

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday  
20<sup>th</sup> February, 2012**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. P. Cuddihy

**Councillors:** Cllrs. M.H. Cavanagh, P. Millea, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, J. Coonan, M. Brett, A. McGuinness, 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, B. Manning, M. Fitzpatrick

**Apologies:** Cllr. M. Noonan

**In attendance:** J. Crockett, J. McCormack, P. O'Neill, J. Dempsey, J. Mulholland, Denis Malone, Catriona Reilly, Catriona Bambrick, Dearbhla Ledwidge and A.M Walsh

**1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:**

- (a)** Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012. Proposed by Cllr F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick and agreed "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (b)** Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting held on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. J. Galway and agreed "That the minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (c)** Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed "That the minutes of the Statutory Budget Meeting held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (d)** Minutes of Forward Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC 1) Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed "That the minutes of the Minutes of Forward Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC 1) Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (e)** Minutes of Internal Audit Committee Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. E. Aylward, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and agreed " That the minutes of the Internal Audit Committee Meeting held

on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.”

- (f)** Minutes of Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. B. Ireland and agreed “That the minutes of the Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.”
- (g)** Minutes of Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed “ That the minutes of the Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.”
- (h)** Minutes of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed “That the minutes of the Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.”
- (i)** Minutes of Kilkenny Electoral Area Special Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. J. Coonan, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and agreed “That the minutes of the Kilkenny Electoral Area Special Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.”
- (j)** Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (3) – Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. M. Brett, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and agreed “That the minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee (3) – Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.”

Cathaoirleach Cllr. P. Cuddihy advised the meeting that he was going to allow a number of members to raise issues not listed on the agenda for the meeting.

- Cllr. J. Galway raised an issue in relation to leasing of land for the proposed community playground in Bennettsbridge. The agencies involved requires different terms for lease of the land. She requested that communities be supported where joint funding is in place for projects and that a consensus is required for the conditions of the funding.
- Cllr. P. Dunphy noted his disappointment that the capital recreational scheme was not listed on the agenda. The County Manager advised the members that the proposed scheme was referred back to the CPG for further consideration and it would be on the agenda for the March meeting.
- Cllr. P. Cuddihy requested that the local authority enter into discussions with the National Museum in relation to the return of bodies found years ago at the Black Abbey. The County Manager advised that he had a meeting with the museum and that progress has been made in resolving the issues.

- Cllr. B. Manning requested an update on the progress on providing long term car parking on the edge of Kilkenny City. This is an objective in the County and City Development Plans.
- Cllr. M. Brett asked that bus service be incorporated for the City in any future plans.

Mr. John Mulholland advised that discussions have been held with land owners and the local authority are making efforts to get the best solution here.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy extended congratulations to the following:-

- St. Patrick's GAA Club in Ballyragget who won the All Ireland Junior Club Hurling Championship.
- John Ramsbottom, John Comerford, Mark Murphy, Alan Hosey and Thomas Coonan who won gold medals in the All Ireland Racquetball championships.
- Brian Ireland for winning the County Kilkenny Ploughing Championship.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy sent best wishes on behalf of the elected members to the 13 staff members of Kilkenny Local Authorities who are retiring this month. He thanked all the staff for their work during their employment with Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Borough Council.

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following:-

- Brid Hynes, Community and Enterprise Section, Kilkenny County Council on the death of her mother Bridget Hynes.
- Coilin O'Drisceoil, Tulla, Threecastles, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his wife Emma Devine.
- Hilary Delahunty, Curraghmartin, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her brother, Ger Delahunty.
- Thomas Quinlan and Family, Kilcronagh House, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his father Patrick Quinlan.
- Mrs. Power, Bunty's Lane, Dangan, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband, John Power.
- Eamon Monaghan, Dangan, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his wife Bernie Monaghan.
- Joe Breen, Knocknadogue, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his wife Brigid Breen.
- Anna Culleton, Kilbride, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband, Jim Culleton.
- Jim Kennedy & Family, Kilculliheen, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his father Paddy Kennedy.
- Josephine Caulfied, Robinstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her father Patrick Quinlan.
- Margaret Phelan, Luffany, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her mother Philomena Hennebry.
- Robert Dunphy and Family, 9 Silverwood, Rockshire Road, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his wife Helen Dunphy.

- Ann Cefai and Family, Ballinlaw, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her mother Peg Walsh.
- Mr. T. Cody, 49 Fatima Place, Kilkenny on the death of his mother Mrs. Cody.
- Angela Byrne, Barrack Hill, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Pat Byrne.
- John Dungan, Ballyglassoon, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his sister Mary Dungan.
- Ger Power and Family, Dangan, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his brother John Power.
- The Kennedy Family, Rathculiheen, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Pat Kennedy.
- Tommy Walsh, Ballygriffin, Carrigeen, Via Waterford on the death of his brother Jimmy Walsh.
- The Brennan Family, Mountneill, Carrigeen, Via Waterford on the death of Frank Carr.
- The Power Family, Cloncunmy, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Tony Power.
- Teresa Connolly, Ballincur, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her mother Bridget Meaney.
- Marcie Foran, 3 Main St, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her partner Jim Shortis.
- The Duggan Family, High St., Templeorum, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Catherine Duggan.
- The Scully Family, Belline, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Billy Scully.
- The Hayden Family, Rockshire Road, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Dick Hayden.
- The Haley Family, Polerone, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Pauline Haley.
- Sandra Walsh and Family, Fiddown, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mary Walsh.
- Brendan Dunne, Ballyhenebery, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Jimmy Dunne.
- The Gaule Family, Crawn, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Tommy Gaule.
- The Hughes Family, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Ann Hughes.
- Aidan and Anita Lanigan, Raheendore, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny on the death of their daughter Emma Lanigan.

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. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed "That Kilkenny County Council, hereby approves in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of

lands, as indicated on the attached map, at Rathclogh, Co. Kilkenny to Ann Gibbons, Kilree, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €100 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs in accordance with the terms specified in the notice.”

## **(b) Housing Disposal – Díuscairt Tithíocht**

### **(c) Roads – Bóithre**

#### **(i) Notification of Grants Allocations for National and Non-National Roads.**

Mr. John Mulholland referred to report which had been circulated with the agenda. Notification of roads grants allocations were received at the end of Jan 2012. Total grant allocation for Kilkenny County Council is €17.7m, a reduction of €4.6m due to completion of work and land purchases on the M8 and M9 motorway schemes.

He requested members approval for alteration of allocations between projects being funded under pavement and minor works. It is proposed to re-allocate funds to Hennebry Cross Roundabout construction scheme from other projects in this category.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed “to approve the re-allocation of funds between the five schemes listed for national secondary pavement and minor works.”

Contributions were received from Cllr’s T. Maher, J. Coonan, J. Brennan, M. Brett, P. Dunphy, F. Doherty, C. Long, M. Shortall, C. Connery, T. Breathnach, E. Aylward.

Members welcomed the allocation in general for 2012, especially for projects that have been planned for a number of years such as Tennypark, Hennebry’s Cross and Ballinaslee.

Issues raised were as follows:-

- Status of number of projects – whether at planning, land purchase or final design and where money will be spent.
- Acquisition of land by agreement or CPO.
- Details of Low Cost Safety Improvement Works
- Has there been reduction in cost of works?
- Nominal allocation for Carrick Road, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny.
- Funding for repairs following severe weather.

Mr. J. Mulholland responded to all queries raised and outlined to members the process involved in bringing a project from outline design to planning, land purchase/CPO to final design. He advised that delays can be encountered with Archaeology, CPO and An Bord Pleanala.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed that Kilkenny County Council should write to the Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport seeking recoupment of money spent on Roads in 2010 due to severe weather.

(ii) 2012 Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws – Recommendation for Resolution of Council for adoption following statutory consultation processes.

Mr. J. Mulholland referred to his report dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 circulated to members recommending adoption of the Special Speed Limit Bye- Laws 2012. The changes to the Bye-Laws have been highlighted for ease of reference. The report outlines that the review was carried out in accordance with Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004.

Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick requested that the relevant signage be erected as soon as possible.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed “That the County Council of the County of Kilkenny with regard to the powers conferred on them by Section 46 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, as inserted by Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 and Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004 and with the consent of the National Roads Authority, hereby make Special Speed Limit Bye Laws in respect of the area comprising of the administrative County of Kilkenny in accordance with the report attached and forwarded to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.”

(iii) Abbeypark Bus Stop – Part 8 Report and Recommendation.

Mr. J. Mulholland advised members that screening assessment had been carried out and outlined that the project was advertised in accordance with planning legislation. The location of the bus stop has been agreed in consultation with the residents.

Cllr’s A.M Irish, E. Aylward, T. Breathnach, C. Long welcomed the progress being made on the provision of the bus stop.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. C. Long and agreed that “We the members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the report prepared in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2010 and Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2010,

approve the provision of a bus access route and bus stop at Abbeypark Housing Estate.”

Cllr. M .Doran requested the support of the Council in writing to An Bord Pleanala and the Dept of Environment, Community and Local Government in relation to the time period allowed for the Bord to make decisions on applications submitted by local authorities for small developments. The current timeframe indicated by the Bord is 18 weeks. This in addition to the statutory consultation period of 6 weeks would give rise to a determination period of almost 6 months in order to proceed with development. Therefore Kilkenny County Council should seek a reduction of this period to 10 weeks. Cllr. J. Galway seconded the proposal.

**(d) Planning - Pléanail**

**(i) Managers Report on Submissions to Proposed Material Alteration to Amendment 1 to the Ferrybank/Belview Local Area Plan (2009).**

The County Manager advised the meeting that the proposed material alteration has been discussed at a number of meetings and that there are no major issues outstanding and he is recommending to the members that the proposed material alteration of Amendment 1 to Ferrybank/Belview Local Area Plan 2009 be adopted.

Cllr. A.M Irish referred to the commitment given at the last meeting to seeking a technical solution for sewerage facilities at Mullinabro/Cloone.

Cllr. T. Breathnach noted that progress is being made as he understands contact have been made with the residents. He referred to the level of grants available.

The County Manager advised the meeting that staff were working on a technical assessment and this would be available for the April meeting. It is then a matter for the Council to approve it and move it forward for funding.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. C. Long and agreed that “We the members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make Amendment 1 to the Ferrybank/Belview 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011, (and the addendums of the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011), 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 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, having published the proposed material alterations on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012, having considered the County Manager's Report of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012, prepared in accordance with Section 20 (3)(d) of the above acts on the submissions to the proposed alterations at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012, do hereby consider that the Ferrybank/Belview 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012". (The Amendment being the proposal published as the "Proposed Amendment" as modified by resolution of the Council 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011."

**(e) Finance - Airgeadais**

(i) Economic Development Policy – Invest Kilkenny update

The County Manager updated the members on the initiatives been undertaken under Invest Kilkenny. There are six strategies being developed.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> level – TSSG project in St. Kieran's College
- Food Strategy – Milk Supply and Harvest 2020, assisting SME's in export food market.
- Tourism – Preliminary approval received to four projects in "Medieval Mile" in Kilkenny City.
- Pharma/Life Science – wet industries at Belview.
- Focus on exploring opportunities in China and India.
- Jobs – recent government announcement on the establishment of local enterprise offices in local authorities and the dissolution of County Enterprise Boards.

He requested approval of members to review consultation with the business community in order to review the direction of the Economic Development Plan.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy expressed thanks on behalf of all the members to the Manager and staff for all the work undertaken to promote economic development in the City and County.

(ii) Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Suzhou Economic Development Zone

The County Manager referred to the Memorandum of Understanding with Suzhou Economic Development zone



which has been circulated to the members. Approval of the members is required and the memorandum will be signed on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

It was proposed by Cllr. B. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr T. Maher and agreed "That Kilkenny County Council sign the memorandum of understanding on establishing a sister – city between the County and City of Kilkenny of Ireland and Suzhou new District of the People's Republic of China."

Contributions were received from Cllr's T. Maher, B. Manning, Ml. O'Brien, P. Dunphy, T. Breathnach, C. Connery, P. Crowley and P. Cuddihy.

Members welcomed the progress made to date so that Kilkenny can avail of new opportunities. There should be a focus on jobs creation and tourism within the County. Concerns were expressed in relation to human rights in China.

The County Manager thanked the members for their remarks. The document will be in English, Irish and Chinese.

**(f) Water Services – Seirbhisí Uisce**

**(i) Irish Water/Reform of the Water Sector in Ireland, Consultation Paper/January 2012**

Mr. Philip O'Neill made a powerpoint presentation outlining that submissions on the Consultation Paper for Irish Water should be made by the 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2012. He briefed the members on the proposed functions of Irish Water, the timeframe for transfer of services to Irish Water and the impact of this transfer of service for local authorities.

Contributions were received from Cllr's M. Doran, F. Doherty, Ml. O'Brien, J. Galway, T. Breathnach, M. Brett, P. Dunphy, S. Treacy, J. Coonan and T. Maher.

Members expressed concerns about how this new organisation will work, loss of functions/powers of local authorities, procedures for updating members on issues, point of contact for reporting breaks and response service for emergencies and transfer of staff. The name of the new organisation should be in Irish, as there may be confusion in the similarity of name of the Irish Water Safety Association.

Mr. P. O'Neill advised that the views of the members will form part of our submission. The transfer of functions will be over a long period – possibly to 2017. All entitlements/rights of staff will have to be protected. It was agreed to circulate the presentation to all members.

**(g) Corporate – Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**

**(i) Fáilte Ireland Briefing re: Destination Kilkenny Tourism Strategy**

Cllr. P. Cuddihy welcomed Gary Breen and Amanda Horan to the meeting.

Mr. Gary Breen made a powerpoint presentation on Kilkenny Tourism to the members. The presentation outlined the current trends/statistics for tourists in Kilkenny and South East. Information was given on the strategies developed by Failte Ireland to promote destinations, attract tourists etc.

The County Manager thanked them for their presentation and their work in promoting Kilkenny as a tourist destination.

Contributions were received from Cllr's T. Maher, C. Connery, S. Treacy, C. Long, E. Aylward, T. Prendergast. Issues raised by members were as follows:-

- Development of over 55 market
- Focus on rural tourism in conjunction with Kilkenny City.
- River attractions

Ms. Horan advised that work have been carried out on promotion of the River Barrow and associated hub of Graiguenamanagh. The launch of this would be held shortly.

**(ii) Update on operation of the Watershed Sports and Leisure Complex**

Cllr. P. Cuddihy welcomed Mr. Billy Murphy and Mr. Dermot Gaynor to the meeting.

Mr. Billy Murphy thanked the Council for their invitation to make a presentation to them of the operation of the Watershed Sport and Leisure Facility.

Mr. Dermot Gaynor gave a powerpoint presentation outlining the highlights for 2011, increased activities, current financial position, plans for 2012 and long term issues which need to be addressed over the next few years.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy thanks them for the presentation and congratulated them on the progress been made in the development of an excellent facility.

Contributions were received from Cllr's M. Shortall, T. Maher, C. Connery and P. Cuddihy. Queries raised were in relation to the proposed cost of new track, widening the track, energy efficiency, linkages with Castlecomer Demense and Dunmore Caves for school tours.

The County Manager thanked them for their presentation and congratulated them and their team for operating a sport facility on a very effective cost basis with an operating surplus for 2011.

(iii) Internal Audit Committee Report 2011 and appointment of external member.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and agreed that "We the members of Kilkenny County Council, formally adopt the Annual Report of Kilkenny County Council Audit Committee 2011."

**(h) Community and Enterprise - Fiontar agus Pobail**

- (i) - River Nore Heritage Audit
- Graveyard Recording Project

Cllr. P. Cuddihy welcomed Dearbhla Ledwidge, Heritage Officer.

Ms. Ledwidge gave a powerpoint presentation on the River Nore Heritage and Graveyard Recording project. She outlined in her presentation the role and responsibilities of Kilkenny County Council for heritage, supports to local communities, working in partnership with other agencies on specific projects, details of the Graveyard Recording project and the River Nore Heritage Audit.

Contributions were received from Cllr's F. Doherty, P. Cuddihy, T. Prendergast, J. Coonan and C. Connery in relation to the two projects undertaken with local communities. Ms. Ledwidge was commended for her work in supporting communities to record local heritage.

**(i) Housing - Tithíocht**

- (i) Annual Housing Report 2011

It was agreed to defer this item to a special meeting to be held in committee on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**(j) Environment – Timpeallacht**

- (i) Section 85 Agreement with Carlow County Council – FSAI/Veterinary Services.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council enters into an agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 with Carlow County Council to carry out all statutory Food Safety Functions as contracted by the FSAI on behalf of Kilkenny County Council.”

**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 Feb – April 2012

This was proposed by Cllr. M. H Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and agreed.

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

**All Deferred to March Meeting**

(a) Report and recommendation of Strategic Policy Committee (1) – Forward Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2011.

(b) Report and recommendation of Kilkenny Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011. *Deferred from January Meeting.*

(c) Report and recommendation of Callan Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

(d) Report and recommendation of Ballyragget Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

(e) Report and recommendation of Piltown Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.

(f) Report and recommendation of Kilkenny Electoral Area Special Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2012.

(g) Report and recommendation of Strategic Policy Committee (3) – Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

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

None.

*It was proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty to suspend standing orders to finish items 8, 9 and 10.*

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

(i) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and agreed.

Summary of proceedings at Conferences have been received from

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Date of Conference</b>	<b>Title of Conference</b>
Cllr. Malcolm Noonan	4 <sup>th</sup> November, 2011	Douglas Hyde 2011 – Economy V's People
Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2011	Modern Alternatives to extinction of fossil fuels

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:**

**Deferred to March meeting**

**1(12) – Cllr. Tomas Breathnach**

“That Kilkenny County Council includes insurance as an eligible expense the purpose of determining the amount paid to community groups under its grant scheme including Amenity, Conservation, and Graveyard.”

**2(12) – Cllr Pat Dunphy**

“That Kilkenny County Council asks the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to complete the Mooncoin By Pass scheme as a priority due to safety implications for residents trying to exit and access their premises on the Carrick Road out of Mooncoin.”

**3(12) – Cllr Pat Dunphy**

“That Kilkenny County Council reduce the speed limit on the Carrick Road out of Mooncoin from 80kph to 60kph as residents along this stretch of road cannot exit or access their premises without the risk of an accident due to many bends on this narrow stretch of road, where sightlines are very, very short, approx. 30 metres in some cases.”

**4(12) – Cllr. Pat Dunphy**

“That Kilkenny County Council take immediate remedial measures in Beline Vale in Piltown to;

- (1) Make the estate safe by filling the open holes and trenches, securing the fencing, levelling the manholes and fixing up the entrance
- (2) Requesting the bond immediately to finish off the estate,
- (3) To review the category the estate is placed in and
- (4) To solve the sewerage problem as a matter of urgency as it may be injurious to public health.”

**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:**

**Deferred to March Meeting**

**1(12) – Clare County Council**

“That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment and Social Welfare for the option to transfer people on unemployment assistance to Local Authorities to enable them to work a 3 day week for their benefits plus possible incentives.”

**2(12) – South Dublin County Council**

“That this Council, in the wake of recent commentary regarding the relationship between local elected representatives and our new communities, expresses its revulsion at any racist remarks or actions;

that this Council recommit itself to the inclusive representation of all residents within this local authority; and that a copy of this motion be circulated to all local residents in Ireland.”

### **3(12) – Monaghan Town Council**

- (a) “That this Council deplores the withdrawal by this Government of the 6 week winter fuel allowance for those who most need it.”
- (b) “That this Council condemns the proposed cuts in funding for CE scheme participants.”
- (c) “That this Council, in the interests of members of the public who are finding it difficult to make ends meet at this time, would support and promote a move to accept payments by direct debit spread over 12 months for motor tax with no additional cost to the fixed annual fee.”

### **4(12) – Limerick County Council**

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Government to restore the Irish Ambassador to the Holy See. Ireland has had an 80 year old diplomatic association with the Vatican.”

### **5 (12) – Fingal County Council**

“That this Council supports the Taoiseach’s call for clarity in relation to pensioner tax liability and calls on the Revenue Commissioners to be more considerate and respectful in communications with the public in future.”

### **6 (12) – Clare County Council**

“That this Council commence the process to amend or vary the current Clare County Development Plan in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development, that all intrusive Fracking/shale gas extraction related activity be halted pending introduction regulatory National and European oversight that does not contravene existing European directives.”

### **7 (12) – Clare County Council**

“Based on the vast available evidence and the well documented international concerns on the detrimental effects of fracking on:-

- (i) The environment

- (ii) Its potential impacts on local communities
- (iii) The damage to all farming and tourism industries which are the backbone of the economy in County Clare with particular reference to the strong probability in the West Clare Area, of contamination to the ground water supply, due to the nature of the local geology. The Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to ban fracking.”

### **8 (12) – Monaghan Town Council**

“That this Council calls on the FG/Labour Government to reverse immediately the cuts in the Home Insulation Grants in the interests of homeowners and the retention of jobs in the construction industry.”

### **9 (12) – Clare County Council**

“This Council calls on the Government to rescind the jobs embargo in the public sector on front line staff as it is having a serious effect on the delivery of services to the general public at large.”

### **10 (12) – Wicklow County Council**

“The Housing SPC requests that the Members of Wicklow County Council write to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government seeking the provision of 100% funding to local authorities under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme. This is because local authorities are finding it increasingly difficult to provide matching funding from their own resources due to a serious reduction in income from ICRS (Internal Capital Receipts). Also should this resolution be passed by the Members of Wicklow County Council that it be circulated to all other local authorities seeking their support for this motion.”

**The meeting concluded at 6.10pm.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

Date: \_\_\_\_\_