

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd April, 2014.

- Chair:** Cllr. P. Dunphy
- Cllrs:** M.H. Cavanagh, P. Millea, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, C. Connery, J. Coonan, M. Brett, P. Cuddihy, M. Noonan, A. McGuinness, M. Fitzpatrick, J. Moran, M. Doran, T. Maher, P. Crowley, T. Prendergast, S. Treacy, C. Long, T. Breathnach, A.M Irish, E. Aylward, F. Doherty, W. Ireland and M. O' Brien.
- Officials:** J. Crockett, J. Mulholland, J. McCormack, M. Prendiville, S. Walton, D. Malone, J. O' Reilly, B. Mernagh, C. McCarthy, B. Moloney and A.M Walsh.
- Apologies:** Cllr. D. Fitzgerald and Mr. P. O' Neill.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Tuesday 18th March, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed:- "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 18th March, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (b) Minutes of SPC 5 Meeting Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Education Meeting held on 6th February, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. J. Coonan and agreed:- "That the minutes of the SPC 5 Meeting held on 6th February, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (c) Minutes of SPC 4 Housing & Strategic Policy Committee Workshop held on 6th March, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. C. Long and agreed:- "That the minutes of the SPC 4 Workshop held on 6th March, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (d) Minutes of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 10th March, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. T. Prendergast and agreed:- "That the minutes of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 10th March, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (e) Minutes of Forward Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee SPC 1 Meeting held on 24th March, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. J. Moran and agreed:- "That the minutes of SPC 1 Meeting held on 24th March, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

- (f) Minutes of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 26th March, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed:- "That the minutes of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 26th March, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran that the Council Meeting would finish at 5.00p.m. today. All members agreed.

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

- Congratulations to Watergate Theatre Kilkenny on their 21 years in existence.
- Congratulations to Noel Skehan on receiving a hall of fame award from the GAA.
- Congratulations to St. Kieran's College on winning the All Ireland Colleges Final and well done to CBS who were also in the final.
- Congratulations to St. Canices Senior Orchestra on winning 1st prize in the Feis Ceoil Primary Schools orchestra competition.
- To Damien O' Neill on his success in the Drug Free Power Lifting championship.

Votes of sympathy were extended to:-

- Philip O' Neill Director of Services on the death of his brother Noel O' Neill.
- Claire Meany on the death of her mother Ellen Meany.
- Paddy Joyce Machinery Yard and Deirdre Joyce Library Service on the death of their mother and mother in law Ann Joyce.
- Jerry Dunne, Castlecomer Area office on the death of his mother Margaret Dunne.
- Watty Long, Ballyveria, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mary Martin.
- Breda McDonald, Ballinalea, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Colette Irish.
- Pat O' Gorman & Family, Castletown, Owing, Piltown Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mrs. O' Gorman.
- Marie Jones & Sons, Graiguenakee, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of George Jones.
- Eamon Jones & Family, Graiguenakill, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of George Jones.
- Leo Dunphy, Tubrid, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mary Dunphy.
- The Steward Family, Owing, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Michael Steward.
- Maureen Connolly, Stoneycarthy, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Seamus Connolly.
- Billy Keogh, Bridge Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Kevin Keogh.
- Anna Hoban, Rathclough, Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Bernie Hoban.
- Statsia Commins and Family, Banagher, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Jim Commins.
- The Ryan Family, Ballykillaboy, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of John Ryan.
- The Tyler Family, Grange, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Winnie Tyler.
- Nellie Brennan & Family, Newrath, Ferrybank, Via Waterford, Co. Kilkenny on the death of James Brennan.

- Sean Walsh, Mill Road, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Teresa Walsh.
- Frank Schail, 11 Powervilla's, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Marie Schail.
- Alice Grace, Rosedale Residential Home, Kilmacow, Via Waterford on the death of Tess Burke.
- Brendan O' Brien, Kildalton, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Tony O' Brien.
- Murty Walsh, Clogga, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Bridget Walsh.

Cllr. Dunphy on the agreement of the Council adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes as a mark of respect to Noel O' Neill. Councillors and County Manager were associated with the vote of sympathy to Philip O' Neill.

Meeting resumed at 3.30p.m.

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

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

- (i) Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed:-
"That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of property at Cloneen, Crettyard, Co. Kilkenny to Brian & Paula Coogan, Kilgorey Road, Crettyard, Carlow, Co. Laois, with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale"
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty 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 Windgap Health Centre, Windgap, Co. Kilkenny to Health Service Executive (South), as outlined on the attached map, at Windgap, Co. Kilkenny, for a nil consideration, with each party to be responsible for their own legal costs".

(b) Roads - Bóithre

Part 8 Report and Recommendation for Ossory Pedestrian Bridge

Mr. Crockett referred to report circulated to members in relation to the proposed pedestrian bridge. Public consultation was held and a public information evening was arranged for City Hall. Those that attended had a general welcome towards the proposal. Two submissions were received and details are included in the report.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick and agreed that:- “That in accordance with the provisions (Part 8) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2013 and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2012 we, the Members of Kilkenny County Council, hereby approve the proposals for the development of the Ossory Pedestrian Report as set out in the report of Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager dated 15th April, 2014 and report of Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer dated 14th April, 2014”.

(c) Corporate Affairs

(i) Summary of Achievements 2009-2014

County Manager advised that report on achievements of the Council during the current term has been circulated for member’s information.

(ii) Amenity Grant Allocations 2014

Mr. Mulholland advised that report has been circulated outlining details of the amenity grant scheme for the current year. 107 applications were received. Budget provision in 2014 is €35,000. An allocation of €18,750 from Public Area Enhancement Scheme and an amount of unclaimed grants from previous years has been added to give a total allocation of €53,000 for this year.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. B. Ireland and agreed: - “That Kilkenny County Council approves the payment of Amenity Grants 2014 in accordance with the list circulated to the members”.

(iii) Public Area Enhancement Scheme – Proposals

Ms. C. McCarthy Environment Section gave a powerpoint presentation on the recently announced Public Area Enhancement Scheme. She advised that €90,000 has been allocated to Kilkenny Local Authorities. The Local Authority is required to provide an additional 25% as matching funds giving a total fund of €112,500. Proposed projects had to be submitted to the Department by the 11th April and approval is due by the end of April.

Projects submitted are as follows:-

€18,750 – Amenity Grants

€12,500 – Graveyard Grants

€81,250 – Projects in each area, Castlecomer Demense, Woodstock, Kells, Grannagh Castle and River Nore Linear Park and Wetlands.

Details of these projects were outlined by Ms. McCarthy. All works on approved projects must be completed by the end of September, 2014.

Queries were raised by Cllr. T. Maher, T. Prendergast, M. Shortall and T. Breathnach.

The issues raised by members are as follows:-

- Applications for Amenity Grant – any unsuccessful applicants
- Omission of Silaire Wood, Graiguenamanagh – severe damage to board walk following recent storms.
- Allocation of funds to graveyards – what will be prioritised.
- Grannagh Castle – is this additional to the amount reserved from Development Levies.

Ms. McCarthy responded to all queries raised. She advised that Woodstock has been prioritised in order to carry out works to enable the whole area to be opened up for public use. Mr. Crockett agreed to have a look at Silaire Wood, Graiguenamanagh.

(d) Community Development

Local Community Development Committee – Update

Mr. McCormack gave a powerpoint presentation on the establishment of the Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). He outlined in detail how the LCDC was established, functions of LCDC, membership of LCDC and administrative support.

The membership will be 17 - 8 from statutory agencies and 9 from non statutory groups. There will be 3 elected members on an interim committee, the party whips will be nominated to the committee. All members agreed to this. He advised that there is a very tight time frame for the setting up of the committee. 31st May, 2014 is the date notified to the Local Authority. Further guidelines are awaited. The interim committee will remain in place until the final composition of the LCDC is agreed and the nominated membership has been received. It is a requirement of the LCDC to submit applications for the funding of LEADER local development strategies under the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 by the end of the year.

He further advised how the Community & Voluntary interests will be supported Public Participation Network (PNN) is to be developed in each Local Authority area.

The purpose is to enable the public to take an active formal role in relevant policy making and oversight committees of the local authority and to serve as a nominating structure.

Full implementation is required by 1st June, 2014. A resolution of the Council is required for the establishment of the LCDC, the number of members and the nominations of 3 members to serve on the interim committee, as recommended by the CPG.

Cllr Breathnach expressed concerns at the speed of the setting up of this new committee and cautioned that time should be given to ensure that the best representations is on the new committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed that the LCDC should be established in accordance with the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Committee:-

*“ That Kilkenny County Council establish an **Interim and non-statutory Local Community Development Committee** with the following composition -*

17 members in total, 8 reserved for the representation of Statutory Interests and 9 reserved for the representation of Non-Statutory Interests.

Statutory Interests (8): the following will comprise the representation for the statutory sector

- *Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council – 3*
- *Chief Executive of Kilkenny County Council (County Manager – 1*
- *Head of Local Enterprise – 1*
- **Teagasc – 1*
- **Department of Social Protection – 1*
- **Carlow-Kilkenny Education and Training Board - 1*

Non-Statutory Interests (9): the following will comprise the representation for the non-statutory sector

- *Community and Voluntary Sector (5) – (Social Inclusion (2); Community (2); Environmental (1);) Note: The interim nominating mechanism will be the C&V Forum and the newly formed Countywide Social Inclusion Alliance*
- *Kilkenny Leader Partnership Company – 1*
- **Farming/Agriculture (1)*
- **Business/Employer (1)*
- **Family Resource Centres (1)*

*It should be noted that those agencies/sectors with an * above have been nominated on to the Interim LCDC only and their representation on the Statutory LCDC can only be confirmed following the conclusion of necessary and inclusive consultation processes. The first meeting of the Interim LCDC will be held before the 30th May”.*

(e) Planning - Pleanail

Consideration of Managers Report on submissions received to the Proposed Amendments to the Draft County and City & Environs Development Plans 2014-2020.

Mr. D. Malone, Senior Planner presented the Manager's Report dated 11th April, 2014 on submissions to the proposed amendments to the Draft Kilkenny County and City, Environs Development Plans 2014-2020. Report has been circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

He advised that the proposed amendments to the Draft Plans were advertised from 14th February, 2014 to 14th March, 2014. 41 submissions were received during the 4 week public consultation period. Details of all the 41 submissions have been listed in the County Manager's Report. 24 submissions related to the County Plan, 13 submissions related to the City & Environs Plan, 4 submissions related to both plans.

Chapter 6 relates to a number of errata in the Draft Plans.

Chapter 7 is a synopsis of the modifications recommended to the proposed amendments in response to the submission received following screening in the context of strategic environmental assessment and appropriate assessment. It is recommended that the Council should pass a resolution for the adoption of the County and City & Environs Plans.

Mr. Crockett advised that there have been concerns expressed by members in relation to the policies included in the plans in relation to pylons. He advised that following a meeting with the members that the policy on the pylons would be brought back to the members following the publication of the national report. The members will then have an opportunity to review the policy included in the draft plans.

Cllr. Dunphy welcomed the opportunity to revisit this policy. Cllr. Noonan asked if the public consultation on pylons is underway. Cllr. Dunphy requested members to consider the resolution now before the Council. The resolution was read out for member's consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed: -

"That we the members of Kilkenny County Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), having considered the following:

- The Draft Kilkenny County and City & Environs Development Plans 2014-2020 and Environmental Reports, published 14th June 2013,
- The Manager's Report on Submissions received to the Draft Plans, published 29th November 2013, and addenda to the Manager's Report circulated at the Council Meetings on the 16th December 2013 and the 28th January 2014.
- The changes made by the Elected Representatives at public Council Meetings held on the 16th December 2013 and on the 13th, 20th and 28th of January 2014.
- The Resolution of the Council to amend the Draft Plans, signed on the 28th January 2014,
- The Proposed Amendments to the Draft Plans and Environmental Reports, published 14th of February 2014,
- The Manager's Report on Submissions received to the Proposed Amendments to the Draft Plans, published 11th April 2014 as discussed at the County Council meeting of the 22nd April 2014

Do hereby resolve to make the Kilkenny County and City & Environs Development Plans 2014-2020 with the proposed amendments in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Manager's Report of the 11th April 2014 and minor modifications thereto as decided upon at the Council Meeting on the 22nd of April 2014".

Mr. Malone thanked members for all their work in considering the various reports. He thanked Jane O' Reilly and Catriona O' Sullivan for their input into the plans.

Mr. McCormack expressed his thanks to Denis Malone and the staff as the entire work was done in house, no consultants had been engaged in the process this year.

Members thanked the staff for all their work, engagement with members in an open way which allowed great discussion.

(f) Environment- Timpeallacht

Update on Regional BEAT FM Anti Litter Campaign.

Ms. Bernadette Moloney, Environmental Awareness Officer gave an update to members on the Regional Litter Wasteland campaign organised by the South East Local Authorities with BEAT FM. She advised that this campaign is directed at 15-34 year olds using various types of social media such as Facebook, Twitter etc. The campaign will run for an 8 week period – 1,020 adverts will be aired. In her powerpoint presentation she demonstrated how social media is used to promote and raise awareness for the anti-litter campaign.

Statistics were given for the “hits” on facebook for each of the landmarks used to display the potential future if litter is not dealt with. She advised that her environmental awareness facebook page was very effective for informing the public of environmental awareness activities and events.

Cllr. Dunphy paid a special tribute to Ms. Moloney for organising this campaign with BEAT FM for the entire South East. He stated that it has been a tremendous success and will continue for another month.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Shortall, Connery, Noonan, Doherty and Breathnach. The issues raised by members related to the following:-

- Dog fouling – new signage required, availability of bins in parks
- Littering at night – fast food outlets
- National spring clean week
- Acknowledge community groups who were involved in the various clean up in all the amenity areas.

Ms. Moloney responded to the issues raised by members.

Waste Management Plan

Ms. C. McCarthy Senior Executive Engineer gave a powerpoint presentation on the Waste Management Plan for the Southern Region which covers a total of 9 Counties. She gave an overview on the progress of the new plan. There are 9 major objectives to be included in the new plan and these were outlined in detail in the presentation. The timetable for implementation of a new plan is up to February, 2015.

Existing plans remain valid until the new plan is made. There will be input by elected members at draft stage and the plan will be aligned with the County Development Plan. Pre-draft submissions for the new plan have already being received. 38 submissions were made and 50% of these relate to the infrastructure.

The draft plan is due to be completed by the end of September 2014. Public consultation will take place in October/November 2014 and it will be included on the Council agenda.

Submissions will be reviewed in December 2014/January 2015. Changes to the plan will be completed in February, 2015.

She outlined in her presentation the targets contained in the current waste management plan and the targets achieved to date and proposed targets for January, 2015. A number of areas such as end of life vehicle will have to be looked at in order to reach the targets included in the plan. It should be noted that some targets have been achieved and this is to be welcomed.

Cllr. P. Dunphy thanked Ms. McCarthy for her presentation.

(g) Water Services - Seirbhísí Uisce

Update on Water Conservation

Mr. Billy Mernagh Senior Engineer gave a powerpoint presentation of the water conservation project for the last 5 years. He gave a background to the number of public water supply schemes in the County and the network. 24,000 households are provided with water and 5000 businesses. 26m litres of drinking water is provided every day. Water conservation began in Kilkenny in 2007. Details of the various stages were outlined for member's information. There is a dedicated Leak Detection Team who monitor the information from the various networks, identify the leaks and repairs these where required. The property owner is responsible for a leak if it is detected on private property. 95% of leaks detected have been repaired. The overall aim of the water conservation project is to reduce the level of unaccounted water and lower the operating costs of the service. There has been a 22% reduction in the production of water since March, 2009. The council is currently involved in watermain rehabilitation in 4 locations. The cost of the current projects is €2.4m and the length of water main is 10.1km.

The success of the water conservation project is evident as there has been no outages over the summer of 2013 or during the recent severe winters. The quality of the water at a number of plants has improved. There has also been opportunities to connect developments which were served by private wells and a number of capital schemes have been postponed. There are plans for water main rehabilitation of a further 9 km of mains in a number of locations costing approx €2.5m.

Cllr. P. Dunphy thanked Mr. Mernagh for his detailed presentation.

It was agreed to e-mail this presentation to each member for their information.

3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach

Letter from NRA and ESB in relation to election posters on the roadside was circulated for member's attention.

4. Business adjourned from a previous Meeting - Gnó ar athló ó chruinniú

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None.

5. Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:

- (i) Schedule of meetings from April-June 2014 – Proposed by Cllr. P. Cuddihy, Seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick and agreed.

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

- (i) Report on SPC 3 Environment Meeting held on 22nd January, 2014
Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed.
- (ii) Report on Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on Monday 27th January, 2014. Proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed.
- (iii) Report of Forward Planning & Development SPC 1 Meeting held on 10th February, 2014. Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.
- (iv) Report of the Piltown Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 12th February, 2014. Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.
- (v) Report of the Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on 3rd March, 2014. Proposed by Cllr. C. Connery, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed.
- (vi) Report of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 4th March, 2014.
Proposed by Cllr. A.M Irish, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.
- (vii) Report of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 26th March, 2014.
Proposed by Cllr. A.M Irish, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and agreed.
- (viii) Chairman's Report of SPC 5 Meeting Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Education Meeting held on 6th February, 2014 . Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed.
- (ix) Chairman's Report of Thomastown Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 10th March, 2014. Proposed by Cllr. S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. M. O' Brien and agreed.
- (x) Report of Meeting of Forward Planning & Development SPC 1 Meeting held on 24th March, 2014. Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

- (xi) Chairman's Report of SPC 4 – Housing and Social Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 6th March, 2014. Proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, 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**

(i) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list.
Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and agreed.

(ii) Summary proceedings at Conferences – Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and agreed.

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

None.

10. **Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile**

Cllr. M. Shortall requested that urgent action be taken to repair the public lights in the housing development at Beechcourt, Castlecomer and Brookhaven Nursing Home.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Cuddihy, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed to suspend standing orders to finish item No. 11 and 12.

11. **Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:**

3(14) Cllr. M. O' Brien & T. Prendergast

Proposed by Cllr. M. O' Brien, Seconded by Cllr. T. Prendergast and agreed: -
“That this Council's commitment in the Local Area Plans to link Knocktopher to Ballyhale by footpath be accelerated because Department of Transport investment in that regard has now created a potential road safety issue”.

4(14) Cllrs. M. Shortall, M. Fitzpatrick, T. Prendergast, M. O' Brien & T. Breathnach.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed: - "That Kilkenny County Council should write to the Department of the Environment to urge it to mainstream the initiative in relation to the grant level for group sewerage schemes announced in December 12 and to increase the maximum level of grant to €9,000 or 85% of the cost whichever is the lesser".

5(14) Cllrs. T. Breathnach, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Shortall, M. O' Brien and T. Prendergast.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. T. Prendergast and agreed:- "That Kilkenny County Council should write to the Department of the Environment to seek funding to enable dual heating systems (including stove and back-boiler) to be installed in local authority houses".

6(14) Cllrs. T. Breathnach, A.M. Irish, C. Long, E. Aylward, F. Doherty and P. Dunphy.

Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. A.M Irish and agreed: - "That Kilkenny County Council should write to the Department of the Environment to seek to have included in planning law the right for local authorities to initiate the taking in charge process for estates where an application for same is needed in the interests of people on the estates but which is not forthcoming from a developer or from householders".

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:

3(14) Donegal County Council – 14th February, 2014

"In light of the recent revelations regarding Irish Water, this Council calls on the Government and the Minister for the Environment to disband Irish Water and revert back to the Status Quo of the service being delivered by Local Authorities".

Noted.

4(14) Edenderry Town Council – 25th February, 2014

“That Edenderry Town Council calls on the Government to overturn the decision to impose a Student Service Charge on apprentices while undergoing the education module of their apprenticeship training in Institutes of Technologies”.

Noted.

5(14) Limerick City & County Council – February, 2014

“That Limerick County Council would call upon the Government to immediately take steps to legislate against all types of top-ups and bonuses where tax payers money is involved and, furthermore, that the support of all local authorities be sought for this motion”.

Noted.

6(14) Limerick City & County Council – March, 2014

“That, Limerick County Council would call on the Government to introduce the necessary legislation that will ensure the retention of the post office network throughout Ireland and further that support for this Motion would be requested from all local authorities”.

Noted.

7(14) Drogheda Borough Council – April, 2014

“That Drogheda Borough Council extends its support and congratulations to the group Former Local Authority Members Eire (FLAME) which has held its first press conference aimed at highlighting the group’s bid to successfully obtain a Judicial Review of aspects of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. The group is attempting to mobilise momentum among former local authority members and indeed sitting members at a state side level. All of this is occurring with a view to overturning the abolition of Town and Borough Council’s as laid out in provisions of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. Noted.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach