

**Minutes of Athy Municipal District Meeting held at 10.00 a.m on Monday  
19 February 2018 in the Athy Municipal District offices, Rathstewart,  
Athy, Co Kildare.**

**Members Present:** Councillor I Keatley (Cathaoirleach), Councillors A Breslin, M Dalton, M Miley, T Redmond and M Wall.

**Officials Present:** Mr J Boland (District Manager), Mr D O'Flaherty (District Engineer ), Mr M Kenny (Senior Planner), Ms A Granville (Executive Planner), Mr P Makhuza (Executive Engineer) Ms E Wright (Senior Executive Officer), Ms A Louw (Staff Officer), Ms P Berry (Marketing Officer), Ms F Byrne (Meetings Administrator) and Ms N Smullen (Meetings Secretary)

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**AY01/0218**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders for twenty minutes to facilitate the completion of an informal meeting which was taking place.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Wall that standing orders be suspended for twenty minutes.

**AY02/0218**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders for ten minutes to facilitate the completion of an informal meeting which was taking place.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Dalton that standing orders be suspended for ten minutes. The monthly meeting of the Athy Municipal District commenced at 10.30 a.m.

**AY03/0218**

**Chief Executive's Report on the Proposed Variation 2 of the Athy Town  
Development Plan 2012 - 2018**

The Cathaoirleach requested the agreement of the members that item 19 on the agenda be taken next. All the members agreed to take item 19 next.

The members considered the Chief Executive's Report on the Proposed Variation 2 of the Athy Town Development Plan 2012 – 2018.

Mr Kenny stated that the variation 2 of the Athy Town Development Plan proposed to zone the site in Woodstock to facilitate additional industrial/commercial development to create employment and enhance enterprise in the area and stated the proposed variation had been placed on public display from 15 January 2018 until 12 February 2018. Mr Kenny stated that nine submissions had been received in relation to the proposed plan and that eight out of the nine submissions received were supporting the proposed variations of the Athy Town Development Plan.

Councillor Redmond asked if it was known how much employment would be created as a result of the proposed variation plan and Mr Kenny stated that this information was not known. Councillor Redmond asked why material alterations on the plan were sought. The Cathaoirleach stated that the primary zoning on lands in 2012 was for retail development and proposed variation 2 of the Athy Town Development Plan was to develop the area for expansion of existing industrial facilities and to strengthen the employment base of Athy town.

Mr Kenny stated that any traffic management issues would be dealt with at the initial planning stage. The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Kenny and the elected members for supporting industrial development in Athy and stated that it was essential that anyone willing to invest in Athy was supported by the elected members and the council. The Cathaoirleach asked when the Draft Athy Local Area Plan would be issued. Mr Kenny informed the members that the Strategic Issues Paper for the Athy Local Area Plan would be published around 20 March 2018 for a period of five weeks and the consultation process would run between 17 April 2018 to 24 April 2018. He stated that during this time there

would be a public consultation session in Athy and it was hoped that this meeting would be held in the new Library in Athy. Ms Granville stated that Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)/Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) consultants were currently being procured for this project and would be appointed in the coming weeks.

The members agreed unanimously to the variations for the Athy Town Development Plan. The Cathaoirleach proposed that a meeting in relation to the Draft Athy Local Area Plan be arranged for April in Monasterevin.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Wall seconded by Councillor Miley that the Chief Executive's Report on the Proposed Variation 2 of the Athy Town Development Plan 2012 - 2018 be approved.

#### **AY04/0218**

##### **Minutes and Progress Report**

The members considered the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Athy Municipal District held on 22 January 2018 together with the progress report.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Breslin that the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Athy Municipal District held on 22 January 2018 be confirmed and taken as read. The progress report was noted.

#### **AY05/0218**

##### **Matter Arising**

The members agreed to hold their April Municipal District Committee meeting in Monasterevin Community Centre.

#### **AY06/0218**

##### **Update on the Athy Distributor Road**

The Cathaoirleach stated that a briefing had been circulated to the elected members recently and he was looking forward to progress being made on further developments of the site for the development of the Athy Distributor Road.

**AY07/0218**

**Update on Community and Development Issues**

The Cathaoirleach stated that an extensive report on community and development issues had been circulated by Ms Berry to the members before the meeting and meetings had taken place recently with Athy town promoters regarding the Saint Patrick's Day parade. Ms Berry informed the members that the Newbridge parade would commence at 1.00 p.m and there would be a meeting in the coming week to discuss further arrangements for other parades. The Cathaoirleach stated that the buscathon last week was a great success and all other events arranged by Ms Berry were greatly appreciated by the elected members.

**AY08/0218**

**Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994, proposed accessible parking bays at Drogheda Street, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare**

The members considered the draft Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, proposed accessible parking bays at Drogheda Street, Monasterevin.

Councillor Redmond asked who would police the area following the installation of the disabled parking bays. The District Engineer informed the members that the council did not have a full time Traffic Warden for this area and there would be mobile Traffic Wardens checking the parking bays and stated they would be spot checked by An Garda Síochána.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Wall that Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994, proposed accessible parking bays at Drogheda Street, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare be approved.

**AY09/0218**

**Lollipop staff to support schools in Drogheda Street**

The members considered the following joint motion in the name of Councillor Redmond and Councillor Wall:

That the council provide lollipop staff to support the schools on Drogheda Street, Monasterevin.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Wall and seconded by Councillor Redmond.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this issue could be examined when a Road Safety Officer was appointed and budgets examined in Quarter 4 of 2018.

Councillor Redmond stated it was unfortunate that the council had to wait for the employment of a Road Safety Officer before budgets could be examined for the provision of lollipop staff. Councillor Wall asked if the situation could be examined before Quarter 4 2018 in view of the safety issues around vehicles parking on the footpaths at the school. Councillor Miley supported the motion and suggested the traffic warden and An Garda Síochána be notified of the situation.

The Cathaoirleach excused himself from the meeting and Councillor Breslin took the position of Cathaoirleach in his absence.

Ms Wright stated that it was a traffic management issue and the Roads Department would communicate with the traffic warden and An Garda Síochána and informed the members that the position of Road Safety Officer was currently advertised. Ms Wright informed the members that the council were currently at full capacity with twenty eight School Wardens but that the need for school wardens at Drogheda Street, Monasterevin would be examined.

Councillor Redmond asked if the issue of lollipop staff at this location was a budget concern only and Ms Wright stated that it would be the Road Safety Officer's role to carry out an assessment as to the need for a school warden in this location.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Wall that the Roads Department contact the Traffic Warden and An Garda Síochána regarding traffic management issues at the Schools in Drogheda Street, Monasterevin.

Councillor Keatley resumed his role as Cathaoirleach of the meeting.

**AY10/0218**

**Update on the Municipal District Roadworks**

The District Engineer circulated a progress report to the members prior to the meeting. Councillor Redmond asked how many litter bins had been removed and had not been replaced. The District Engineer stated that it was an ongoing maintenance programme and some bins were removed and once repaired they were returned to their original location. The District Engineer stated Councillor Redmond was welcome to discuss any specific issues with him directly. Councillor Miley complimented the District Engineer for the flooding alleviation work carried out in Monasterevin and asked if there was any update on the three Local Property Tax (LPT) projects for Narraghmore, Nurney and Boley. The Cathaoirleach stated that the elected members were looking for some progress for Local Property Tax payers as they were expecting this work to be carried out. Councillor Miley stated that there was €100,000 LPT money unspent from 2017 and he asked Ms Wright if a meeting could be arranged to discuss how these monies were to be used. Ms Wright stated that the matter warranted a discussion with Mr J Coppinger, Senior Engineer, Mr J McGowan Senior Engineer, and Mr D O'Flaherty, District Engineer. Councillor Wall stated he would welcome a meeting and complimented the District Engineer on the great flood alleviation work carried out at Clogheen and Barrow.

**AY11/0218**

**Pathway along the R417**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Redmond. That the council look to design a pathway along the R417 in Kilberry to join the existing path at the Main Green, this pathway is needed at the Athy end of Kilberry.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Redmond and seconded by Councillor Miley.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that in conjunction with the municipal district office, the work would require a detailed design process and a source of funding would need to be identified to meet the cost of the works involved.

Councillor Redmond stated that this was a landlocked area which was unsafe and asked if it was costly to put a design together for a pathway. The District Engineer stated that the length of the footpath for design would need to be identified. Councillor Miley supported the motion and stated a design would be welcomed.

Councillor Breslin asked if a plan could be looked at for Kilberry in relation to speeding issues.

Ms Wright informed the members that priority for designs was for works which had already been funded and to carry out a detailed design without any funding stream in place would be contrary to policy.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Miley that the report be noted.

### **AY12/0218**

#### **Public lighting**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breslin.

That this municipal district committee write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland calling on them to rescind their decision to no longer providing public lighting on certain motorway junctions in the municipal district i.e. M9 Junction.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breslin and seconded by Councillor Wall.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that if the members were in agreement, a letter could be sent to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in respect of public lighting on certain motorway junctions.

Councillor Breslin stated that the turning off of lights could cause serious accidents and asked that as well as writing to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the matter be raised with the Roads Department Senior Management Team. Councillor Wall supported the motion and stated a letter should be sent to TII. The Cathaoirleach stated that clarity of who is responsible for the operation of the lights should also be sought.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Wall that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department write to TII in respect to public lighting on certain motorway junctions to determine who is responsible for their operation.

### **AY13/0218**

#### **Kildare Village and Google Maps to keep traffic off local roads**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Keatley.

That the council engage with Kildare Village and Google Maps to agree a way to keep traffic off local roads as a result of Google Maps providing directions from the M9 Mullamast junction.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Keatley and seconded by Councillor Redmond.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that public roads were by definition open to all traffic, and the Roads Department had no authority to direct or divert normal traffic other than for construction and repair works or exceptional works etc.

The Cathaoirleach stated that back roads in Mullamast were being used by motorway traffic coming up from Kilkenny as a result of google maps providing incorrect directions from the M9 Mullamast junction directing traffic to the back roads. He stated he had made several attempts to contact Google but with no success. The Cathaoirleach stated he did not want signage erected and asked if the Broadband Officer could assist. Councillor Redmond and Councillor Miley supported the motion.

Ms Wright informed the members that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department do not have any direct contact with Google and were not in a position to divert drivers unless road works were being carried out and stated if contact details for Google were provided, the Roads Department would contact Google to discuss the matter.

The Cathaoirleach stated he would provide contact details to the Roads Department.

**Resolved** on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Councillor Redmond that the report be noted.



**AY14/0218**

The Cathaoirleach requested that item 11 and 12 be taken together. The members agreed to take item 11 and 12 together.

**Item - 11**

**Treating of roads in adverse weather conditions**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Miley.

That the council consider providing support to local residents in this municipal district in times of adverse weather conditions who wish to treat roads that are not currently treated by Kildare County Council.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Miley and seconded by Councillor Wall.

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a protocol would have to be established with the Municipal District Office to determine who the council allocates the materials and where they would be stored.

Councillor Miley stated that he understood there was protocol issues around salting routes and stated some areas would be prepared to salt their own roads.

Councillor Miley stated that in view of the fact people were paying their Local Property Tax (LPT) it would be beneficial for communities to be facilitated to salt their own areas.

The Cathaoirleach stated that this was an ongoing issue and asked if it could be put forward to the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Strategic Policy Committee for policy consideration.

Councillor Redmond stated that in Northern Ireland yellow boxes were provided to Residents Associations and it would be worth looking at the possibility of providing such boxes in the form of a Residents Association Grant for same.

Councillor Wall asked if clarification could be provided on whether communities' own insurance would cover residents to salt their own areas.

Ms Wright informed the members that the salting of routes in the Athy Municipal District would be reviewed as part of the Winter Maintenance Plan, taking into account the issue of insurance cover.

The Cathaoirleach asked if the elected members could be informed of when the Winter Maintenance Plan review would take place in order that they could submit their requests for consideration.

Ms Wright stated that the review would not take place until April 2018 and a draft protocol to the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Strategic Policy Committee would be presented in September 2018.

The Cathaoirleach asked that an elected member from the Athy Municipal District be invited to the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Strategic Policy Committee in September 2018.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor Wall that the salting of routes in the Athy Municipal District be reviewed as part of the Winter Maintenance Plan, and a draft policy be brought to the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Strategic Policy Committee in September 2018.

### **Item - 12**

#### **Salting bins**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Redmond.  
Can the council make salting bins available to residents associations to help in areas where the council cannot get to?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that a protocol would have to be established with the Athy Municipal District Office to determine who the council allocates the salt to and where it would be stored.

The report was noted.

**AY15/0218**

**Positioning of bus stops for the rural bus link**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breslin.  
Can the council confirm the up to date situation regarding the positioning of bus stops for the rural bus link in South Kildare?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that an assessment of the bus stops had been completed in consultation with Local Link, and a number of issues noted would now be discussed with the National Transport Authority (NTA).

Councillor Breslin stated that the reply was not clear and asked if the elected members could be notified of the outcome of consultation with the NTA and of issues addressed. The report was noted.

**AY16/0218**

**Flooding at Cardenton, Athy**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wall.  
Can the council immediately address the flooding at Cardenton, Athy given the ongoing risk to road users on this part of the road?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this work was being carried out as part of the council's ongoing maintenance programme.

Councillor Wall asked when the work would be completed.

The District Engineer stated that the work entailed drainage work in the field and it was hoped it could be addressed in the coming weeks.  
The report was noted.

**AY17/0218**

**Dangerous bend on the road into Nurney Village**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Wall.  
Can the council immediately address the dangerous bend on the road into Nurney village from the Kildare town side?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this would be referred to the Technical Advisory Assessment Group (TAAG) for technical assessment.

The report was noted.

**AY18/0218**

**Warning Signs to alert road users of uneven surface on the L-8010-1**

The members considered the following question in the name of the Councillor Keatley.  
Can the council immediately place warning signs alerting road users to the danger of uneven surfaces on the L-8010-1 and repair the area as soon as possible?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that this road was a bog road which tends to rise and fall with the seasons. It could be considered for the 2018 Restoration Improvement Programme.

The report was noted.

**AY19/0218**

**Completion of works at the junction at Pike Cross**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Keatley.  
Can the council give a timeline for the upgrade and completion of works at the junction at Pike Cross, Carrigeen and Bigstone National School?

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department informing the members that the work on this project had recommenced and it should be completed in March, 2018.

The report was noted.

**AY20/0218**

**Houses purchased for council housing**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Miley.  
Can the council give an update on houses purchased for council housing in the village of Ballitore?

A report was received from the Housing Department informing the members that the council had not purchased any properties in the village of Ballitore. One property had been purchased in Crookstown, Ballitore.

The report was noted.

**AY21/0218**

**Public consultation regarding the Athy Local Area Plan**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Redmond.  
Can the council ask the planning department to make a special effort to provide more public consultation within our local schools with the upcoming review of the Athy Local Area Plan?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the Planning Section would make every effort to engage with all interested parties in the Athy area during the public consultation phase of the Athy Local Area Plan and consultations would be advertised locally.

The report was noted.

**AY22/0218**

**St. Pauls Secondary School**

The members considered the following question in the name of Councillor Breslin.  
Can the council confirm the up to date position of the new St Paul's secondary school in Monasterevin and have they had recent contact/discussions with the Department of Education Science and Skills on this project?

A report was received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department informing the members that the Planning Section had no recent communications with the Department of Education regarding St. Paul's Secondary School.

Councillor Breslin stated the report did not answer her question as she was not just requesting information in relation to planning.

The District Manager stated that if Councillor Breslin sent him a list of her specific queries directly, he would contact her regarding same.

The report was noted.

### **AY23/0218**

#### **Nomination of representative to the Twinning Liaison Committee**

The members considered the nomination of one elected representative to the Twinning Liaison Committee.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor Wall that Councillor Redmond be nominated as a representative to the Twinning Liaison Committee.

### **AY24/0218**

#### **Visual Enhancing on Dublin Street, Monasterevin**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Breslin.

That the council look at some form of visual enhancing on Dublin Street in Monasterevin similar to those that were used to enhance vacant premises in Athy.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Breslin and seconded by Councillor Wall.

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Parks Section in conjunction with the Athy Community Section was assisting Monasterevin Tidy Towns on proposals to enhance the vacant properties on Dublin Street. This would involve the painting of some of the premises and filling in window and door openings. Some funding had been identified to complete some works but further funding would be needed to enhance all the vacant properties.

Councillor Breslin paid tribute to the enhancement work carried out in Athy and welcomed any improvements to enhance Monasterevin.

The District Manager stated that €20,000 of 2017 Local Property Tax (LPT) had been reserved for the Urban Scheme for Monasterevin and a Draft Urban Scheme for Cork Street was currently being tendered.

Councillor Redmond asked when the Draft Urban Scheme for Cork Street would be published.

The District Manager informed the members that the council had a framework of Urban Designers from Rathangan to Athy and it would be six weeks to two months for consultants to be in place and a number of consultation events would be arranged in Monasterevin.

### **AY25/0218**

#### **Creation of an Athy Musical Trail within the town**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Wall.

That the council support the creation of an Athy Musical Trail within the town celebrating the towns past, present and indeed future music history and success.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Wall and seconded by Councillor Dalton.

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Arts Officer was willing to assist the members of the Athy Municipal District to further explore the proposal and to investigate options to realise this.

Councillor Wall welcomed the report and stated he would be happy to assist Ms Russell, Arts Officer in the creation of an Athy Musical Trail.

Councillors Dalton, Redmond and the Cathaoirleach all supported the motion.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Dalton that the report be noted.

**AY26/0218**

**Development of Beet Ireland's site in Ballyburn**

The members considered the following motion in the name of Councillor Keatley. That the council engage with Beet Ireland to assist in the development of its site in Ballyburn to maximize its potential as a regional employment hub.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Keatley and seconded by Councillor Wall.

A report was received from the Economic Community and Cultural Development Department informing the members that the Chief Executive, Peter Carey had been in discussions with Beet Ireland, and while it was still extremely early in the project, the Head of Enterprise, Ms McNabb would be actively engaging with relevant stakeholders involved to offer the full support of the Business Support Unit of Kildare County Council to the benefit of business development and job creation.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the news that the council were engaging in discussions with Beet Ireland and stated that the Athy Municipal District members supported any development of the Beet Ireland site in Ballyburn. He thanked the Chief Executive, Mr Carey and Ms McNabb, Head of Enterprise for engaging with Beet Ireland and stated that the members were fully supportive of any plans to develop the site in Ballyburn.

Councillor Miley stated that he welcomed the procurement of the site and looked forward to engaging with the residents of Ballyburn. He stated that issues of accessibility and a permanent water supply needed to be considered

Councillor Redmond shared Councillor Miley's concerns and stated he had written to local TDs and asked that they look for the land to be zoned as a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

The Cathaoirleach shared Councillor Redmond's and Councillor Miley's concerns noting the procurement of the site was challenging but stated there was potential for renewable energy along with the production of beet.



**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Wall that the report be noted.

**AY27/0218**

**Update on the village renewal for Kilmead**

The members considered the following question in the name of the Councillor Keatley. Can the council provide an update on the village renewal for Kilmead?

The District Engineer informed the members that the Athy Municipal District Office was currently examining a number of village renewal issues including Kilmead, Naraghmore and Nurney under Public Realm and stated all areas would be looked at collectively. The report was noted.

**AY28/0218**

**Athy Regeneration Strategy**

The District Manager stated that if the members were happy with the recent discussions in relation to Edmund Rice Square he would finalise a draft regeneration strategy and circulate it to them.

He stated that the new Library in Athy was a stunning attraction and thanked the press for their coverage on it. The District Manager stated that regeneration plans involved the upgrading of the Heritage Centre, the Shackleton Scheme, a master plan for the Dominican lands, and that discussions were ongoing with the OPW in relation to flooding issues. Part of the plan for the Dominican lands was to include a new landmark, a centre for water based activities, housing, and a new Square (Dominican Square). He stated that the first draft would be issued by the end of March 2018.

The District Manager stated that the design for Emily Square would be available for the next Athy Municipal District meeting in March 2018 and planning for the new Primary Healthcare Centre would be lodged shortly.

Councillor Breslin stated that excellent work had been carried out supporting festivals and suggested the possibility of branching out further to other events and if the members were in agreement, a draft regeneration strategy could be put together and circulated.

Councillor Miley stated that at the December 2017 meeting of the Athy Municipal District it was agreed to arrange an in committee meeting in early 2018 to discuss the Regeneration Project and stated the members would like this in committee meeting to proceed.

The Cathaoirleach supported all the comments made and stated that an in committee meeting in March 2018 would be beneficial to discuss a vision and plan for the regeneration of Athy.

The District Manager stated that if members were in agreement he would circulate a draft plan to them and noted the regeneration plan was not a land use plan.

#### **AY29/0218**

#### **Presentation on the Town Twinning Programme**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Stephen Horan, Chairperson of Athy-Grandvilliers Twinning Committee to the meeting. Mr Horan informed the members that the aim of the Twinning Committee was to foster relationships in the sporting, cultural, social, educational and economic areas with Athy's twin town Grandvilliers. He stated Athy twinned with Grandvilliers in 2004 and bi-annual visits had taken place between the towns since then. Mr Horan stated that the hosting which took place last year over the Saint Patricks weekend was a tremendous success.

#### **AY30/0218**

#### **Suspension of Standing Orders**

The Cathaoirleach proposed to suspend standing orders for twenty minutes to facilitate the continuation of the presentation.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Wall that standing orders be suspended for twenty minutes.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr Horan for his presentation and thanked Mr Kearney for his years of dedication as Chairperson of the Athy Twinning Committee and wished Mr Horan the best of luck in his new role as Chairperson to the Athy Twinning Committee.

Councillor Redmond thanked Mr Kearney for his years of commitment and good work as Chairperson of the Athy Twinning Committee and welcomed Mr Horan and wished him luck in his new role of Chairperson to the Athy Twinning Committee. Councillor Redmond stated that a fantastic overview was provided to the elected members bi-annually and it was great to see local businesses getting involved.

Councillor Wall thanked Mr Kearney for his years of commitment and good work as chairperson to the Athy Twinning Committee and welcomed Mr Horan and wished him luck in his new role of Chairperson to the Athy Twinning Committee.

Councillor Breslin thanked Mr Kearney for his fantastic work and dedication over the years and welcomed Mr Horan to the Athy Twinning Committee and recommended the committee meet with the elected members once or twice a year to develop closer relationships. Councillor Miley concurred with all the compliments to Mr Kearney.

Councillor Dalton thanked Mr Kearney for his fantastic work and dedication over the years and welcomed Mr Horan to the Athy Twinning Committee. The Cathaoirleach noted the benefits Athy had gained from being involved with the Twinning Committee and stated the Athy Municipal District supported Councillor Breslin's recommendation to meet more often.

### **AY31/0218**

#### **Nomination of representatives to sit on the Athy Twinning Committee**

The Cathaoirleach asked if any elected members wished to put themselves forward to sit on the Athy Twinning Committee.

**Resolved** on the proposal of Councillor Miley, seconded by Councillor Breslin that the Cathaoirleach be nominated as a representative to sit on the Athy Twinning Committee and on the proposal of Councillor Redmond, seconded by Councillor Miley that Councillor Breslin be nominated as a representative to sit on the Athy Twinning Committee.

**AY32/0218**

**Presentation from One Connect (Óglaigh Náisiúnta Na hÉireann) Athy, the Horse Project Ireland and the Pastures Residents Association, Monasterevin**

The Cathaoirleach and the members agreed to receive informal presentations from One Connect, Athy, the Horse Project Ireland and the Pastures Residents Association, Monasterevin. Time and date to be decided.

**AY33/0218**

**Athy Municipal District Sports Local Property Tax (LPT ) grant application form**

The members unanimously approved the Athy Municipal District Sports Local Property Tax (LPT) grant application form which would allow sports clubs to apply for a grant from the €20,000 allocated to such groups under local property tax funding 2018.

Councillor Wall stated he would inform the members when the forms were ready for circulation.

The meeting concluded.