

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July, 2015 at 3.00pm

Chair: Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh

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

Officials: J. Mulholland, M. Prendiville, K. Hanley, S. McKeown, Ml. Arthurs, Ml. Delahunty, F. Stafford, C. McCarthy, B. Tyrrell, Lindsey Butler, Brid Hynes and A. M. Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr. M. O'Neill, D. Fitzgerald.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 15th June, 2015** Proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan and agreed "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 15th June, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (b) Minutes of Minutes of Special Meeting held on 26th June, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed:- "That the minutes of Special Meeting held on 26th June, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (c) Minutes of meeting of SPC 5 Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy Meeting held on 14th May, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed "That the minutes of the SPC 5 Meeting held on the, 14th May 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (d) Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee No. 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services Meeting held on 3rd July, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. Ml. Doyle, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy and agreed:- "That the minutes of Strategic Policy Committee No. 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services Meeting held on 3rd July, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

Cllr. MH Cavanagh advised the meeting that she had invited Professor Willie Donnelly of Waterford Institute of Technology to address the Members at a future meeting. Cllr. Frisby requested that the President of Carlow Institute of Technology attend also.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. McKee, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall & agreed that both be invited to address the Members at the October monthly meeting.

Cllr. Cavanagh congratulated the following:

- Cllr. Malone on his election as chair of Kilkenny Municipal District.
- Fr. Brian Griffin, Slieverue on his ordination to the priesthood

And wished the Kilkenny Arts Week Committee every success with the Festival in August.

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

- To Sue Nunn & family on the death of Clive Nunn.
- Anne Maria Walsh & family on the death of her father Patrick Lahert.

It was proposed by Cllr. MH Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. M. Doran & agreed that the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes as a mark of respect to the Lahert family.

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

- (i) Proposed by Cllr. P. McKee, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 3 Cedarwood Park, Loughboy, Kilkenny in accordance with Section 183(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001 and that the consent of the Minister for Environment is not necessary”.
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. P. McKee and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No.3 Togher Road, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with Section 183(1) of the Local Government Act, 2001 and that the consent of the Minister for Environment is not necessary”.

(b) Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

(i) Chief Executive Report

Mr. Mulholland referred to his report for the July monthly meeting and updated Members on the following: -

- Financial position.
- Changes to the Valuation Amendment Act.
- Activities of the Local Enterprise Office.
- Progress on Implementation of Social Housing Strategy.
- Policy direction on Council Rent Scheme.
- Dog Shelter & Dog Warden Service.
- Commemoration 2016.
- International Communities in Bloom Competition.
- Update on Gateway Scheme.

Cllr. MH Cavanagh expressed thanks to all the staff who were involved in preparing the City for the International Community in Bloom Competition.

Cllr. P. McKee raised a query in relation to changes to the Valuation Act and in particular for Community & Childcare Facilities. He also asked if exemptions in development levies applied to these developments.

Cllr Doherty asked if there are any grants available for businesses to start up.

Mr. Mulholland responded to the queries raised.

(ii) Appointment of Chief Executive

The recommendation of the Public Appointments Service was considered by the elected members and it was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. K. Funchion and resolved.

“Having regard to the recommendation of the Public Appointments Service dated 25th June, 2015, we the Members of Kilkenny County Council hereby appoint, Ms. Colette Byrne as Chief Executive of Kilkenny County Council in accordance with:

- (a) Local Government Act 2001 and
- (b) Local Government (Appointment of Chief Executive) Regulations 2014 and
- (c) The Code of Practice issued by the Commission for the Public Service Appointments under Section 23 of the Public Service (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004”.

(iii) Update on Waterford Boundary Committee

Mr. K. Hanley updated the Members on the current status of the Waterford Boundary Committee. There has been no contact from the Committee. The Steering Group established by the Council has met on 17/7/2015. A letter has been sent to the Minister and the Junior Minister in the Department of the Environment. Data is being collated in advance of any meeting with the Committee.

Cllr. MH Cavanagh requested that a further meeting of the Steering Group be called if there is any progress over the summer.

Cllr. Breathnach thanked S. Walton and K. Hanley for all the documents circulated to the Steering Group.

(iv) Service Delivery Plan

Mr. Mulholland referred members to the progress report at 30/6/2015 in respect of the implementation of the Council's service delivery plan together with copy of the performance indicators for the Year 2014.

He advised members that it is a requirement of the Local Government Reform Act to implement the Plan, monitor its implementation and to issue a report on its progress. The key achievements to date are listed in the cover letter attached with the report.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. McKee, M. Noonan, M. Shortall in relation to the following:

- Procurement and engagement with SME's – need to encourage local business to submit tenders.
- Progress on HGV Management Plan & Low Carbon Local Bus Link for Kilkenny City.
- Funding for conservation of buildings from Kilkenny City Trust.
- Status of development bonds with IRBC (Anglo Irish).
- Progress on Preliminary Design / CPO for Damerstown.

Mr. Hanley advised that frameworks for procurements are being completed and a seminar for local businesses on procurement will be held later in the year.

Ms. Walsh advised that claims have been lodged with the Special Receiver for all bonds provided by Anglo Irish Banks.

Mr. Stafford updated the members on the project for Damerstown. No CPO is envisaged at this stage. 2 route options are being considered and Project Appraisal will be completed in Sept. 2015.

Mr. Mulholland advised that the HGV Management Plan will be discussed at the Kilkenny Municipal District Meetings in September. Applications for funds can be made to Secretary of Kilkenny City Trust. Very little progress has been made on the Low Carbon Bus Link.

(v) Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, seconded by Cllr. Ml. Doyle & agreed "That Kilkenny County Council approves the filling of vacancy on Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board by the appointment of Cllr. Breda Gardner".

(vi) SPC Membership

The overall membership of the Strategic Policy Committees were circulated for members information.

(c) Roads – Bóithre

(i) Waterford to New Ross Greenway.

Mr. K. Hanley referred members to report dated 14/7/2015 circulated with the Agenda. He advised that 2 public information evenings had been held and comments received were being followed up. One to one consultations are being conducted with affected land owners. Approval of members is being sought to commence Part 8 process.

Contributions were received from Cllr. F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, G. Frisby, E. Aylward & T. Breathnach. Members welcomed this project for South Kilkenny and requested that Kilkenny County Council should be the lead authority as Kilkenny is best placed to deal with the issues that affect land owners in the Kilkenny Area which is the greater part of the project.

Mr. Mulholland advised that a Section 85 Agreement will be required when decision is made on the lead authority. Up to now Wexford County Council has been the lead Authority by default as they have been dealing with the New Ross By-Pass and the new bridge.

This project will feed into the Rosslare to Cork cycle track.

(ii) County Kilkenny Road Safety Plan

Mr. J. Mulholland advised members that the County Kilkenny Local Safety Plan 2015-2020 has been discussed at SPC meetings which was prepared by the Road Safety Together Committee. He welcomed the reduction in the number of fatal & serious injury collisions on the road network in County Kilkenny. Kilkenny County Council has focused over the period of the last plan on Road Safety Remedial measures at accident cluster sites in particular the School Safety Programme & various pavement rehabilitation programmes. The completion of the M8 & M9 motorways has also contributed to improved road safety.

He advised members that the key provisions in the new plan will include some of the following:

- County wide review of Speed Limits.
- Traffic calming in residential developments.
- Continued roll out of the Gro-Safe Project.
- Target enforcement & education in respect of mobile phone use, driver fatigue, etc.

Mr. Mulholland recommended to members the adoption of the Road Safety Plan 2015-2020.

Contributions were received from Cllr. F. Doherty, T. Breathnach, P. Dunphy, MH. Cavanagh, E. Aylward, M. Shortall, G. Frisby, M. Noonan, P. Cleere, P. Millea & P. McKee.

Members welcomed the new Road Safety Plan and acknowledged the urgent need for a speed limit review across the county.

The main issues raised by members are as follows:

- Road markings/arrows/pedestrian crossings in South Kilkenny – request reinstatement by NRA.
- Access for Slieverue Village and issues on the roundabout.
- Request NRA to attend meetings of Kilkenny County Council to have a workable arrangement in place.
- Review of School Safety Programme – revisit locations and upgrade where necessary.
- Education – Re Pedestrians walking at night.
- Reduce car dependency, continue with Smarter Travel Plans, training programme for cyclists.
- Footpaths near Bennettsbridge on the R700 adjoining the houses.

Mr. Mulholland agreed to contact the NRA in relation to the issues raised. He advised that the winter maintenance programme will continue in the current plan. The speed limit review will be completed in 2016. Improvements to road network provision of footpaths is subject to availability of budgets.

Cllr. Cavanagh asked each member to submit at Municipal District level the issues which they wish to have discussed with the NRA.

Cllr. F. Doherty proposed the adoption of the County Kilkenny Road Safety Plan 2015-2020, this was seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach & agreed.

(iii) Funding Allocation

Mr. Mulholland advised that an allocation of €216,750 has been notified to Kilkenny County Council for signage programme/engineering measures in respect of implementing 30kph speed limits in housing areas. He further advised that an additional allocation of €780,000 has been received for local roads.

Cllr. Cavanagh advised that the programme of works for these allocations will be agreed with members of the Municipal District Committees.

(d) Environment - Timpeallacht

(i) Nomination

Ms. C. McCarthy updated the meeting on the tender awarded for the operation of the Dog Shelter. She advised that the current staff are employed by ISPCA and acknowledged their good work over the last few years. She requested members approval to ask the PPN to put forward a nomination for the Consultative Committee on Dog Welfare & Re-homing.

Contributions were received from Cllr. B. Gardner & K. Funchion. The queries raised are as follows:-

- Animal Welfare Charter – will successful Tenderer sign up to it, policy of putting dogs to sleep.
- Concerns re existing staff employment & the transfer of undertaking.
- Volunteers working in the shelter..
- Provision of visitors centre.

Ms. C. McCarthy responded and advised that the new service provider is required to sign contract & memorandum of understanding which included complying with the Animal Welfare Charter.

The matter of staff is between the existing service provider and the successful Tenderer. Commitment has been received from Dog Trust to train volunteers. Any improvement works to the Dog Shelter will be subject to the provision of funds at Budget time.

Ms. McCarthy advised that putting dogs to sleep is a last resort, the statutory period for holding dogs is 5 day. The number of dogs in the shelter cannot be controlled and there will be times when the shelter is very full.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall & agreed that the PPN be requested to put forward a nomination for the Consultative Committee on Dog Welfare and Re-homing.

Cllr. Cavanagh advised members that if they have any further issues to speak with the members of the Consultative Committee.

**(ii) Local Authority National Water Framework Directive Office – Lead Authority
Kilkenny/Tipperary County Council**

Mr. Ml. Arthurs advised that the joint bid to establish and manage a Local Authority National Water Framework Directive Office (LANWFDO) for Kilkenny & Tipperary Councils has been successful. The office will be set up on a pilot basis for 5 years and will be staffed by 18 people. Director of Services leading the project is Mr. Matt Shortt, Tipperary County Council supported by C. McCarthy, Kilkenny County Council. The role of the LANWFDO will mainly be to promote knowledge sharing and co-ordination and seek consistency in the implementation of River Basin Management Plans and Programmes of Measures by all local authorities, public

authorities, sectoral interests & community groups to undertake the required statutory public consultation and public awareness campaign in water resources management, to assist the Minister & EPA, to foster links with industry and agricultural sectors and to develop links with local sectoral organisations such as IFA, Chamber of Commerce, angling groups & tidy towns.

Cllr. Cavanagh congratulated the staff who prepared the bid and wished the project every success.

(e) Finance – Airgeadais

Budget 2016

Mr. Prendiville gave a PowerPoint presentation on Budget 2016. Copies of the presentation were circulated to all members. In his presentation, he outlined the Budget 2016 timetable, process for decision on Local Property Tax, requirement to harmonise the rates and decision required on level of vacancy refunds. Full details were given in relation to income from local property tax, rates etc. He advised that the statutory deadline for passing the Resolution is 30/9/2015 on the Property Tax.

He advised members that the Annual Rate on valuation must be adjusted for Budget 2016. The level of adjustment is at the discretion of the members. The Council adopted a single annual rate on valuation for 2015 of €54.90 which must be place by 2024.

It is a reserved function of the members to vary the rate of refund that applies to individual Municipal Districts. The current position is 100% refund.

Mr. Prendiville outlined that the various stages in the 2016 Budget process. Agreement on the Budget strategy needs to be in place in early September and budgets must be adopted by end of December. The preparation of the Municipal Districts works and adoption will commence immediately after the summer holidays. Budget Timetable is attached for members information.

Queries arose from Cllr. MH Cavanagh, E. Aylward, P. McKee, M. Noonan. P. Fitzpatrick, P. Cleere & T. Breathnach in relation to:

- Implication on income from changes to the property tax, Local Government Fund & Equalisation Fund.
- Date for reviewing value of houses.
- Level of refund of Rate on vacant property for individual Municipal Districts & Profile of vacant units across the County.
- Opportunity for public consultation on property tax lost due to the timing of it during the summer.
- Obligation to adopt Property Tax by 30/9/15.

Mr. Prendiville advised members that there are statutory deadlines that cannot be altered. Details of Equalisation Fund and income from property Tax will not be available until September. Kilkenny County Council has advertised for submissions to the Property Tax and is also using social media.

Level of vacant properties has been considered at the SPC for Economic Development and it is a matter for the members to decide on the level of refund made. It is understood that the value of houses for Property Tax is frozen until 2018.

Cllr. MH Cavanagh proposed that a Special Meeting be held on 21/9/2015 at 2.30pm to discuss the Local Property Tax and Budget 2016. This was seconded by Cllr. P. Millea and agreed.

(f) Community - Pobail

Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Grant Scheme 2015

For this item Cllr. P. Cleere, Ml. Doyle & E. Aylward removed themselves from the Chamber.

Mr. S. McKeown referred members to report circulated to the meeting. A budget of €250,000 is available for 2015. 18 applications were received. The evaluation Committee considered all applications in accordance with the agreed criteria approved by members. There are 4 core eligibility criteria which are set out in the report. A total of 9 applications passed the core criteria and were deemed eligible. He referred members to the various tables attached to the report.

Table 1 – Eligible Applications & Priority Listing

Table 2 – Eligible Applications failing to meet the 4 core criteria.

Table 3 – Applications deemed ineligible.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. P. McKee & agreed “That Kilkenny County Council approves the Community & Cultural Facilities Grant Scheme 2015-2017 for Kilkenny County Council”.

Contributions were received from Cllr. M. Noonan, P. McKee, P. Dunphy, MH Cavanagh, D. Kennedy, B. Gardner, P. Fitzpatrick, M. Shortall & F. Doherty. The issues raised related to:-

- Allocation of funds per Municipal Districts.
- Eligible applications – insufficient funds for 2015 – can they be considered for 2016 and given priority.
- Welcome funds for these worthwhile projects and thanked communities for their involvement.

Members thanked Mr. McKeown, B. Hynes & L. Butler for their work with the Communities and for their engagement with the individual applicants. The Evaluation Committee was also thanked.

Mr. McKeown advised that any group interested in seeking funds should engage at an early stage with the staff. He stated that all applications were assessed on their merits and not on an area basis. This criteria may need to be re-considered by the Council if Members wish to change the Scheme.

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) Cllr. MH Cavanagh requested members to meet in committee in advance of the meeting planned for 31/7/2015 at 11.00 to be briefed by the Executive on the masterplan & proposed variation. This was agreed. It was proposed by Cllr. P. McKee & seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty & agreed that the schedule of meetings for July – Sept 2015 as amended be approved.

(ii) **Deputation – Kilkenny Tourism (September Meeting)**

It was proposed by Cllr. P. McKee, seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed that Kilkenny County Council would receive a deputation from Kilkenny Tourism at the September meeting.

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

(i) Chairman’s Report of Strategic Policy Committee No. 5 – Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy Meeting held on 14th May, 2015 - proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by G. Frisby and agreed “That Chairman’s Report of Strategic Policy Committee No. 5 – Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy Meeting held on 14th May, 2015 be noted & read”.

(ii) Chairpersons Report of Strategic Policy Committee No. 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services meeting held on 3rd July, 2015 – Proposed by M. Doran, seconded by T. Breathnach & agreed “That the Chairmans Report of Strategic Policy Committee No. 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services meeting held on 3rd July, 2015 be noted & read”.

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) Cllr. M. Noonan requested that conference organised by Environment Ireland for Croke Park in September be included on the list. Cllr. T. Breathnach requested National Conference on Group Water Scheme be also added.

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner and agreed that the schedule of conferences as amended be approved.

- (ii) Summary proceedings at Conferences –

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
M.H. Cavanagh	8 th -9 th May	Crime Prevention & Community Safety
B. Gardner	5 th -7 th June	EU Support Programmes for Irish Regions

Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, seconded by B. Gardner and agreed.

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

None

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

None

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

22(15) Cllr. Tomas Breathnach – 20th June, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall & agreed “That Kilkenny County Council should work with the Department of the Environment, the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly and other local authorities of the South East to form a forum where issues of a regional nature can be progressed and to enhance the level of co-operation and co-ordination of the delivery of services for all of the people in the region”.

23(15) Cllr. Breda Gardner – 25th June, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. B. Gardner, seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness and agreed “That members of local minority sports groups make a presentation to Kilkenny County Council for priority provision of a sports facility to be used by minority sports in Kilkenny”.

Cllr. Gardner asked that members give consideration to a number of minor sports such as Marital Arts, Indoor Hockey, etc as there are no facilities available to them for use. Cllr. A. McGuinness referred to the need for Skate Park as part of the Brewery Site development.

24(15) Cllrs. David Kennedy, Kathleen Funchion and Melissa O' Neill -25th June, 2015

Cllr. D. Kennedy asked that this Notice be listed on the Municipal District Meeting for consideration.

25(15) Cllr. Malcolm Noonan – 25th June, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner and agreed “That Kilkenny and Carlow County Councils would collaborate to seek funding to develop a ‘Fablab’ Community Enterprise Hub within a designated appropriate centre to service educational facilities; primary, secondary and third level, research and development, industry including creative industries in the region”.

Cllr. Noonan outlined to the meeting the concept of a “Fablab”. A site in CloghJordan could be visited to see it working. Access to funds is required to establish such a facility.

Cllr. Cavanagh asked if Cllr. Noonan would make contact with WIT.

26(15) Cllr. Malcolm Noonan – 25th June, 2015

It was agreed to defer this notice to the September meeting to allow further time to get information on it.

27(15) Cllrs. John Brennan & Michael Doyle – 30th June, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle, seconded by Cllr F. Doherty and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council would write to the Government and ask that they would re-introduce the Tenant Purchase Scheme and to also contact “Respond” and ask them to consider offering their tenants the opportunity to own their own home if they wish to do so”.

28(15) Cllr. Michael Doyle – 30th June, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle, seconded by P. Cleere and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council would write to the Minister Alan Kelly calling on him to lift the embargo on local authorities employing staff and especially outdoor staff as this would greatly help and improve the current work load within the county”.

29(15) Cllr. Patrick McKee – 2nd July, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. P. McKee, seconded by Cllr. P. Cleere and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council immediately undertakes the required work to establish a ‘Wi-Fi’ facility at County Hall to allow elected members access the necessary resources that are required from time to time in the discharge of their duties. This Council notes the difficulty faced by elected members in accessing resources whilst in County Hall due to the lack of an available ‘Wi-Fi’ connection. Furthermore, That Kilkenny County Council undertakes the necessary work to establish a facility to

allow for live streaming of County Council meetings. This Council notes the importance of both openness and transparency in regard to how it carries out its work and will facilitate the public in being able to monitor the conduct and performance of their elected representatives during Council meetings by establishing a live streaming facility”.

Mr. Hanley advised that Wi Fi will be installed in September and costs needs to be established in relation to live streaming of meetings.

Mr. Mulholland advised that Standing Orders need to be amended and this needs to be discussed at the CPG meeting.

30 (15) Cllr. Patrick McKee- 2nd July, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. P. McKee, seconded by B. Gardner and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council immediately erect signage at the Nore Linear Park informing those entering the park that Bye-Laws are in place prohibiting the entry of horses and also, informing those entering the park of the sanctions that will be imposed for breach of the bye-laws. This Council notes the bye-laws which were adopted in 2011 prohibiting such conduct and further notes the ongoing difficulties being faced by residents residing in the vicinity of the Nore Linear Park due to the illegal entry of horses and horse drawn vehicles onto the Nore Linear Park”.

Contributions were received from Cllr. Gardner, McKee, McGuinness & Noonan in relation to the following:

- Restricting access for horses & sulkies to the park
- No. of fines issued
- Employment of a Linear Park Warden
- Co-operation of Garda required
- Erection of signage urgently required

Mr. Hanley advised that enforcement of Bye-Laws is a matter for the Gardaí.

Mr. Mulholland advised that Kilkenny County Council do not have the staff resources to have the area patrolled and monitored. Staff are not trained to deal with law & order issues. Signage can be erected. The matter can be brought up at the Joint Policing Committee.

31(15) Piltown Municipal District

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, seconded by P. Dunphy and agreed “that Kilkenny County Council should write to the Department of Transport and the National Roads Authority to seek a review of the Traffic Signs Manual with a specific focus on the delineation of junctions on the National Roads Network”.

32(15) Piltown Municipal District – 6th July, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Department of Transport to seek a consistent and workable consultative arrangement with the National Roads Authority, whereby the Elected Members of Local Authorities can bring issues of concern for road users and local communities to the attention of the National Roads Authority, and which facilitates the addressing of such issues in an expeditious manner”.

33(15) Cllrs. M. McCarthy & M. Doran – 6th July, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. M. McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council undertakes a survey of housing developments specifically identifying those where the public lights have not been transferred to the local authority. Thereafter that Kilkenny County Council develops a policy that provides for measures whereby public lights in such housing estates remain operational on an ongoing basis. Any costs incurred by Kilkenny County Council in bringing the public lighting infrastructure up to standard to be recouped where possible from the development bond”.

Cllr. Cavanagh asked that this matter be discussed at the appropriate SPC and a strategy be developed.

12. 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:

10(15) Dublin City Council – 12th June, 2015

“This Council will write to the Minister of Environment Alan Kelly stating that a BIN waiver should be introduced for people with health issues. Over 20,000 people in Ireland suffer from bowel disease and are fitted with a stoma. These people have to use their bin to dispose of these colostomy bag through no fault of their own, and with pay by weight been introduced this will be a big cost to them. There is also many other conditions that people have medical waste that has to be put in the bin”. Noted & read by Members.

11(15) Donegal County Council – 17th June, 2015

“Donegal County Council welcomes the wage increase awarded to Dunnes Stores workers but we believe that it is now time for all employers to guarantee their employees a minimum and liveable number of hours of employment”. Noted & read by Members.

12(15) Donegal County Council – 17th June, 2015

“That Donegal County Council supports the Irish Deaf’s Society call for Irish Sign Language to be recognised as an Official Language”. Noted & read by Members.

13(15) Donegal County Council – 17th June, 2015

“That this Council would ensure that 30% of all social houses built or bought under the Social Housing Strategy 2020 will be located in rural areas and that this motion will be passed to all other Local Authorities”. Noted & read by Members.

Signed: _____

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DATE

Letters

C. McCarthy: PPN Nomination

- 22(15) Letter to Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly & L.A. in S. E.
- 27(15) Letter to Dept. Environment.
- 28(15) Letter to Alan Kelly, Department of Environment, and
- 28(15) Letter to Brendan Howlin, Public Reform
- 31(15) Letter to Dept. of Transport & NRA
- 32(15) Letter to Dept. Of Transport