Minutes of the January Meeting of Kilkee Town Council held on Monday 8th January at 8.00pm at the Sweeney Memorial Library, Kilkee.

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair: Cllr. Claire Haugh

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

Apologies: Cllr. Tom Nolan, Cllr. Michael McGrath

I Lathair David Timlin, Director of Service & Town Manager

Steve Lahiffe, Town Engineer
Siobhán Curran, A/Town Clerk

At the outset of the meeting Cathaoirleach Claire Haugh welcomed David Timlin, Director of Services, Clare County Council in his capacity as the new Town Manager of Kilkee. David Timlin said that he was delighted to take on his new role as Town Manager and looked forward to working with the elected members for the betterment of Kilkee.

1. Adoption of Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting of Kilkee Town Council held on 4th December 2006 at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Memorial Library, Kilkee.

The minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting of Kilkee Town Council held on Monday 4th December 2006 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. Lardner and seconded by Cllr. Linnane.

2. Adoption of Minutes of December monthly meeting of Kilkee Town Council held on Monday 4th December at 8.00pm at the Sweeney Memorial Library, Kilkee.

The Minutes of December monthly meeting of Kilkee Town Council held on Monday 4th December were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. Marrinan Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Martin.

3. Deputation of Residents of Marine Parade to discuss traffic Management and the imposition of double yellow lines at Marine Parade

Cllr. Haugh welcomed the residents from Marine Parade. She advised them that in accordance with standing orders they could nominate 3 speakers and could present to the council for 15 minutes.

Cllr. Marrinan Sullivan suggested that in advance of hearing from the residents that this council should request that their original request for a Traffic Management Plan for Kilkee should be withdrawn. Cllr. Martin supported this suggestion and clarification was sought from the Manager on whether it was possible to withdraw the request.

Dave Timlin, Town Manager advised that Clare County Council is the road authority and that formally Kilkee Town Council does not have a function in the Traffic Management Plan.

Resident Patsy Flanagan stated that Clare County Council did not give residents any other option, other than double yellow lines. She felt that residents should be entitled to stop outside of their homes. She also wanted to clarify that she had asked permission from an elected member to attend the November meeting.

Resident Jimmy sought clarification on whether the Traffic Management Plan had already been adopted by the West Clare Area Committee.

Steve Lahiffe, Town Engineer advised that the Kilkee Traffic Management Plan had been passed by Clare County Council and then by the Area Committee on 27th November 2006

Patsy Flanagan advised that Cllr. Oliver Garry and Cllr. Pat Keane were arranging a meeting with residents of Marine Parade and Engineers of Clare County Council.

Cllr. Martin said that in his view double yellow lines will not solve the problem but rather just push the problem on. He also pointed out that there was only 4-5 weekends every year when this was an issue.

Steve Lahiffe, Town Engineer then formally replied to the deputation and set out the timeframe and consultation process involved from when the Draft Traffic Management Plan was first presented to Kilkee Town Council in April 2005 as follows;

- *April 4th '05* – Draft Traffic Management Plan presented to Kilkee Town Council by Siobhán Burke, Road Design section
- *April 22nd '05* – Draft Traffic Management Plan presented to West Clare Area Committee
- *7th June '05* – Joint Town & Area Workshop held at Marine Hotel. Changes agreed. Agreed draft plan would go on public display.
- *19th August '05* – Draft plan on Public Display in Kilkee Library, Kilrush Area Office and Road Design section Ennis.
- Submission received up until 5th October 05.
- *March '06* – Amended plan presented to Kilkee Town Council
- *March 27 '06* – Draft plan presented to Area Council and then presented to the main council. Passed by main council subject to review of Marine Parade and Circular Road.
- *3rd April '06* – Siobhán Burke presented report to Kilkee Town Council
- *5th May '06* – Delegation from Marine Parade attend Kilkee Town Council meeting.
- *3rd July* '06– Meeting held with residents of Marine Parade
- Plan was reviewed and report was then presented to Kilkee Town Council.
- *27th November '06* – Tom Carey, Director of Service presented reviewed plan to Kilrush Area Council and plan was passed by council.

Steve further advised that it is proposed to implement the traffic management plan on a phased basis over the next 3 years subject to funding being available.

Steve stressed that Clare County Council must comply with traffic management guidelines, road design guidelines and health and safety legislation with health and safety being a priority.

He advised that it was not possible to satisfy everyone and some hard decisions have to be made. He stressed that considerable time and expense had been put into the preparation of the plan and that it was a very good plan for the entire town. He also stressed that any plan is subject to review and that this plan will be subject to continuous review to cater for changing circumstances.

Dave Timlin, Town Manager then left the meeting to meet with the residents of Marine Parade.

4.Draft (Regulation and Control of the Comsumption of Intoxicating Substances in Public Places) Bye-Laws 2006

A/Town Clerk advised that the these Bye-Laws were first mooted by the Elected Members in March 2006. A Draft set of Bye-Laws were then presented to the Members for consideration in September 06 and it was agreed that the they would go to public consultation. The first period of Public Consultation ran from the Sept 15th – 24th October. A public meeting was also held on the 5th October as part of the public consultation process. No formal submissions were received.

The Draft Bye-Laws were considered again by the members at the December 2006 meeting. Members decided to revise bye-laws to allow the clause 3 (c) to be inserted re issuing a licence / authorisation to cover special events/festivals and it was agreed to avoid challenges that a second period to Public consultation would take place.

The second period of Public Consultation ran from the Nov 17th – 26th Dec.

No Submission received

A/Town Clerk advised that members must now either make the bye-laws with or without amendments to the draft bye-law, or may decide not to make the bye-law.

Cllr. Linnane was concerned that the council could not be certain how Gardai would enforce the bye-laws and felt that Kilkee did not necessarily need to follow suit with other towns on this matter.

Cllr. Linnane proposed through the chair that the Intoxicating Substances bye-laws should not be passed by this council. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Marrinan Sullivan.

A vote was then taken. Cllr. Linnane, Martin, Marrinan Sullivan, Deloughery, Keane, Haugh voted not to pass the Bye-Laws.

The Bye-Laws were not adopted.

5. 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 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.

The stone buondary wall is almost completed and works will then commence on the ground works and pathways.

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

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 has reached practical completion except for repairs to grill in stream and connection to ESB for lights.

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.

Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

The Member specifically wished to support the notice of motions received from Nenagh Town Council and Letterkenny Town Council.

A.O.B

Public Lights
Cllr. Claire Haugh advised that she felt that another light was needed in Circular Road and at the entrance to Marine Estate.
Town Enginner, Steve Lahiffe agreed to look at these requests.

Derelict House on O'Connell Street, Kilkee
Cllr. Claire Haugh referred to a derelict house on O'Connell Street. The windows have been broken and it is now in a dangerous condition.
A/Town Clerk to follow up with Clare County Council to establish ownership and take action.

Sympathy

Cllr. Michael Martin expressed sympathy at the passing of David Ervine.
Cllr. PJ Lardner disagreed that a vote of sympathy should be extended from this Council.

As there was no further business the meeting concluded.

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A/Town Clerk