

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny Council held on Monday 17th of May, 2010 at
3.00p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Michael O' Brien,

Present: Cllrs. M. H. Cavanagh, P. Millea, M. Shortall, J. Brennan,
A. McGuinness, M. Brett, B. Manning, P. Cuddihy, M. Noonan,
M. Doran, W. Ireland, P. Crowley, T. Maher, S. Treacy, P. O' Neill,
A. Phelan, E. Aylward, A. M. Irish, F. Doherty,
C. Long, T. Breathnach, P. Dunphy.

Apologies: Cllrs. J. Coonan, C. Connery and M. Fitzpatrick.

Also Present: J. Crockett County Manager, P. O' Neill, J. McCormack, J. Mulholland
Directors of Services, J. Dempsey Head of Finance, S. Walton Senior
Engineer, K. Hanley & M. Mullally Senior Executive Officers, D. Shortall
Administrative Officer, M. Newport Senior Social Worker and Adrian
Waldron Meetings Administrator.

Before the formal commencement of the meeting, presentations were made to representatives from Gowran Golf Club and Ballyhale Shamrocks Hurling Club to mark their recent All Ireland success.

Votes of Sympathy:-

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr. Joe Walsh, Ballinlammy, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny a former employee of Kilkenny County Council. The County Manager joined with the members in the vote of sympathy.
Contribution Cllr. F. Doherty.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Paddy Clancy, Tinamona, Callan, Co. Kilkenny the founder of Kilkenny Crystal. Members contributing spoke of his involvement in community activities in Callan such as Mount Carmel and the Callan Golf Club.
Contributions Cllrs, T. Maher and P. Crowley.

- Mary Doherty & Family, Moulerstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Willie Fitzgerald.
- Mrs. Mary Prendergast, Ballynunnery, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Paddy Kinsella.
- Michael Murphy (Snr) Ballyfacey, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mary Macauley.
- Margaret Walsh & Family, Ballinlammy, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Joe Walsh.
- The Cleary Family, Portnascully, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Michael Cleary.
- The Everett Family, Main Street, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Lena Doyle.
- Mary Lanigan, St. Fiaccres Place, Kilkenny on the death of Jim Lanigan.

- Johnny Cleary, Portnascully, Carrigeen, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Michael Cleary.
- Maura Barry, Ballygown, Kilmoganny, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Pierce Barry.
- Shemus Murphy, Windgap, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Joan Murphy.
- Mary Kealy, Castlewarren, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Eamon Kealy.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a)** Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 19th of April, 2010

Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and resolved:- “That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 19th of April, 2010 copy of which had been circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved”.

- (b)** Minutes of Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on 24th March, 2010

Proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and resolved:- “That the minutes of Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on 24th March, 2010 copy of which had been circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved”.

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

(a) Other Disposal - Díuscairt Eile

- (i)** Proposed by Cllr. P. O’ Nell, Seconded by Cllr. A. Phelan and resolved:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in land at Tullaherin Church, Co. Kilkenny to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in accordance with details contained in the Notice served under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001”.
- (ii)** Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and resolved:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in land at Leggetsrath, Kilkenny to John Bergin in accordance with details contained in the Notice served under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001”. (Notice sent to members on the 6th May, 2010).

At this juncture it was agreed to move to item 2(f) Finance as this item had been on the agenda since the March meeting.

(f) Finance – Airgeadas

- (i)** Annual Financial Statement 2009

Proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, Seconded by Cllr. B. Ireland:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of Excess Expenditure for year ending 31st December, 2009 as follows in accordance with S104(2) Local Government Act, 2001”.

Following the presentation of Annual Financial Statement by John Dempsey Head of Finance, a number of questions were made by members relating to the report:-

- Query relating to running costs of dog shelter
- Query relating to the county charge
- Query relating to decline in income from development levies over the past two years. John Dempsey to revert at the next meeting.
- Query relating to the levels of motor tax income to County Kilkenny over the last year.
- Query in relation to the cost of road materials.
- Query regarding the possibility of the use of Newrath area office as a motor tax office on one day a month.

The County Manager and Head of Finance responded to the queries and members contributing expressed satisfaction with the low level of over expenditure considering the difficult financial situation facing Kilkenny County Council in 2009.

Contributions Cllrs. M. H. Cavanagh, M. O’ Brien, P. Millea, P. O’ Neill, J. Brennan, C. Long

At this juncture the meeting reverted to the order of business on the agenda.

(b) Housing – Tithíocht

Adoption of Regional Homeless Plan

This item was presented by John McCormack Director of Services and Margaret Newport Senior Social Worker. Mr. McCormack outlined to the meeting that local Homeless Action Plans have been put on a statutory basis are part of a Regional Homeless Action Plan. The Relevant statutory legislation is the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009.

In response to queries from members, Margaret Newport outlined the process where the homeless action team which comprises of the various statutory and non statutory agencies that deal with homeless or potentially homeless people meet on a weekly basis. Because of this interagency process, there is a more seamless service with a common referral form, thus allowing the various agencies to make arrangements if they become aware of a likely person to become homeless.

There was also a debate regarding the various voluntary housing schemes.

Members contributing expressed satisfaction with the progress which has been made to improve how we deal with the issue of homelessness in the City and County of Kilkenny.

Following the discussion on same it was proposed by Cllr. C. Long, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher: - "That in accordance with the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 Kilkenny Local Authorities approve the Homeless Action Plan 2010/2013 as per the report circulated with the agenda for this meeting".

Contributions: - Cllrs. T.Breathnach, P. Crowley, M. Noonan, M. Shortall, A. Phelan, B. Manning.

(c) Water Services - Seirbhísí Slántaíochta

Presentation on Water Services – Financial Implications
Item deferred

(d) Planning - Pleanail

Report on Unfinished Housing Estates

An updated report was circulated before commencement of this meeting.

Following a discussion as to whether it would be appropriate to postpone this item until Kilkenny County Council has a formal policy in place, it was agreed that the meeting would proceed with the presentation.

A presentation was made on this item by Martin Mullally Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department. The presentation outlined details of the total number of planning permissions granted within the last ten years, amount of houses, houses still under construction and houses which have not commenced construction. The presentation also detailed the challenges that are currently presenting themselves within the taking in charge process. Mr. Mullally outlined how Kilkenny County Council operate the process in practice and the ongoing discussions and reviews of this situation with developers.

Following the presentation and a detailed debate on this issue, the County Manager confirmed to the meeting that the scale of the problem in Kilkenny is lower than elsewhere within the Country. He further confirmed that on the advice of the Local Government Auditor much work had been done in the last few years by Kilkenny County Council to examine bond adequacy and following this exercise the adequacy of our procedures had been externally validated by the auditor.

It was agreed that management would revert to the members with proposals as to how to streamline the taking in charge process. However, he acknowledged the difficulties that arise due to current reductions of staff

numbers. It was further agreed that members views and suggestions in response to the letter from the Department of the Environment would be taken on board. As suggested, Management are to write to the Department in accordance with recommendations made at this meeting that an elected representative and a community representative should be included as part of the multi-disciplinary Unfinished Housing Developments Team recently established by the department.

In response to concerns raised by the members, it was agreed that where Kilkenny County Council become aware that a building is dangerous, they can take emergency action. It was also clarified that there is a role for the Health and Safety Authority in these instances.

Contributions: - Cllrs. P. O' Neill, M. Shortall, T. Maher, P. Dunphy, M. Doran, P. Cuddihy, T. Breathnach, A.M. Irish.

(e) Corporate - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

(i) Change in nomination to SPC 3 – Business/Industry.

Dee Gibney, Gibney Property Consultants, Provincial House, Patrick Street, Kilkenny to replace Trish Finegan.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O' Neill, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and resolved; - "That the above named would replace Trish Finnegan on the Environment SPC".

(ii) Draft Annual Report 2009

Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cuddihy and resolved: - "That the Draft Annual Report for 2009 be and is hereby adopted".

The Cathaoirleach asked members to contact corporate staff with any amendments that they may have.

(iii) Presentation on Broadband – Kevin Hanley Head of Information Systems.

Mr. Kevin Hanley Head of Information Systems for Kilkenny Local Authorities gave a presentation on broadband which covered the following:-

- Details of different types of broadband
- Enabled exchanges
- A national broadband scheme
- Metropolitan Area Networks
- Belview Port
- The role of the local authority

Following the presentation there was a number of strategic and operational questions to which Mr. Hanley responded. It was proposed by Cllr. Pat O' Neill, Seconded by Cllr. Sean Treacy and resolved: - "That [Kilkenny County Council](#) writes [to the Minister for Communications to request that he extend the National Broadband Scheme to all DEDs in Co Kilkenny.](#)"

Contributions:- Cllrs. F. Doherty, A. Phelan, E. Aylward, P. Crowley, S. Treacy, T. Breathnach.

(g) Roads – Bóithre

Under this item Cllr. Cora Long raised concerns about a misleading sign at the Thatch pub. Cllr. Martin Brett raised concerns again about the lack of a sign for Kilkenny on the motorway out of Waterford.

John Mulholland said that he would have these matters examined.

(i) Amenity Grants for 2010

It was proposed by Cllr. B. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and resolved: -
“That Kilkenny County Council hereby approve amenity grants for the year 2010 in accordance with the report forwarded to members”.

A query arose around reference numbers 38(10) and 58(10) – Gairdin an Goirte whether there was any duplication. It was agreed that this would be clarified.

In response to queries from members, John Mulholland Director of Services confirmed that there was no further funding under this grant scheme for 2010. It was agreed to revert back to the meeting in a few month’s time to clarify if any funding was still available through unspent 2009 monies. It was noted by members that due to the age profile living in some estates, applications are not being made by them for amenity grants and for general improvement works. It was agreed that Kilkenny County Council would write to the Minister for Social Protection to examine the extension of Community Employment Schemes to target specific estates where due to the age profile of the occupants various amenity works are not taking place”

Contributions: - Cllrs. C. Long, M. Brett, T. Maher, A. Phelan, M. H. Cavanagh, F. Doherty.

(ii) Part 8 Report and Recommendation regarding Salt Barn Infrastructure

Proposed by Cllr. E. Aylward, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and resolved: -
“That in accordance with the provisions of Part 8 Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2008 Kilkenny County Council approves proposals for the development of Salt Barn infrastructure to service the winter maintenance needs of County Kilkenny as per the report and recommendation of 13th May, 2010 which was circulated to all members”.

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:

(a) Schedule of meetings from May - July 2010 – Agreed.

(b) Fix Date for Annual Meeting – Suggested Date Friday 25th of June - It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of Kilkenny County Council would be held on Friday 25th of June, 2010.

6. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the Council

- Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle:

(a) Report on Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 19th November, 2009 (Deferred from February Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. A. Phelan
Report presented by Cllr. A. Phelan

(b) Report on Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on Monday 21st December, 2009 (Deferred from February Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and resolved:-
Report presented by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh.

(c) Report on SPC 3 Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning meeting held on 3rd February, 2010 (Deferred from February Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. E. Aylward, Seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh

(d) Report on Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 5th February, 2010 (Deferred from February Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and resolved.
In response to queries arising from the minutes, John Mulholland informed the meeting that we had written to the NRA seeking a delegation with regard to the issue of flooding at Dunkitt. Mr. Mulholland informed the meeting that Kilkenny County Council had tendered for an Engineer's report on that flooding. The result of the tendering process would be finalised this week and a report on same was likely to be completed in approximately 2 months time.

(e) Report on Special Meeting of Forward Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee SPC 1 held on 8th February, 2010 (Deferred from March Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and resolved.

- (f) Report of SPC 5 Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Education Meeting held on 11th February, 2010 (Deferred from March Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. A. Phelan report presented by Cllr. J. Brennan.
- (g) Report on Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 24th February, 2010 (Deferred from March Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. A. Phelan, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and resolved.
- (h) Report on Kilkenny Electoral Area Meeting held on 8th February, 2010 (Deferred from April Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy “That the contents of this report would be noted as no member of the Kilkenny Electoral area was currently in the chamber”.
- (i) Report on Strategic Policy Committee 2 Meeting held on 31st March, 2010 (Deferred from April Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. A. Phelan and resolved.
Report presented by Cllr. J. Brennan.
- (j) Report on SPC 3 Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning Meeting held on 7th April, 2010 (Deferred from April Meeting)
Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and resolved.
- (k) Report on Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on 24th March, 2010 (copy of report attached)
Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and resolved.
Report presented by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh.

7. Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting - Gnó Eile romhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe
None

8. Education & Training

Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list. Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and resolved as per circulated list.

It was agreed that management would check out the situation regarding the availability of i-phones.

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

South Eastern River Basin Management Plan

The County Manager and Philip O' Neill, Director of Services drew member's attention to the resolution that had been adopted by the Members at the 19TH April Council meeting concerning the South Eastern River Basin Management Plan .The Plan was adopted subject to conditions. Notice had been received from the Department of the Environment that there was a legal issue with the resolution that had been forwarded by Kilkenny County Council. They indicated that they received legal advise from the Attorney General's office that the plan has to be a joint plan and that those plans which have been subject to amendments should be regarded as not been validly made under the Statutory Instrument as the regulations require the making of one plan and the relevant Local Authorities to jointly agree a Plan

If individual Authorities under a river basin unilaterally attach conditions to what was a jointly agreed plan, the Departments advise is there is no longer a jointly agreed unitary plan for the river basin and therefore the objective of the Directive has not been achieved

They consider that the resolution adopted by Kilkenny County Council on the 19th April appears to propose such amendments and as a result the adoption cannot be considered to be in compliance with the Directive or Regulations

The Department further advise that the adoption should now proceed by executive function and that the concerns of the members as expressed by their resolution can be conveyed by the Manager to the Minister

The County Manager indicated that he was now proceeding to adopt by executive function the plan without conditions and that he was also conveying the concerns of the Members as expressed in their resolution to the Minister for the Environment Heritage and Local Government

Arising from a question from Clr. Maher the County Manager indicated that there was 11 other Counties in a similar position

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

1(10) Cllr. Catherine Connery – Deferred from February

“That additional funds be made available by the Department of Transport to Kilkenny County Council to deal with the consequences of the damage done to roads arising from recent severe winter weather in North Kilkenny”.

2(10) Cllr. Catherine Connery – Deferred from February

“That the National Roads Authority include road improvements between Durrow and Kilkenny as part of its road investment programme”.

3(10) Cllr. John Coonan – Deferred from February

“That Kilkenny County Council extend an invitation to Mr. Liam Keane National Planning Specialist for Addiction Services with the HSE to address the Local Authority”.

The above items 1(10) 2(10) and 3(10) were Deferred as the Councillors moving the motions were not in attendance at this meeting.

4(10) Cllrs. Cora Long & Eamon Aylward – Deferred from February

Proposed by Cllr. C. Long, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and resolved: - “That the Minister for Communications Eamon Ryan, would examine introducing the option of making it possible to pay television licences on a quarterly or half yearly basis similar to the situation that pertains for car tax as the licence fee is now €180 for the year which is causing financial hardship for people”.

6(10) Cllrs. Ann Phelan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Maurice Shortall, Tomas Breathnach and Michael O’ Brien. Deferred from March Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. A. Phelan and resolved:- “That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment & Local Government to properly fund the Radon Gas issue as a matter of urgency”.

7(10) Cllrs. Tomas Breathnach, Ann Phelan, Marie Fitzpatrick, Maurice Shortall and Michael O’ Brien. Deferred from March Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and resolved: - “Kilkenny County Council should write to the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to seek an increase in the rate of grant assistance per household for group sewerage schemes to a minimum of €6,000 in order to make the cost of such schemes more affordable to householders and in the interest of the protection of groundwater and other environmental considerations”.

8(10) Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty & Martin Brett

“That Kilkenny County Council contact persons holding either a 3 year or a 10 year full driving licence when the expiry date is approaching in order to allow them to process their renewal application before the expiry date is reached”.

It was agreed that the County Manager would examine the terms of the notice of the motion put forward by Cllr. Doherty and supported by Cllr. Brett to see whether it was feasible for Kilkenny County Council to issue reminders for persons holding either a 3 year or 10 year full driving licence when the expiry date is approaching in order to allow them to process their renewal application before the expiry date is reached.

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:

The Cathaoirleach asked members to highlight any specific notice of motion which they wished to draw to the attention of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. A. Phelan, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher: - "That Kilkenny County Council support the notice of motion as outlined in reference 18(10) as received from Kildare County council on the 4th of March, 2010".

It was agreed that this Notice of motion would be forwarded to the Association of County and City Councils for their attention.

Notices of Motion 1(10) – 17(10) and 19(10) – 31(10) were duly noted.

1(10) Monaghan Town Council – 12th January, 2010

"In light of the continuing decrease in monthly residential rents in the private sector, that this Council write to the Minister John Gormley, Department of Environment and Local Government seeking similar decreases to rents imposed by Local Authorities to their tenants and that the reduction in revenue to the Council is subvented through the Local Government Fund allocation to each Council".

2(10) Limerick Council Council – 13th January, 2010

"That, Limerick County Council requests the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to reverse the decision to give the National Roads Authority the management of regional and local roads investment".

3(10) Killarney Town Council – 15th January, 2010

"That Killarney Town Council calls on the Minister for Enterprise and Employment to ensure the retention of the minimum wage"

4(10) Limerick County Council – 19th January, 2010

"That Limerick County Council calls upon the Government to allow persons in co. Limerick flooded in August 2008 become eligible for consideration for compensation in the recently allowed scheme; that the Government establish under statute a single competent authority to manage and maintain the country's waterways; that

an adequate maintenance schedule for every river and stream in the country be developed; and that the State revoke planning permissions granted for developments not yet commenced on flood plains”.

5(10) Limerick County Council – 19th January, 2010

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to nominate one agency to take control of our rivers nationally; that the agency would identify a time of the year for local authorities, landowners, communities and other organisations to clean and dredge the river banks, beds, and bridges; and that this motion be circulated to all other authorities for support”.

6(10) Limerick County Council – 19th January, 2010

“That, Limerick County Council requests the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to lift the embargo on the employment of outdoor staff in order to protect the investment in the county road network”.

7(10) Galway County Council – 28th January, 2010

“That Galway County Council initiates an alliance of all Local Authorities to lobby the Minister for Transport for additional funding to properly address the condition of our roads”.

8(10) Limerick County Council – 3rd February, 2010

“That Limerick County Council calls upon the Government to establish a Shannon River Basin Authority”.

9(10) Wicklow Town Council – 3rd February, 2010

“Wicklow Town Council write to the following Ministers, requesting that they immediately review the legislation and bring forward proposals to ban “Head Candy Shops”. There are serious concerns with regard to the potential effects of the product sold in these shops. This is an issue of national concern and one that has serious consequences for families all over the country. Further, that we circulate this resolution to all Town Councils and request that they also write to the relevant Ministers on this very important matter”.

10(10) Carrick on Suir Town Council – 10th February, 2010

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Justice to introduce as a matter of urgency legislation to regulate the “Head Shop” industry in Ireland and to make provisions to control all products being sold by these outlets”.

11(10) Donegal County Council – 15th February, 2010

That the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government be requested to review and revise current arrangements for the funding and operation of the Coroner's Services".

12(10) Carlow County Council – 17th February, 2010

"That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to change the basis on which commercial rates are calculated so that location of premises, size of premises and most importantly ability to pay are factors used when calculating the amount of money owing".

13(10) Tipperary Town Council – 25th February, 2010

"That this Council call on Transport Minister Noel Dempsey and Environment Minister John Gormley to reverse their decision not to provide emergency funding to repair roads damaged by recent bad weather. That this motion be circulated to all town and County Council".

14(10) Ennis Town Council – 25th February, 2010

"That Ennis Town Council request Health Minister Mary Harney and Justice Minister Dermot Aherne immediately put a framework in place to regulate the operation of Headshops".

15(10) Tipperary Town Council – 1st March, 2010

"That this Council, write to the Minister for Health calling on her to instruct the H.S.E not to proceed with the downgrading and possible closure of South Tipperary General Hospital as this decision will have a huge effect on people's health and peace of mind in the County of Tipperary".

16(10) Sligo Borough Council – 2nd March, 2010

"That Sligo Borough Council support the measures contained in the proposals forwarded to the Minister for Finance Mr. Brian Lenihan in August 2009 to prevent any unwarranted repossessions of family homes in the state by Financial Institutions. It is important that legislative changes are made as soon as possible in advance of the full impact of the decline in the Irish Economy on individual family homeowners and mortgagees".

17(10) Sligo Borough Council – 2nd March, 2010

"That Sligo Borough Council calls on the Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan to introduce a NAMA Style Scheme for the 44,000 plus households facing serious arrears in meeting their mortgage payments. This scheme to include a provision for writing off or forgiving borrowers a slice of their home loans, to bring them more in

line with current market values of their homes. This motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities”.

18(10) Kildare County Council – 4th March, 2010

“This Council calls on the Government to abandon the policy of leasing houses for social housing rather than buying them and that where the Council is buying a number of homes in a development that they be scattered randomly throughout the development rather than clustered together”.

19(10) South Tipperary County Council – 5th March, 2010

“That South Tipperary County Council requests the Minister for Health and Children, Ms. Mary Harney, T.D., to reverse the H.S.E.’s decision to centralise all medical card processing to the PCRS Offices in Dublin”.

20(10) Balbriggan Town Council – 5th March, 2010

“Balbriggan Town Council call on the Minister for Education not to cut back on the number of Special Needs Assistants in our schools”.

21(10) Donegal County Council – 11th March, 2010

“That Donegal County Council discuss the need to reduce or indeed abolish water charges on community, voluntary and churches in this County”.

22(10) Clonmel Borough Council – 23rd March, 2010

“That Clonmel Borough Council calls on the Minister for Education and Science to immediately reverse the shocking decision to reduce the number of “SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANTS” providing an invaluable service to children in our Education System, and furthermore that this motion be forwarded to all other Local Authorities”.

“That Clonmel Borough Council request the Minister for Justice, Equity, & Law Reform to introduce Legislation to ban or control the sale of dangerous subsistence from Head Shops throughout the 26 Counties. New laws are urgently needed to cover the sale of dangerous substances from Head Shops”.

“That Clonmel Borough Council requests the Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney, T.D., to reverse the HSE decision to centralise all Medical Card processing, to the PCRS Offices in Dublin. This proposed transfer will result in a total melt down of medical card processing and will restrict the number of medical cards issued”.

23(10) Waterford City Council – 23rd March, 2010

“Waterford City Council notes:-

- The proliferation of “Head Shops” across the state and their availability locally.
- The concern of parents, health professionals and drug awareness workers about the availability and the chemical composition of the products on sale.
- The dishonest way products for sale in these shops are marketed and sold and calls for:-

- Urgent Government intervention to provide a regulatory framework for this industry.
- EU and National legislation to deal with the marketing, advertising and packaging of products in this area.
- Increased funding for community based drug education programmes.

24(10) Waterford City Council – 23rd March 2010

“That Waterford City Council writes to the Health Service Executive to urge the implementation of the Comhairle na nOspideal’s (2003) recommendation on the appointment of four dermatologists for the South East Region together with ancillary staff and facilities”.

25(10) Limerick County Council – 7th April 2010

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley, T.D., to defer the carbon tax which is due to come into effect on 1st May 2010, until the economy improves”.

26(10) Donegal County Council – 14th April, 2010

“Recognising that the recent decision to ban certain substances sold in “Head Shops” is welcome, Donegal County Council calls on the government to bring legislation to ban all “Head Shops” and the sale of all psychoactive drugs associated with them”.

27(10) Carlow County Council – 15th April, 2010

“That we the members of Carlow County Council call on the Minister for Finance and the Government to reverse the Carbon Tax announced in last December’s budget”.

28(10) Carlow County Council – 15th April, 2010

“That Carlow County Council call for the Home Energy Saving Grant and Warmer Homes Scheme Grant handled by Sustainable Energy Ireland to come under the control of each relevant local authority”.

29(10) Donegal County Council – 28th April, 2010

“That the Council call on the Government not to introduce V.A.T. charges on Council services under January 1st, 2011”.

30(10) Clones Town Council – 28th April, 2010

“That this Council calls on Minister Batt O’ Keeffe, Minister for Enterprise Trade and Employment to work with the regular to ensure that the UK/Northern Ireland business is re-opened with immediate effect to safeguard the 2800 highly skilled jobs at Quinn Insurance”.

31(10) Cobh Town Council – 29th April, 2010

“That this Council supports that “Justice for Robert Delaney Campaign” and the recently established website www.innocentvictimsofviolence.ie which was set up by the Delaney Family as a forum of support and information for the campaign and furthermore calls on any citizen with information on the callous crime with resulted in Robert’s hospitalisation to inform the Gardai of any such information”.

This concluded the business of the meeting. The meeting concluded at 5.55 p.m.

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