Minutes of the December Meeting of Kilkee Town Council held on Monday 4th December 2006 at 8.00pm at the Sweeney Memorial Library, Kilkee.

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair: Cllr. Claire Haugh

I Lathair: Cllr. PJ Lardner, Cllr. PJ Linnane, Cllr. Tom Nolan, Cllr. Brian Keane, Cllr. Michael McGrath, Cllr. Lily Marrinan Sullivan, Cllr. Michael Martin.

Apologies: Cllr. Carmel Deloughery

I Lathair: Bernadette Kinsella, Director of Service & Town Manager
Steve Lahiffe, Town Engineer
Siobhán Curran, A/Town Clerk

1. Minutes of the November Meeting of Kilkee Town Council held on Monday 6th November, 2006 at 8.00pm at the Sweeney Memorial Library, Kilkee

The minutes of the November Meeting of Kilkee Town Council held on 6th November 2006 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. Linnane and seconded by Cllr. Nolan.

2. Draft (Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating liquor in public places) Bye-Laws 2006

A/Town Clerk, Siobhán Curran confirmed that following the November meeting an additional clause 3 c had been inserted into the bye-laws to allow the town council to issue a license for a special event / festival. The revised draft byelaws have gone out to public consultation again. The period of public consultation commenced on the 17th November and submissions can be received up until 26th December. Members will consider any submissions received at the January 07 meeting and if adopted, the byelaws will come into effect in February 07.

3. Update on Allenders Field and Hodges Green UVR Schemes

The following updates were submitted by Mairead Corbett, Administrative Officer, Economic Development & Planning Section, Clare County Council.

Progress Report for the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme at Allenders Field, Kilkee.

The Allenders Field Amenity Park at Kilkee under the Urban and Village Renewal Programme for 2005-2006 is nearing completion. The contractor is at present completing electrical works on site. Planting is also being undertaken and weather permitting will be completed within the next week.

Some minor landscaping repair works are also due to be done in areas where planting has taken place. It is expected that weather permitting all works will be completed within a week.

The Urban and Village Renewal Scheme will continue to be managed by the Clare County Council Urban and Village Renewal team, which includes the Planning Department and the Council's Architect.

Progress Report for the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme at Hodges Green, Kilkee.

The Urban and Village Renewal Scheme at Hodges Green Kilkee is being undertaken in-house by Clare County Council. A total allocation off €100,000 is available for this work, which involves the upgrading of Hodges Green Open Space.

Hodges Green is under progress and the boundary wall, which is currently being constructed in stonework, is nearly completed. Works are delayed due to the bad weather conditions. It is expected to have works completed by the second week in January.

4. **Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Claire Haugh**

"Requesting information on the review undertaken re public lighting in Kilkee"

The following written report submitted by Steve Lahiffe, Town Engineer was read.

A survey of the public lighting network was carried out in Kilkee on the 22nd November 2006. The survey registered 18 public lights that were out of order.

Since then all have been repaired by the ESB except 3 public lights in Marian Estate which required new ducting and cables. It is proposed to carry out this remaining work prior to Christmas.

Report Ends.

Cllr. Haugh highlighted the need for additional lighting in the following areas;
1. Vacinity of Church
2. Convent (Miltown Road Area)
3. St. Patrick's Terrace – second light needed

Cllr. Linnane also felt that additional lighting was required around the beach area.

Steve Lahiffe advised that he would consider these requests in light of the 2007 work programme. He further advised that a new agreement is now in

place between ESB and Clare County Council based on a fixed sum contract. ESB will inspect public lights on a monthly basis and repairs are to be made within 10 working days.

Bernadette Kinsella, Town Manager stressed that council officials would be on the look out for any new funding schemes, with a view to progressing plans that are on file for the bandstand area.

5. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Claire Haugh

"That this Town Council host a civic reception to honour the work and commitment of community and voluntary organisations in Kilkee"

The following written reply submitted by A/Town Clerk, Siobhan Curran was read.

In response to this notice of motion and to give effect to a similar notice of motion adopted by this council in March 06, I am proposing for agreement by this council, the preparation of a Draft Kilkee Civic Award Scheme, that would be conferred on a yearly basis.

I have enclosed for your information and assistance a copy of Kilrush Town Council's policy on conferring honours.

Reply Ends

A/Town Clerk confirmed that she intended to present a Draft Scheme to this Town Council for consideration in the New Year.

6. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted

7. A.O.B

Department Approval for New Kilkee Water Supply

A/Town Clerk, Siobhán Curran circulated a copy of the press release that issued from the department today 4th December.

Steve Lahiffe, Town Engineer confirmed that this new water supply would mean that water will get to Kilkee quicker and will mean greater volume. He stated that the problem in the past has been because of two sources but now all of the water supply for kilkee will come from one supply. He confirmed that the existing reservoir would still be in use.

Flooding of Property on Carrigaholt Road

Cllr. Martin referred to a property that had experienced substantial flooding on the Carrigaholt road. Steve Lahiffe, Town Engineer advised that he would prefer not to go into individual cases and that there was a possible liability case against Clare County Council with regard to that property.

Town Manager

Cllr. Claire Haugh advised members that this meeting would be Bernadette Kinsella's last meeting as Town Manager and that Dave Timlin, Director of Service would be taking over the Town Manager role in January.

Cllr. Haugh paid tribute to the Town Manager and expressed her thanks for all her work and commitment to the Town.

Cllr. Martin, Cllr. Linnane, Cllr. Marrinan Sullivan & Cllr Nolan all wished to be associated with the Mayors words of thanks to Bernadette Kinsella. Members felt that a lot had been progressed during her time as Town Manager.

Bernadette Kinsella thanked the members for their kind words. She said that it had been her privilege to be Town Manager of Kilkee over the last 3 ½ years. She felt that a number of key projects had been progressed and stressed that the council should watch out for any new funding opportunities in 2007 – Leader, UVR Schemes etc. She advised that she would be retaining her role as co-ordinator of the Electoral Area and so would retain a link with Kilkee through that. Bernadette Kinsella thanked the present and past Mayors, the Town Engineer, Steve Lahiffe and present and past A/Town Clerks.

Contribution to Christmas Lighting

Cllr. Lily Marrinan Sullivan reminded members that last year the Town Council provided €800 to the Chamber of Commerce to support the Christmas Lighting around the town. All agreed that the Town Council would provide this support again. A/Town Clerk confirmed that funding was available to provide this support under the contingency budget.

Spatial Strategy SPC

Cllr. Marrinan Sullivan asked if any other member would be interested in taking her place on this SPC as she is unable to make meetings.

As there was no further business the meeting concluded.

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A/Town Clerk