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Cruinniú Ceantar Bardasach Thrá Lí, an Dé Luain, 7ú Meán Fomhair 2020

Tralee Municipal District Meeting Monday, 7th September 2020

Chuíg: Méara T. Ó' Briain
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Thrá Lí

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Tionólfar an cruinniú eile de cheantar Bardasach Thrá Lí, an Dé Luain, 7ú Meán Fómhair 2020 i Seomraí na Comhairle, Áras an Chontae, Trá Lí ar 10:00rn, chun na míreanna thíos luaite a phlé.

The next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Tralee on **Monday, 7th September 2020** at **10:00am** to consider the under mentioned items

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Pádraig Corkery
Riarthóir Cruinnithe/ Meetings Administrator
Ceantar Bardasach Thrá Lí/ Municipal District of Tralee

AGENDA/CLÁR

1. (a) Mayoral Statement – Cllr. T. O’ Brien

(b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the following Meetings:

1. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Tralee held on 06th July 2020

(c) Business prescribed by statute Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting.

1. To consider the report, following public consultation, on the introduction of traffic calming measures at the junction of the L-6706 Connolly Park and R-556 Upper Rock Street, and a Pedestrian Crossing of the R-556 at the Tralee-Fenit Greenway, pursuant to Section 38 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46).

2. Economic & Community Development Directorate

(a) Job Creation

(b) To note update report from Economic & Community Development Directorate

(c) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. J. Finucane:** That this Council draws up a plan for alternative uses of the existing courthouse such as GAA museum, arts centre, amateur drama and other potential uses.
2. **Cllr. D. Ferris:** Over 2 and half years ago, a local businessman, put forward a submission to KCC to establish a 'Blue Way' from Tralee Bay to Fenit. His idea was to tie the project in with the Tralee to Fenit Greenway. He was assured it would be looked into by KCC, however,

nothing has been done to move the project along. Can KCC clarify their position on this and what has been done to establish this source of revenue for the local water adventure businesses and more especially to the local economy we have in the Tralee MD?

3. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** That this Council engage with the Kerry GAA regarding possibly adding murals of distinct Kerry GAA memories to the entrance walls of Austin Stack Park. It would provide a great entrance to both football fans and tourists alike entering Tralee through a main thoroughfare.
4. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** What are budget implications for Tralee MD due to loss of revenue from Covid-19, what services will suffer if any and what are/will be the effects on road maintenance budget.
5. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** What is the update on signage for Tralee town Centre through the Destination Towns initiative?
6. **Cllr. J. Wall:** That Kerry County Council would purchase a strip of land bordering the northern and eastern flank of the 'Swan Pond' situated at Hare Street, Tralee. Such a purchase, appropriately landscaped, would greatly enhance the biodiversity and amenity value of one of our well known and loved facilities.

3. **Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate**

(a) **To note update report from Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate**

(b) **Notices of Motion**

1. **Cllr. J. Finucane:** In light of the deteriorating situation in Oakfield Square, that emergency funding is sought to bring this scheme up to acceptable standards.
2. **Cllr. J. Finucane:** That Councillors allocation be utilised for the continued development and upkeep of Ballyseedy graveyard.
3. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** That the ongoing issues with sewage in Stacks Villas (*Details with Directorate*) be addressed as a matter of urgency. The pipes in the area are over 70 years old and issues with the system are ongoing.
4. **Cllr. J. Wall:** Prior to the dissolution of Tralee Town Council, that local authority had undertaken an in-depth survey of Rath Burial Ground. The survey, which would be a fantastic resource for many, was never placed on-line. I propose that the results of this survey be made available immediately and be undated appropriately on a regular basis.

4. Housing Directorate

(a) To note update report from Housing Directorate.

(b) Notices of Motion

- 1. Cllr. C. Foley:** To ask whether minimum standards of housing in regard to HAP and RAS are being rigorously enforced, particularly in the town centre, and are follow up inspections being carried out once the initial inspection is made.

5. Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

(a) To note update report from Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate.

(b) Notices of Motion:

- 1. Cllr. T. O' Brien:** That Kerry County Council would look at the possibility of getting a large segment of the Tralee-Fenit Walk done before the next summer season – allowing for us to advertise this important piece of infrastructure for the 2021 summer season.
- 2. Cllr. T. O' Brien:** That Kerry County Council would examine the speed ramps going through Mitchells/Garryruth as one or two of them were altered by the work that took place up there and were not replaced.
- 3. Cllr. T. O' Brien:** That Kerry County Council would examine the roundabout/footpaths etc in front of the Ballymullen Post Office – realignment may need to be carried out at this junction.
- 4. Cllr. J. Finucane:** That this Council as per past commitments provide extra car spaces for the residents of Hawley Park in the two cul de sacs. Also, that proper railings are utilised to protect the green space.
- 5. Cllr. D. Ferris:** Fenit Pier is currently without a crane as the existing one has been sent away for repairs. The original timeline was supposed to be 2 weeks however it is currently at 12 weeks since it was sent away. Local fishermen are currently paying €200 per lift to a private company. Can KCC clarify when the crane or a replacement is going to be put in place?
- 6. Cllr. D. Ferris:** Fenit Pier is constantly being blocked by parked cars and public traffic, particularly on days of hot weather. This is a health and safety issue and as a working dock emergency access

is required at all times. Fenit Lifeboat and ambulance crews also require 24hr access. Can KCC look into closing the entrance of the pier to non-pier related traffic in the interest of Health and Safety?

7. **Cllr. D. Ferris:** Can KCC confirm the expected finish date of the Tralee Fenit Greenway?
8. **Cllr. D. Ferris:** Can KCC confirm what efforts have been made to establish pop up cycle lanes in Tralee town which were discussed at previous meetings? We need to create safe passage through the town especially considering the resurgence of growing COVID cases.
9. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** That this Council commit to completing the Tralee-Fenit Greenway in a timeframe that allows for its use in the summer 2021 tourist season, and if this is not possible that this Council commits to opening full sections of the route for this purpose.
10. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** Are plans in place to allow for facilities, both public and commercial to be added to the Tralee Fenit Greenway at both starting points and within the route itself?
11. **Cllr. S. Locke:** In relation to the spreading of weed kill, has Kerry County Council reintroduced a programme of weed kill to kill off noxious weeds.
12. **Cllr. J. Wall:** That Tralee Municipal District would trial a 'wildflower meadow' on the N21 approaches to Tralee town in 2021, from the roundabout at Ballygarry to that at the entrance to Manor Shopping Centre. I propose that this trial be undertaken with specialist input from a Horticulturalist. Should this trial be successful, it will alleviate the necessity of constant grass cutting from April to September each year.
13. **Cllr. J. Wall:** One of the ways in which we can reduce our exposure to the effects of global warming is by planting trees and Tralee has a good record in this regard.

I propose that Tralee Municipal District bring forward a modest Tree Planting Programme for the Winter '20/Spring '21 season.

This programme should be brought before the November Municipal meeting for inspection.

(c) Questions:

1. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** Can assurances be given that the sluice gates at Arkeragh are functioning properly for winter and that the channel will be kept clear and open at all times.

6. Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business

(a) To agree the following proposed dates for the holding of Tralee Municipal District Meetings for 2020.

1. 02nd November 2020 – Tralee Municipal District Meeting – 10:00am

(b) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above

(c) Any Other Business

(d) Correspondence