

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday
19th November, 2012**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick

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

In attendance: J. Crockett, J. McCormack, P. O'Neill, J. Mulholland, D. Malone, C. Reilly, A. Hayes and A.M. Walsh

Apologies: Cllr. B. Ireland

(a) Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- a)** Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 15th October, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed:- "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 15th October, 2012 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- b)** Minutes of Internal Audit Committee Meeting held on 10th September, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed: - "That the minutes of the Internal Audit Committee Meeting held on the 10th September, 2012 be and are hereby approved."
- c)** Minutes of Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on 26th September, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran, and agreed: - "That the minutes of the Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on the 26th September, 2012 be and are hereby approved."
- d)** Minutes of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 1st October, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. J. Moran and agreed: - "That the minutes of the Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 1st October, 2012 be and are hereby approved."
- e)** Minutes of Special Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on the 15th October, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed "That the minutes of the Special Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on the 15th October, 2012 be and are hereby approved".
- f)** Minutes of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 15th October 2012. Proposed by Cllr. J. Moran, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed "That the minutes of the Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 15th October, 2012 be and are hereby approved".
- g)** Minutes of SPC 3 Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning held on the 5th November, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and agreed: - "That the minutes of the SPC 3 Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning Meeting held on the 5th November, 2012 be and are hereby approved".

h) Minutes of SPC 2 Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services and Other Policy Issues Meeting held on Friday 9th November, 2012. Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed:- “That the minutes of the SPC 2 Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services and other Policy Issues Meeting held on 9th November, 2012 be and are hereby approved”.

Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick extended congratulations to the following:-

- Congratulations to all who received Kilkenny Person of the Year Awards
- Congratulations to David Gahan Kilmacow and Dean O’ Mahoney Mullinavat on their recent success at the World Karate Championships in Serbia.
- Congratulations to Craig Breen on winning the Super 2000 World Rally Championship recently in Spain.
- Congratulations to Ciaran Neary Shellumsrath on winning the Men’s B Doubles final at the World Handball Championships.
- Congratulations were extended to the following hurling/camogie teams on winning County and Provincial titles:-
 - Ballyhale Shamrocks Senior team on winning the Senior Hurling Championship.
 - Clara on winning the Intermediate Hurling Championship
 - Glenmore on winning the Minor B Hurling Championship
 - Thomastown on winning the Junior Hurling Championship
 - Rower Inistioge on winning on winning the Leinster Camogie Intermediate Championship
 - Thomastown on winning the Camogie U.21 County championship.

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:-

- Family of Patsy Dawson, Willow Close, (retired from Kilkenny County Council in 2012)
- Triona Moloney (Housing) on the death of her father Tony Wright.
- Anne Hanrahan (Motor Tax) on the death of her mother Mary Hanrahan.
- Family of John Shortall, Aughamuckey, Castlecomer
- Family of James McCormack, Pearse Street, Kilkenny
- Family of Rory O’ Gorman, Killamery.
- Willie Foran & Family, Ardera, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Tom Foran.
- Matt Williams, Ashgrove, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Eileen Williams.
- Liam Corcoran & Family, Ballybrazil, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Lily Corcoran.
- Kathleen Tobin, Suir Crescent, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Michael Tobin.
- Pat Croke & Family, Old Luffany, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of John Croke.
- Trish O’ Neill, Corluddy, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Jim O’ Neill.

- Sandra Fitzpatrick, Red Acres, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Tony Fitzpatrick.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh extended good wishes to Cllr. B. Ireland for a speedy recovery.

(b) 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. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in property at Brandondale, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny, measuring a total area of 0.116ha to County Kilkenny V.E.C for a nominal consideration of €100 in accordance with the details contained in the Notice served under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001”.
- (ii)** Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in land at Lawcus, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny to Andrew Brennan for a nominal consideration of €100 in accordance with the details contained in the Notice served under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001”.
- (iii)** Proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in land at Dunbell, Co. Kilkenny to Edward Phelan for €15,000 in accordance with the details contained in the Notice served under Section 183 of the Local Government, Act, 2001”.

(b) Roads – Bóithre

- (i) Winter Maintenance Programme and Winter Ready Advice**
Mr. John Mulholland referred to the report circulated to members together with a copy of the 2012/2013 Winter Service Plan and “Be Winter Ready” advise publication. He outlined to members that Kilkenny County Council is equipped with the required fleet and stocks of salt to deal with bouts of severe weather. All documents are available on the website. Kilkenny County Council will be liaising with the famers groups.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. T. Maher, M. Shortall, S. Treacy, J. Coonan, C. Connery and M. Fitzpatrick. Members thanked the staff and requested that the booklet on advice be readily available at Customer Services Desk. The queries raised are as follows:-

- Flexibility in salting local roads/footpaths
- Inclusion of the entire R700 in the winter service plan
- Liability for farmers gritting roads
- Use of salt on footpaths – any adverse effects.

Mr. J. Mulholland stated that local flexibility has been built in within the plan. Liability is not an issue for the local authority. He will examine the inclusion of the remainder of the R700 in the plan. He also stated that footpaths will deteriorate over time from freezing/thawing etc.

(ii) Review of Flood Relief Works under Non Coastal Minor Works Scheme

Mr. Mulholland referred to the report circulated to members on the progress made on works carried out on 9 schemes under the Minor Flood Mitigation works and Non Coastal Protection Scheme. A total of €850,000 has been spent on works in Kilkenny County between 2009 and 2012. Two schemes submitted by Kilkenny County Council were not approved for funding.

He advised that major works at Graiguenamanagh and Thomastown will be classed as major flood relief schemes which are the responsibility of the OPW.

Automation River Gauges and Flood Alert System has also been purchased for the River Nore at Johns Bridge, Kilkenny.

Contributions were received from Cllr. F. Doherty, T. Maher, J. Brennan, M. Noonan, T. Prendergast, P. Dunphy, S. Treacy, C. Long, M. O' Brien and M.H. Cavanagh.

The issues raised are as follows:-

- Minor works for Glenmore Village
- Current status of works at Duiske River and Seskin
- Update on flooding issues at Dunkitt
- Application for funding to OPW for major schemes
- Request hydrology reports from OPW on Thomastown
- Use of willow revetment
- Climate change – alternative technology for lower cost measures.

Members complimented the staff on the works carried out to date. However, some of the schemes have not been tested to date.

Mr. Mulholland advised that the scheme has now terminated and no new submissions can be made. The criteria for funding is that properties must have been subject to flooding, not those at risk of flooding. He advised of the procedure in relation to the scheme at Graiguenamangh and that appropriate assessment may be required. We may have to apply to Bord Pleanala also. Kilkenny County Council have a local team in place in relation to climate change. All schemes are future proofed. He stated that willow revetment is only suitable for rural schemes. In relation to the

current status of the various schemes, all details are included in the report circulated.

(iii) Proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. C. Long and agreed:-
“We the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of 3 Houses at Chapel Street, Mooncoin (The Mews) Co. Kilkenny in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2010”.

(iv) Recommendation Re Local Improvement Scheme from Strategic Policy Committee No. 2

Cllr. M. Doran proposed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Transport and Tourism requesting the re-instatement of the Local Improvement Scheme which was discontinued in 2012. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed.

Cllr. M. Doran advised members that this was discussed at the recent SPC meeting. Cllr. Breathnach stated that a similar request had already been sent in May requesting flexibility in funds and reference should be made to this when the letter is being issued.

Mr. Mulholland advised members that there is no flexibility in Council's programme of works. We do have discretion within the improvement and maintenance grants. We have sought further discretion in relation to class 2 & 3 road categories.

Cllr. M. Doran requested that recommendation from the relevant SPC committees and Electoral Area committees be taken earlier at the monthly meeting. Cllr. Coonan seconded this.

Mr. J. Crockett advised that statutory business must be dealt with first on the agenda in accordance with Standing Orders.

(v) Report on Public Lighting in County Kilkenny

Mr. Mulholland reported to the meeting that a 3 year public lighting maintenance contract with Airtricity Utility Solutions has been signed in partnership for all Local Authorities in the South East. Significant financial savings accrue from the regional contract. Details of savings achieved are outlined in the report circulated. Kilkenny local authorities currently maintain 10,189 street/road public lights. It is estimated that there are a further 1,200 public lights throughout Kilkenny in housing estates which have not been taking in charge yet. If these are taking in charge the annual costs will increase by €120,000.

Cllr. Dunphy requested policy on provision of additional lights in a number of areas to be reviewed. Cllr. Breathnach asked if the cost could be broken between the two local authorities.

Cllr. Noonan asked if we were using energy savings lights and if small wind turbine would be used to power small schemes of light. Mr. Mulholland responded to the queries, there is no budget provided for any additional lights. Kilkenny County Council has undertaken pilot schemes in relation to low energy consumption lights to date. A substantial investment would be required to replace all the lights throughout the County.

At this stage Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick issued a road safety message:-

“As the evenings get progressively darker and in the prevailing winter weather conditions it is vitally important that all road users exercise extreme care over the coming months.

I would make a special plea to pedestrians and cyclists, in particular, to ensure that you are visible to motorists, that you wear high visibility clothing and that your bicycle is well lit.

Pedestrians on rural roads should exercise caution and ensure that having regard to your own personal safety you always walk against the stream of oncoming traffic.

I hope as we all do that Kilkenny’s roads remain safe this winter”.

Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick reminded the members that the official opening of the newly constructed Grange Bridge on the R694 will take place next Monday 26th at 2.00p.m.

(c) Finance - Airgeadais

(a) Budget 2013 – Agree dates for meetings.

The following dates were proposed for the Budget 2013 Meetings.

- **Meeting in committee Monday 7th January, 2013 at 3.00p.m.**
- **Statutory Budget Meeting Friday 11th January, 2013 at 3.00p.m.**

All members agreed to these dates. Members were advised that time of the Joint Policing Committee on Monday 7th January, 2013 would now be fixed for 12.00noon instead of 3.30p.m.

(ii) Statutory Audit Report for 2011

It was agreed to defer this item to the December 2012 Meeting.

(d) Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Appointment of one Elected Member to Board of Trail Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan:
- "That the Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council be appointed to the Board of Trial Kilkenny". This was agreed by all members.

(e) Planning – Pléanail

Consider Manager's Report on Public Consultation for Kilkenny City & County Development Plan 2014-2020

Mr. J. Crockett presented his report on the outcome of the consultation process carried out prior to the preparation of the new Draft Kilkenny County & City Environs Development Plans for the Council members to consider. He advised members that the report forms part of the Statutory Procedure. Members may issue directions to the Manager regarding the preparation of the draft plans. These directions might consist of policies or objectives that members would like to see incorporated in the draft plan.

These directions must be strategic in nature, consistent with the core strategy and shall take account of the statutory obligation of the local authority. He advised the members that any direction must be issued by them by the 14th December, 2012.

He advised the members that the pre-draft consultation process started in March, 2012. A number of informal and formal meetings were held. 3 Primary Schools and 1 Secondary School were also involved. Our Plan website was visited over 1,800 times and 42 written submissions were received. Further details in relation to the consultation process are included in the report circulated.

Mr. Denis Malone outlined in further detail the process followed for the formal public meetings throughout the County. Summary and analysis of opinions and comments expressed at the public meetings is included in Chapter 3 of the Manager's Report. The 42 written submissions have been listed in the table and the Managers recommendations in relation to the issues outlined.

Mr. Malone stated that it was a matter for the members to consider these issues.

Contributions were received from Cllr. M. Shortall, T. Maher, T. Breathnach, M. Doran, M. Noonan, M. O' Brien, J. Brennan and S. Treacy. The issues received were in relation to:-

- Energy Wind Strategy – Identify suitable locations, National grid/gate process, micro renewable energy.
- Retail strategy – Maintain core centres of towns, promote economic development and recovery.
- Creation of jobs both in the City and County
- Village Design statements in lieu of Local Area Plans

Members requested time to consider the report and agreed to have a Special Meeting on 3rd December, 2012 at 3.00p.m. The report would also be considered at the SPC for Planning at the next meeting on 29th November, 2012.

Mr. Crockett and Mr. Malone responded to the issues raised by members.

(f) Economic Development

(i) Presentation on Kilkenny Tourism by Clodagh O'Brien

Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick welcomed Mr. Colin Ahern and Clodagh O' Brien from Kilkenny Tourism to the meeting.

Mr. Ahern commenced by extending thanks to the members for their continued support and funding for tourism in Kilkenny. The support is not only financial but administrative and IT.

Ms. O' Brien presented to the members a PowerPoint presentation on the activities of Kilkenny Tourism. She advised members that a total re-branding has taken place and extensive PR Campaign is in place to attract tourists to Kilkenny for overnight stays. A new video was launched during the year and Kilkenny Tourism took part in targeted promotions and trade shows. New brochures were published featuring both City and County. There is a need to have desirable packages available for visitors. Ms. O' Brien stated that the Kilkenny Tourism mission is the marketing and promotion of the entire County as a premium tourist destination. She referred to funding received from the various statutory bodies/agencies and gave details of the membership/committee of Kilkenny Tourism.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. M. O' Brien, J. Brennan, S. Treacy, M. Noonan, P. Crowley, T. Prendergast, C. Connery, T. Breathnach and M. Brett.

Members thanked Kilkenny Tourism for the presentation. The issues raised by members were as follows:-

- Promotion of tourism in Rural Kilkenny.
- Development of Tourism Packages to attract overseas visitors.
- Cost of bed nights in hotels in Kilkenny City.
- Tourism continue to contribute to employment in the City and County
- Need for full time Officer for Kilkenny Tourism.

Mr. Ahern and Ms. O' Brien responded to the issues raised by the members.

Mr. J. Crockett thanked them for their presentation. He stated that Kilkenny County Council has invested in projects throughout the City/County and he complimented them on the new marketing direction they have taken to ensure equal weight is given to the County as well as

the City. Tourism will continue to contribute to the economic development of the County.

(ii) Update on “The Gathering” by Fionnan Nestor – Chairperson Kilkenny Gathering

Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick welcomed Fionnan Nestor, Failte Ireland to the Council Meeting.

Fionnan Nestor gave a PowerPoint presentation to members on “The Gathering” and what is happening in County Kilkenny during 2013. He appealed for people to get involved in organising events and invite people living abroad to be part of it. The aim nationally is to increase tourism and revenue by an additional 325,000 overseas visitors, generating €170m revenue. There are already over 1300 gathering events confirmed on the dedicated website. Extensive publicity has been undertaken. There is a steering Committee set up in Kilkenny and the co-ordinator is Aisling Hayes Kilkenny County Council. Details of funding available to groups were given. A further training day has been arranged for Gathering Organisers on Wednesday 21st November, 2012.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. M. Shortall, M. Noonan, C. Connery, E. Aylward and T. Breathnach.

Members complimented Fionnan Nestor on his presentation and welcomed the funding initiatives for events. Cllr. Breathnach requested the deadline for submissions of applications for funding be extended.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick thanked Mr. Nestor for attending the meeting.

3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach

Cllr. C. Long requested permission to raise an item under Urgent Correspondence.

Cllr. Long proposed and seconded by Cllr. J. Coonan and agreed: - “That Kilkenny County Council write to the Minister for Health in relation to the re-configuration of services in the Regional Hospital at Ardkeen and that assurance be given that the provision of services will be maintained for the population of the South East and that other hospitals in the Region will not be severely affected”.

Contributions were received from Cllr. T. Maher, M. H. Cavanagh, P. Crowley, M. Brett, T. Breathnach and M. O’ Brien. A number of members who attend the HSE South Forum meetings advised the Council that no service is being withdrawn that the draft report being considered refers to re-organisation/re-configuration of services. South East should be reviewed as entity and a regional approach should be considered. Focus should be on the provision of all health care services for the region.

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 September - November 2012.** This was Proposed by Cllr. M. Brett, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy 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 Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on 26th September, 2012. Report was proposed Cllr. T. Maher and seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed.

(b) Report and recommendation of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 1st October, 2012. Report was proposed by T. Prendergast and seconded by Cllr. J. Moran and agreed.

(c) Report and recommendation of Special Meeting of Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on 15th October, 2012. Report was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan.

(d) Report and recommendation of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 15th October, 2012. Report was proposed by Cllr. S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. T. Prendergast and agreed.

(e) Report and recommendation of SPC 3 Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning Meeting held on 5th November, 2012. Report was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and agreed.

(f) Report and recommendation of SPC2 Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services and Other Policy Issues Meeting held on 9th November, 2012. Report was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and 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. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and agreed: -
Summary of proceedings at Conferences have been received and noted for
the Councillors outlined below.

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
C. Connery	21 st -22 nd September	Revenue Collection & Dealing with Difficult Debt
M. Brett	28 th -29 th September	LAMA Conference
T. Prendergast	5 th -6 th October	Constitutional & Political Reform and The Councillor
F. Doherty	5 th -6 th October	Constitutional & Political Reform
P. Dunphy	October	Publication of the Valuation
F. Doherty	October	3 rd National Jobs Conference
E. Aylward	5 th -6 th October	Protecting the Public from Dishonest Trading
T. Prendergast	10 th -11 th October	Learning to Listen A Suicide Prevention Conference
P. Crowley	12 th -14 th October	Michael Collins & the Creation of Irish Democracy
C. Connery	12 th -14 th October	Michael Collins & the Creation of Irish Democracy
M. Shortall	19 th -19 th October	Reform of Local Government II

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

None

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

Cllr. M. Shortall requested details on the letters recently issued by Kilkenny County Council on the household charge. Cllr. A.M. Irish requested clarification on a Category 4 unfinished estate and what databases have been used in compiling the data.

Mr. Crockett advised that the information received by Kilkenny County Council came from the Household Bureau. This a centralised unit dealing with the Household Charge. Kilkenny County Council cannot provide any additional staff to deal with queries arising from the issue of the letters. All queries must be directed to the Household Bureau in Dublin. In relation to the Cat 4 Development which is not exempt, this matter has already been referred to the Department.

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

12(12) Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh

Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. O' Brien and agreed: - "That the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government be requested to amend the rules for additions to the Supplementary Register of Electors. That he be requested to allow Peace Commissioners, Public Representatives, Clergy men

and women and School Principals to witness the signatures of new applicants. That he also be requested to provide funding for a comprehensive updating of the register of electors before the next Local Elections”.

13(12) Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh

Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and agreed: - “That the Council agrees to devise a policy whereby commercial companies which use rural roads on a short-term intensive basis, be levied sufficiently to repair the damage caused to these roads by commercial trucks and lorries”

Mr. Mulholland advised that the drafting of policy should be referred to the SPC for roads, initially for discussion and then be presented to the full Council for consideration and approval.

14(12) Cllr. Pat Dunphy

Proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Irish:- “That Kilkenny County Council lower the current rate of development charges as they are a deterrent to people planning to build at a time when any type building works be encouraged in order to try and generate jobs”.

Mr. Joe Crockett advised that a review of the Development Contribution Scheme is underway. A draft revised scheme will be presented to members in January, 2013.

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:

36(12) Donegal County Council – 3rd October, 2012

“That Donegal County Council send this Motion to the Department of Social Protection and requests that the Department restore all Benefits withdrawn from our Elderly and Disabled, with all Widows and Elderly who live alone being granted an additional allowance in the region of 50% to compensate for their loss on the death of a partner and thus assisting them to avoid the poverty trap and seeks three areas of action by the Government namely:-

- i. A halt in reductions to basic standards of living for people with disabilities who need social welfare support
- ii. To ensure funding for services needed by people with disabilities are sustained.
- iii. To show leadership on the implementation plan for the National Disability Strategy.

Noted

37(12) Offaly County Council
“That Offaly County Council call on the Minister for Justice to review governments policy to reflect an adequately resourced policing force that has the capacity to server, protect and safeguard all individuals and communities”

Noted

38(12) Leitrim County Council
“That Leitrim County Council call on the Ministers for Finance, Tourism and Arts to either extend the artists exemption guidelines to musicians to include the performance of traditional pieces or that publicans be allowed to make tax free payments of up to €25,000 per year for the provision of traditional sessions”.

Noted

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____