

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ CRUINNIÚ SPEISIALTA A THUGTAR AR DÉ
HAOINE, 27^Ú LÚNASA, 2021 AG 3.00 P.M. SA THEATR UISCE,
SRÁID AN PHARLAIMINT**



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD
ON FRIDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 2021 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE WATERGATE
THEATRE, PARLIAMENT STREET**

- Chair:** Vacant.
Cllr. David Fitzgerald approved by resolution as Deputy Chair.
- Cllrs:** Martin Brett, Tomás Breathnach, John Coonan, Maria Dollard, Matt Doran, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Denis Hynes, Andrew McGuinness & Eugene McGuinness.
- Officials:** Colette Byrne, Tim Butler, Sean McKeown, Kevin Hanley & Anne Maria Walsh.
- Via Teams:** Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and Mr. Martin Prendiville.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that due to unexpected circumstances the Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael McCarthy were unable to attend the meeting in the Watergate Theatre today.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 10 the Members present are required to appoint a Member to Chair the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed that Cllr. David Fitzgerald would be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald took the Chair at this point.

Cllr. Fitzgerald apologised for the non availability of the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald invited Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive to present her report on submissions to the proposed Material Amendments to the Draft Kilkenny City & County Development Plan 2021-2027.

Ms. Colette Byrne referred to her report which was circulated to all Members with the Agenda on the 23rd August, 2021 and the Addendum circulated on 26th August, 2021. She advised that over 600 submissions have been received and all these submissions have been listed in her Report and she has responded to the issues raised. She drew Members attention to the following submissions:

- Office of the Planning Regulator
- Office of Public Works.

Members need to consider the statutory obligations of the Local Authority and the policies and objectives of the Government and any Minister of the Government when considering the draft plan and also the proper planning and sustainable development of the City and County.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Deputy Cathaoirleach thanked the Chief Executive for her report.

He apologised to members of the public who have logged into the meeting. He stated that the approval of any Development Plan for our County is a very important decision and it was agreed to hold a physical public meeting to deal with the final adoption of a new Development Plan for the City & County. It is unfortunate that due to circumstances outside our control that this meeting cannot proceed today.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald advised that a date for an adjourned meeting will be agreed today.

It was proposed by Cllr Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed:

"That the meeting be adjourned to Friday, 3rd September, 2021 at 3.00 p.m."

It was further proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed:

"That the adjourned meeting would take place via Teams to enable all Elected Members to participate."

Cllr. Fitzgerald thanked the Members in attendance and adjourned the meeting to Friday, 3rd September, 2021 at 3.00 p.m. via Teams.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness asked for clarity on what level of restrictions are currently in place. Mr. Tim Butler advised that the Government has been lifting and reducing restrictions within Level 5. There has been some amendments to Level 5 restrictions.

Cllr. Fitzgerald thanked the staff of the Watergate for facilitating this meeting and for their ongoing support to enable some Council meetings to proceed physically.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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