

Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes
Ordinary Meeting
Kells Municipal District
4.00p.m, 20th January 2025, Kells Civic Offices

An Cathaoirleach, **Councillor Sarah Reilly**, presided.

Councillors Present: Michael Gallagher, Eugene Cassidy, Sean Drew, Mike Bray, David Gilroy,

Councillors Present via Zoom: Peter Caffrey

Apologies/absent:

Officials in Attendance:

Director of Service: Dara McGowan

Executive Engineer: Matthew Rafferty

Meetings Administrator: Francis Regan

Assistant Staff Officer: Stephen Carey

1.0 Confirmation of Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of 11th December 2024

1.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th December 2025

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 11th Of December 2025 were proposed by **Councillor David Gilroy** and seconded by **Councillor Sean Drew**.

2.0 Matters arising from the Minutes

There none.

3.0 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

Sympathy was extended to the families of:

- Pauric Staunton, Athboy
- Anthony McGuinness, Fordstown
- Mick Kiernan, Kells
- Niamh Daly, Kells

4.0 Statutory Business

4.1 Transportation

- 4.1.1** To receive an update on the proposed Housing Estate Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws Statutory Process

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Gillian Mangan Executive Engineer, Transportation updated the members on the proposed traffic calming measures. Interventions included.

- How many estates in Kells are taken in charge now that don't fall within the 30K speed limit.
- When will the next review of the 30k speed limit take place?
- Can clarification be sought on whether Housing Estates like Cross Carrick that have through roads are subject to the bye laws of 30k or 50k.

Gillian noted the above and will draft a response to the meetings administrator before the next Kells MD meeting.

4.1.2 To receive a Progress Report on works undertaken/planned for Kells Municipal District.

The report circulated in advance was noted. Interventions included:

- Can salt gritting bins be extended for use outside more schools in the area?
- Great work and response to the cold snap in early January 2025

Further to the progress report, all members raised concerns regarding a possible reduction of staff or resources for the outdoor crew for the MD that included:

- What changes if any have been made and will they begin?
- Staffing and machines are limited currently without making further reductions.
- Should resources not have been reviewed at our budget meeting in November 2024?
- Kells is the biggest road network in the County. Can we be kept abreast of how these efficiencies will improve things?
- Can a letter be written to the Chief Executive on behalf of the MD outlining the concerns above?

Dara McGowan, Director, replied to the members that the process of the review has not yet been completed and movement of resources is nothing new in the council. Talks are ongoing and any outcomes from the process will be to improve efficiencies in this area. Dara also reminded members that this is an executive function rather than a reserved function.

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4.2 Corporate Affairs & Governance

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

This was noted.

5.0 Notice of Questions

5.1 Submitted by Councillor Peter Caffrey

"Is Meath County Council responsible for allocation and maintenance of the St. Vincent De Paul Development in Oldcastle?"

Response:

When these units are delivered, it will be managed and maintained by St. Vincent De Paul. Meath County Council will be nominating clients from our Housing list to be accommodated in the development.

The response was noted

6.0 Notice of Motions

There were none

7.0 Correspondence

There were none

8.0 Any Other Business

The members raised the following issues:

- Can a letter issue to Uisce Eireann regarding what the contingency plan is for Athboy pumping station in the event of no electricity.
- What is the housing plan for the ½ acre fenced off elevated site in Drumconrath?
- A tanker is draining water from Priory Gate, Athboy Estate leaving water pressure low. Can we find out why this happening so often?
- When will a tour of the Print Works take place? Can we have an update on the Lloyd and Kells public realm plan?
- Is it possible to have a presentation on the use of the upstairs of the Old Courthouse as discussed in 2024 and the planned use in 2025?

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- Do we have enough resources to maintain the heating systems in our own houses? It is reported some houses were without heat for several days. Can we request an increase to the number of plumbers.
- When will the resurfacing of the road take place in the St. Brigid's Kells.

The meeting concluded at 16.50 pm.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach