

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday
18th June, 2012**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. Cuddihy

Councillors: Cllrs. M.H. Cavanagh, P. Millea, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, J. Coonan, M. Brett, M. Doran, W. Ireland, T. Maher, T. Prendergast, S. Treacy, C. Long, T. Breathnach, P. Dunphy, A.M. Irish, E. Aylward, F. Doherty, M. O'Brien, J. Galway, C. Connery, P. Crowley, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Noonan

In attendance: J. Crockett, J. McCormack, P. O'Neill, J. Mulholland, J. Dempsey, Denis Malone, Catriona Reilly, Michael Delahunty and A.M. Walsh

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 21st of May, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. M. Brett, Seconded by Cllr. P. Millea and agreed "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 21st of May, 2012 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- b) Minutes of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting held on the 3rd May, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, Seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick and agreed "That the minutes of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee Meeting held on the 3rd May, 2012 be and are hereby approved."
- c) Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (SPC 2) Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services & Other Policy Issues Meeting held on the 12th May, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed "That the minutes of (SPC 2) Meeting held on the 12th May, 2012 be and are hereby approved."
- d) Minutes of Piltown Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 17th May, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. C. Long, Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Irish and agreed "That the minutes of the Piltown Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 17th May, 2012 be and are hereby approved."

Cllr. P. Cuddihy extended congratulations to the following:

- Cllr. Jane Galway every good wish on her forthcoming marriage and wished her every happiness for the future.
- Cllr. Cuddihy extended best wishes to Darren O' Neill and Joanne Cuddihy who will be competing in the London Olympics and he thanked all those involved in the reception for them in the Watershed.
- Congratulations were sent to Ballyfacey & Glenmore National Schools on winning the Roinn A Camogie Schools Final.
- Hannah Carty, Wetlands on winning the All Ireland Boxing title.

Cllr. Cuddihy encouraged all to get involved in the Smarter Travel Family Fun Day organised for next Saturday on the Parade, Kilkenny.

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:-

- Tom O' Neill & Family, Aglish, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Carmel O' Neill.
- Tom & Ned Walsh, Polerone, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Walter Walsh.
- Martin Murphy, Ballynooney, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Peggy Murphy.
- Mary Nolan, 27 Lacken Drive, Kilkenny on the death of John Nolan.
- John Hennessy, Threecastles, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Patrick Hennessy.
- The Butler Family, Licketstown, Carrigeen, Via Waterford, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mick Butler.
- Tommy Walsh & Family, Clogga, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Peggy.

2. **Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council. - Gnó forordaithe do réir Reachtaíochta, Orduithe Seasta, nó rúin an Chomhairle.**

(a) **Corporate - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**

(i) **Filling of Vacancy on Kilkenny County Council caused by retirement of Cllr. Betty Manning.**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Brett, Seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and agreed:- "In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council by resolution at the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June, 2012 co-opted Cllr. David Fitzgerald to replace Betty Manning as a member of Kilkenny County Council.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald, 24 Patrick Street, Kilkenny has indicated in writing prior to the meeting that he is consenting to be co-opted if the Council decided to accept his nomination".

Cllr. P. Cuddihy welcomed Cllr. David Fitzgerald and wished him every success in his role as a County Councillor. Words of welcome were also extended by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, M. Doran & M. Noonan. Members looked forward to working with Cllr. Fitzgerald and offered the full support of members to him. Mr. Joe Crockett congratulated Cllr. Fitzgerald and he looked forward to working with him. Cllr. Fitzgerald thanked his proposer and seconder and all the members for their kind words. He stated that he is conscious that he is filling Betty Manning's seat and she has been a wonderful advocate for the people of Kilkenny.

(ii) Filling of vacancies on the following committees of Kilkenny County Council caused by retirement of Cllr. Betty Manning:-

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and agreed that "Kilkenny County Council by resolution at the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June, 2012 appointed Cllr. David Fitzgerald member of the Fine Gael party to replace Cllr. Betty Manning onto the following committee of Kilkenny County Council:- **Kilkenny Electoral Area Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and agreed that "Kilkenny County Council by resolution at the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June, 2012 appointed Cllr. David Fitzgerald member of the Fine Gael party to replace Cllr. Betty Manning onto the following committee of Kilkenny County Council:- **SPC 4 – Housing & Social Policy**

Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. B. Ireland that "Kilkenny County Council by resolution at the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June, 2012 appointed Cllr. Fidelis Doherty member of the Fine Gael party to replace Cllr. Betty Manning onto the following committee of Kilkenny County Council:- **Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances.**

It was Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. C. Long:- "Kilkenny County Council by resolution at the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June, 2012 appoint Cllr. John Coonan member of the Fianna Fail party to replace Cllr. Betty Manning onto the following committee of Kilkenny County Council:- "Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances

A vote followed:-

Those voting in favour of Cllr. F. Doherty were:- Cllrs. M. H. Cavanagh, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, C. Connery, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Brett, D. Fitzgerald, P. Cuddihy, M. Noonan, W. Ireland, T. Maher, P. Crowley, J. Galway, T. Prendergast, M. O' Brien, F. Doherty, A.M. Irish, T. Breathnach,

Those voting in favour of Cllr. J. Coonan were: - Cllrs. P. Millea, J. Coonan, M. Doran, S. Treacy, E. Aylward, and C.Long.

The proposal to nominate Cllr. F. Doherty was approved.

(iii) Draft Annual Report 2011

County Manager requested member's approval to defer consideration of the Draft Annual Report 2011 to the July Meeting. This was agreed.

(iv) Approval of Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Connery seconded by Cllr. J. Galway that Approval of Revised Standing Orders effective from 18th June, 2012 is hereby approved”

Cllr. Cuddihy advised members that following discussions with all members that meetings would be scheduled where possible on Monday's to facilitate all members. The area committees and SPC members will agree dates for their respective committees.

(v) Nomination of 2 representatives from Kilkenny County Council to the Kilkenny Tourism Board. It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed that “Cllr. C. Connery and Cllr. B. Ireland be nominated to be representatives from Kilkenny County Council to the Kilkenny Tourism Board until the next local elections.

Cllr. J. Brennan thanked the Kilkenny Tourism Board for their work in promoting tourism in Kilkenny. He stated that he has served 8 years on this Board and that funding should be in place to ensure the promotion of Kilkenny.

Cllr. M. Noonan stated that investment was needed in Tourism for the County. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan “That consideration should be given to the employment of a full time Tourism Officer for the County”.

Cllr. Coonan supported the proposal. Kilkenny needed to be represented at National level and all members supported this. Mr. Crockett advised members that a report would be prepared on how this post could be funded.

(b) Housing Disposal – Díuscairt Tithíocht

(i) Proposed by Cllr. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its leasehold interest in property at 18 Glenvale, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny to Vincent Watters and Aileen Watters in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002”.

(ii) Proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. J. Coonan and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its leasehold interest in property at 5 Hebron Park, Kilkenny to John McCormack and Susan White in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002

(c) Planning – Pléanail

(i) Manager's report on Submission to Proposed Material Alteration to Proposed Amendment 1 to Castlecomer Local Area Plan – Mr. D. Malone advised that the Managers Report dated

8th June, 2012 had been circulated to members with the agenda. The proposed material alteration to amendment 1 was on public display from 10th April, 2012 to 8th May, 2012. Two submissions were received and these are included in the report and the County Manager response to them. It is the recommendation of the County Manager that the proposed amendment 1- Material alteration to the Castlecomer Local Area Plan 2009 be approved by the members.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan “That we the members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make Amendment 1 to the Castlecomer Local Area Plan 2009 under Section 20 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010, and having considered the County Manager’s Report as circulated on the 6th March 2012, prepared in accordance with Section 20 (3)(c)(ii) of the above acts, and having considered that the Proposed Amendment should be altered in accordance with our decision made at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on 20th March, 2012, having published the proposed material alterations on the 10th of April, 2012, having considered the County Manager’s Report of the 8th June 2012, prepared in accordance with Section 20 (3)(d) of the above acts at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 18th June 2012, do hereby consider that the Castlecomer Local Area Plan should be amended in accordance with the procedures under Section 20(3) of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2010 and with our decision made at a meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 18th June 2012”. (The Amendment being the proposal published as the “Proposed Amendment” as modified by resolution of the Council 20th March 2012 and modified by any resolution dated 18th June 2012).

Cllr. M. Shortall, thanked the planning staff involved in the process and that the proposed material alteration was in the interest of proper planning.

(ii) Update on Development Plans 2014-2020

Mr. D. Malone advised members that background work on the Development Plan for 2014-2020 has been ongoing for some time. A number of organisations have been met. The 1st public consultation meeting is on the 19th June, 2012. A number of meetings have been arranged throughout the County on different issues and the public should be encouraged to attend and give their views. Cllr. Connery requested clarification on the themes of the public meetings.

Cllr. Noonan complimented the planning staff on the website “Our plan.ie” he stated that he had logged on and noted that this is a very good interactive site for the public to engage.

(d) Environment – Comhshaol

(i) Dunmore Community Fund – Presentation by Community Representatives on the Recommended Project.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy welcomed Martin Gibbons, Eddie Holohan and Roger Curran to the meeting. A power point presentation was made by the representatives of the Dunmore community on their proposed project of upgrading the Community Hall from the Community Landfill Fund. The representatives outlined to the members the current status of the building, the proposed works which have received planning permission, the committee and trustees have been set in place and the next stage of the project. It is hoped that when the hall is renovated that the community will get many benefits from it and many organisations will use it. Public consultation has taken place with the whole community and professionals have been engaged where required.

They thanked the members of the Council and the staff for all their assistance throughout the year. They also paid tribute to the working group who were involved with them during the period of operation of the landfill and the extension to the landfill a few years ago.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy thanked the group for outlining their proposed project.

Contributions were received from Cllr. J. Coonan, M. Noonan, M. Shortall and M. O' Brien. Members welcomed this project from the Dunmore Community. It will be a wonderful resource for the wider community. This is an example of a successful working relationship with Kilkenny County Council on the operation of a landfill within their community. They have shown to be a very resilient and resourceful community. The purpose of the Community Landfill Fund is to benefit worthwhile community projects. Cllr. Noonan requested the group to consider the provision of the willow boiler system.

Mr. P. O' Neill stated that Dunmore was the only landfill in operation in the City and County for a number of years. Over 12 years ago the concept of a community fund was established. He congratulated the committee on their project and for their ongoing positive engagement with the Local Authorities when issues arose in the Landfill.

He outlined to the members the various conditions attached to the resolution for the release of funds to the Dunmore Community Trust.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Coonan, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cuddihy and agreed:- "That Kilkenny County Council elected members acknowledge with thanks the presentation by the Dunmore Community Trust regarding the use of the Dunmore Community Fund and

That Kilkenny County Council agrees to the transfer of the community fund, which amounts to €235,601.38, on a staged basis, to the trustees of the Dunmore Community Trust for the purpose of a project to renovate and upgrade Dunmore Community Hall subject to the following conditions:

1. The approved project is as described in the presentation to the elected members on 18th June 2012.
2. Full planning permission, where required, shall be in place before any works can commence.
3. Any material change to the approved project shall be submitted to the full Council for approval.
4. The agreed works shall be completed within 3 years of this resolution or else any remaining monies not paid out to the Dunmore Community Trust shall remain in the fund until a new community project has been agreed by the Council.
5. A tax clearance certificate or exemption shall be supplied to the Council.
6. A Health and Safety Plan shall be prepared and the Dunmore Community Trust shall comply with all relevant Health and Safety legislation.
7. The Community Hall shall be used for the benefit of the Community.
8. Funds will be released periodically to the Trust on the basis of stage certificates submitted by the Project Manager and a final certificate on completion of all works.
9. Any monies remaining in the fund at the completion of the project will be retained by the Council pending its approval of any further project to benefit the Dunmore Community."

Community & Enterprise – Fiontar agus Pobail

Approval of grants under Community & Cultural Facilities Grant Scheme

Mr. John McCormack outlined to members the details of the Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Grant Scheme for 2012 to 2014. Report has been circulated with the full details of the proposed allocation of grants.

As previously agreed with the members, the scheme would form two parts with two separate allocations for Strategic Community Funded Grants and Community and Cultural Facilitating Grants.

The Strategic Community funded grants will benefit the whole community of Kilkenny, promote tourism activity and have a potential add on employment generating potential. These projects will be co-founded with Kilkenny Leader Partnership and Trail Kilkenny. An allocation of €300,000 (€100,000 per year) is available for this scheme. Two projects will receive funding – Outdoor Tourism Project at Graiguenamanagh and Trail Kilkenny for various trials.

The Community and Cultural Facilities Grants will be available to Communities and sporting groups. A total of €540,000 (€180,000 per

year) will be available. Maximum grant of €45,000 to apply per application.

17 applications were received for this part of the scheme. 8 were deemed eligible and the other 9 were ineligible. It is proposed to fund 5 of the eligible 8 in the year 2012.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. T. Prendergast, S. Treacy, E. Aylward, J. Galway, P. Dunphy, M. Shortall, A.M. Irish, M. Noonan, P. Cuddihy, T. Maher, M. Brett, T. Breathnach, F. Doherty, C. Connery, C. Long.

In general members welcomed the distribution of the grant allocations despite the economy situation. All committees should be congratulated on their work to provide facilities for their communities. The issue raised by members are as follows: _

- Funding the remaining 3 projects in 2012- Can money be assigned to these
- Requirement for those not funded in 2012 having to reapply in 2013.
- Funding of minority sports e.g. boxing, is to be encouraged
- Funding for other strategic projects
- Clarify why applicants were ineligible
- IPBMI Community Dividend – further details required.
- Assign IPBMI Community Dividend to the scheme

Mr. McCormack responded to the queries raised. He recommends that applications be made each year and assessed on a yearly basis, as allocations will be dependent on funds available from Development contributions Scheme. He stated that interagency involvement will be continued to advance projects and ensure best value is achieved for the funds available.

Funding for Strategic Projects has been committed in full for the 3 years period. No other strategic project will receive funding from Kilkenny County Council before 2014.

Mr. J. Dempsey replied in relation to the Social Dividend payable by IPBMI. He stated that full details of this have not been made available to the Council yet. As soon as the Local Authority receives details members will be advised. Local Authorities receive a normal dividend which is already included in the Budget for the year.

Mr. Crockett advised against approving the 3 additional eligible applicants.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast. seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy: -
“That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves the allocation of funds to the various projects as outlined in Mr. J. McCormack’s report – presented at the June meeting.

(e) Finance – Airgeadais

New Student Grant System – Update

Mr. John Dempsey referred to the report circulated to members on the new online grant scheme. The City of Dublin VEC will be the single grant awarding authority in Ireland for all new grant applications. Kilkenny County Council will continue to administer the existing grant approvals for the next 2/3 years. All new grant applications must apply online at www.studentfinance.ie Cllr. Doherty requested that the public be made aware of this change in the grant system.

**Economic Development – Report on Kilkenny County Council
Economic Development Initiatives**

Mr. John Dempsey referred to the report circulated to members with the agenda. This report was prepared by all local authorities and submitted to the Department. It summarises all the activities of Kilkenny County Council to support Economic recovery within the County.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy noted that between all the initiatives outlined that it could amount to an investment of €136m in the county over a number of years.

(f) Roads – Bóithre

National Cycling Network Fund Scheme – Notification of Grant Allocation

Mr. J. Mulholland briefed members on the grant allocation of €200,000 made to Kilkenny County Council by Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport towards the provision of a road cycling route from Carlow to Kilkenny along the R448 (Old Dublin Road). Carlow County Council applied for funding on behalf of both Local Authorities. The proposed route passes a number of heritage villages, major walking routes and 2 of the sister rivers that boost, boating, canoeing and fishing.

Cllr. Noonan welcomed the investment and stated that there is immense potential to develop cycling tourism. He requested the development of cycle trials with the county.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy noted that there are already a number of existing cycle trials. Cllr. J. Coonan referred to a cycle route study commissioned some years ago Cllr. P. Crowley supported any initiative that promotes the well being of people.

3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach

None

4. Business adjourned from a previous Meeting - Gnó ar athló ó chruinniú roimhe seo:

None.

5. Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:

(i) Schedule of meetings from June-August 2012. This was Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and agreed.

6. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the Council - Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle:

- (a)** Report and recommendation of Strategic Policy Committee No. 2 – Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services & Other Policy Issues meeting held on Friday 12th May, 2012

The report was proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and agreed. Cllr. M. Shortall stated that there is deficiencies in the provision of broadband in Castlecomer. Improvements in Broadband network are required in scheduled towns throughout the county to encourage businesses to develop. Cllr. J. Brennan supported the role out of a higher quality of broadband.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh requested that the Council write to Bus Eireann to retain the bus service through the villages from Urlingford to Portlaoise. This is an essential service for the elderly people in the rural areas who wish to get to the major towns. Cllr. Connery supported this and stated that the bus service through the villages is a vital service for the rural areas.

All members welcomed the provisions of bus shelters in various locations throughout the County.

- (b)** Report and recommendation of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 17th May, 2012

Report was proposed by Cllr. C. Long, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed.

Cllr. M. Noonan requested that a report be presented with the minutes of the Traveller Consultative Committee. This was agreed.

7. **Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting - Gnó Eile romhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe**

None.

8. **Education & Training – Oideachas agus Oiliúint**

Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list. It was Proposed by Cllr. B. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. B. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy Summary of proceedings at Conferences have been received and noted for the Councillors outlined below.

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
Tomas Breathnach	10 th February	Assoc of Municipal authorities of Ireland Spring Seminar
Pat Millea	20 th April	Nuclear developments across the Irish Sea & Sustainable Energy Communities in Ireland
Fidelis Doherty	11 th May	ACCC Reform Policy for Irish Local Government 2012
Maurice Shortall	11 th -13 th May	Community Tourism
Andrew McGuinness	25 th -26 th May	Reducing Irelands dependency on fossil fuels
M.H. Cavanagh	25 th -26 th May	“West Cork Fusion- West Cork Culture and Artisan Foods”

9. **Matters Arising from Minutes - Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí**

None

10. **Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile**

None

11. **Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:**

None

12. **Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council County Council - Fógraí i dtaobh Rúin ó Údaráis Áitiúla eile ag lorg tacaíochta ó Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh:**

17(12) **Fingal County Council – 15th May, 2012**

“Recognising the importance of tourism to the Greater Dublin Area, this Council for the immediate handover of the historic Bank of Ireland building on College Green to the Department of Heritage and Tourism”.

Noted

18(12)

South Tipperary County Council – 22nd May, 2012

“That this Council would call on the Government to implement the Construction Contracts Bill 2010 policies”

Noted

19(12)

Newry and Mourne District Council- 17th May, 2012

“Following the All Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) Forum meeting in Dundalk Town Hall, County Louth, on the 20th April 2012, that raised concerns about Britain’s plans for new nuclear power developments, including:

- The development of up to 14 new nuclear reactors close to the Irish Sea coast including Sellafield (Cumbria), Heysham (Lancashire), Wylfa (Anglesey), Oldbury (Gloucestershire) and Hinkley Point (Somerset) discharging around 65 radionuclides into the Irish Sea, including tritium, which re-concentrates and bio-accumulates;
- The development of a possible plutonium reprocessing plant at the Sellafield facility which will reprocess the UK's 104 tonnes of weapons usable plutonium and inevitably further increase radioactive discharges into the Irish Sea;
- The potential development of a deep-underground 'geological disposal facility' in West Cumbria, where major concerns exist over the suitability of the geology, long-term corrosion of containers, the build-up of gas pressure and the leakage of radiation at such a site;
- The increase of shipments of radioactive materials through the Irish Sea in ships that are over 25 years old, with all the incumbent risks they pose;
- The commencement of shipments of redundant heat exchangers through the Irish Sea from decommissioned UK Magnox nuclear reactors;
 - And at a time when, under the OSPAR marine treaty radioactive discharges into the Irish Sea should reach 'close to zero' by 2020 and the risks associated with nuclear power are being revised upward following the Fukushima disaster.

This Council resolves to:

- Raise these concerns with the Minister for the Environment, and the Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland (RPII);
- Urge the Government to be more vocal and pro-active in raising formal opposition to the development of new nuclear facilities with the British Government;

- Seek early publication and promotion of the RPII's analysis of the marine risks of the UK new nuclear build programme;
- Urge the Government to raise its concerns over UK new nuclear build at the OSPAR Commission to ensure that the treaty commitment to reduce radioactive discharges in the Irish Sea and the North East Atlantic to 'close to zero' by 2020 is fully met;
- Fully support Ireland's legal status as a 'nuclear free' state and work with like-minded cities and countries in Europe who share the same aim;
- Be fully involved in the work of the All Ireland Nuclear Free Local Authorities Forum (including the paying of an annual affiliation fee for its continued operation), as Ireland's local government voice on nuclear issues and in full co-operation with like-minded Councils in England, Scotland and Wales."

Cllr. M. Noonan requested that an item on Nuclear Free Local Authorities and new Nuclear Power Developments be placed on the agenda for discussion. This was seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach.

20(12) Waterford City Council – 28th May, 2012

1. "Waterford City Council calls on the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government to resource a national Ad Campaign to highlight the anti social nature and health risks of dog fouling on public paths, parks and beaches etc, and to increase awareness of the responsibility of dog owners in this matter"
2. "That Waterford City Council call on the HSE and the Minister for Health Dr. James O' Reilly to review the long-term illness scheme to include Lupus as a long-term chronic illness"
3. "Waterford City Council supports the EU proposal to abolish the Sugar Quota regime in 2015, as this will allow Ireland the opportunity to re-establish the sugar beet processing industry in this country. This Council requests the Minister for Agriculture to support the abolition of quotas in 2015".

Cllr. M. Shortall stated that there has been a noticeable increase in dogs fouling throughout the county and requested a report to be presented to the members at the next SPC and Council Meeting.

Contributions were also made by Cllr. J. Coonan, T. Maher, J. Brennan and P. Cuddihy.

21(12) Donegal County Council- 1st June, 2012

"Donegal County Council requests the Minister for Health and Children, Dr. James Reilly to instruct the H.S.E to carry out, as a

matter of urgency, a review of the Long Term Illness Scheme with a view to including Long Term Debilitating Illnesses which are not presently recognised by the present Scheme”.

Noted

The concluded the business of the meeting.

Cllr. Paul Cuddihy thanked all members and staff for the courtesy and consideration given to him at meetings over the last year.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____