

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ DE CHRUINNIÚ IOMLÁNACH CHOMHAIRLE
CONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH A TIONÓLADH
DÉ LUAIN, 20 FEABHRA, 2023 AG 3.00 P.M. I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE,
HALLA AN CHONTAE & TRÍ FHOIRNE MS**



**MINUTES OF PLENARY MEETING OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2023 AT 3.00 P.M. IN
JAMES STEPHENS ARMY BARRACKS, CASTLECOMER ROAD, KILKENNY**

Chair: Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick.

Elected Members: Cllrs. Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Martin Brett, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Fidelis Doherty, Maria Dollard, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness, Joe Malone and Patrick O'Neill

Officials: Sean McKeown, Mary Mulholland, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Fiona Deegan, Anne Maria Walsh, Michael Leahy, Catherine Cooney, Martina Comerford and Tony Lauhoff.

Apologies: Cllr. Joe Lyons and Mr. Denis Malone.

1. Dearbhú Miontuairiscí - Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) **Minutes of January Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council**
Proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and agreed:
"That the Minutes of January Plenary Meeting held on Monday, 16th January, 2023 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

Fógraí - Announcements

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick congratulated the Graiguenamanagh Barrow Valley Activity Hub who won the Community Tourism Category and the Mullinavat Community who were National Runner Up in the Village Category in the National Pride of Place Awards.

He wished every success to the St. Patrick's Festival and hoped that all citizens and visitors have a great weekend.

Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick extended vote of sympathy to the following:

- Arlene O'Connor, Planning Department on the death of her brother Ronan O'Connor.
- Family of Wojciech Panek, Graiguenamanagh on his tragic death in Galway.
- Family of the late Larry Byrne, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Mags Cody, Glenmore.

All Members were associated with the votes of sympathy.

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

- (i) 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 dwelling at 26 O'Loughlin Road, Kilkenny to Eileen O'Keeffe, 26 O'Loughlin Road, Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro) with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the transfer, including those of Mrs. O'Keeffe. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."

- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. John Brennan seconded by Cllr. Michael McCarthy and agreed:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local interest in land at Barrack Hill, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map – to National Broadband Ireland Infrastructure DAC by way of long-term lease for a period of 25 years at an annual rent of €750 (seven hundred and fifty euro) with each party to be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the lease. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."

- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed:

"That in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of its interest in dwelling at 2 Haltigan Terrace, Kilkenny to Seamus & Adeliene Kelly, 2 Haltigan Terrace, Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro) with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the transfer, including those of Seamus & Adeliene Kelly The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."

- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen 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 a plot of ground to rear of dwelling at 450 Mill Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny to Brendan Mullins, 450 Mill Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - for the nominal sum of €100 (one hundred euro) with the Purchaser being responsible for all legal costs associated with the transfer, including those of Kilkenny County Council. Plot area measures 0.0088 ha. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."

(b) (i) Ag Glacadh i gCúram - Taking in Charge

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan 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: TC147 – Roch Court, Kilkenny.

**(ii) Plean Caomhnaithe Cheathrú na Mainistreach
Abbey Quarter Conservation Plan**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised Members that it is an objective in our City & County Development Plan to prepare a Conservation Plan for St. Francis Abbey, Evans Turret and sections of Kilkenny City Walls (Section 9.3.1.5).

A draft Conservation Management Plan for the Abbey Quarter has been prepared with the collaboration of National Monuments Service and the OPW. The draft Plan has been subject to public consultation and consultation with Statutory Bodies.

Mr. Tony Lauhoff gave a PowerPoint Presentation. In his presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Abbey Quarter Masterplan – Commitment to prepare Conservation Plan.
- Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 Variation No. 1, Objective 3J, Prepare Heritage Conservation Plan.
- Maps and photos of areas to be included in Plan.
- Conservation Team and Steering Group established.
- Structure of Conservation Plan.
- Conservation Strategies.
- Development Strategies.
- Public Consultation.
- Implementation of Conservation Plan – Steering Group and permissions required under various legislation.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick, Tomás Breathnach, John Coonan and Maria Dollard in relation to the Conservation Plan. Members welcome the Conservation Plan and raised concerns in relation to funding required to preserve all the structures in the Council's ownership and other Statutory Bodies. Specific queries were raised in relation to availability of public drinking water, access to the various structures, invasive species and timeline for various projects.

Members generally welcomed the Plan and looked forward to progress being made to opening the Abbey Quarter site up further for use by the public.

Mr. Tony Lauhoff responded to the specific issues raised by Members.

It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed:

"That the Elected Members approve the Draft Abbey Quarter Conservation Management Plan as presented."

(c)	(i)	<i>Tithíocht Inacmhainne - Scéim na dTosaíochtaí Ligin</i> Affordable Housing - Scheme of Letting Priorities
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Mr. Michael Leahy presented the report and the draft Scheme of Priorities for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements. It is a Reserved Function of the Members to approve the Scheme. The SPC for Housing has recommended its approval. Mr. Leahy advised that the Council has approved eight houses in the Breaghagh Valley as Affordable Houses. These houses will be sold to eligible applicants below market value costs. The Scheme must be approved before the Council advertises the units for sale.

He outlined the Scheme and gave an overview of the methodology that will be applied to determine the order of priority for eligible applicants.

Part 1: *Manner in which Affordable Dwellings will be made available in the City and County.*

Part 2: *Order of Priority for Eligible Households.*
It is recommended that 30% of the units be reserved for residents living in County Kilkenny for over five years.
70% of the units will be available to all other applicants.

Once the Scheme is approved by the Members, the adopted Scheme will be forwarded to the Minister for approval.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Eamon Aylward, Maria Dollard, Pat Dunphy, Tomás Breathnach and Denis Hynes in relation to the proposed Scheme.

Members raised queries as follows:

- Priority to residents in County Kilkenny.
- Availability of units throughout the County.
- Publicity campaign to raise awareness of units available.
- Right to buy out equity.
- Choice based letting for Social Houses.

Ms. Mary Mulholland and Mr. Michael Leahy responded to the queries raised by the Members.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eamon Aylward, seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone and agreed that:

"That the Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements is hereby adopted by the Members of Kilkenny County Council."

(d) (i) Deontais na Féile 2023 - Festival Grants 2023

Ms. Martina Comerford presented Report on the Festival & Events Grant Scheme 2023. She advised that a provision of €112,000 has been included in the Adopted Budget for 2023. In accordance with adopted policy, 80% of Budget is allocated to Tourism Festival Grants and 20% to Community Festival Grants. The Report circulated related to approval of the Tourism Festival Grants. 27 applications were received and have been assessed. 16 applications have been recommended for approval in the total amount of €88,000. These recommended applications have a positive impact on Kilkenny's tourism and represent an integral element of Kilkenny's attraction as a destination with all year round activities and as an investment in the local economy.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and Martin Brett in relation to the value of these grants for the locals and tourists.

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

"That the Festival & Event Grants 2023 are hereby approved by the Members of Kilkenny County Council, as per report circulated."

(e) (i) Deontais an Achta Ealaíon 2023 - Arts Act Grants 2023

Ms. Mary Mulholland presented the Report on the Arts Act Grants for 2023.

She advised that a budget of €22,000 has been provided for these grants in 2023. 36 applications were received. An assessment was undertaken on all applications and the Assessment Panel recommended that 24 applications be funded. The funding provides financial assistance for the purposes of

stimulating interest in the Arts, promoting knowledge and appreciation in the Arts and enhancing standards in the Arts. The Arts Office will engage with those who were not successful in receiving funding.

A schedule is attached listing all applications and recommendations.

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

“That Kilkenny County Council approves the allocation of €22,000 to the 24 applicants approved under the Arts Grants 2023, as per report circulated”.

(f) (i) **Ciste Aitheantais Pobail - Community Recognition Fund**

Ms. Fiona Deegan presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the proposed Community Recognition Fund 2023.

In her Presentation she gave an overview on the following:

- Aim of the fund and target projects.
- Allocation of €948,063 for County Kilkenny.
- Investment in community villages and towns where arrivals from Ukraine and other countries have been welcomed.
- Schedule of eligible projects.
- Application Process – closing date first week in March, funding proposals to be submitted to Department no later than 15th March, 2023 for approval.
- Breakdown of allocation of €948,063 between the four Municipal Districts based on the number residing in each Municipal District area.

She advised that a committee will be established to assess projects and she will liaise with the Community Section on projects which have come through local consultation and with Engineering staff in the Municipal District in relation to the proposed projects and works to be undertaken before the end of the year. She requested approval of Members to proceed as outlined with the allocation for each Municipal District.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Michael Delaney and agreed that:

“The funding of €948,063 be allocated to each Municipal District as outlined and applications for works be assessed for approval by the Department.”

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

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick advised that the Chief Executive Report will be taken as read and noted. He requested that any queries that Members have be taken up with the Interim Chief Executive.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald asked for an update on additional accommodation being provided for refugees in the City and the lack of information being made available to public representatives and the Council. Contributions were also received from Cllrs. Eugene McGuinness and Maria Dollard in relation to misinformation being circulated on social media and that the Ministers Office should be more proactive in keeping the public representatives informed.

Mr. Sean McKeown, Interim Chief Executive advised that Kilkenny County Council does not have an active role in the International Protection Refugees Programme. Kilkenny County Council has established a Unit within the Local Authority to respond to the Ukrainian Refugees. Mr. Tim Butler advised that the Council has sought clarification on the information circulating in the media. When any confirmation on placement of refugees is given to the Council we will advise the Elected Members. Ms. Fiona Deegan advised that the Council does not have a direct role in the securing of private/commercial properties.

Cllr. Maria Dollard requested that all people seeking refugee status be dealt with in the same criteria.

(g) (i) Cur i láthair – Dún James Stephens - Presentation – James Stephens Barracks

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick addressed the Council as follows:

Colonel Gareth Prendergast, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, your support units and civilian staff, it is a profound and meaningful moment for me as Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council to preside over a meeting of the Council within the hallowed walls of Stephens Barracks, Kilkenny.

I come to you today with my colleagues, Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council, and with our Acting Chief Executive and staff, to mark the Centenary of your military unit – the 3rd Infantry Battalion of the Irish Defence Forces or “the Bloods” as they are colloquially known which is the longest continuously active unit in the Defence Forces.

It may come as a surprise to know that both of our organisations share something of a centennial heritage – you are marking your 100th anniversary while next year Kilkenny County Council will be recording its 125th year as an Elected Council.

It was in 1899 that the people of Kilkenny went to the polls to elect their first County Council. In that same year the barracks here would have echoed to the drill of soldiers preparing for conflict as that was the year when the Anglo-Boer war erupted in South Africa and many men quartered in this barracks found themselves boarding ship and becoming part of the British military presence in colonial lands.

Although that war was far away it had implications for politics and society in Ireland. An identification by Irish nationalists with the rebels in South Africa was to revive nationalism on the island of Ireland and become one of the dynamics which led to the 1916 rising and the subsequent war of independence and the formation of the new Irish Free State.

Last year you marked the Centenary of the taking over of the barracks by the new National army with fitting ceremonial, today we take the commemorative process a step forward by reflecting on the Centenary of the 3rd Battalion as a unit with its distinctive corps spirit and ethos – an ethos which tends to look out into the community rather than inwards to the Barrack Square.

The story of your battalion with its many mergers and absorption of other units had been well told and I will not repeat here save to remark that its origins were in January 1923 in far off County Donegal; later in 1927 it transferred across the country to the Curragh Training Camp where it became the army’s demonstration unit with exemplary standards of drill and weapon-handling that were the envy of its peers countrywide.

The 3rd Battalion's first contact with Kilkenny was in 1939 when it was deployed from the Curragh to guard the coastlines of the South-East with Kilkenny as its fulcrum. Had danger come to our shores in the tense years of the what we called "the emergency", the 3rd battalion would have been first in the line of defence.

Of course, it was not all work and no play and members of the battalion were deeply involved in local cultural and sporting activities. Friendships sprung up and more – indeed many a match was made between the Kilkenny ladies and the uniformed residents of the Barracks which brought some joy to the otherwise grey backdrop of those war years.

'The Bloods' returned to the Curragh to what seemed like their permanent post but as the 20th Century drew to a close Kildare's loss was to be Kilkenny's gain and in 1998 the 3rd Battalion was redeployed to Stephen's Barracks, Kilkenny, where happily it has remained since.

We in Kilkenny are conscious and proud of the contribution which the women and men of the 3rd Battalion have made both locally and in far foreign shores. Service in Lebanon, the Golan Heights, and other troubled locations has seen the Irish soldiers bring the best of their national characteristics to bear on the challenging, and sadly – as we have seen recently – the dangerous vocation of peacekeeping.

There are personnel here who could speak of Middle Eastern Locations such as Tibnin, Bint Yahoun or Post 6-52 with the same familiarity that they would speak of home locations such as Clogh, Stoneyford or Slieve Rue.

On the home front, we only have to think back to the bleak months of Covid or the dramatic days of Snow Storm Emma and to appreciate how the sight of a green uniform or of a military vehicle brought such reassurance to our neighbourhoods at times of worry. Day and night, and in all weathers, the Defence Forces were in step with the Gardaí, the HSE nurses, the Council staff and others to bring support to the community especially those living in the more remote parts of our county. The personnel in Stephens Barracks to are to be congratulated too for their support to the County Council in its endeavour to provide a welcome for the Ukrainian people fleeing for refuge as the spectre of war returns to the continent of Europe.

Your commitment to community service is born out of the strong personal and family links that have evolved between the Battalion personnel and the city and county. One can think of families such as the Sheridan's, the Brennans and the Malones – and here I mention my colleague Cllr Joe Malone, former Mayor of Kilkenny Borough Council and proud veteran of the Battalion – as names which epitomise the multiple links between military and community.

The facilities that that the barracks affords to the neighbourhood indicate a warm mutual relationship that has been nurtured over the years. St. John's Senior Primary School just across the road is the alma mater of many a 3rd Battalion recruit and this connection has been reciprocated by the barracks offering facilities to the school such as rehearsal space in the Barrack Oratory for the school choir.

Other connections include the sporting links with O'Loughlin Gaels in the parish of St John's. Indeed, over the years the Bloods have been a nursery for success in Kilkenny Camogie and Hurling achievement with many All-Ireland medals earned by 3rd Battalion personnel

As I said in my opening remarks this is the first time that a meeting of the Kilkenny County Council has taken place within Stephens Barracks. It is an overdue gesture of gratitude by the Elected Representatives of the County to the Officers and personnel of the 3rd Battalion for their service to Irish society over so many years.

Indeed, I feel given that you have fought for us – in a non-lethal way – it's time that we as public representatives took up the fight for you and do our best to ensure that Stephens Barracks and its personnel have all the resources and support that they need to deliver on their variety of missions so necessary to the welfare of our locality and our nation.

In that context I have spoken to the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence, Mr Michael Martin, T.D. and I have proposed to him that he might consider making a Ministerial visit to Stephens Barracks so that he can at first hand appreciate the regard with which the "the Bloods" are held in the Kilkenny locality.

The motto of the 3rd Battalion is "dilís go brath" or "loyal for ever" – you and your successors in the 3rd Battalion can be assured that we in Kilkenny County Council will reciprocate that sense of loyalty and support to you as long as the distinctive 3rd Battalion colours fly high over Stephens Barracks.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh a dhuine uaisle.

The Cathaoirleach invited Colonel Gareth Prendergast to address the meeting.

Colonel Gareth Prendergast welcomed the Council to the Army Barracks and said it was a historic event in their celebrations of 100 years as the 3rd Infantry Battalion. He was delighted to host the meeting and also to give Members the opportunities to visit the Barracks and the Museum. He spoke of the long association of the Army Barracks in Kilkenny with the people of Kilkenny over the 100 years. The staff are here to serve their local communities and protect them in any way and also assist with the Council, HSE and Emergency Services in time of crisis.

He referred also to the service of army personnel abroad and referred to the many people from Kilkenny who have served abroad on many peace keeping missions. He advised Members that there are approx. 500 personnel working in the Barracks from all areas within the South East. There has been an investment of approx. €15m since 2017 in improving facilities. Further investment is planned in accommodation for army personnel over the next few years.

Colonel Gareth Prendergast thanked the Elected Members, TD's and Council for the ongoing support to the Army Barracks. In recognition of the meeting being held, he presented Kilkenny County Council with a photo of the 100th Anniversary Parade on 27th January, 2023 to the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick. Cathaoirleach thanked him on behalf of the Council.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Joe Malone, Andrew McGuinness, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Tomás Breathnach on behalf of the Members. Members were delighted to have the monthly meeting in James Stephens Barracks during their 100 year celebration. They acknowledged the support and assistance provided by the Army during severe weather events and the Covid Pandemic. They also acknowledged the significant presence of 500 army personnel in Kilkenny and the benefits derived in the City and County.

Mr. Sean McKeown on behalf of the Executive and Staff thanked Colonel Gareth Prendergast and staff in the Army Barracks for all their help over the years especially in emergency weather events, Covid, Community Response, proactive in "Team Up to Clean Up". The Army is an integral part of the community in the City and County. Mr. Sean McKeown congratulated him on his recent promotion and wished him well in his new role.

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. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Michael Delaney and agreed.

- (ii) Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the Council is required to have a meeting to consider the Chief Executive Report on the planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála under Strategic Infrastructure Development. He advised that the Council does not make a decision on this planning application. He recommended that a Special Meeting be convened on Monday, 27th February, 2023 to consider his Report and afford the Members the opportunity to express their views on the planning application. Mr. Sean McKeown gave an overview on the proposed development in County Kilkenny and County Carlow. There will be three turbines in Kilkenny and four turbines in Carlow. The Chief Executive Report must be lodged with An Bord Pleanála before 8th March, 2023.

Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick asked for the current position on the draft Direction from the Minister on the Council's Energy Strategy in the Development Plan 2021-2027. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that we are still awaiting Direction from the Minister. He advised that the Council does not have a Wind Energy Strategy map. The Council are relying on the 2006 Ministerial Guidelines amended with Draft Guidelines in 2017.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Delaney, seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone and agreed:

"That a Special Meeting be held on Monday, 27th February, 2023 at 4.00 p.m. to consider the Interim Chief Executive's Report on the SID Application for Windfarm."

**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

None.

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

01 (23) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty [*Deferred from January Plenary Meeting*]

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that:

"I am calling on Kilkenny County Council to ensure that gates at agricultural openings on the county's roads network do not pose a serious risk to vehicular traffic as many are positioned with the gates opening out onto roads, as opposed to being directed into fields/access points."

Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty and Pat Fitzpatrick spoke on this Notice of Motion. Mr. Tim Butler advised that he will liaise with IFA in relation to this issue.

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. Deirdre Cullen, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed by all that the following Notices of Motion numbered 07 (23) and 10 (23) received from other Local Authorities be taken as read and noted:

07 (23) Cork County Council

"That Cork County council call on the Minister for Transport to consider that Uber be allowed to operate in this country. Due to the lack of taxi availability leading to isolation for members of rural communities, Uber could be a welcome resolution."

08 (23) Leitrim County Council

"That Leitrim County Council call on this Government to hold, without any further delay, the long promised referendum on voting rights for Irish citizens abroad."

09 (23) Tipperary County Council

"I am looking for support from Tipperary County Council to strengthen the Control of Dogs Act Legislation in Ireland. A complete reform of dog owner's responsibilities must take place immediately for public and animal safety. An immediate review of the Dangerous Dogs Act must also take place banning ownership of these dogs in the State. A proper public indemnity insurance requirement must also be enshrined in new legislation for all dog owners. I am asking this Local Authority to write to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Rural and Community Development and Minister for Housing on this issue."

10 (23) Cavan County Council

To ask Cavan County Council, having regard to the thousands of people who are suffering with adverse effects from Covid-19 for long periods of time (long Covid):

- to write to the Minister for Health, Mr. Stephen Donnelly, T.D., the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE Chief Executive Officer requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics be retained and expanded.
- to raise it with our Regional Health Board and/or local hospital and
- to circulate this motion to the rest of the Councils around the Country asking them to consider doing the same.

That concluded the business of the meeting.