

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT 4.00 P.M.**

**Chair:** Eamon Aylward

**Cllrs:** John Brennan, Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, Fidelis Doherty, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Breda Gardner, David Kennedy, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Patrick McKee, Pat Millea, Malcolm Noonan, Melissa O'Neill, Patrick O' Neill, Maurice Shortall & Sean Tyrrell.

**Officials:** Colette Byrne, Martin Prendiville, Mary J. Mulholland, Sean McKeown, Tim Butler, Declan McDonnell & Anne Maria Walsh.

Cllr. Eamon Aylward opened the Adjourned Meeting and advised that there is one Item on the Agenda for discussion.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill and agreed that the meeting would be adjourned for ten minutes to allow Members the opportunity to clarify a number of issues on the Local Property Tax.

Meeting resumed at 16:25 p.m.

Cllr. Aylward congratulated the Community in Inistioge on their wonderful success in achieving the gold medal in the Entente Florale. He also referred to the fantastic input from all the residents and the staff in Kilkenny County Council.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald complimented the Chief Executive for her leadership in preparing Inistioge for this competition and also Cllr. Michael Doyle for his untiring work and leadership in getting the village prepared.

**2. (d) Local Property Tax**

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh that there be no change to the Local Property Tax.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan that the Local Property Tax be increased by 5%. Cllr. Noonan spoke about the necessity to increase income in the Council to enable services to be maintained. In proposing an increase he requested that certain amounts from the additional income be allocated to a number of services. He also requested the Government to provide more funding to Local Authority. There was no seconder for this amendment.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Breda Gardner, seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill that the Local Property Tax be decreased by 5%. Cllr. Gardner referred to the Capital Projects and in particular the CAS Bridge and was unable to provide details of what services would be cut with the loss of €365,000 in the Local Property Tax.

Cllr. Eamon Aylward called for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment proposed by Cllr. Breda Gardner, seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill that that:

*"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act, 2012 (as amended), hereby resolve that the basic rate of local property tax should decrease by 5% for the period 1st November, 2018 to 31st October, 2019 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Kilkenny County Council. The invariable rate shall take effect from the liability date in the year in which notification is sent to the Revenue Commissioners".*

**In Favour [2]** Cllrs. Breda Gardner & Melissa O'Neill

**Against [19]** Cllrs. John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Pat Millea, Peter Cleere, Michael Doyle, David Kennedy, Patrick O'Neill, David Fitzgerald, Sean Tyrrell, Joe Malone, Patrick McKee, Malcolm Noonan, Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy & Ger Frisby

The amendment was defeated by 19 votes to 2 votes.

Cllr. Eamon Aylward called for a vote on the proposal by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh that:

*"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act, 2012 (as amended), hereby resolve that the basic rate of local property tax should stand unchanged for the period 1st November, 2018 to 31st October, 2019 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Kilkenny County Council. The invariable rate shall take effect from the liability date in the year in which notification is sent to the Revenue Commissioners".*

**In Favour [18]** Cllrs. John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Pat Millea, Peter Cleere, Michael Doyle, David Kennedy, Patrick O'Neill, David Fitzgerald, Sean Tyrrell, Joe Malone, Patrick McKee, Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy & Ger Frisby.

**Against [3]** Cllrs. Breda Gardner, Malcolm Noonan & Melissa O'Neill.

The proposal was carried 18 votes to 3 votes.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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