



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

### ***Ordinary Meeting***

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

***4.00pm, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Kells Civic Offices***

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

**Councillors Present:** Michael Gallagher, Eugene Cassidy, David Gilroy, and Mike Bray

**Councillors Present via Zoom:** Sarah Reilly

**Apologies/absent:** Councillor Sean Drew

**Officials in Attendance:**

**Director of Service:** Dara McGowan

**Executive Engineer:** Aaron Smith

**Meetings Administrator:** Áine Bird

**Assistant Staff Officer:** Stephen Carey

An Cathaoirleach Councillor Paul McCabe welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the current council. He thanked the members and officials for their support and courtesy during his time as Cathaoirleach and over the past five years. He wished all the members success in the forthcoming elections.

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

##### **1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 were confirmed on the proposal of **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Michael Gallagher**.

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

Aaron Smith Area Engineer updated the members on a location for outdoor gym equipment following last month's motion. He suggested Rockfield green area where the equipment can be located along the path. The members welcomed this location.

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

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Sympathy was extended to Councillor Sean Drew and his family on the passing of his father Richard Drew.

Congratulations was extended to:

- Nobber show committee on their annual fair day event.
- Comhaltas on hosting Fleadh Cheoil na Mí in Athboy.

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

There was none.

### **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:

- Commended the area engineer and his outdoor crew on all their work completed.
- Referred to funding and that more is required for repairs to roads in North Meath.

#### **5.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance**

- 5.2.1 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**

There was none.

### **7 Notice of Motion**

- 7.1 Submitted by Councillor Sarah Reilly & Sean Drew

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That the Kells Walk/Cycleway be named.

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

If agreed this motion will be referred to the Commemorative Committee for consideration.

The motion and response were agreed on the proposal by **Councillor Sarah Reilly** and seconded by **Councillor David Gilroy**.

Councillor Sarah Reilly welcomed the response and said it would help the tourism providers in the town to direct visitors to the route if it was named and on the local tourist maps. She suggested that when naming the road that the locals' proposals be taken on board.

Dara McGowan Director suggested that proposals relating to the area should be submitted for consideration.

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

### **8.1 To note the Corporate Policy Group Meeting minutes of 05<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

The minutes were noted.

### **8.2 To note the Protocol Committee meeting minutes of 05<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

The minutes were noted.

### **8.3 To note the Draft Minutes of the Planning, Economic Development, Enterprise, and European Affairs SPC meeting of 01<sup>st</sup> May 2024.**

The minutes were noted.

### **8.4 To note the Draft Minutes of the Housing, Community & Cultural Development SPC meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

The minutes were noted.

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### **9 Correspondence**

There was none.

### **10 Any Other Business**

The following issues were raised:

- The recent accident at Kilmainham on the R147 where safety improvement works are required- area engineer suggested a low-cost safety scheme and would refer this to transportation.
- Referred to illegal developments at Martinstown and if any update from planning – to follow up with planning department.
- The members wished everyone well in the upcoming elections and thanked the Cathaoirleach and officials for all their support.
- Dara McGowan thanked all and wished everyone success in the elections.

The meeting concluded at 4.20pm.

Signed:

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