



MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY, 19TH JULY, 2021 AT 3.00 P.M. VIA MS TEAMS

- Chair:** Cllr. Fidelis Doherty.
- Cllrs:** Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Maria Dollard, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Joe Lyons, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness & Patrick O'Neill.
- Officials:** Colette Byrne, Martin Prendiville, Sean McKeown, Mary Mulholland, Tim Butler, Nicolaas Louw, Anne Marie Shortall, Fiona Deegan, & Anne Maria Walsh.
- Apologies:** Cllr. Martin Brett and Cllr. John Coonan.

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

- (i) **Minutes of Annual Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday, 18th June, 2021**
Proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.
"That the Minutes of Annual Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday, 18th June, 2021 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (ii) **Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 21st June, 2021**
Proposed by Cllr. Eamon Aylward seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.
"That the Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 21st June, 2021 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

Fógraí - Announcements

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty extended congratulations and best wishes to the following:

- Cliodhna Manning on her selection for the 4 x 400m mixed relay with the Irish Squad and all Irish participants in the Olympics in Tokyo.
- Kilkenny on being designated a World Crafts Council Craft City and Region, one of only four regions to achieve this recognition in Europe.
- Women's Irish Track Cycling team on winning gold recently in the World Cup event which was held in St. Petersburg which saw Mia Griffin from Glenmore being a member of the four person team event.
- Kilkenny Under 16 A camogie team who played in the All Ireland Final in Birr, Co. Offaly.
- Kilkenny Senior Team on winning Leinster Final.
- Mount Juliet for a very successful Irish Open Golf.
- All the volunteers involved in all Tidy Towns Groups for their valuable work in their communities.

Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty extended Votes of Sympathy to the following:

- Stephen O'Connor, Motor Tax Department on the death of his father Pat O'Connor.
- Michael Wemyss, Callan Area on the death of his mother Alice Wemyss.
- Ned Tyler, Ferrybank Area on the death of his brother Dick Tyler.
- John Donovan, Traffic Department on the death of his father Paddy Donovan.
- Family of the late Kitty Egan, Windgap.
- Family of the late Michael Murphy, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Kitty Reddy, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Pat O'Connor, Tullogher.
- Family of the late Martin Hartley, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Johnny O'Leary, Glenmore.

Cathaoirleach requested approval of the Members to take Item 2(c) at this stage as Head of Finance is required to leave the meeting early. This was agreed by all.

2. (c) *Cáin Mhaoine Áitiúil - Local Property Tax*

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance referred Members to the Chief Executive's Report circulated with the Agenda. He advised that following the Government announcement that revaluation of properties will take place and therefore the decision on the Local Property Tax (LPT) is required by 31st August, 2021. It is a statutory requirement to determine the LPT liability for tax payers for 2022. He referred to the challenges from Covid 19 for the 2021 Budget. Support from the Government will be required again in 2021. Compensation will be required to offset the losses in income in rates and car parking charges. The scale of reduction in income streams will continue to have a significant impact on our Budget for 2022. Further national financial support will be required in 2022 to avoid severe cuts in services. He referred Members to the report which outlines the huge range of community and voluntary projects which are supported by Kilkenny County Council. The Council uses its discretionary funding to provide match funding for many national funding streams and assistance for local schemes and these projects would not be delivered without the Council's assistance.

The LPT and Rates accounts for just under 40% of our income on an annual basis. The Government have announced that the LPT bands are being changed. In relation to Kilkenny, 90% of all residential properties in Kilkenny are in Bands 1, 2 and 3. It is likely that 90% of the residential properties will not see any substantial change in the LPT. Currently the LPT yields an additional €1.1m in income to the Council. The Chief Executive is recommending that the Elected Members maintain the LPT as set at the 2021 level and that the local adjustment factor remains the same as that which applied from November 2020 to November 2021.

Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Andrew McGuinness thanked Ms. Byrne for her detailed report and Mr. Martin Prendiville for the overview today. They thanked both for dealing with all Members queries in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness 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 from the period 1st November, 2021 to 31st October, 2022 the local adjustment factor shall remain the same as that which applied from 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021 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”.

All Member were in agreement.

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

Mr. Martin Prendiville advised Members that Disposals listed at (i) and (ii) were originally approved by Members at the June 2021 meeting. An amended resolution is required due to change in names.

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Eamon Aylward seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby 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 a plot(s) of land at Knockmoylan, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Pat Murphy, Knockmoylan, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny for €5,000 (five thousand euros), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Plot(s) combined measures 0.24 acres. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”

- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby seconded by Cllr. Michael McCarthy 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 land at Shankill, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Martin Maher, Shankill, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny as part of a Deed of Exchange and each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.16 acre. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”

- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Michael Delaney 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 land at Shankill, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Martin & Rosaleen Maher, Shankill, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny as part of a Deed of Exchange and each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.003 acre. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”

- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Matt Doran 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 Freehold interest in a Property at De Loughry House, Butt’s Green, Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Kilkenny Branch, c/o Frederic Ozanam Trust for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro) with each party to be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”

- (v) It was proposed by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Maria Dollard 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 Freehold interest in a Property known as ‘The Snooker Hall’ at De Loughry House, Butt’s Green, Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, to St. Canice’s Parish, for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro) with each party to be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”

- (vi) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness 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 31 Stephen Street, Kilkenny to Roseanne Byrne (Anne Byrne) as benefactor of said property from the late Margaret (Henebry) Bourke for nil consideration with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required. ”

**2. (b) (i) Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Plean Ceantair Áitiúil
Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Local Area Plan**

Mr. Nicolaas Louw, Senior Executive Planner presented the Chief Executive Report on the submissions received to the proposed material alterations to the Graiguenamanagh-Tinnahinch Draft Joint Local Area Plan 2021. He advised that this is the final stage of the Local Area Plan.

Eight submissions were received and these submissions and Chief Executive’s response and recommendation is outlined in her report.

The re-zoning of land at the Quay cannot be considered as it was not in the original submission made on the Plan. Carlow County Council has adopted this Joint Plan in June 2021. He further advised that the Chief Executive is recommending that the Local Area Plan be adopted with the proposed Material Alterations in accordance with her report and the requirements of the Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and agreed that:

“We the Members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make a joint Local Area Plan for Graiguenamanagh/Tinnahinch under Sections 18-20 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, and having considered the following:

- *The Draft LAP as published on the 20th November, 2020*
- *The Natura Impact Report as published with the Draft LAP*
- *The Environmental Report as published with the Draft LAP*
- *The Chief Executive’s Report as circulated on the 22nd February, 2021 on the written submissions made during the formal consultation period*
- *The decision taken at the Council meeting on the 15th March, 2021*
- *The Material Alterations as published on the 9th April, 2021*
- *The Natura Impact Report as published with the Material Alterations*
- *The Environmental Report as published with the Material Alterations*
- *The Chief Executive’s Report as circulated on the 10th June, 2021 on the written submissions made during the formal consultation period*

do hereby make the Graiguenamanagh/Tinnahinch Local Area Plan 2021.

The Local Area Plan being the proposal published as the “draft” plan as modified by resolution of the Council 15th March, 2021 (and modified by any resolution dated 19th July, 2021)”.

**(ii) Cuid 8: Carrchlós Glasbhealaigh beartaithe, Ferrybank
Part 8: Proposed Greenway Carpark, Ferrybank**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that it is proposed to commence Part 8 Planning for the proposed car park at Ferrybank. The proposed development will consist of 100+ car parking spaces, coach parking and toilet facilities.

A consultation process took place in Ferrybank during 2020. Three Public Workshops were undertaken and residents are in favour of the preferred site which is adjacent to the proposed Link Road. Funding has been secured under URDF. Members in the Piltown Municipal District have been fully briefed on this proposed development. This item has been placed on the Agenda to advise Members of the proposed development and the Council’s intention to commence the Part 8 Planning Process.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty thanked Mr. Sean McKeown for the update. She also thanked all the residents for their engagement in the consultation and the Elected Members who have been very pro-active over the last year in finalising the preferred location for the carpark.

(iii) Cuid 8: Nascbhóthar Loughmacask - Part 8: Loughmacask Link Road

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness proposed that this item be deferred to allow the Elected Members more time to consider the Chief Executive’s Report and seek clarification on additional information. This was seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh. All Members agreed to this.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness:

“That a Workshop be held on 21st July, 2021 at 4.00 p.m. and a Special Meeting be held on Monday, 26th July, 2021 at 12.15 p.m. to deal with this item.”

All Members were in agreement.

(iv) Ag Cúram/Taking in Charge: Whitescastle, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and agreed that:

“We, the Members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following development in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010”.

Development: TC115 - Whitescastle, Whitescastle Lower, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny.

(v) Ag Cúram/Taking in Charge: Roseleigh, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach and agreed that:

"We, the Members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following development in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010".

Development: TC143 - Roseleigh, Pollrone, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny.

(c) (i) Deontais Reilig - Babhta 2 - Graveyard Grants - Round 2

Mr. Sean McKeown referred to the Report circulated with the Agenda. He advised that the allocation for Round 2 Grants refers to 17 applications and the total funding being allocated is €7,450. Overall funding is being given to 36 graveyards for various works. Approval of funding in the amount of €7,450 is recommended in accordance with the schedule circulated.

It was proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council approves the payment of Graveyard Grants 2021 - Round 2 totaling €7,450 in accordance with the list circulated to the Members."

Cllrs. David Fitzgerald, Pat Dunphy and Maria Dollard raised queries in relation to closed graveyards, responsibility for graveyards where no committee is in place and a review of the existing policy on graveyard grants.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that there are 150 historical graveyards vested in Kilkenny County Council and the Council is responsible for these. A condition survey is being undertaken. There will be considerable remedial works required and a budget for these works will need to be provided. He advised that the Budget for graveyard grants in 2021 is €23k. €16k has now been allocated to Graveyard applications received. He recommended that the balance of €7k be transferred to supplement the budget for historic graveyards.

It was proposed by Cllr. Maria Dollard, seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and agreed:

"That €7k from the Graveyard Grant Scheme be transferred to Historical Graveyard budget."

**(d) (i) Athbhreithniú ar Fhodhlíthe Trádála Ócáideacha
Review of Casual Trading Bye Laws for the Municipal Districts of
Castlecomer, Piltown & Callan-Thomastown**

Ms. Anne Marie Shortall, Senior Executive Officer gave a Powerpoint presentation on the review of Casual Trading Bye-laws for the County. In her presentation she gave an overview on the following:

- Location and number of Trading Bays in each town in each Municipal District.
- Current scale of fees.
- Legislation.
- Review Process.
- Timelines for Review Process.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Joe Lyons, Pat Fitzpatrick, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy, Deirdre Cullen, Matt Doran, Tomás Breathnach, Eugene McGuinness, Maria Dollard, Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Ger Frisby.

Issues raised by Members related to the following:

- Pop-up roadside trading.
- Concerns regarding existing businesses who pay rates etc.
- Casual Trading on Greenway.
- Selling home produced products e.g. strawberries/potatoes.
- Must enhance existing businesses.
- Need to enhance visitor experience where no existing business provides the facility.
- Encourage other services not already provided.
- Time period for Bye-laws.
- Calculation of fee – review the level of rates being paid by existing businesses, compare with other local authorities.

Mr. Sean McKeown and Ms. Anne Marie Shortall responded to the issues raised by the Members. They were advised that the purpose of early consultation is to gather the views of the Elected Members and the public before new Bye-Laws are drafted.

The Council will be reviewing existing locations and existing fees and will take into consideration the existing businesses in the various towns and villages. Trading in the Greenway may be confined to the car parks. Members were advised that selling home produced goods such as strawberries are exempt and are subject to the terms of the Roads Act in relation to safety at trading locations. Details of fees applicable in other local authorities will be reviewed. The adoption of any Bye-Laws is a matter for the Elected Members.

(e) (i) Deontais Féile 2021 - Festival Grants 2021

Mr. Sean McKeown referred to report circulated with the Agenda. He advised that the Council had approved allocation for eight festival grants in March 2021. Of these, three festival groups have now advised that the festivals will not proceed. An amount of €21,500 had been allocated to these festivals.

The Arts Festival has confirmed that their Programme for 2021 will proceed with a mix of live and online events. The staging of the Arts Festival faces many challenging and increased costs due to uncertainties and complexities of Covid 19. They have requested additional funding from Kilkenny County Council as they have received reduced national funding. It is recommended that an additional grant of €7k be allocated to Kilkenny Arts Festival as an once off allocation.

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle and agreed:

“That a further grant of €7k be paid to Kilkenny Arts Festival as a once off grant for 2021 only.”

Ms. Mary Mulholland advised Members that a number of smaller events will be proceeding this summer. Application has been received from Inistioge Horse Show for funding for their event. An allocation of €1k is recommended in this case.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

“That a grant of €1k be allocated to Inistioge Horse Show for 2021.”

(ii) Athbhreithniú ar Theorainn Luais - Speed Limit Review

Mr. Tim Butler referred to report circulated with Agenda. He advised that each Municipal District will be advised of the commencement of the review. Speed Limit Bye-Laws were adopted in 2017 and it is a requirement to review the Bye-Laws every 5 years. The review process will commence in September 2021 and will be considered by SPC2 initially. Public consultation will also be undertaken. Garda Commissioner and adjoining Local Authorities have also been advised of the review. The whole review process will take approximately one year.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness, Pat Dunphy, Pat Fitzpatrick, Maria Dollard, David Fitzgerald, Tomás Breathnach, Eamon Aylward, Eugene McGuinness, Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Fidelis Doherty.

The issues raised by Members related to:

- Speed limit on Dublin Road/Nuncio Road.
- Rural Roads – reduce limit down from 80km – appropriate default speed limit.
- Traffic data/accident data being used for improvement required on roads – Ballyragget Road.
- Heavy Goods Vehicles going through residential area.
- Location of speed vans – no input from Council on locations, should be re-deployed to black spots.
- Traffic calming in towns/villages etc.
- Amend Bye-laws during the five years.

Mr. Tim Butler responded to the issues raised by Members. The review process will be in accordance with the legislation and guidelines issued by the Department. Consent of TII is required for any changes to speed limits on the national roads. Draft Bye-Laws will be prepared together with detailed maps for the public consultation Workshop. He advised that location of speed van is based on accident data. He will take the Members concerns up with RSA. Traffic calming measures are considered on an ongoing basis for all areas.

**(iii) Tuarascáil Mhíosúil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh
Chief Executive’s Monthly Report**

Ms. Colette Byrne presented her monthly Chief Executive Report.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty thanked her for a very comprehensive report and asked Members to contact the Chief Executive if they have any queries.

3. Comhfhreagras - Correspondence

None.

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

None.

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

(i) **Schedule of Meetings**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed.

(ii) **Fix date for Special Meeting for Draft City & County Development Plan.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed that a Special Meeting be held on Friday, 27th August, 2021 at 3.00 p.m. on the Draft City & County Development Plan.

(iii) **Approval to attend Twinning Event in Kilkenny Minnesota**

Mr. Tim Butler advised that an invitation has been extended to the Mayor of Kilkenny to visit Kilkenny Minnesota in September 2021 for their Twinning celebrations.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone that:

“Approval is given for Mayor Cllr. Andrew McGuinness to attend twinning event in Kilkenny Minnesota in September 2021 subject to Covid Travel Guidelines.”

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

None.

7. **Gnó Eile romhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe
Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting**

None.

8. **Oideachas agus Oiliúint - Education & Training**

(i) **Climate Leadership - Local Authority Training**

Members were advised that training will be provided to them on 3rd September, 2021 in relation to Climate Leadership. All Members are requested to attend.

(ii) **Webinar (AILG) - County Development Plan Policy: Housing**

Members noted AILG Training Webinar.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Matt Doran and agreed by all that the following Notices of Motion numbered 47 (21) to 61 (21) received from a number of Local Authorities be taken as read and noted:

47 (21) Mayo County Council

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection and the Government to carry out a review of the Carer’s Allowance Scheme and the Carer’s Benefit Scheme. In the case of the Carer’s Benefit Scheme that the cap of 2 years duration should be removed. In the case of the Carer’s Allowance Scheme that the assessment of the Carer and their spouse/partner/co-habitant should be based on net income and not gross income as is currently the situation. Furthermore, that all carers who are over the income threshold should at least receive a minimum payment.”

48 (21) Clare County Council

“Due to “the huge unmet need” as described by Dr Deirdre Lundy (*an expert in menopause care & HRT prescribing, who advises GPs throughout Ireland*) on Liveline with Joe Duffy (May 13th, 2021) that Clare County Council call on the Minister for Health and the Department of Health to recognise the need to address all forms of womens’ health by:-

1. Providing funding and support both in hospitals and in general care for menopausal care.
2. Initiating a campaign to inform the public of the multiple and diverse symptoms attributable to menopause.
3. Providing all necessary resources to train and up skill Irish GPs on menopausal care.
4. Including HRT “body identicals” in drugs scheme.

Communication with health insurance companies to ensure that menopausal care coverage is provided.”

49 (21) Clare County Council

“Clare County Council call on Government to put forward a global ban on fracking being proposed by Ireland at the United Nations General Assembly on climate-mitigation, public-health, environmental-protection and human-rights grounds.”

50 (21) Clare County Council

“Now that we have an efficient and effective Covid Vaccination Programme, Clare County Council appeals to Minister for Health Mr Stephen Donnelly to seriously consider using our vaccination centres along with our vaccinators and pharmacists to administer the HPV vaccine. We appeal to the Minister to use the centres as part of a "catch-up" programme as the HPV Vaccination Programme was not completed in some counties. We are requesting the Minister to offer the HPV Vaccine free of charge to ALL secondary school students.”

51 (21) Clare County Council

“Due to recent events, that the Department of Health provide funding to all communities throughout County Clare for defibrillators and training. There needs to be more than one covering each area.”

52 (21) Waterford City & County Council

“Adult literacy limitations can prevent people from taking a full and active part in our economy so it is vitally important that all possible supports are provided to deal with the issue. The Labour Court has made a recommendation in relation to a claim brought by SIPTU and TUI in respect of regularising the terms and conditions of Adult Education Tutors employed by Education and Training Boards. This recommendation has been under consideration by officials from the Department of Further and Higher Education; Research;

Innovation and Science; the Department of Education; and, the Department of Public Expenditure. It is now over 5 months since the Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (Niall Collins TD) in reply to a parliamentary question in early December 2020 said that the Labour Court recommendation was still under consideration by officials, and he did not advise when this would be completed. We propose that Waterford City & County Council write to Minister Simon Harris, and cc Ministers Michael McGrath and Norma Foley, and Minister of State Niall Collins, to call for the implementation of the Labour Court recommendation to be treated with the importance and urgency that it deserves."

53 (21) Meath County Council

"That Meath County Council call on the Government to explore the German Sparkasse Community Banking model, to provide balance for the Irish Banking system and to avoid potential banking monopolies which could damage availability at reasonable cost, to necessary finance for our citizens."

54 (21) Meath County Council

"To call on the Department of Health to prioritise the establishment of the Transport Support Scheme, which will replace the Motorised Transport Grant, and to ensure that access to this grant is widened to include eligibility for parents/guardians of children who need specially adapted vehicles."

55 (21) Kerry County Council

"That the Department of Education would give all schools an allocation of hours for a dedicated Home School Liaison Officer (*similarly the allocation of Guidance Counsellor hours for Covid-19*) to work with families on the reintegration of their children whom Covid-19 had an impact on their attendance and therefore their learning."

56 (21) Sligo County Council

"To call for funding to be made available for the provision of small wastewater treatment systems in local villages throughout the country."

57 (21) Donegal County Council

"I propose that Donegal County Council write to the Minister of Health, Stephen Donnelly, Chief Clinical Officer, Colm Henry and HSE Director General Paul Reid, calling on them, as a matter of urgency, to make Patisiran available to everyone in the 26 Counties who require this life-changing drug. Furthermore, I ask Donegal County Council to circulate this motion to all other county Council in the 26 Counties to ask them for their support in this matter."

58 (21) Donegal County Council

That Donegal County Council calls upon the Dublin Government to expel the Israeli Ambassador and staff in the Israeli Embassy in order to demonstrate the Irish people's disgust at the slaughter of innocent civilians and children in Gaza and the occupied West Bank and that we as a Council:-

- Fully support the international campaign of BDS (*Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions*).
- And that this Council invites the Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland, Dr. Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, to address this chamber so that we, the elected local government representatives in County Donegal may learn at first hand of the situation in Gaza and the occupied territories."

59 (21) Donegal County Council

"That this Council make serious representation to An Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs as regards the treatment of the families and friends of the Ballymurphy 10, who were shot dead by the parachute regiment. After 50 years waiting for justice, let the British Government treat these people with humanity and dignity and apologise to the family and friends of the innocent lives that they took."

60 (21) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

“It is the policy of this Council not to purchase goods or services, produced or provided in whole or in part (as practicable) from illegally occupied territories by illegal settlers and that any such contracts should cease as soon as allowed.

We ask that a copy of this motion if successful is sent to each Local Authority.

Footnotes:

1. *Occupied Territories:* a territory which is occupied within the meaning of the 4th Geneva convention and confirmed as such by the international Court of Justice, International Criminal Court or International Tribunal.
2. *Illegal Settlers:* a Member of the civilian population of an occupying power whose presence within the relevant occupied territory is being facilitated by the occupying power.
3. *Occupying Power:* as defined by fourth Geneva Convention.”

61 (21) Wicklow County Council

“That as part of the conditions for planning applications for new housing estates, developers must install Automated External Defibrillators (AED’s). We are also calling on the Minister to instigate a review in order to install AED’s in all existing residential developments across Ireland. 70% of cardiac arrests happen at home, every minute that there is a delay in acting reduces the person’s chance of survival by 10%. Having the AED close at hand provides a vital link in the chain of survival and offers the person, adult, baby, or child the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.”

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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