

## **Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 3.00pm**

**Chair:** Cllr. P. Millea

**Cllrs:** M.H. Cavanagh, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, A. McGuinness, P. Fitzpatrick, M. McCarthy, M. Doyle, M. Doran, K. Funchion, P. McKee, M. Noonan, E. Aylward, T. Breathnach, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, G. Frisby, P. Cleere, D. Fitzgerald, M. O'Neill, B. Gardner, P. O' Neill, D. Kennedy.

**Officials:** J. Mulholland, J. McCormack, M. Prendiville, P. O'Neill, S. Walton, K. Hanley, C. McCarthy, M. Delahunty, Claire Kelly, Dearbhala Ledwidge, and B. Tyrrell.

Cllr. Millea opened the meeting at 3.00p.m. It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan and agreed: - "That the meeting be adjourned until 3.30p.m in order to finish the meeting in committee with IDA.

Cllr. Millea re-opened the meeting at 3.30p.m.

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

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed:- "That the minutes of Special Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (c) Minutes of meeting of Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture - SPC 3 Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2015** Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and agreed "That the minutes of the Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts and Culture Meeting held on the, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."

Cllr. P. Millea congratulated Claire Walsh, Tullaroan on being selected as the Kilkenny Rose and wished her well.

Cllr. Millea extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- To Maura Hickey and Pat Heffernan on the sudden death of their brother Liam Heffernan.

- To the family of the late John Holden, Harristown, Graiguenamanagh – retired caretaker of library.
- To Seamus Pattison and extended family on the death of his nephew Paul Pattison.
- To the family of the late Monsignor Tony Maher.
- To the Buckley Family, Cork on the tragic death of their daughter Karen.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh proposed a 5 minute adjournment as a mark of respect to the Heffernan family this was seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed.

Votes of Sympathy were also extended to the following:-

- To Breda Nolan, Shanbogh, Tullogher on the death of Martin Nolan.
- To Fr. Michael Anthony O' Connor, Kilmacow, on the death of Margaret O' Connor.
- To the Delahunty Family, Listerlin, Mullinavat on the death of Tom Delahunty.
- To the Grace Family, Ballinacrone, Owing, Piltown on the death of Jimmy Grace.
- To Brian Crowley & Family, Cashel, Piltown on the death of Mick Crowley.
- To the Dunphy Family, Ballyverneen, Glenmore, on the death of Seamus Dunphy.
- To the Fitzgerald Family, Flemingstown, Glenmore, on the death of Jimmy Fitzgerald.
- To Ned Haley & Family, Polerone, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mary Jo Cummins.
- To the Dunne Family, Newrath, Ferrybank on the death of Clause Dunne.
- To Catherine Jewson & Family, Orchard Estate, Piltown on the death of Kitty Foley.
- The Kavanagh Family, Ballybrazil, Mooncoin, on the death of John Boy Kavanagh.
- To Damien Brennan and Family, Kilkeasy, Hugginstown on the death of Ned Brennan.
- Anna Kelly, Inchacarron, Mullinavat, on the death of Billy Kelly.

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 and Other Disposal - Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile**

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and 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 a dwelling at Glasshouse Lane, Belview, Co. Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, to Ms. Yvonne Casserly, 19 Elm Park, Carrig An Ard, Butlerstown,

Waterford for the sum of €50,000 (fifty thousand euro) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale.

**(b) Corporate Affairs – Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**

**(i) Chief Executive Report**

Mr. Mulholland presented his report for the month of April and he updated the members on the following:-

- Finance:- Completion of AFS for 2014
- Kilkenny Central Access Scheme. Litigation settlement.
- Housing – Capital allocation of €43m for the period 2015-2017.
- Roads – Update on N24 Mooncoin Pavement Rehabilitation and Traffic Management Scheme.
- Roads – Application for funding made for Road Safety Measures in Housing Estates.
- Water – Outcome on discussion at SPC on the Draft Water Services Strategic Plan issued by Irish Water.
- Commemoration 2016- Allocation of €30k has been notified for the preparation of local plans to commemorate the 1916 Easter Rising.

Mr. Mulholland requested member's attention to the paragraph on the litigation settlement on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 on the Ossory Pedestrian Bridge and Kilkenny Central Access Scheme. He advised members that orders were made in the High Court setting out the proceedings and the appeal to the Supreme Court and confirming Justice O' Hanlon's earlier judgement that works on both bridges were (a) authorised developments and (b) there has not been a breach of the relevant planning consents in respect of both bridges. It was further ordered that Kilkenny County Council would contribute €50k towards the costs of the Plaintiff legal and professional fees. He referred members to read and take note of his report in relation to this issue.

Mr. McCormack updated the members on the Housing Action Plan for the period 2015-2017. Included in the plan are proposals to deliver 686 units – 215 directly by the LA and the remainder by National Approved Housing Bodies such as Cluid and Respond. Substantial funding is required to deliver this number of units and housing has advanced planning on a number of projects.

Cllr. Millea thanked the Executive and their staff for their advice and professionalism in dealing with the court case over the last few months. He stated that the legal case taken against Kilkenny County Council related to allegations that Kilkenny County Council had engaged in unauthorised development in the manner in which the Central Access Scheme Bridge was being constructed. The settlement of the case provides confirmation that the

Council was not engaged in unauthorised development and that all works undertaken are compliant with the planning approval. This provides comfort to the Elected Members.

Also of concern to the Elected Members was the issue of the costs incurred by the Council in defending the proceedings. These costs are to the detriment of other, badly need, local services.

Cllr. Doherty acknowledged that any person can take a legal challenge even though the project has been in the public domain since 1970. She paid tribute to Mr. Walton and his staff for their work in concluding the legal case.

**(ii) Nomination on Kilkenny Water Safety Committee.**

This item was deferred to the next meeting on the proposal of Cllr. Funchion and seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and agreed.

**(iii) Presentation – Watershed – Dermot Gaynor.**

Cllr. P. Millea welcomed Mr. Dermot Gaynor, CE of the Watershed to the meeting.

Mr. Gaynor gave a PowerPoint presentation to the members on the question of the Watershed and gave an overview on the following:-

- Turnover and visitor numbers
- Business mix
- Range of activities available and proposals for expanding activities.
- Notable events for 2014 and 2015.
- Improvements required to the Facility – Running Track etc.
- Health & Safety, Employment, Child Protection and Customer Service
- Legal Case re Faulty Tiles and the outcome.

Cllr. Millea thanked him for the overview of the Leisure Facilities at the Watershed.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. P. Fitzpatrick and T. Breathnach in relation to links with other tourist attractions for school tours and complimented them on increasing their revenues.

Mr. Gaynor responded to the queries raised and referred to any improvements to be carried out will have to be funded from grants available and will not be a burden on the local authority.

Mr. Prendiville advised that the final account with the contractor will have to be resolved now as the High Court Case has been settled.

### **(c) Planning – Pleanail**

#### **Draft Development Contribution Scheme**

Mr. Prendiville referred to Chief Executive Report circulated with the agenda. He advised the meeting that the draft scheme has been on public display and circulated in accordance with the Planning Acts. A number of responses were received and 2 detailed submissions were received. Mr. Prendiville outlined the details of the submissions and advised that the Chief Executive recommendation is on the report. It is recommended that the draft scheme is amended following receipt of the submissions and it is recommended to the members to adopt the draft scheme as amended. The new scheme is effective from the date of adoption.

Cllr. M. Doran asked for clarification on permissions granted which have not commenced. He was advised that the development contribution rate in existence at the time the development commences will apply.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. M. O' Neill and agreed:- "That Pursuant of the provisions of Section 48 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 - 2014 and following consideration of the Draft Scheme prepared pursuant to the said Section 48 and the Report of the Chief Executive prepared under sub-section 6 of said Section 48 and having regard to any recommendations made by the Minister, the County Council of the County of Kilkenny resolved on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 to modify the Development Contribution Scheme as recommended by the Chief Executive in his report and to make a Development Contribution Scheme for the period 2015 – 2017 inclusive unless revised and the scheme will continue past the end of 2017 until such time that a new Scheme is adopted.

That the development contributions details of which are included in the scheme shall be applied by the County Council of the County of Kilkenny in respect of all decisions to grant planning permission for development made on or after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015."

### **(d) Roads**

#### **Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council regarding N25 Ballyrahan Bridge**

Mr. Walton referred to report dated 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 circulated with the Agenda. He outlined to members that NRA under the auspices of Kildare County Council operate a bridge management unit based in Kildare County Council, National Roads Office. In 2015 NRA has identified a number of bridges in Offaly, Laois, Carlow and Kilkenny as been in need of Rehabilitation Works.

Design procurement and contract administration will be undertaken by Kildare County Council on behalf of the 4 local authorities. It is recommended that Kilkenny County Council enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council in order for Kildare County Council to perform the functions and duties of Kilkenny County Council in respect of bridge rehabilitation works to the N25 Ballyrahan Bridge. It was proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and agreed: - "That Kilkenny County Council resolves to enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council whereby Kildare County Council, on behalf of Kilkenny County Council, will perform the functions and duties of Kilkenny County Council in respect of bridge rehabilitation works to the N25 Ballyrahan Bridge".

**(e) Environment – Timpeallacht**

**(i) Draft Kilkenny County Council Control of Horses Act 1996 Bye Laws 2015 – approval to go for public consultation**

Ms. C. McCarthy gave a PowerPoint presentation to the members on the legislation for Control of Horses and the draft Bye – Laws 2015. She outlined in her presentation the following:-

- Background – Issue of sulky racing in County Kilkenny.
- Purpose of Bye-Laws – draft of new bye-laws
- Enforcement of Bye-Laws
- Definition included in draft Bye-Laws
- Procedure and adoption of Bye-Laws

Copy of the draft Bye Laws 2015 were circulated to members. The wording to be inserted into the existing Control of Horses Act 1996 Bye Laws 2000 was highlighted for member's consideration. It is recommended that the Council approve the draft bye-laws 2015 going out for public consultation.

Contributions were received for Cllr. A. McGuinness, P. McKee, M. Noonan, M. O' Neill, M. Shortall and P. Fitzpatrick.

Members thanked Ms. McCarthy for her presentation.

Members welcomed the draft bye-laws and thanked the County Solicitor for his work in drafting them. Other issues raised by members related to:-

- Need for National funding for animal welfare
- Enforcement of Bye-Laws
- Need to address cruelty to animals

Mr. O' Neill and Ms. McCarthy responded to the queries raised.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness and agreed: -  
“That, we the members of Kilkenny County Council hereby approve the draft bye-laws 2015 going out for public consultation”.

**(ii) Overview of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Consultative Committee on Dog Re-homing and Welfare.**

Ms. Carol McCarthy gave a PowerPoint presentation on the overview of the first meeting of the cross representational consultative committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. She outlined in her presentation the following:-

- Membership of Committee
- Terms of Reference agreed at the meeting
- Summary of Existing Services
- Presentation given on Best Practice in re-homing, tender documentation for the service and micro-chipping of dogs.
- Emerging policies

Members thanked Ms. McCarthy for her presentation. Contributions were received from Cllr. A. McGuinness, M. O’ Neill, M. Noonan, T. Breathnach and D. Kennedy. The issues raised by members are as follows:-

- Importance of animal welfare
- Relaying information to the public
- Open day at dog shelter/visitors centre
- Condition in relation to number of dogs allowed in LA Houses
- Kilkenny People will assist in giving publicity for re-homing dogs

Mr. O’ Neill and Mr. McCormack responded to the queries raised.

**(iii) Covenant of Mayors – developing a more sustainable energy future for Kilkenny.**

Mr. John Mulholland advised members that through the Covenant of Mayors that Kilkenny County Council will commit to implementing Sustainable Energy Action Plans, reduce carbon footprint and achieve energy reduction through various initiatives and projects. The Covenant of Mayor’s document sets out a number of commitments to be undertaken. Details of these commitments have been circulated to all the members. It is recommended to members that the Chairman of Kilkenny County Council, Cllr. P. Millea would sign up to the Covenant of Mayors on behalf of Kilkenny County Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan and agreed: -  
“That Kilkenny County Council sign up to the Covenant of Mayors”.

Cllr. M. Noonan referred back to 2007 when Kilkenny City was the first city to sign the agreement. He urged the continuation of the retro fit programmes which

was part of the commitment in 2007. A sustainable action plan was developed and urged the use of ERDF Funds for energy efficiency projects.

**(f) Community - Pobail**

Launch and Presentation of [www.kilkennyheritage.ie](http://www.kilkennyheritage.ie)

Ms. D. Ledwidge presented an overview of the website which has recently been developed and being launched at the meeting today. The Heritage website is designed to be a library of information for use by the public, elected members, professionals and other interested groups and it will showcase the work of heritage in the County. The website is divided into the following areas:-

- National Heritage
- Built Heritage
- Cultural Heritage
- Kids Heritage
- Visitor Heritage
- News Section

This website will be a one stop shop and further development will be made. There is more content to be loaded up.

Contributions were made by Cllr. M. Noonan, M. O' Neill, P. Fitzpatrick and T. Breathnach.

Members complimented the Heritage section on the website and the recent very successful Heritage Week. A number of queries were raised in relation to developing rural tourism, educating kids on heritage and incorporating Irish in the development of the website.

Mr. McCormack thanked Dearbhala Ledwidge and Claire Kelly for their work in developing the website. He stated that Kilkenny is well placed to build on and capitalise on our heritage and this was borne out in the recent announcement made by Failte Ireland in including Kilkenny as part of their latest initiative "Ireland's Ancient East".

Cllr. Millea thanked Ms. Ledwidge for her presentation.

**3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**

None.

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

None.

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

- (i) Schedule of Meetings from March- April Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed.

Cllr. P. Millea advised the members that an awards night will be held in the Rivercourt Hotel on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at 7.30p.m. to present the various festival grants to the committees.

Cllr. Millea requested approval of members to hold a special meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 at 7.30p.m. at Dunmore GAA Pitch. It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed.

**(ii) Annual General Meeting**

Mr. Mulholland suggested Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 as a suitable date for the AGM. It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed.

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

- (i) Chairperson's Report of Meeting of Planing & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC3) Meeting held on 24th March, 2015.–Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed "That the Chairperson's Report of Planing & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC3) Meeting held on the 24th of March, 2015 be noted and approved."

**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.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

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

None.

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

Cllr. M. O' Neill requested a response to her request for cost of legal fees incurred on illegal fuel depots in South Kilkenny. She was advised that all files have to be retrieved from archives to get the information required.

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

**10 (15) - Cllr's Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy and Pat Fitzpatrick – 18<sup>th</sup>  
February, 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. McCarthy, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed:-

“As Lifebuoys in Kilkenny City and County are provided for by the local authority to assist in the saving of lives, Kilkenny County Council is calling on the Minister for Justice to introduce a system of significant penalties for people who are found to have stolen or vandalised critical lifesaving equipment such as lifebuoys.”

**11 (15) - Cllr's Kathleen Funchion, David Kennedy and Melissa O'Neill – 20<sup>th</sup>  
February, 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Funchion, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy and agreed: - “That this council recognising the need for safety for children at play in the housing estates in which they live, calls on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015 commonly known as Jake's Law, in memory of Jake Brennan, in order to introduce a new mandatory speed limit of 20km specifically for housing estates. The council further commits to writing to the Minister on this issue and circulating this letter to all other local authorities in the state for their consideration.”

Cllr. Funchion requested all Councillors to support a mandatory speed limit of 20km per hour in all residential areas; this will reduce the number of accidents for children under the age of 14 years.

**12 (15) - Cllr's Pat Fitzpatrick and Matt Doran – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and agreed: - "That Kilkenny County Council calls on both the Minister for Transport Paschal Donohue TD and Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Rural Affairs Ann Phelan TD, to protect the current bus route enjoyed by citizens of rural Ireland which runs between Dublin and Cork, via Kilkenny and Clonmel (Route 7). In particular Kilkenny County Council calls on both Ministers to ensure that the service currently enjoyed by the people of North Kilkenny via stops at Castlecomer and Crettyard are protected and maintained."

Cllr. Noonan called on the Oireachtas Members to support this.

**13 (15) - Cllrs. Melissa. O' Neill, David. Kennedy & Kathleen. Funchion – 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Neill, Seconded by Cllr. K. Funchion and agreed:- "That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Tánaiste & Minister of Social Protection to abandon the plan to phase out Lone Parents payments once children reach seven years of age. Some 11, 000 lone parent families have already been affected by these reductions. These further reductions will impact on 30,200 lone parent families in July this year, pushing families further into poverty and depression. With no suitable affordable child care program in place this plan will have devastating effects on the most vulnerable families of our society".

Cllr. O' Neill spoke about the cuts already to the Lone Parents Allowance and the affordability of childcare. Any further cuts will force people deeper into poverty.

**15(15) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty – 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed: - "That Kilkenny County Council write to the Minister for

Transport to provide additional funding for future years, to the non-national low cost safety improvement scheme in order to allow the numerous locations and junctions across the county that meet the criteria to be considered for this scheme”.

Cllr. Doherty spoke about the clear need for funding for road improvements across the County.

### **17(15) Cllrs. M. Shortall & T. Breathnach – 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council supports the workers in Dunne’s Stores who are seeking – The implementation of banded hour contracts which would give workers security of hours and earnings. – A review of excessive use of temporary contracts of employment. – Individual and collective representational rights for Dunne’s workers. – This Council welcomes the commitment to legislate for an improved framework for workers who seek to better their terms and conditions where collective bargaining is not recognised by their employer.

Further this Council welcomes Government commitment to legislate so that workers can have confidence that they have an effective system that protects and promotes their rights. This legislation ensures they can advance claims about remuneration, terms and conditions and have these determined based on comparisons with similar companies- and not be victimised for doing so”.

Cllr. Breathnach urged support for the workers and urged for a review of temporary contracts. He stated that every employee deserves to be treated fairly and with dignity.

### **18(15) Cllr. Malcolm Noonan**

“That the members of Kilkenny County Council oppose the imminent closure of the branch Library at Callan Co Kilkenny and demand that Kilkenny County Council and the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government address the issues of staff shortages, maternity and sick leave cover under the Workforce Plan and restrictions under public sector recruitment to meet the requirements of a full provision of a library service to all branch libraries. We further demand that in the short term provisions are made to keep Callan branch library open until such a time as outstanding vacant staff grades are filled. This motion recognises the vital

community service provided by all of our libraries and that a sustainable long term plan for a state of the art service is both attainable and essential”.

Mr. Mulholland advised that this matter has been dealt with. Cllr. Noonan accepted this and stated that there is no necessity to deal with the Notice of Motion.

**2. Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council - Fógraí i dtaobh Rúin ó Údaráis Áitiúla eile ag lorg tacaíochta ó Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh:**

**3 (15) – Fingal County Council – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

“That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of the Environment to ask him to remove the 15% limit on Local Property Tax reductions on the basis that it is expected that the valuation on property prices mandated to occur in 2016 is expected to reveal that valuations have increased far above 15% and as a result local councillors will be powerless to prevent what may be an unnecessary imposition of higher LPT rates. This motion also calls on the Chief Executive to write to all County and City Councils in Ireland to inform them of this potential issue for their consideration.”

Members have noted and read notice

**4 (15) – Offaly County Council – 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

“As democrats elected by the people of Co. Offaly, today this council condemns targeting the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins for any protests or demonstrations. This is an attack on our constitution and if allowed to continue will lead to a breakdown of normal politics.”

Members have noted and read notice

**5 (15) - The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblaney – 4<sup>th</sup> March,**

“That this District calls on the Minister for Jobs, Richard Bruton, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland that any new factories that are opened are not sold to private commercial groups but are kept in the ownership of the State Agencies.”

Members have noted and read notice

**6(15) Monaghan County Council – 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

“That Monaghan County Council request the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to create a newly funded co-ordinator post for the Public Participation Networks throughout each local authority, to enhance its potential for optimum outreach and success in building relations between local authorities and the communities they serve”.

Members have noted and read notice

**7(15) Offaly County Council – 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

“At present Parking Fines issued by the council’s traffic wardens and subsequently not paid and which go to court and upheld the money accruing from those is retained by the state. Offaly County Council calls for a change to allow councils to benefit from this revenue as all the work and expense is born by the Council”.

Members have noted and read notice

**8(15) The Municipal Districts of Carrickmacross- Castleblayney – 8<sup>th</sup> April**

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Paschal Donohue TD, and our local Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Heather Humphreys, TD to ensure that decisions regarding the removal of school bus services are not taken without a four week period of prior consultation with the Local Authority, local schools and Parents Associations. The four week consultation period will enable the Local Authority to undertake necessary road repairs considering we have now received our lowest amount of funding in the last twelve years”.

Members have noted and read notice

Cllr. Millea advised that the agenda has been dealt with and reminded councillors that “Lifeline” will be addressing them now.

Cllr. Millea welcomed Ms. Trish Finnegan to the meeting. Ms. Finnegan gave a PowerPoint presentation to the members. She gave an overview of the work of “Lifeline” their key objectives, their structure and priority areas of work and

actions. Copies of the County Kilkenny Action Plan for Suicide Prevention 2014-2018 were circulated for member's attention.

"Lifeline" is embedded in local government and training is available for all people including Councillors who deal with people in crisis. She stated that "Lifeline" need a property in Kilkenny to provide support and advice and she asked if Kilkenny County Council could be of assistance here.

Contributions were made by Cllr. M. O' Neill, M. Noonan, M. Shortall and P. Millea. Members thanked Ms. Finnegan for her insight into "Lifeline" and wished the organisation every success as suicide touches everybody.

Cllr. Millea thanked Ms. Finnegan for her presentation.

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