

MIONTUAIRISÍ AN GHNÁTHCHRUTHAITHE DEN CHOMHAIRLE
A TIONÓLADH DÉ LUAIN, AN 17 FEABHRA, 2022 AG 3.00 P.M TRÍ MS TEAMS



MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 2022 AT 3.00 P.M. VIA MS TEAMS

Chair: Cllr. Fidelis Doherty.

Elected Members

Watergate Theatre: Cllrs. Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Martin Brett, John Coonan, Michael Delaney, Maria Dollard, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Denis Hynes, Joe Malone, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness.

Via MS Teams: Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, Deirdre Cullen, Matt Doran, Ger Frisby, Joe Lyons, Michael McCarthy & Patrick O'Neill.

Officials

Watergate Theatre: Colette Byrne, Tim Butler, Sean McKeown, Fiona Deegan, Ian Gardner, Anne Maria Walsh & Steve Coverdale.

MS Teams: Mary Mulholland, Thomas Brennan, Denis Malone & Catherine Cooney.

Apologies: Martin Prendiville.

1. Dearbhú Miontuairiscí - Confirmation of Minutes

(i) **Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council**

Proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed.

"That the Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 17th January, 2022 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

Fógraí - Announcements

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty extended congratulations to Mooncoin on winning the All Ireland Junior Club Final.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty extended best wishes to everyone involved in the St. Patrick's Day Festival.

Cathaoirleach commiserated with Ballyhale Shamrocks on their narrow defeat in the All Ireland Senior Club Final.

Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty also extended votes of sympathy to the following:

- Joe Scully, Roads Department on the death of his father Jody Scully.
- Martin O'Shea, on the death of his father James O'Shea.
- Family of Joe Doherty, Assumption Place, Kilkenny [*Pensioner*]
- Family & Colleagues in Wexford County Council on the death of Billy Kinsella.

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

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach seconded by Cllr. Eamon Aylward 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 Crowbally, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Frances Gaule, Crawn, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €1,000 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Plot areas combined measure 0.8 acre. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”*
- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran 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 Stonecarthy West & Ennisnag, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Carmel Darcy, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €1,600 and each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Area combined measures 0.245 hectare. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”*
- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran 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 Rathduff, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to James Gerard (ors Seamus) Martin, Rathduff, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 and each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 0.366 hectare. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”*
- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness 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 Parkmore, Callan Road, Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Timothy Byrne, Parkmore, Callan Road, Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 and Kilkenny County Council will be responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 0.528 hectare. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”*
- (v) It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh 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 Drakeland Lower, Kilmanagh Road, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Chelmont Limited, Tinford House, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 and Kilkenny County Council will be responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 0.037 hectare. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”*

- (vi) It was proposed by Cllr. John Brennan seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach 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 Menaey, Moanmore, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow for the sum of €1,100 and each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Area combined measures 0.14 acre. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”

(b) (i) Cuid 8: Páirc Uirbeach Gheata an Uisce: Part 8: Watergate Urban Park

Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Part 8 for Watergate Urban Park and presented the Chief Executive Report.

In his presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Site Location.
- Design Brief.
- Design Process.
- Proposed Layout, Layout for Stage Performances.
- Images of proposed Works/Scheme.

He advised that one submission was received during the Public Consultation period. The Chief Executive recommends that Kilkenny County Council proceed with the proposed development in accordance with the plans made available for public inspections and taking into account the recommendations made by the Planning and other Service Departments.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty, Andrew McGuinness, Tomás Breathnach, Pat Fitzpatrick and Eugene McGuinness. Members welcomed the proposed development and the additional space for outdoor performances and public realm. Specific queries were raised in relation to security, anti-social behaviour and provision of sound and lighting equipment. Mr. Ian Gardner responded to the issues raised.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness 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 for the Watergate Urban Park, Parliament Street, Kilkenny City, as circulated.”

**(ii) Cuid 8: Balla Cholm Cille, Reilig Naomh Kieran/
Part 8: Columbarium Wall, St. Kieran’s Cemetery**

Mr. Sean McKeown presented the Chief Executive Report of the proposed development of a Columbarium Wall Garden at St. Kieran’s Cemetery, Kilkenny. He advised that there is a growing need to provide for the internment of cremated remains. He gave an overview on the proposed development works and location in St. Kieran’s Cemetery. He advised that the Part 8 Planning proposal was advertised for public submissions and no submission was received. Subject to Planning approval by the Council it is intended to go to tender for Phase 1 (80 niches) in 2022.

There will also be a requirement to decide on costs. Bye-laws/Regulations for St. Kieran's Cemetery will need to be changed.

Members welcomed the proposed development. Contributions were received from Cllrs. David Fitzgerald, John Coonan, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness and Joe Malone.

Specific queries arose in relation to:

- Applications of the Bye-laws/Regulations,
- Safety for all visitors and respect for all those interred in St. Kieran's Cemetery.
- Anti-social behaviour in the Cemetery,

It was proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan 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 for the development of a Columbarium Wall Garden at St. Kieran's Cemetery, Hebron Road, Kilkenny, as circulated."

(iii) Ag Cúram/Taking in Charge (TC165) Seville Rise, Callan Road, Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett 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: (TC165) Seville Rise (Phase 1), Margaretsfield, Callan Road, Kilkenny

(c) (i) An Nascbhóthar Theas-Thuaidh, Bruach an Bháid Farantóireachta South-North Link Road, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny

Mr. Tim Butler gave a Powerpoint Presentation on a pre-proposed Part 8 proposal for South-North Link Road in Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny.

In his Presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Objective in Ferrybank-Belview Local Area Plan.
- Scheme Purpose.
- Principle features of the Scheme.
- New Road.
- Overbridge over the existing Greenway.
- New footpath link to Greenway.
- Cyclist and pedestrian facilities.
- Provision for bus stops.
- Design of new proposal and layout.

He advised that it is intended to prepare the Scheme for planning in March. Funding has been approved for this Scheme under URDF as part of the North Quay Projects.

(d) (i) **Deontais an Achta Ealaíon 2022 - Arts Act Grants 2022**

Ms. Mary Mullholland presented the Report on the applications for Arts Act Grants 2022. She advised that the budget for 2022 is €22,000. 25 applications were received to a total value of €32,028. Applications have been assessed by an Assessment Panel. The Assessment Panel has recommended that 18 applications receive funding under the Arts Act totalling €22,000 as set out in the Report circulated.

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

“That Kilkenny County Council approves the allocation of €22,000 to the 18 applicants approved under the Arts Grants 2022, as per report circulated”.

(e) (i) **Deontais d'Fhéilte 2022 - Festival Grants 2022**

Ms. Fiona Deegan presented Report on the Festival & Events Grant Scheme for 2022.

She advised the meeting that the budget provision for 2022 is €112,000. It is recommended that:

- €15,000 be set aside for Kilkenny Day and use of the Festival Kit,
- 80% of the remaining budget i.e. €77,600 will be allocated to Tourism Festival Grant,
- 20% i.e. €19,400 will be allocated to smaller community events.

23 Applications were received for the Tourism Festival Grants. These have been assessed according to the criteria set out in the report. 14 applications have been recommended for approval. 9 applications do not meet the criteria and will be advised to make application under the Community Event Scheme. It is recommended that the 14 Applications be awarded a total of €77,000 under the Tourism Festival Grant Scheme. Cllrs. Martin Brett, Pat Fitzpatrick, Pat Dunphy and Fidelis Doherty welcomed the scheme and raised concerns in relation to the amount of grant funding available to run these festivals.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that:

“That the Festival & Event Grants 2021 are hereby approved by the Members of Kilkenny County Council, as per report circulated.”

(ii) **Painéal Eacnamaíoch Chill Chainnigh - Economic Dashboard for Kilkenny**

Ms. Fiona Deegan gave a presentation on the Economic Dashboard for Kilkenny. In her Presentation she gave an overview on the statistics for the following:

Labour Market:

- Employment/Unemployment Rates.
- Pandemic Unemployment Payment/Wage Subsidy Scheme

Residential Property:

- Properties for rent/sale.
- Average rent/house price and comparison to Dublin and national.
- Multi-Unit Development

- Business Activity:**
- Number employed in Enterprise Ireland companies/supported by IDA.
 - Rates waived in 2021.
 - New Construction Projects.
 - Connected Hubs in the County.
- Investment in Schools:**
- Planning permissions for new schools and replacement of existing schools.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Joe Malone, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Joe Lyons, John Brennan, Maria Dollard, Martin Brett, Tomás Breathnach, Pat Fitzpatrick, Pat Dunphy, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Doyle, Fidelis Doherty and Eugene McGuinness.

Issues raised by Members as follows:

- Cost of rent for use of Connected Hubs and new proposals across the County.
- Live Register data – seasonal adjusted data.
- Investment in jobs outside of the City.
- Performance in Economic Development since 2014.
- Investment in water infrastructure – delays in connecting and commencement of houses.
- Need to encourage Apprenticeships.

Mr. Tim Butler, Ms. Mary Mulholland and Ms. Fiona Deegan responded to the issues raised by the Members.

(f) (i) **Nuashonrú ar Bhonneagar Áineasa - Nuashonrú Náisiúnta Leathanbhanda**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty welcomed Mr. TJ Malone, CEO of National Broadband Ireland, Aidan Ledwith and Damien Fitzgibbon to the meeting. She invited Mr. Malone to give his Presentation.

Mr. Malone thanked the Members for the invitation to attend the meeting and gave the Members a presentation on Project Status for the National Broadband Plan (NBI).

In his presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- NBI contracted to connect 554,000+ premises.
- Seven Year Programme – due to be completed in 2026.
- NBI responsible for management and maintenance of network for the next 25 years.
- National overview of premises surveyed, design completed, constructed/under construction/previously connected.
- Public/Schools Broadband connections installed to-date.
- Premises live in 18 Counties.
- Infrastructure Upgrades.
- Status of fibre to home in County Kilkenny.
- 18,563 premises in Kilkenny without access to Broadband.
- Investment of €72m in delivering the NCP in Co. Kilkenny – all premises complete by end of 2024.
- Details of service areas of development in the County – Kilkenny, Waterford, Borris, Johnstown and others.
- Total of 11 Development Areas.
- Details on Broadband Connection Points[BCP] and schools.
- 7 BCP live in Kilkenny, 21 schools to be connected.
- How a Member of the public can determine if they are in area of intervention or where their nearest BCP is located.
- Overview of NBI website and interactive map.

Cllr. Doherty thanked NBI for the detailed presentation and advised it would be circulated to all Members. She asked if NBI would give an update on Broadband in twelve months time and NBI agreed to this.

(ii) ***Plean Seachadta Seirbhíse - Service Delivery Plan***

Mr. Tim Butler presented the Service Delivery Plan for the Year 2022. He advised the adoption of the Service Delivery Plan is a Reserved Function. The Service Delivery Plan outlined all the services to be delivered by all Service Departments in 2022 and also includes Capital Projects. The Service Delivery Plan outcomes will be included in the Annual Report for the year.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Tomás Breathnach and Pat Fitzpatrick in relation to reporting on the actions in the Plan and available resources both financial and staff to deliver all the services. Mr. Butler responded to the queries raised.

It was proposed by Cllr. John Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed that:

"That the Draft Service Delivery Plan for 2022 is hereby approved by the Members of Kilkenny County Council."

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

Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive presented her monthly report to the Members.

Cathaoirleach advised that the Chief Executive Report will be taken as read and noted. Any queries on the Chief Executive Report can be directed to the Chief Executive after the meeting.

3. *Comhfhreagras - Correspondence*

Correspondence from Minister in relation to European Network of EU Councillors

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed that the correspondence at (i) to (vi) be taken as read and noted.

Cllr. Pat Dunphy raised a query in relation to the correspondence from the South East First Citizen Forum re the N24 and N25 Roads Projects. Cllrs. Tomás Breathnach, David Fitzgerald and Fidelis Doherty also spoke on this issue in relation to the status of these two Capital Road Projects and the need to have them advanced. Change in policy from major road infrastructure to Active Travel does not eliminate the need for people to drive when there is no public transport available.

Cllr. Doherty updated the meeting on the discussion in the South East First Citizen Forum and advised that the N24/N25 upgrade projects are hugely important to the South East. Cllr. Dunphy called for a meeting with the Oireachtas Members and Minister Eamon Ryan to outline the importance of delivering this much needed improved infrastructure for the South East.

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. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

(ii) Cathaoirleach advised that the CPG recommends that the April Monthly Meeting be held on Monday, 25th April, 2022 instead of Monday, 18th April, 2022 (*Bank Holiday*).

It was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone 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***

(i) **Approval to Attend Conferences**

Schedule of Conferences circulated with the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Maria Dollard and agreed.

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

None.

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

(i) Mr. Tim Butler advised that Kilkenny County Council normally sends a delegation to New York for St. Patrick's Day. The Cathaoirleach has advised that she is unable to attend on this occasion. The CPG has recommended that the Leas Cathaoirleach attend with Cllr. Peter Cleere, former Cathaoirleach for 2019/2020 and one member of the Executive.

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed that a delegation of three travel to New York to represent Kilkenny County Council on St. Patrick's Day.

Cllr. Denis Hynes raised a query in relation to the benefits of this visit. Mr. Tim Butler responded to the query.

(ii) Cllr. Joe Malone advised the meeting that four walks in March 2022 are being organised to support Charlie Bird's walk for Motor Neuron and he asked for all to partake.

11. *Fógraí Rúin* - Notices of Motion

01 (22) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council write to the Minister of Health, Stephen Donnelly to request of him to fast track, as a matter of urgency, children with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus who require urgent orthopaedic intervention and surgical review "

Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty, Andrew McGuinness, Maria Dollard and John Coonan spoke on this Motion.

02 (22) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy that the Notice of Motion listed on the Agenda be amended as follows:

"That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to seek the setting up, within the context of the National Planning Framework, a Regional Forum for Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford, and Wexford to promote the South East as a distinctive NUTS III region, which can facilitate the development and oversight of proposals for the South East under the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy and thus to enable the local authorities of the South East to work jointly on issues of common interest in a cooperative and collaborative manner. The Council further agrees to write to the Minister and to the Director of the Southern Regional Assembly to urge them to set up the implementation structures for the Waterford Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan as soon as possible."

This was agreed by all Members.

Cllrs. Tomás Breathnach, Pat Dunphy, Pat Fitzpatrick, John Brennan and Andrew McGuinness spoke on the amended Notice of Motion.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness asked the Council to write to the Regional Assembly to attend a meeting of the Council.

03 (22) Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh

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

"That the Minister for Education would be asked to provide attack whistles to every school going child"

Concerns were raised in relation to the wording of the Notice by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen. It was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion and allow Cllr. Cavanagh and Cullen to submit an amended wording for the Notice of Motion.

04 (22) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. David Fitzgerald and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council write to An Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, requesting him to ensure that the vacancy of the South East Regional Director of the I.D.A. is filled as a matter of urgency."

Cllr. Doherty spoke on this Motion.

05 (22) Cllr. Denis Hynes

It was proposed by Cllr. Denis Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed that:

"I am calling on my fellow Councillors to support my motion which is, we should ask Kilkenny County Council to write to the Minister of Finance Paschal Donohoe and Minister of Environment, Climate and Communications Eamon Ryan to postpone the planned carbon tax increase in May 2022. Given the extraordinary high rise in inflation and the significant rise in the cost of living, I would ask you to support this motion.

Cllrs. Denis Hynes, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Eugene McGuinness, Joe Malone, Maria Dollard and Andrew McGuinness spoke on this motion.

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. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. David Fitzgerald and agreed by all that the following Notices of Motion numbered 04 (22) to 07 (22) received from a number of Local Authorities be taken as read and noted:

04 (22) Waterford City & County Council

"That the Members of Waterford City and County Council:

- Unequivocally supports the retention of a full-time air sea rescue service at Waterford Airport as currently provided by the crew of Rescue 117.
- Rejects any moves to end, restrict or reduce the service in the new 10 year air sea rescue contract.
- Believes that ending, restricting or reducing the service would negatively affect safety at sea, in the mountains and the overall safety of coastal communities on the South Coast.
- Calls on the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to ensure the current service is retained in Waterford in the new 10 year contract."

05 (22) Sligo County Council

"To call on the HSE and the Department of Health to end the practice of pursuing patients, including cancer patients with private commercial debt collection agencies and to review exemptions to the inpatient charge by the Department of Health and for this be shared with all other local authorities around the country. The meeting also asked that the Department of Health review the practice of withdrawing medical cards from terminally ill patients."

06 (22) Cork County Council

"Can I request Cork County Council to provide special parking spaces at schools in the county for persons with hidden disabilities, similar to existing disability parking spaces. These spaces would be clearly marked with a sunflower and lining. These would be courtesy spaces, at the discretion of the public to leave them for use by those with a sensory disability."

07 (22) Leitrim County Council

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to significantly increase the grant limits for Community Wastewater Connection Networks in the new Multi Annual Rural Water Programme 2022-2024, to allow some of these schemes to go ahead in County Leitrim. The current level of maximum available grants in the Programme 2019-2021 for Group Sewerage Schemes is fixed at €6,250 per house is insufficient and makes it impossible for such schemes to progress in County Leitrim and that a meeting be requested with Minister O'Brien in this regard."

Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business

Cathaoirleach advised the Members that the Chief Executive wishes to address the Members before we close the meeting.

Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive advised the Elected Members that she would not be exercising the option to extend her contract by a further 3 years. She will be completing her 7 year contract and will leave her position during the Summer.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH

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