



MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY, 21st JUNE, 2021 AT 2.30 P.M. VIA MS TEAMS

Chair: Cllr. Fidelis Doherty.

Cllrs: Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Martin Brett, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, John Coonan, 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.

Officials: Colette Byrne, Martin Prendiville, Mary Mulholland, Sean McKeown, Tim Butler, Fiona Deegan, Kevin Hanley, Catherine Cooney, Thomas Brennan & Anne Maria Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr. Eamonn Aylward and Cllr. Patrick O'Neill.

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

(a) **Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 17th May, 2021**

Proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and agreed.

"That the Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 17th May, 2021 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

(b) **Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 31st May, 2021**

Proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed.

"That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 31st May, 2021 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

(c) **Minutes of Adjourned Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Tuesday, 8th June, 2021**

Proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

"That the Adjourned Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Tuesday, 8th June, 2021 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

Fógraí - Announcements

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty extended congratulations to the following:

- Kilkenny Senior Camogie Team on winning the National League yesterday.
- National Transport Authority and all involved on the New Ross Bypass on winning an international award for "Outstanding Structure" of the year for River Barrow Bridge, key part of New Ross Bypass.
- Dr. Anne Marie Cavanagh and Dr. Fionnuala Waldron on their publication "Teaching for Social Justice and Sustainable Development across the Primary Curriculum".

Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy

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

- Catherine O'Flynn, Finance Department on the death of her husband John O'Flynn.
- Ian Gardner, Kilkenny City on the death of his father Paddy Gardner.
- Family of the late Margo Moran, Kilmoganny, Caretaker of Kilmoganny Burial Ground.
- Family of the late Mick Lynch, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Brendan Holden, Mullinavat.
- Family of the late Jimmy Phelan, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Mary Grant, Thomastown.
- Family of the late Johnny Doran, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Jimmy Phelan, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Nellie O'Connor, Piltown.
- Family of the late Kathleen Tynan, Mullinavat.
- Family of the late Moya Byron, Carrigeen.
- Family of the late Joan Power, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Nellie Phelan, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Joanie Kearns, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Alice Brophy, Piltown.
- Family of the late Ann Kennington, Carrigeen.
- Family of the late Olivia Dungan, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Josie Dolan, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Johanna Tiernan, Carigeen.
- Family of the late Charlie Malzard, Stoneyford.

2. (a) Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile - Housing & Other Disposal

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere 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 Clifden, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to William Kehoe and Sarah Kehoe, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 2.58 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required."

- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick 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 Blanchfieldspark, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Joan Kehoe, Blanchfieldspark, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €650 (six hundred and fifty euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.936 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required."

- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen seconded by Cllr. Andrew 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 land at Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, as identified on the attached map, to Michael Roche and Lisa Roche, Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow for the sum of €1,000 (one thousand euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.11 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required."

- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle 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 Bannagagole, Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow – as identified on the attached map - to Margaret Foley, Bannagagole, Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow for the sum of €750 (seven hundred and fifty euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.36 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*
- (v) It was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett 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 interest in land at Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow – as identified on the attached map - to Stephen Morris, Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.015 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*
- (vi) It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere 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 Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow – as identified on the attached map - to Pádraig Kavanagh, Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow for the sum of €600 (six hundred euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.49 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*
- (vii) It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy 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 Ballykeoghan, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Noeleen Ivory, Ballykeoghan, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €500 (five hundred euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.094 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*
- (viii) It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Delaney seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett 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 Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow – as identified on the attached map - to Luke Roche, Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow for the sum of €1,000 (one thousand euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.18 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*

- (ix) It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Lyons seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle 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 Tomard Lower, Clogrennane, Co. Carlow – as identified on the attached map - to Sylvester McDonald, Tomard Lower, Co. Carlow for the sum of €750 (seven hundred and fifty euro), with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.39 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*
- (x) It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick 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 Aughnagomaun, Horse and Jockey, Thurles, Co. Tipperary – as identified on the attached map - to the Reps of Mr. John Hassett as part of a Deed of Exchange and with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.06 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*
- (xi) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen 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 Scart, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Nicholas Matthew O’Keeffe and Barbara O’Keeffe, Scart, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €32,000 (thirty two thousand euros), and with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 1.54 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*
- (xii) It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere 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 0.16 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*
- (xiii) It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick 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 Dermot & Orla Maher, Shankill, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny as part of the Deed of Exchange with Mr. Martin Maher and with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.009 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”*

- (xiv) It was proposed by Cllr. John Brennan 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 interest in land at Tomard Lower, Rathornan, Co. Carlow – as identified on the attached map - to Reprs. Anne Dowling, Tomard Lower, Rathornan, Co. Carlow in exchange for a plot at Tomard Lower, Rathornan, Co. Carlow and with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 0.19 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”
- (xv) It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick 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 Ballyquirk, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Lisa Cullen, Ballyquirk, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro), and with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 0.183 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”
- (xvi) It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy 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 Scart, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Margaret Hawe O’Hanlon, Scart, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny for Nil consideration and with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 0.52 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”
- (xvii) It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere 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 land at Gorrue, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to James Murphy, Gorrue, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro), with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the transfer. Area measures 1.37 acre. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”
- (xviii) 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 a site at Hebron Industrial Estate, Hebron Road, Kilkenny, as identified on the enclosed map as Site D, to Electrocitiy Limited, Ormonde Retail Park, Dublin Road, Kilkenny, for the sum of €210,000 (two hundred and ten thousand euros). This site measures approx. 3.0 acres. Each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”
- (xix) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett 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 site at Hebron Industrial Estate, Hebron Road, Kilkenny, as identified on the enclosed map as Site C, to Oxley Electrical & Security Limited, Derrykearn, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois, for the sum of €240,000 (two hundred and forty thousand euro). This site measures approx. 3 acres. Each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. The Consent of the Minister for the Environment is not required.”

**2. (b) (i) Cuid 8 Pleanáil: Comhdhéanamh Tógála Glasbhealaigh
Part 8 Planning: Greenway Construction Compound**

Mr. Sean McKeown presented the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report on the proposed development of a Temporary Construction Compound, Temporary Access Road and Temporary Access Ramp at Rathculliheen and Abbeylands, Ferrybank to facilitate the construction of the South East Greenway.

He advised the Members that the construction of the Greenway will be in various lots. Lots 1 & 2 contracts have been awarded and works will begin shortly. The temporary compound will be dismantled and removed once works are completed and the access road will close.

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed that:

*"We the Members of Kilkenny County Council approves the proposed Part 8 in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended **South East Greenway - Temporary Construction Compound, Temporary Access Road & Temporary Access Ramp, at Rathculliheen and Abbeylands, Ferrybank, as circulated.**"*

**(ii) Cuid 8 Beartaithe: Gairdín Balla Columbarium, Reilig Naomh Kieran
Proposed Part 8: Columbarium Wall Garden, St. Kieran's Cemetery**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that Mr. Thomas Brennan, Executive Engineer will give an overview on the proposed Columbarium Wall Garden at St. Kieran's Cemetery. This is for information for Members pre-publication of Part 8 documents. A presentation was made to the Municipal District Members of Kilkenny City. It is proposed that Part 8 Planning will commence shortly.

Mr. Thomas Brennan, Executive Engineer gave an overview on the proposed Columbarium Wall Garden. He referred Members to the report circulated with the Agenda.

In his overview he referred to the following:

- Details of proposed Wall and Garden – 40 Niches.
- Location of Wall and Garden in St. Kieran's Cemetery.
- Part 8 Pre Planning work is complete.
- Part 8 Planning – Publish in July 2021.
- Decision on Part 8 – December 2021.
- Tender to be published – December 2021.
- Confirmation of funding – Year 2022.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. John Coonan, Martin Brett, Maria Dollard and Joe Malone. Members welcomed the proposal as an alternative option to burials. Members stated that the proposed garden will be a welcome addition in St. Kieran's Cemetery. Members asked if a Columbarium Wall will be provided in other burial grounds.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that there is only a proposal for St. Kieran's Cemetery. The current capacity for burials in St. Kieran's is approximately 2,000 spaces. The proposed development will now be published and there will be public consultation with a format to be decided depending on Covid restrictions.

**(iii) Ag Cúram: Friary Walk Callan, Co. Chill Chainnigh
Taking in Charge: Friary Walk Callan, 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: TC97 - Friary Walk, Phase 1 & 2, Clashacollare, Callan, Co. Kilkenny

**(iv) Ag Cúram: Rath Ullord, Bonnettsrath Road, Co. Chill Chainnigh
Taking in Charge: Rath Ullord, Bonnettsrath Road, Kilkenny**

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Maria Dollard 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: TC137 - Rath Ullord, Phase 1, New Orchard, Kilkenny

**(v) Ag Cúram: Bellfield, Abbeylands, Ferrybank
Taking in Charge: Bellfield, Abbeylands, Ferrybank**

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed that:

"That the County Council of the County Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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, hereby declares the road listed in the Public Notice and listed below to be a Public Road."

Development: TC54 - Bellfield, Abbeylands, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny

**(vi) Ag Cúram: Banagher Court, Main Street, Piltown, Co. Chill Chainnigh
Taking in Charge: Banagher Court, Main Street, Piltown**

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed that:

"That the County Council of the County Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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, hereby declares the road listed in the Public Notice and listed below to be a Public Road."

Development: TC102 - Banagher Court, Main Street, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny

**(vii) Ag Cúram: The Green, Ballyfoyle, Co. Chill Chainnigh
Taking in Charge: The Green, Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny**

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that:

“That the County Council of the County Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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, hereby declares the road listed in the Public Notice and listed below to be a Public Road.”

Development: TC133 The Green, Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny

**(viii) Ag Cúram: Newpark Crescent, Golf Links Road, Co. Chill Chainnigh
Taking in Charge: Newpark Crescent, Golf Links Road, Kilkenny**

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that:

“That the County Council of the County Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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, hereby declares the road listed in the Public Notice and listed below to be a Public Road.”

Development: TC162 Newpark Crescent, Golf Links Road, Kilkenny

(c) (i) Deontais Reilig - Graveyard Grants

Mr. Sean McKeown referred to his report circulated with the Agenda. He advised that Members approved a budget of €23,000 in 2021 for the Graveyard Grant Scheme. 35 Applications were received for grant funding. 19 are now being recommended [Round 1] for funding at this meeting. The total of funding recommended under Round 1 is €8,450.

The remaining applications are being further assessed and further information is requested. It is expected that a further report on funding will be presented at the July meeting.

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach asked how many of the applications included the cost of insurance as an eligible expenditure. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that only a small number included insurance cost as part of their application.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed:

“That Kilkenny County Council approves the payment of Graveyard Grants 2021 totalling €8,400 in accordance with the list circulated to the Members.”

**(d) (i) Clár Caipitil Trí Bliana 2021-2023
Three Year Capital Programme 2021-2023**

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Three Year Capital Programme 2021-2023.

In the presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Grant funding available for Capital Projects.
- Total expenditure for 2016-2020 - €243m.
- Details of major projects excluding Housing and Roads (*which are 100% funded by the Department*).
- Proposed Programme 2021-2023 and grant funding sources outlined for individual projects – status of each project, total cost, grants approved and matched funding required.
- List of projects not included in the Three Year Programme.
- Total estimated expenditure in Three Year Programme - €127m.
 - Total income identified – grants etc. - €94.2m
 - Matched funding required by Kilkenny County Council - €32.8m.
- Sources of income for matched funding identified is €22.65m
- Overview on collection of Development Levies.
- Overview on borrowings by Kilkenny County Council.

Mr. Prendiville advised that the Three Year Capital Programme to be finalised and considered by the Council. The delivery of all projects will be subject to securing funding. All applications for grant funding will be explored. Provision also needs to be made for cost inflation on construction costs.

Ms. Colette Byrne advised that the Capital Programme is very ambitious. It is a rolling programme depending on grant funding and the identification of matched funding. We will maximise national funding and other sources of funding. Projects identified in the presentation are across the City & County. The Capital Programme will be reviewed on a continuous basis and will come back to the Council each year having regard to changing circumstances. If budget for projects are not fully funded, the Capital Budget will need to be adjusted accordingly. Members will be advised accordingly.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Joe Lyons, Eugene McGuinness, David Fitzgerald, Maria Dollard, John Coonan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Tomás Breathnach, Peter Cleere, Martin Brett, Deirdre Cullen, John Brennan, Joe Malone and Pat Dunphy.

Issues raised by members were as follows:

- Concerns over cost inflation.
- Capacity of Council to borrow money and ability to repay loans.
- Opportunities to get increased grant funding.
- Current status of Northern Ring Road, critical project for the City & North Kilkenny – must be prioritised.
- Temporary Car Park in Abbey Quarter – clarify the planning granted – use of this car park.
- Delivery of projects across the County – important that focus is not all on the City.
- Repayment of costs on CAS Bridge.
- Flood Relief Schemes – update on all projects.
- Improvements to Freshford Road/Granges Road – provision of access to new school.
- Update on project - Medieval Experience at City Hall.

Members acknowledged the ambitious Capital Programme presented today and the significant investment in the County. Concerns were raised in relation to funding all the projects in the programme.

Mr. Martin Prendiville and Mr. Tim Butler responded to individual queries raised by the Members.

Ms. Colette Byrne advised that the Council must have plans in place to attract Capital Funding. This is a rolling Three Year Programme and some projects will not be completed within the three years. She advised that the provision of a Northern Ring Road is a priority in the Council. The staff are now moving this on and are engaging with Department of Transport.

Ms. Colette Byrne acknowledged the work of all staff in developing the ambitious projects for the City and County. Attracting funds is through a competitive process and acknowledged that the plans in place for various projects are of a very high standard. She advised that other projects will be in the pipeline and will be included in future reviews of the Capital Programme.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty thanked the Members for their detailed overview and discussion on the Three Year Capital Programme. She thanked the Executive for all the work on devising plans for all the projects and delivering their projects when funding is approved.

(e) (i) ***Cathaoirleach a cheapadh do SPS 4:***
Appointment of Chairman for SPC 4: Environment Protection, Climate Action & Energy

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints Cllr. David Fitzgerald to SPC 4: Environment Protection, Climate Action & Energy."

(ii) ***Cathaoirleach a cheapadh do SPS 5:***
Appointment of Chairman for SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints Cllr. Pat Dunphy to SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services."

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

Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive presented her Monthly Report.

Mr. Martin Prendiville advised that due to the recent government announcement on the Local Property Tax that any change to the base rate must be decided by the Council before the end of August 2021. This is one month earlier than previous years. The period for consultation has also been reduced to two weeks and the advertisement will be in the paper this week. The decision on the Local Property Tax will be on the Agenda for the July Monthly Meeting.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty thanked the Chief Executive for her comprehensive report. She advised Members that any queries can be taken up directly with the Chief Executive.

She advised that the report is being taken as read and noted.

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. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed.

**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

Cathaoirleach advised Members of the Training Webinar on 26th June, 2021 on Development in Housing Policy & Procedure.

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

None.

10. Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business

None.

Cathaoirleach Fidelis Doherty asked that Members would notify her in advance of the Monthly Meeting if any Member wishes to raise an issue under Any Other Business. This would ensure that the meeting is managed efficiently and would enable the Executive to deal with the issues at the meeting if required.

11. *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion*

11 (21) Cllr. Peter Cleere

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed:

“That Kilkenny County Council supports the Life Saving Equipment Bill 2017 as introduced by Senator Keith Swanick which is supported by Water Safety Ireland & CFR Ireland and calls upon the Government to bring about the speedy enactment of this Bill. The Life Saving Equipment Bill was initiated in 2017 by Senator Keith Swanick. It proposes penalties of up to 5 years imprisonment and €50,000 fine for those convicted of theft or damage to, a defibrillator or life buoy. CFR Ireland and Water Safety Ireland have both supported and endorsed this Bill when it was proposed. It is now stalled in the houses of the Oireachtas.”

Contributions to this motion were made by Cllrs. Peter Cleere, Pat Fitzpatrick, Joe Malone, Eugene McGuinness and John Coonan.

12 (21) Cllr. Peter Cleere

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and agreed:

“That Kilkenny County Council would write to Táiniste to extend the current rates waivers for businesses until at least April 2022. Many businesses have literally just reopened their doors and some are still closed for another couple of weeks, and these business need certainty and fairness to be able to trade through this pandemic.”

Contributions to this motion were made by Cllrs. Peter Cleere, Eugene McGuinness and Joe Malone. Query arose in relation to the Alcohol Bye Laws in open spaces. Mr. Tim Butler replied to the query.

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. Michael Delaney, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed by all that the following Notices of Motion numbered 40 (21) to 46 (21) received from a number of Local Authorities be taken as read and noted:

40 (21) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

“This Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD and An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD calling for the immediate termination of the current planning and Development (Strategic Housing Developments) Regulations 2017.”

41 (21) Leitrim County Council

That Leitrim County Council ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the report into the tenant purchase scheme will be published and if the issues relating to income from social welfare, and persons over the age of seventy, being allowed to purchase a Local ~Authority, house will be addressed.”

42 (21) Clare County Council

“To request that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage would re-examine the current suitability of the maximum household income thresholds in the three banded areas. We further request circulation to all other local authorities and Oireachtas members.”

43 (21) Limerick City & County Council

“That, in light of the recent Government announcement on the Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 entitled “Our Rural Future” and the lack of infrastructure such as sewerage in our local towns and villages, Limerick City & County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and heritage to maintain the status quo with regard to policy on one-off housing in our County and City Development Plan and that the phrase “social and economic need” not be included.”

44 (21) Sligo County Council

“I am asking Sligo County Council to write to the Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys and ask that all working mothers and their partners be allowed to take paid leave after suffering a miscarriage or stillbirth. This bereavement allowance would give employees three days’ leave when a pregnancy ends in miscarriage or stillbirth, rather than forcing them to use their sick leave.”

45 (21) Sligo County Council

“That this Council call on the Minister for Justice to reconsider her department’s decision not to have a specific offence of stalking introduced on to the statute books, and to not only introduce an offence of stalking but to also introduce longer sentences for the crime than that currently available to prosecutors.”

46 (21) The Municipal District of Carrickmacross - Castleblayney

“This Municipal District calls on the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, the Minister of State at Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Anne Rabbitte TD, and the HSE to put in place measures to support those who are cared for in their homes, on a full-time basis, whose carer may be incapacitated due to ill-health or emergency, we ask that an emergency response unit be made available (Care team/Carers) that could be called in to support patients in these circumstances.”

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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