**Minutes of Joint Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Borough Council held on 28th January, 2014 at 2.00p.m.**

**Chair:** Cllrs. P. Dunphy & M. Brett

**Cllrs:** M H. Cavanagh, P. Millea, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, C. Connery, J. Coonan, M. Noonan, D. Fitzgerald, A McGuinness, M Fitzpatrick, C Long, M. Doran, T. Maher, J. Moran, T. Prendergast, M. O’ Brien, S. Treacy, T. Breathnach, F. Doherty, J Reidy, J Malone, S O’hAragain, J Leahy

**Officials:** J. Crockett, J. McCormack, J. O’ Reilly, N. Louw and A.M. Walsh.

**Apologies:** Cllrs W Ireland, A M Irish, P Crowley

1. **Managers Report on Submissions to the Draft Kilkenny County Council and City and Environs Development Plans 2014-2020.**

Mr. J. Crockett updated the members that consideration of his report has been given by the members at 3 meetings. Approval by both local authorities is now required to allow the amendments go on public display a number of changes were agreed by members of Kilkenny Borough Council to submission D45 & D55 and these have been included.

D45- Objective is to carry out a tree preservation order – zone entire site residential and insert the following objectives for the lands in addition to the completion of the TPO:

Z13 Provide pedestrian and cycle access through the lands around the former Aryesfield house between the Granges Road and the future Loughmacask village centre. The pedestrian and cycle route should be located within an open space area equivalent to 10% of the total land holding identified. The open space shall be designed in accordance with the principles of good design.

D55- Temporary car park “Open for consideration” Cllr. D. Fitzgerald proposed these amendments and Cllr. J. Reidy seconded and all members agreed.

At this stage Mayor Cllr. M. Brett requested an adjournment to consider an issue which has been recently raised by some members. Adjournment was agreed by all for 5 minutes.

Meeting resumed at 2.20p.m.

Cllr. D. Fitzgerald proposed that an amendment to the zoning of lands at Castlecomer Road/New Road Kilkenny (Mart Site) to residential. Cllr. Fitzgerald states that there is sufficient supermarkets in the city and McDonagh Shopping Centre has been constructed since these lands were zoned over 10 years ago. The Smithwick’s site will be the focus for retail development in the future. A change of zoning for the mart site will not devalue the site and there is no land available in the city for residential development.

There was no seconder to this proposal.

Cllr. S. O’ hArgain requested an adjournment to consider this proposal and allow the party groups to discuss this.

Cllr. J. Coonan seconded the proposal for the adjournment. Members agreed to this.

Meeting resumed at 4.00p.m.

Cllr. M. Brett updated the members that the proposal by Cllr. Fitzgerald has been considered in committee by members of Kilkenny County Council and by members of Kilkenny Borough Council, and that an amendment to strengthen the text in section 3.4.3 of the Draft City & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 has been agreed.

In the objective in relation to the Smithwicks land the following text is to be added:

“**Phasing of City Centre Expansion**”

For the purposes of city centre expansion the following phasing of development lands within the City and Environs is proposed:

Phase 1 Smithwick’s lands the subject of the master plan referred to in 3.4.3 and McDonagh Junction

Phase 2 lands the former mart site at the Castlecomer road.

The release of phase 2 lands for major retailing will only be considered where the local authority is satisfied that significant expansion or permission has already occurred on the phase 1 lands and that any additional retailing on the phase 2 lands will not have a negative impact on vitality or viability of the retail core or other centres.

It is considered that the definition of major retail expansion for the purposes of this section of the City & Environs is 1,000 m² for convenience and 2000m² for comparison. “

This was proposed by Cllr. S. O’ hArgain and seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan and agreed by all members.

Cllr. M. Brett requested members of Kilkenny Borough Council to approve the Draft Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan 2014-2020.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. O’ hArgain, seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan and agreed that: -

“We the members of Kilkenny Borough Council, having considered the following:

* The Draft Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 and Environment Report, published 14th June, 2013
* The Manager’s Report on submissions to the Draft Plan, published 29th November, 2013.
* The addenda to the Manager’s Report dated and circulated at the Council Meetings on the 8th and 28th of January, 2014.
* The changes made by the Elected Representatives, at the above Council Meetings.

Do hereby resolve to amend the Draft Plans in accordance with the Recommendations contained in the Manager’s Report and addenda, and as further amended by the changes made by us”.

Cllr. P. Dunphy requested members of Kilkenny County Council to approve the Draft Kilkenny County and City and Environs Development Plan 2014-2020.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Moran, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and agreed that: -

“We the members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the following:

* The Draft Kilkenny County and City & Environs Development Plans 2014-2020 and Environmental Report, published 14th June, 2013,
* The Manager’s Report on Submissions to the Draft Plans, published 29th November, 2013.
* The 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.

Do hereby resolve to amend the Draft Plans in accordance with the Recommendations contained in the Manager’s Report and addenda, and as further amended by the changes made by us”.

Cllr. M. Brett and Cllr. P. Dunphy thanked the County Manager and planning staff for their input into the meetings and thanked all members for their careful consideration of the manager’s report.

Meeting concluded at 5.00p.m.

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

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