as there are legal proceedings, this would not be possible. Cllr Reilly requested that housing section consider the painting of the MCC properties on Carrick Street to improve the look of the street.
- Cllr McCabe referred to the R164 that was agreed under the roadworks programme but omitted from the schedule of works. – Dara McGowan advised that there was a mapping error at the time, and a different road was done. He said he would advise Transportation accordingly of the error. The members agreed unanimously that the R164 be included under the 2024 road works programme, as they were under the impression that they had already agreed to this road being done in 2023.

The meeting concluded at 5.20pm.

Signed:

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