

**Minutes of Kilkenny County Council Meeting held on
21st October, 2013**

Chair: Cllr. P. Dunphy

Present: Kilkenny County Council Cllrs. M. H. Cavanagh, P. Millea, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, C. Connery, J. Coonan, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Brett, M. Noonan, A. McGuinness, D. Fitzgerald, M. Doran, W. Ireland, T. Maher, P. Crowley, J. Moran, T. Prendergast, S. Treacy, C. Long, T. Breathnach, A.M. Irish, E. Aylward, F. Doherty.

Kilkenny Borough Council Cllrs. J. Reidy, J. Leahy, S. O' hArgain and J. Malone.

Officials: J. Crockett, J. Mulholland, J. McCormack, D. McDonnell, D. Lawlor, B. Moloney, M. Murphy, D. Malone, B. Tyrrell and A.M. Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr. M. O' Brien.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 16th September 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Brett, Seconded by Cllr. P. Millea and agreed:- "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 16th September, 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (b) Minutes of Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 18th September, 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed: - "That the Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 18th September, 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (c) Minutes of SPC 5- Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Education Meeting held on 20th September, 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. D. Fitzgerald, Seconded by Cllr. T. Prendergast and agreed:- "That the SPC 5 Arts, Culture, Heritage and Tourism and Education Meeting held on 20th September, 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.
- (d) Minutes of Thomastown Area Meeting held on 23rd September, 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. J. Moran and agreed:- "That the Minutes of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 23rd September, 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.

- (e) **Minutes of SPC 4 - Housing & Social Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 23rd September, 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. C. Long and agreed:- "That the minutes of SPC 4 – Housing & Social Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 23rd September, 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved.
- (f) **Minutes of Forward Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting SPC 1 Meeting held on 30th September, 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed:- "That the minutes of Forward Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 30th September, 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (g) **Minutes of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 1st October, 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. C. Long, Seconded by Cllr. A.M Irish and agreed:- "That the minutes of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 1st October, 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (h) **Minutes of Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on 1st October, 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. P. Crowley and agreed:- "That the minutes of Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on 1st October 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (i) **Minutes of SPC 2 Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services & Other Policy Issues meeting held on 4th October, 2013.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, seconded by Cllr. J. Moran and agreed:- "That the minutes of SPC 2 Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services & Other Policy Issues Meeting held on 4th October, 2013 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

Chairman Cllr. P. Dunphy welcomed Cllr. B. Ireland back after his recent operation.

Cllr. P. Dunphy extended best wishes to Savour Kilkenny Food Festival during the bank holiday weekend.

He congratulated the Rower Inistioge Intermediate team, Lisdowney team and Conahy Minor B on their recent success in the Championship.

He congratulated the Byrne Family, Freshford on breeding the yearling which recently was sold for an excess of €6m.

Vote of Sympathy were extended to:-

- Ann Byrne (Library) on the death of her father Michael Byrne
- Carol McCarthy (Environment) on the death of her mother Pam

- Family of the late Michael Healy, Barna, Woodsgift, retired General Operative
- Family of the late Frankie Hamilton, Ringville, Slieverue - Retired Waste Water Caretaker.
- Family of the late Eddie McPhillips, Kilcreene, Kilkenny - Former Roads Technician.
- Family of the late Patrick Byrne, Assumption Heights, retired General Operative.
- Anne & Pierce Purcell, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Nicky Nolan.
- Charlie Gaule and Family, Ballinearla, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Anne Gaule.
- The Dollard Family, Ullid, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Bridget Dollard.
- Wattie Foran and Family, Ardera, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Ramie Foran.
- Bridget Burrows and Family, Fiddown, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Andy Burrows
- The Purcell Family, Kilmacoliver, Tullahought, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Pat Purcell.
- Micky Lannon and Family, 12 Suir Crescent, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mary Lannon.
- Anne and Pierce Purcell, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mickey Nolan.
- Jim Delahunty & Family, Listorlin, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Josie Delahunty.
- Sheila Doyle & Family, Gaulstown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Elsie Hayes
- The Family Family, Moonvour, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Jack Phelan.
- Fiona & Family, Furlong, Smithstown, Tullogher, Kilkenny on the death of John Furlong.
- Philip Murphy and Family, Ballyreddy, Tullogher, Kilkenny on the death of Eily Murphy.
- Richard Long, Lawcus, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Winifred Long.
- Ann Coady, Main Street, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Ann Holden

(a) Housing & Other Disposal - Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile

- (i)** Proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick:-
“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in property at Brandondale, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny, measuring 0.101 hectares, as outlined in red on the attached map, to County Kilkenny V.E.C. for the nominal sum of €100 (one hundred euro) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale.”
- (ii)** Proposed by Cllr. C. Long, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery:- “That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in property at Belline & Rogerstown, Co. Kilkenny, measuring 0.041 hectares, as outlined on the attached map, to Eamon & Catherine O’Connell, 9, Clairin, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary for the nominal sum of €10.00 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale”.
- (iii)** Proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and agreed:- “That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in property at Tullaroan, Co. Kilkenny, measuring 0.2020 hectares, as outlined in blue on the attached map, to Anthony Dillon, Tullaroan, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €500 (five hundred euros) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale.”
- (iv)** 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 21 Fairview, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny to Edward Hynes Jnr in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002”.
- (v)** Proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. J. Coonan and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in property at 8 Leggettsrath, Kilkenny to Josephine and Paddy Purcell in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002”.

(b) Environment - Timpeallacht

Recipients of National Recycling Awards

1. Dunmore Recycling Centre
2. Abbey Community College, Ferrybank

Cllr. P. Dunphy welcomed staff from Abbey Community School in Ferrybank and Alan Rhatigan, Dunmore Recycling Centre to the meeting. He congratulated them on their recent success in the Repak National Recycling Awards.

Cllrs. M. H. Cavanagh, A. M Irish, C. Long, T. Breathnach, M. Noonan, C. Connery, J. Brennan and M. Fitzpatrick paid tribute to both groups on their achievement and for their hard work in reaching a high standard at national level.

Abbey Community School was complimented on achieving runner up in the secondary schools category. Staff were thanked for their work with the students and for their dedication to promotion of recycling in the school. There has been a 79% decrease in refuse going to landfill.

Dunmore Recycling centre was congratulated on maintaining the facility to a high standard and for their efficient service to the public. Cllr. P. Dunphy presented both groups with a certificate to mark their achievement.

Principal of the Abbey Community School thanked the Chairman of the Council for their recognition of their achievement and she also thanked S. Connery who was instrumental with the students in reaching the high standard in recycling in the largest secondary school in the County.

**(c) Planning - Pleanail
Extension of Woodstock LAP (2008)**

Denis Malone advised members that the Woodstock Local Area Plan was adopted in 2008 for a period of 6 years. It is due to be reviewed in 2014. It is a matter for members to decide not to initiate a review and extend the life of the plan for a further 5 years until 2019.

This extended period to 2019 will enable the local area plan to be incorporated into the next review of the County Development Plan. He advised members that a report has been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Moran, seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed:-

“We the members of Kilkenny County Council, having requested that the County Manager give his opinion on extending the Woodstock Local Area Plan 2008 under Section 19(1)(e) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2013, and having considered the County Manager’s opinion as outlined at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 21st October, 2013, formed in accordance with Section 19 (1) (e) (ii) of the above acts, do hereby consider that the Woodstock Local Area Plan should be extended in accordance with the procedures under Section 19(d)-(f) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2013”.

(d) Water Services – Seirbhísí Uisce

Development of a new Water Supply at Woodquarter, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny.

Mr. M. Murphy Senior Executive Engineer, outlined details of the proposal for the development of a new water supply at Woodquarter, Gowran. Details of the proposed works are outlined in the report circulated and this new water supply will facilitate the connection of 9 housing estates currently fed off private wells to the public supply. The proposed works will be located at the existing roads depot at Woodquarter and will start later in 2013 and be completed by 2014. Query was raised in relation to the management filter by Cllr. M. Shortall. Mr. Murphy replied to the query.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:
- “That the development of a new water supply scheme at Woodquarter, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny, to supplement the existing Gowran, Goresbridge, Paulstown supply scheme, is hereby approved, subject to the provision of screen planting as recommended in the Planner’s Report”.

Takeover of Bleach Road Group Water Scheme

M. Murphy advised that a report has been circulated in relation to the takeover of the Bleach Road Group Water Scheme which has 9 connections. All documentation has been completed in relation to the takeover.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. J. Coonan and agreed:- "That the takeover of the Bleach Road Group Water Scheme by Kilkenny County Council is hereby approved".

(e) Roads - Bóithre

- (i)** Proposed by Cllr. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:- "We the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the Housing Development at Riverside, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act, 2010".
- (ii)** Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed: - "We the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the 5 Residential Units at O'Sheas Green, Tinakilly Big, Rosbercon, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010".
- (iii)** Proposed by Cllr. B. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed: - "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the proposal to extinguish the public-right-of-way at R.691, Ballymack, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny".

(iv) Winter Maintenance Programme Update

Mr. J. Mulholland Director of Services referred to report circulated on the winter maintenance programme. The season commenced on 14th of October, 2013 and will continue to 30th April, 2014. Kilkenny County Council will be responsible for priority 1 & 2 routes as illustrated on the map circulated. In the case of the motorways Lagan Egis will provide all winter maintenance on the M8 & M9.

The existing Section 85 Agreement with South Tipperary will also be revised.

Two 3 man crews are rostered in Kilkenny County Council to provide the winter maintenance programme.

Contributions were received from Cllr. T. Maher, C. Connery M. Shortall, S. Treacy, T. Breathnach, D. Fitzgerald.

The issues raised were as follows:-

- Availability of salt and capacity to store it.
- R700 - Can salting be extended to New Ross

- Availability of grit/salt at entrances to housing estates
- Purchase of snow ploughs
- Salting early in the night and re-salting at a later stage during heavy frost.

Mr. Mulholland responded to all queries raised. He advised that 1,000 Tonnes of salt is available in the Depots at Hebron Road and Newrath and that the Regional NRA Depot in Kilkenny also has salt. Budgetary constraints mean that no new routes have been added to the schedule this season. Even though the Council has sufficient gritters and snow ploughs available it may come under financial pressure were the coming winter to be very severe or demanding on resources. Depending on conditions consideration will be given to providing salt/grit for minor roads including housing estates. The standing communication protocols with IFA and other groups will be maintained.

(v) Recommendation of Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee in relation to the Waterford to New Ross Railway line under the National Cycle Network Funding Scheme.

Mr. Mulholland advised that the SPC 2 has considered proposals for submission under the National Cycle Network and agreed to request the Council to approve an application for funds to carry out a feasibility study on the Waterford to New Ross Railway Line. The line is in the ownership of Iarnrod Eireann.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. F. Doherty, T. Maher, T. Breathnach, E. Aylward, C. Long, M. Brett and A.M Irish. The members supported the proposal to consider the development of the Railway line and bring it back into active use. The issues raised by members relate to

- Public consultation at the earliest opportunity
- Railway line should remain in place and develop cycle lane beside it.
- Status on current project on clearing the line
- Ensure privacy of adjoining house owners is not affected

- Support for any project under the Active Smarter Travel Strategy

Mr. Mulholland responded to member's questions and advised that it may only be possible to develop a cycle track only and public consultation will be a requirement if the project is to proceed.

(vi) Central Access Scheme Presentation on Archaeology Report

Cllr. P. Dunphy advised members that he had received a further petition in relation to the Northern Ring Road and Central Access Scheme. Mr. Crockett advised the Council that Mr. Rob Goodbody will give a powerpoint presentation in relation to the ongoing investigations at 21-22 Vicar Street, Kilkenny.

The Central Access Scheme goes from St Canice's Place to the Army Barracks, the current phase will include the provision of an additional bridge over the river which will enable the city centre to be developed including the Diageo and Mart Site. The Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht is currently giving careful consideration to architectural and archaeological survey reports submitted to date. Investigations are being carried out under licence and supervision of the Department.

Mr. Rob Goodbody outlined in his presentation the historical background on the Manse House of the Prebendary of Tiscoffin. Historical writings about the site over the past two centuries were examined. Details of his findings were circulated to the meeting. The Manse house is known to have been somewhere in the vicinity of houses in 21 & 22 Vicar Street but there is insufficient evidence that No. 20 to 22 Vicar Street contains the remains of a Manse House.

Mr. Goodbody stated the removal of plaster has confirmed that the front, rear and internal walls of numbers 21 & 22 Vicar Street were rebuilt. Some earlier portions of the wall remain, but these are of 18th Century.

The gable end of 22 Vicar Street facing the Diageo car park is part of an earlier building or buildings that stood on the car park site. This gable does not coincide with the building shown on 1758 map - suggesting that either the map was wrong or the gable is from a

different building. There is a small opening lined with cut stone in the gable wall and Mr. Goodbody said that is uncertain at present which building this belonged to as it may not be in its original position.

He outlined the findings so far:-

- The Manse house of the Prebendary of Tiscoffin had gone before 1679 and hence none of the present buildings incorporate its remains
- As the Prebendary of Tiscoffin's land did not include the Diageo Car Park this earlier building cannot be a remnant of the Manse House.

He advised the meeting that in order to more fully understand the buildings including the origin of the gable and wall, the investigation of the archaeological and architectural heritage under the direction of the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht will continue.

Mr. Crockett thanked Mr. Goodbody for his presentation. He advised that we are waiting approval of the Department to carry out further investigation. This gable wall is not on the line of the Central Access Scheme. It is on the line of the footpath. The gable wall is not medieval Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Borough Council carry out archaeological investigations according to best practices.

Contributions were received from Cllr. S. O' hArgain, J. Leahy, A. McGuinness, M. Noonan, J. Reidy, J. Coonan, T. Breathnach, D. Fitzgerald, P. Crowley, M. Shortall and M. Brett.

Members thanked Mr. Rob Goodbody for his presentation and the details on the historical background to the site. The issues raised by members related to the following:-

- Any question raised in relation to these houses by Bord Pleanala
- Why is house No. 20 not part of the investigation
- Capacity of Greensbridge and preservation of this bridge
- Currently cannot facilitate cycle lanes on Greensbridge

- Important that project progresses to develop the city centre and to link sites for development
- Further out of town development will destroy the city centre
- Invite the public to a meeting to update them on findings on these 2 houses.
- Misinformation in the public domain
- Majority of the public do not want the Central Access Scheme to proceed in advance of the Northern Ring Road
- Not destroy the heritage of the city by what method will the houses be demolished.
- Cost of the project - it is included in the Capital Budget and also the cost of Northern Ring road.
- Project included in the Development Plan for a number of years.
- Has all the statutory processes e.g. planning land purchase being completed.
- Opinion of An Taisce/ Archaeology bodies that these houses need to be preserved, why is there further investigations taking place and why is there a delay in this.
- Concerns raised by National Monuments Service
- Release of Interim Report on archaeological investigation to members.

Mr. Crockett responded to all queries raised by the members . He refuted the suggestion that the National Monuments Service has any concerns about the manner in which Kilkenny County Council was conducting the investigation . He advised that any archaeological investigations carried out by the local authority are in according with best practices and with the approval of the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht.

The local authority has planning permission for the Central Access Scheme, the CPO has been confirmed by An Bord Pleanala, notice to threat has been served on land owners. The statutory process for this project is complete and the project is underway.

To date there has been no evidence of a medieval building, the buildings will be demolished subject to the normal rules for dismantling buildings.

The County Manager agreed to hold a meeting for the public to brief them of the investigation to date. Please refer to manager

County Manager advised that the projects are included in the Capital budgets approved by members. There have been no grants allocated to date for the Northern Ring Road extension.

Cllr. P. Dunphy and M. Brett thanked Mr. Rob Goodbody for his presentation and thanked all members for their contribution.

(f) Finance - Airgeadais

(i) Annual Financial Statement

Mr. McDonnell, Acting Head of Finance advised that the Annual Financial Statement for 2013 has been circulated for member's information. The accounts for 2013 have been audited and the auditor has submitted his report which has been circulated. The Council ended with a deficit of €156,000 for the year. A number of items had to be re-classified during the audit but there has been no material change to the accounts.

- (ii)** Cllr. Shortall requested information on how often the Council required to be in overdraft and Cllr. Fitzgerald asked what is the interest rate on the overdraft. Mr. McDonnell advised that the current interest rate is 3.75% which is subject to change daily. The overdraft requirement is precautionary and may not be required. Expenditure is incurred in advance of grants being received. It was proposed by Cllr. B. Ireland and seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and agreed:- "That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves overdraft borrowings to a maximum amount of €10,000,000 for the full year ending 31st December, 2014".

(g) **Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**

Report on Revised Electoral Area Boundaries - Kilkenny City & County

The County Manager advised that the report on the revised electoral area boundaries has been circulated. Details of the proposed changes have been outlined in the document and members have been briefed in advance of this meeting. If members require any additional information, they should speak directly to corporate affairs.

Members noted the report.

Concerns were expressed at dividing the city and incorporating the Callan and Thomastown areas into a Kilkenny Electoral area.

3. **Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**

County Manager advised members that 2 documents have been circulated for their information.

- Budget 2014 Living City Initiative extended to Kilkenny
- New proposals to encourage active travel in Kilkenny.

Contributions were received from Cllr. D. Fitzgerald, F. Doherty, M. Noonan, P. Crowley, M. Brett, A. McGuinness, J. Moran on the following:-

- Living City Initiative is very welcome to revitalise the city centre
- Proposals for any type of projects to encourage young and old to engage in exercise are welcome.
- Appointment of Active Travel Officer
- Any proposals for other towns in the County.
- People parking in cycle lanes.

Mr. Mulholland responded and advised that further progress on projects for active travel will depend on the success of our application. Smaller towns don't qualify for funding as there is a population threshold in place. The local authority makes every effort to develop active travel in the smaller towns when dealing with any roadwork scheme. We must continue to educate and make people aware of the purpose of the cycle lanes.

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) Proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:- Schedule of meetings from October - December 2013

Chairman reminded members that the public joint policing committee meeting will be held in Thomastown on Tuesday 22nd October, 2013

Cllr. Breathnach referred to presentation by Eirgrid due to be given at the November monthly meeting and requested that Kilkenny County Council write to Eirgrid asking them to extend the public consultation period beyond the 26th November, 2013. This was seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward

Mr. McCormack advised that the presentation at the November meeting will facilitate members to raise issues. Eirgrid has a very active website and submissions can be made via the website.

Cllr. M. Shortall advised that a special SPC meeting is scheduled for 20th November, 2013 to consider the Eirgrid presentation and all members will be invited to attend the SPC meeting.

Contributions were received from Cllr. F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, A.M. Irish, J. Brennan and M. Shortall.

Mr. Crockett responded and advised members that the presentation by Eirgrid was made at the last Borough Meeting and that the network cannot be put underground.

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

- (i) Proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed:- Chairpersons Report on Kilkenny Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 18th September, 2013

- (ii) Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed. Chairpersons Report on SPC 5 Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism Education Meeting held on 20th September, 2013.

Cllr. M. Shortall requested an update on the appointment of additional staff to the libraries. Cllr. J. Brennan expressed concern about the low level of funding for the book fund.

Mr. Mulholland advised that the appointment of staff is imminent.

- (iii) Proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed. Chairpersons Report on Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 23rd September, 2013

Cllr. Prendergast raised the issues on the closure of the public toilets in Thomastown and Graiguenamanagh. Cllr. Treacy supported this and stated that no group is willing to take on the maintenance and operation of the toilets. Cllr. Shortall stated that public buildings should include toilets available for public use.

Mr. Crockett advised that there is no budget provision in 2013 for public toilets.

- (iv) Proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. C. Long and agreed: - Chairman's Report of SPC 4 - Housing & Social Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 23rd September, 2013.

Cllr. Fitzpatrick advised that a special SPC is scheduled for 2nd December, 2013 for all members of Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Borough Council.

- (v) Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick and agreed: - Chairpersons Report on Forward Planning & Development SPC 1 Meeting held on 30th September, 2013. Cllr. M. Shortall requested a timeframe on the receipt of the Managers Report on the Draft Development Plan. Mr. McCormack advised that the report will be issued by the end of the year.

- (vi) Proposed by Cllr. C. Long, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed:- Report of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 1st October, 2013

Cllr. P. Dunphy raised an issue in relation to speed limits and proposed that a review of speed limits should commence within the County. This was seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed by all members.

Cllr. Breathnach referred to notice of motion No. 9(13) on the agenda which relates to this issue.

The Chairman allowed that this notice of motion could be taken at this time. It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed: - "That Kilkenny County Council write to the Department of Transport to seek the following: - 1. Funding for the provision of repeater speed limit signs to be erected along regional roads particularly for those that have variable speed limits. 2. The undertaking of a review of its speed camera locations to take account of the most up to date accident statistics".

Mr. Mulholland advised speed limits have been reviewed twice in the last 5 years, and he recommended that consideration of the existing speed limits in place be initiated by SPC 2. Speed limits are determined on the conditions of roads and historic black spots. Omitted

Cllr. Dunphy raised an issue on flooding in smaller streams. Cllr. Doherty stated that the smaller streams are not been dredged.

On the proposal of Cllr. Doherty and seconded by Cllr. M. Doran, it was agreed to extend the meeting after 6.00p.m. in accordance with Standing Orders to allow. Item No. 6 to be completed.

(vii) Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed: - Report of Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on 1st October, 2013. Cllr. Maher requested that the cleaning of the Kings River Bed be undertaken to avoid flooding in the future.

Mr. Mulholland advised that application must be made to Bord Pleanala and on screening exercise/appropriate assessment must also be undertaken before any work commences.

Cllr. T. Maher proposed that Kilkenny County Council proceed to make the application to Bord Pleanala with a view to implementing works in 2014. This was seconded by Cllr. P. Crowley and agreed. Mr. Mulholland advised that funding from OPW is also required.

(viii) Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:- Report on SPC 2 - Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services and other Policy Issues Meeting held on 4th October, 2013

All other business was adjourned to the November Meeting.

Meeting concluded at 6.10p.m.

Signed:_____

Cathaoirleach

Date:_____