

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR AN GCRUINNIÚ IOMLÁNACH DE CHUID  
CHOMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH TIONÓLTA AR AN LUAN,  
20 SAMHAIN 2023 AG 3.00 I.N. I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, HALLA AN  
CHONTAE & VIA FOIRNE MS**



**MINUTES OF PLENARY MEETING OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL & VIA MS TEAMS**

**Chair:** Cllr. Michael Doyle.

**Elected Members:** *Council Chamber*

Cllrs. John Brennan, Martin Brett, Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, John Coonan, Fidelis Doherty, Maria Dollard, Pat Dunphy, Pat Fitzpatrick, David Fitzgerald, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness & Eugene McGuinness.

*MS Teams*

Cllrs. Eamon Aylward, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Matt Doran, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes & Joe Lyons.

**Officials:** Lar Power, Tim Butler, Mary Mulholland, Sean McKeown, Martin Prendiville, Fiona Deegan, Seamus Kavanagh, Anne Marie Shortall, Frank Stafford, Mags Whelan, Nicolaas Louw, Arlene O'Connor, Caitriona O'Sullivan & Anne Maria Walsh.

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

(i) *Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Iomlánach mhí Samhain*  
**Minutes of November Plenary Meeting**

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

*"That Minutes of Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".*

(ii) *Miontuairiscí Chruinniú SPC2 - Minutes of SPC2 Meeting*

Proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach and agreed:

*"That Minutes of Minutes of SPC2 Meeting: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management and Water Services held on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".*

**Fógraí - Announcements**

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael Doyle congratulated:

- Freshford Village who were runners up in their category in the recent Pride of Place Awards Night and to St. Canice's Community Action Group and Callan Community Energy Group who also were involved in these awards.
- Kilkenny City Harriers hosting the Irish Championship in Gowran.
- Kilkenny Hurling All Stars on their awards.

He extended every success to Yulefest and reminded Members that the turning on of the lights was on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael Doyle extended vote of sympathy to the following:

- Roseanne Drea & Family on the sudden death of her husband Matt Drea, Woodstock & Parks Department.

- Annette Sinnott, Planning on the death of her mother Rita Murphy, Wexford.
- Colette O'Halloran, Library Services on the death of her mother Julia O'Halloran Kildare.
- Family of the late Richard Duggan, Glenmore [*Pensioner*].
- Family of the late David Walsh, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny
- Family of the late Eileen Henebry, Hugginstown, Co. Kilkenny
- Family of the late Seamus Fox, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny
- Family of the late Josephine Butler, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny.
- Family of the late Francis O'Neill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny
- Family of the late Neil Doherty, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny.

## 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 Leasehold interest in property at 11 Jacob Street, Kilkenny to David Roberts, 11 Jacob Street, Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro) with the Purchaser being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale, including those of Kilkenny County Council. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."*

- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen 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 Gorrue, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to John Murphy, Gorrue, Knocktopher, 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 0.04 acre. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."*

## (b) **Pleanail - Planning**

- (i) ***Cuid 8 don Nasc ó Ghlasbhealach an Oirdheiscirt go dtí an Gleann Mór***  
**Part 8 for Link from South East Greenway to Glenmore**

Mr. Sean McKeown presented the Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 Planning for the South East Greenway Link to Glenmore. He advised the development of links to the Greenway will generate economic activity for the area. It is an objective of the Development Plan to develop a number of links to Glenmore, Slieverue and Woodstock.

Mr. Frank Stafford, A/Senior Engineer gave a PowerPoint Presentation. In his presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Background, Route Selection and Preferred Option.
- Part 8 Public Consultation – 15 submissions received.
- Summary of submissions.
- Undertaking and proposed modification to the design.
- Modified Proposed Layout.
- Conclusion and Recommendation.

Mr. Stafford advised that the Chief Executive Report recommends approval of the proposed development. Contributions were received from Cllrs. Michael Doyle, David Fitzgerald, Andrew McGuinness, Tomás Breathnach and Ger Frisby. The proposed development of links were welcomed by the Members.

The following issues were raised:

- Funding for the development of the links.
- Potential for economic development.
- Blue Way Link to Castlecomer.

Mr. Stafford responded to the queries raised.

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

*"We the Members of Kilkenny County Council approve the 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 the development of a pedestrian cycle link connecting the South East Greenway to the village of Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny.*

(ii) ***Athrú 1 molta do Phlean Forbartha Chathair & Chontae Chill Chainnigh 2021 Proposed Variation 1 to Kilkenny City & County Development Plan 2021***

Mr. Sean McKeown presented the Chief Executive's Report on the Proposed Variation 1 to the City & County Development Plan 2021-2027. He advised that the proposed Variation is intended to change the zoning on two sites as part of the implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax in Kilkenny as follows:

- Area at Aut Even from Residential to Agricultural.
- Areas at the Bleach Road from Residential to Amenity.

The proposed variation was published for a 4 week period. Eight submissions were received and considered. Details are included in the Report. Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Strategic Environment Assessment Screening Report were prepared and published.

Mr. McKeown advised that the Residential Zoned Land Tax has been deferred to 2025. This tax replaces the Vacant Site Levy.

The Chief Executive recommends to the Council that the Variation to the City & County Development Plan 2021-2027 be adopted by the Members.

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

***Make Variation No. 1 to the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan 2021, which is:***

*To change the zoning on two sites, as part of the implementation of the Residential Zoned Land Tax, in Kilkenny City as follows:*

- (a) *An area of approx. 0.6 hectares at Aut Even Farm, Freshford Road, Kilkenny City from 'Existing Residential' to 'Agriculture'.*
- (b) *An area of approx. 0.2 hectares at Bleach Road, Kilkenny City from 'Existing Residential' to 'Amenity/Green Links/Biodiversity conservation/open space'. A site-specific objective, Z17, will be included on the zoning map (and inserted in Section 2.9.17 City Zoning Map Objectives) as follows:*

***Z17*** *Any application for residential development at this location can include consideration for the provision of the private, or semi-private, open space in the open space zoning, subject to a Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment.*

*"We, the Members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make Variation 1 to the Kilkenny City & County Development Plan 2021 under Section 13 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, and having considered the Chief*

*Executive's Report as circulated on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, prepared in accordance with Section 13 (4) of the above Acts, the recommendations as set out in the Chief Executive's Report, and with our decision made at a meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021, do hereby resolve to vary the Kilkenny City & County Development Plan in accordance with Proposed Variation 1."*

(iii) ***Athbhreithniú Dhá Bhliain: Plean Forbartha Chathair 2021 – 2027***

**Two Year Review: Kilkenny City & County Development Plan 2021 – 2027**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the Council are required to prepare a Progress Report on the objectives in the Kilkenny City & County Development Plan 2021-2027. There are 248 separate objectives included in the Development Plan.

He stated that there four areas to note:

1. ***Core Strategy*** – ensure sufficient land is zoned for Housing and Economic development, active land management through vacant site levy and derelict sites. Population growth – 50% increase in urban areas.

Cllr. Pat Dunphy welcomed the Report and asked for any issues in meeting Housing Targets and the status of Wind Energy Strategy.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the Council will be seeking additional staff resources to meet the demands in Planning & Housing. He advised that the Planning Department are considering the best way to deal with a variation to the City & County Development Plan on wind energy.

2. ***Housing*** – Projected Strategy for 649 new units i.e. 775 units per year, completion for 2021-2023 currently below average. There are 106 multi unit housing developments with planning permission secured.

Social Housing – 803 new build, 476 units constructed since 2021 and 71 purchased. Council will meet our social housing targets under "Housing for All".

3. ***Climate Action Plan*** – Draft Plan to be adopted in 2024. On track to deliver objectives. Aim to reduce Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 51%, improve energy efficiency by 50%.

4. Transport requires a modal shift from car specific needs to sustainable transport. Identified Plan for Northern Ring Road Extension and improvement to N24/N25. Roll out Mobility Plans for City & District Towns & Villages.

Cllr. Michael Doyle noted that the report is for their information and is noted by the Members.

(iv) ***Ag Glacadh i gCúram: Taking in Charge [Final]: Ardmillan, Thomastown***

It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle 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: TIC178 – Final: Ardmillan, Thomsatown, Co. Kilkenny***

- (v) **Ag Glacadh i gCúram: Taking in Charge [Final]: Ogenty, Gowran**  
Deferred to December Meeting.

- (vi) **Ag Glacadh i gCúram: Taking in Charge [Final]: College Park, Kilkenny**  
It was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness 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: TIC114 - Final: College Park, Kilkenny**

(c) **Bóithre - Roads**

- (i) **Athbhreithniú ar an Teorainn Luais - Speed Limit Review**

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer presented the Speed Limit Review and Bye Laws 2023 to the Members. He advised that the Speed Limits are normally revised every five years. The proposed changes have been discussed at the Municipal District Meetings. Approval of the Elected Members are required at this meeting to adopt the Bye Laws 2023 which will become effective on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024.

Mr. Kavanagh advised that a national overview of speed limits has commenced. This will take approximately two years. Any changes arising from the National Review will be incorporated into the Kilkenny Bye Laws.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick, Tomás Breathnach, Pat Dunphy, Deirdre Cullen and Eugene McGuinness.

Issues raised by Members are as follows:

- 30kph speed limit in Urban Areas.
- Submissions made for changes to speed limits and not taken into consideration.
- Need to continue with engineering solutions, low cost safety measures.
- Enforcement by Gardaí - more speed checks.
- Awareness and Education.

Mr. Tim Butler and Mr. Seamus Kavanagh responded to the issues raised by Members.

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

*"Kilkenny County Council in exercise of the powers confirmed on them by Section 9(10) of the Road Traffic Act 2004 and with the consent of the National Roads Authority (Transport Infrastructure Ireland), hereby make Special Speed Limit Bye – Laws in respect of the area comprising of the administrative County of Kilkenny in accordance with the Report attached and forwarded to the Members on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.*

(d) **Airgeadas – Finance**

- (i) **Dréacht-Straitéis Míchumais - Draft Disability Strategy**

Ms. Mary Mulholland advised that the Local Authority is required to prepare and adopt a Disability Inclusion Strategy. Draft Strategy has been prepared.

Consultation has been undertaken and she thanked the PPN and Kilkenny Access Group for facilitating the Consultation. Accessible services are embedded in our normal day to day operations.

Ms. Anne Marie Shortall gave a PowerPoint Presentation. In her Presentation she gave an overview on the following:

- Background – Policies & Strategies.
- Legislation – Disability Act 2005 – Requirements.
- Actions already taken by Kilkenny County Council to improve accessibility to services.
- Preparation of Strategy – Team established.
- Consultations undertaken, staff, SPC, PPN and Kilkenny Access Group.
- Structure of Strategy under 6 headings.
- 104 actions included in the Strategy and review of these actions.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Maria Dollard and John Coonan in relation to the following:

- Review of Actions
- Funding to Implement Actions.
- Changing Place Facility.
- Disability Parking Spaces.
- Nominated Access Officer.

Ms. Mary Mulholland, Ms. Anne Marie Shortall and Mr. Tim Butler responded to the issues raised. Members were advised that there is no specific funding stream for the actions proposed. Any works will be funded from normal operating budgets and Capital Projects.

A review of the Strategy and actions will take place regularly and will involve the Kilkenny Access Group.

It was proposed by Cllr. Maria Dollard, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed that:

*“We the Members of Kilkenny County Council approve the Disability Inclusion Strategy 2023, as circulated.”*

(e) **Economic Development – Forbairt Eacnamaíoch**

- (i) ***Plean Bainistíochta Bruscair 2024-2026 - Litter Management Plan 2024-2026***  
Mr. Sean McKeown advised that Ms. Margaret Whelan has been appointed as Environmental Awareness Officer. She has been preparing the new Litter Management Plan and will give a PowerPoint Presentation.

Ms. Whelan gave an overview of the following in her Presentation:

- Legislation – Litter Pollution Act 1997.
- Review of the current Plan 2021-2023.
- Mandatory Inclusion for new Plan.
- Litter Management Plan Objectives.
- Structure of new Plan for 2024-2027.
- Stages to be undertaken and timeframe.
- Revamp process for litter complaints.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Michael Doyle, Maria Dollard, Eugene McGuinness, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Fitzpatrick and Martin Brett in relation to the following:

- Zero Tolerance Policy.
- Enforcement/Prosecution – Name and Scheme.
- Education and Awareness, need to involve schools.
- Concerns on cigarettes and vaping littering and disposal of vapes.
- Making complaints is not easy for the public.
- Disposal of litter in rural area.
- Use of CCTV to detect littering.
- Dog Fouling.

Ms. Margaret Whelan responded to the issues raised by the Members. She advised that a number of campaigns will be undertaken during the term of the Plan. In her role, she will be visiting schools and raising awareness. The Environment Section will work closely with Healthy Ireland on the campaigns. Names of complainants are treated in confidence. Advice on CCTV usage is awaited from the Data Commissioner.

**(g) Gnóthaí Corparáideacha – Corporate Affairs**

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

Mr. Lar Power presented his Monthly Chief Executive's Report.

Cllr. Michael Doyle stated that Report will be noted and taken as read. Cllr. John Coonan asked for update on the completion of housing units at Nuncio Road Kilkenny. Ms. Mary Mulholland advised that this is a Respond Turnkey development and it is expected that the units will be completed shortly.

**(ii) Táscairí Feidhmíochta 2022 - Performance Indicators 2022**

Mr. Tim Butler advised that the Report on the Local Authority Performance Indicators for 2022 on 44 Indicators was published in September 2023. The Report circulated with the Agenda gives an overview on the performance of Kilkenny County Council. This allows us to compare our performance against other Local Authorities and improve the level of service we are providing. Kilkenny County Council performed well in some areas and there is scope for improvement in other areas. The report circulated is for noting by the Elected Members.

**3. Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**

**(i) Freagra ón Roinn Iompair - Fógra Foriarratais 08-2023**

**Response from Department of Transport - Notice of Motion 08-2023**

Noted.

**(i) Admháil ón Roinn Iompair - Fógra Foriarratais 11-2023**

**Acknowledgement from Department of Transport - Notice of Motion 11-2023**

Noted.

**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) ***Sceideal na gCruinnithe - Schedule of Meetings***

It was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed.
  - (ii) ***Socraigh Dáta & Am do Chruinniú Buiséid Reachtúil***  
***Fix Date & Time for Statutory Budget Meeting***

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

*“Statutory Budget Meeting is fixed for Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 3.00 p.m.”*
6. ***Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle***  
***Consideration of Reports & Recommendations of Committees of the Council***
  - (i) ***Tuarascáil ar Chruinniú SPC 1 - Report of SPC 1 Meeting***

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed that Report of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy held on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023 be taken as read and noted.
  - (ii) ***Tuarascáil ar Chruinniú SPC 2 - Report of SPC2 Meeting***

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and agreed that Report of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management and Water Services held on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2023 be taken as read and noted.
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***
  - (i) Cllr. Andrew McGuinness referred to redevelopment of a building on Dublin Road for accommodation for International Protection Applicants and asked for any information that the Council has on it. He raised concerns that there is no consultation with residents and the Elected Members and there is an issue with Waste Water capacity.

Ms. Fiona Deegan responded and advised that she will meet with the residents even though there is no contract in place for use of this building. Mr. Tim Butler advised that he would contact Uisce Éireann in relation to the waste water services.
  - (ii) Cllr. Deirdre Cullen raised concerns in relation to the replacement of heritage lanterns in Whitecastle, Knocktopher. The new lights installed are not as strong as the existing ones. Mr. Tim Butler advised that all public lights are being upgraded under the PLEEP Project and they will all be energy efficient. He will follow up on this particular issue.

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

### **12 (23) Cllr. Martin Brett**

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council in conjunction with TII investigate putting carriers for bicycles on the buses, either on the front or the back, to encourage people to cycle and use public transport going forward."*

Cllrs Martin Brett and Eugene McGuinness spoke on the Notice of Motion.

### **13 (23) Cllr. Maria Dollard**

It was proposed by Cllr. Maria Dollard, seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and agreed that:

*"That Kilkenny County Council writes to Minister Hackett and the Department of Agriculture welcoming the National Strategy for Horticulture 2023 - 2027. In particular that the Council welcomes the commitment to 'work with local authorities to implement and support community gardens and allotments to encourage enthusiasm for gardening/growing and promote fresh produce consumption and healthy eating'. In addition, the Council confirms their similar commitment to support community gardens and allotments and proposes appropriate follow up on possible next steps."*

Cllrs. Maria Dollard and Eugene McGuinness spoke on the notice.

### **14 (23) Cllr. Michael Doyle**

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council as a matter of urgency would write to the OPW to request that the Flood Relief Schemes in Kilkenny that have been approved for funding be advanced an allocation immediately for essential drainage works that would mitigate the flood risk to many properties in advance of full Flood Relief Schemes."*

Cllrs. Michael Doyle and Deirdre Cullen spoke on the urgency in progressing flood relief works on all schemes in Kilkenny. Funding is in place and we need to start spending the funds on measures to prevent flooding in all the areas. Mr. Tim Butler responded and advised on the current status and the Pilot Schemes to be undertaken.

### **15 (23) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach**

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to seek increased funding in order to meet demand from householders and due to the environmental benefits bestowed, for the installation of group sewerage schemes and to review the rate of grant aid assistance available to householders in recognition of the real costs of installation works and upgrades."*

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach spoke on the Motion.

### **16 (23) Cllr. Maria Dollard**

It was proposed by Cllr. Maria Dollard, seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach and agreed that:

*"That Kilkenny County Council considers the employment of an Irish Language Officer for inclusion in Budget 2025 and during 2024 reviews and updates the expired Language Scheme 2019 -22 as required under Section 15 of the Official Languages Act 2003. That Kilkenny County Council also works with local Irish Language Groups to promote the Irish Language amongst the public for 2024 Seachtain na Gaeilge March 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>."*

Cllrs. Maria Dollard, Tomás Breathnach and John Coonan spoke on the Motion. Ms. Anne Maria Waslh responded and advised on the current position on the Language Scheme and the promotion of Irish during Seachtain na Gaeilge. She welcomed the inclusion of the promotion of Irish as part of the brief of a SPC.

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. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed by all that the following Notices of Motion numbered 39 (23) and 41 (23) received from other Local Authorities be taken as read and noted:

**39 (23) Clare County Council**

"I am calling on the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to address the chaos being caused to members of the public by the incompetent service currently in operation by the National Car Test Company. This arrangement with a company operating on a monopoly basis is not fit for purpose and should be discontinued with a view to opening up a tendering process for accredited garages in Ireland similar to the DOE process that currently provide a quality service to the public for testing commercial vehicles. The carrying out of a car test on private vehicles over 4 years is mandatory and the government have a duty of care to the public to make adequate provision I the delivery of this service. This proposal would also have the potential to provide employment at local level for many people and provide enhanced opportunities for apprenticeships."

**40 (23) Cork City Council**

"That this Council notes with concern the upward turn in road deaths, in particular the exponential growth in pedestrian deaths, and calls upon national authorities to review policies that can help reverse this trend."

**41 (23) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council**

"That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council formally backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urges the Irish Government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. If passed, a letter should be sent to all local Councils, An Taoiseach, An Tánaiste and the Minister for the Environment, and further recognises as part of a just transition there must be ongoing measures to address fuel and energy poverty."

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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