

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AT 2.30 P.M. VIA MS TEAMS

Chair: *Council Chamber:* Cllr. Andrew McGuinness.

Cllrs: *MS Teams:* Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Martin Brett, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Fidelis Doherty, Maria Dollard, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Joe Lyons, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Eugene McGuinness & Patrick O'Neill.

Officials: *Council Chamber:* Colette Byrne, Martin Prendiville & Anne Maria Walsh.

MS Teams: Tim Butler, Sean McKeown, Mary Mulholland, Denis Malone, Frank Stafford & Úna Kealy.

1. **Material Contravention of the Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2025**

Mr. Denis Malone, Senior Planner presented the Chief Executive's Report of the proposed Material Contravention of the Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2025. He advised that a planning application [P20/189] was received for the development of 41 houses and 8 serviced sites adjoining an existing residential development known as Friary Walk, Callan, Co. Kilkenny. The lands in question are currently zoned agriculture land in the Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2025. Therefore, a material contravention of this Plan would be required to enable this application to be granted permission. The Planning Department deemed it appropriate to grant permission having assessed the application.

Public notice was given to the proposed material contravention. Two submissions were received and have been considered. The Chief Executive has prepared her report. The Chief Executive has included in her report the reasons/consideration given for granting the material contravention.

It is recommended that the proposed development [P20/189] should be granted as a material contravention of the Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2025. This requires 18 Elected Members voting in favour. The Council would then issue a normal grant of planning.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Matt Doran and Joe Lyons stating that the proposed development would provide much needed housing for first time buyers and also delivery of Part 5 houses for the Council. The houses proposed are A rated and there is a demand for these in Callan.

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Joe Lyons that:

"That in accordance with Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, a Decision to Grant Planning Permission shall be made, as a material contravention of the Callan Local Area Plan 2019 and subject to appropriate conditions, to:

*Andrew Glennon, Sion Road
c/o Gittens Murray Architects Ltd, 5 William Street , Kilkenny*

for construction of 41 No. 2 storey semi-detached and terraced housing units, 8 No. residential serviced sites together with proposed boundary treatments, landscaping and all associated site development works. The proposed road network and services to connect to existing residential development known as Friary Walk (Planning Permission ref. 99-1809 & 10-458)."

Ref. No. in Planning Register – P.20/189

Voting in Favour of the proposed material contravention [21] are as follows:

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| ▪ <i>Tomás Breathnach</i> | ▪ <i>Michael Delaney</i> | ▪ <i>Ger Frisby</i> |
| ▪ <i>John Brennan</i> | ▪ <i>Fidelis Doherty</i> | ▪ <i>Joe Lyons</i> |
| ▪ <i>Martin Brett</i> | ▪ <i>Maria Dollard</i> | ▪ <i>Joe Malone</i> |
| ▪ <i>Mary Hilda Cavanagh</i> | ▪ <i>Matt Doran</i> | ▪ <i>Michael McCarthy</i> |
| ▪ <i>Peter Cleere</i> | ▪ <i>Michael Doyle</i> | ▪ <i>Andrew McGuinness</i> |
| ▪ <i>John Coonan</i> | ▪ <i>Pat Dunphy</i> | ▪ <i>Eugene McGuinness</i> |
| ▪ <i>Deirdre Cullen</i> | ▪ <i>Pat Fitzpatrick</i> | ▪ <i>Patrick O'Neill</i> |

Voting Against: None

2. **Proposed Part 8 – The Kilkenny Biodiversity and Recreational Countryside Park**

Mr. Frank Stafford referred to the information document circulated this week to Members on the proposed Biodiversity and Recreational Countryside Park. He advised the Members that the Council wishes to develop this Park on the site of the now closed Municipal Landfill at Dunmore, Co. Kilkenny. The site is approx. 17 acres and is bounded by agriculture lands, houses and the GAA Training Facility. The Park will be connected back into the City along the River Nore Linear Park. The Park will cater for all age groups for Passive & Active Recreation, Education and Exploration and Nature & Biodiversity.

It is proposed to commence shortly the Part 8 process for planning permission for the Park. An application for funding under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme is being submitted next week.

Cllrs. John Coonan and Andrew McGuinness welcomed this proposal for a new Park for the County. They thanked Frank Stafford and staff for the work involved in preparing the proposal for Part 8 and the funding application.

Meeting then concluded.

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