

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AN CHRUINNITHE BHLIANTÚIL A  
TIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE DÉ HAOINE, 21  
MEITHEAMH 2024 AG 3.00 I.N.**



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER ON FRIDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2024 AT 3.00 P.M.**

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**Chair:** Anne Maria Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

**Cllrs:** Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Jenny Catt Slattery, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter 'Chap' Cleere, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Stephanie Doheny, Fidelis Doherty, Maria Dollard, Michael Doyle, Patrick Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Joe Lyons, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness, Seán Ó hArgáin, Joe Sheridan & Maurice Shortall

**Officials:** Lar Power, Tim Butler, Mary Mulholland, Denis Malone, Seamus Kavanagh, Anne Maria Walsh and Catherine Cooney.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Meetings Administrator, opened the meeting. She welcomed all the members to the first meeting of the new term of office for Members elected to Kilkenny County Council.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Meetings Administrator read into the minutes the following statement:

"Following the Poll taken on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 the following are the persons duly elected as Members of Kilkenny County Council:

**Callan-Thomastown Local Electoral Area (6)**

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| ▪ Peter 'Chap' Cleere | ▪ Michael Doyle |
| ▪ Deirdre Cullen      | ▪ Joe Lyons     |
| ▪ Stephanie Doheny    | ▪ Joe Sheridan  |

**Castlecomer Local Electoral Area (6).**

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| ▪ John Brennan        | ▪ Pat Fitzpatrick  |
| ▪ Mary Hilda Cavanagh | ▪ Michael McCarthy |
| ▪ Michael Delaney     | ▪ Maurice Shortall |

**Kilkenny Local Electoral Area (7)**

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| ▪ John Coonan      | ▪ Andrew McGuinness |
| ▪ Maria Dollard    | ▪ Eugene McGuinness |
| ▪ David Fitzgerald | ▪ Seán Ó hArgáin.   |
| ▪ Joe Malone       |                     |

**Piltown Local Electoral Area (5)**

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| ▪ Tomás Breathnach    | ▪ Patrick Dunphy  |
| ▪ Jenny Catt Slattery | ▪ Fidelis Doherty |
| ▪ Ger Frisby          |                   |

Before commencing with the formal business Cllr. Michael Doyle addressed the meeting.

**Outgoing Chairman's Address:**

Cllr. Michael Doyle congratulated all Members on their election to the Council. He stated that it was a huge honour as Cathaoirleach to represent the City and County over the last year.

He extended huge thanks to the following:

- Family and friends for their unbelievable support.
- Fine Gael colleagues and Party Whip Mary Hilda Cavanagh.
- Mayor Joe Malone stating it was a pleasure to work with him.
- Vice Chair John Coonan who stepped in for him on a number of occasions.
- Chief Executive, Management Team and all staff especially Corporate Services for advice, speeches etc.

He said it was an honour to welcome Mr. Lar Power as our new Chief Executive in September 2023. He wished the incoming Council all the best for the next 5 years as we represent all our communities and work for all people to the best of our ability.

Tributes to Cllr. Michael Doyle, outgoing Cathaoirleach were extended by Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Tomás Breathnach and Joe Malone. Mr. Lar Power, Chief Executive acknowledged the welcome he received in September and looked forward to working with the new Council over the next five years. He complimented the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Mayor on their exceptional year as they represented the County and City on our behalf.

#### **Item 1 Election of Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. Michael McCarthy was proposed as Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council for the ensuing year by Cllr. Peter Cleere and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.

There were no other proposals.

Accordingly, *Cllr. Michael McCarthy* was unanimously elected as the Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council for the coming year.

The incoming Cathaoirleach thanked his proposer and seconder and addressed the meeting as follows:

*Chief Executive, Directors of Services, fellow Councillors, distinguished guests, family members, colleagues and friends I am humbled and greatly honoured to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council this afternoon.*

*This is without doubt a watershed and momentous occasion for me personally to be chosen as the First Citizen of this great County.*

*For the past ten years I have been in and out of this Chamber multiple times, today I took special notice of the legends both male and female adorning the walls, Aldermen and First Ladies, and to be truthful it gave me goose pimples.*

*I wish to start by expressing my congratulations to our outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Michael Doyle on a successful year. His common-sense approach and calmness ensured a term of tranquillity in this Chamber. I wish Michael, Becky and family all the best as he returns to the back benches.*

*The honour and faith bestowed on me comes with responsibility primarily to each Elected Member. I intend to operate an inclusive open-door policy from daybreak till dusk for the next 365 days.*

*I want to thank my good friend Cllr. Peter "Chap" Cleere who proposed me, and wish him the best of luck with the Camogie Team tomorrow in Freshford, on what is definitely the best surface in the County, and to my seconder the Iron Lady of North Kilkenny Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.*

*In leading this Council, I look forward to pooling our strengths and working together to serve the best interests of our communities. It is my firm belief that we are at our best when we harness the collective talents of all Elected Councillors and I intend to do this with those who I am privileged to share this Council table with.*

*The term of a Councillor is a short period of time – 5 years – which can pass quickly; therefore, it is imperative that we work as a collective so we can deliver many lasting projects for the people of Kilkenny.*

*I also look forward to working closely with the Chief Executive, Lar Power, his Management Team and all staff of Kilkenny County Council. Kilkenny is thriving with its many attractions that have been improved on over the years by the excellent work undertaken by the Council and I look forward to that continuing.*

*My priorities will be “Le Chéile” your priorities.*

- *I want to see an enhancement and a new focus on our Vacant Homes Incentive Grant Scheme that will address dereliction and unoccupied buildings thereby breathing new life and restoring vibrancy into the hearts of our towns and villages.*
- *A renewed energy into the Green Schools Programme particularly at Secondary School Level.*
- *The Abbey Creative Quarter represents a once in a lifetime opportunity for Kilkenny City and I am looking forward to seeing further exciting developments on the horizon.*
- *Rural developments through the roll out of the Town Plan model has been a tremendous success. Our towns and villages are making great progress but need additional resources.*
- *One of my aims is to deliver Flood Relief Schemes which are urgently required but the pace of movement is much too slow. People should not have to go to bed at night worrying if their homes will be flooded come morning. Forgive me for singling out Freshford in the North of our County, also Thomastown, Graiguenamagh and Inistioge.*

*Finally, I wish to acknowledge and thank my wife Patricia, for her patience, help and support on this journey. I now apologise in advance for what I know will be a busier time all round. Thanks also to my brother and my cousin, her husband and family and also my relatives who are always there for me. To my many friends who travel the Highways and Byways with me, it is their hard work that has got me here, not forgetting all the other people who have helped.*

*Again, to acknowledge the outgoing Cathaoirleach on his successful year and compliment him on his achievements.*

*Is mór an onóir seo a ghlacadh ar son Muintir Chill Chainnigh, anois ar aghaidh leis an obair.*

*Thanks a million for your patience. I can assure all present that’s the end of the long speeches.*

## **Item 2 Election of Leas Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.

There were no other proposals

Accordingly, **Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere** was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

## **Item 3 Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 1**

***Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism, Planning & Development Policy***

Proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness:

*“That Cllr. David Fitzgerald be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 1”.*

There were no further proposals received. **Cllr. David Fitzgerald** was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 1.

## **Item 4 Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 2**

***Transportation Policy/Mobility Management & Infrastructure***

Proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda:

*“That Cllr. Deirdre Cullen be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 2”.*

There were no further proposals received. **Cllr. Deirdre Cullen** was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 2.

- Item 5 Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 3**  
***Housing and Integration***  
 Proposed by Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh:  
*“That Cllr. Andrew McGuinness be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 3”.*  
 There were no further proposals received. **Cllr. Andrew McGuinness** was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 3.
- Item 6 Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 4**  
***Climate Action, Energy and Environment Protection***  
 Proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh:  
*“That Cllr. Eugene McGuinness be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 4”.*  
 There were no further proposals received. **Cllr. Eugene McGuinness** was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 4.
- Item 7 Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 5**  
***Community, Integration, Cultural, Heritage & Fire Services***  
 Proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness:  
*“That Cllr. John Brennan be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 5”.*  
 There were no further proposals received. **Cllr. John Brennan** was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 4.
- Item 8 Appointment of 4 Members to the Local Community Development Committee [LCDC]**  
 Cllrs. Ger Frisby, Michael McCarthy, Michael Doyle and Stephanie Doheny were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
 No other proposals were received.  
**Cllrs. Ger Frisby, Michael McCarthy, Michael Doyle and Stephanie Doheny** were unanimously appointed to the Local Community and Development Committee.
- Item 9 Appointment of 3 Representatives to the Association of Irish Local Government**  
 Cllrs. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Pat Fitzpatrick and Seán Ó hArgáin were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. John Brennan.  
 No other proposals were received.  
**Cllrs. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Pat Fitzpatrick and Seán Ó hArgáin** were unanimously appointed as representatives to the Association of Irish Local Government.
- Item 10 Appointment of 2 Representatives to the Southern Regional Assembly**  
 Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and John Brennan was proposed by Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
 No other proposals were received.  
**Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and John Brennan** were unanimously agreed as the Council’s Representative to the Southern Regional Assembly.
- Item 11 Appointment of 4 Representatives to the Regional Health Forum South**  
 Cllrs. John Coonan, Ger Frisby, Tomás Breathnach and Pat Dunphy were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
 No other proposals were received.  
**Cllrs. John Coonan, Ger Frisby, Tomás Breathnach and Pat Dunphy** were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Regional Health Forum South.

- Item 12 Election of 8 Representatives to Kilkenny & Carlow Education & Training Board**  
 Cllrs. Deirdre Cullen, Joe Sheridan, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Jenny Catt Slattery, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Joe Malone, Maurice Shortall and Maria Dollard were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle.  
 No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Deirdre Cullen, Joe Sheridan, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Jenny Catt Slattery, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Joe Malone, Maurice Shortall and Maria Dollard* were unanimously appointed as the Council’s Representatives to the Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board.
- Item 13 Appointment of 2 Members to the Audit Committee**  
 Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick and Tomás Breathnach were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
 No other proposals were received.  
*Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Tomás Breathnach* were unanimously appointed as the Council’s Representatives to the Audit Committee.
- Item 14 Appointment of 3 Members to Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee**  
 This item was deferred to the July Monthly Meeting.
- Item 15 Appointment of 3 Members to Rural Water Services Monitoring Committee**  
 Cllrs. Jenny Catt Slattery, Maurice Shortall and John Brennan were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
 No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Jenny Catt Slattery, Maurice Shortall and John Brennan* were unanimously appointed as the Council’s Representatives to the Rural Water Services Monitoring Committee.
- Item 16 Appointment of 1 Representative on Local Authorities Members Association**  
 Cllr. Joe Malone was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
 No other proposals were received.  
*Cllr. Joe Malone* was unanimously agreed as the Council's Representative on the Local Authorities Members Association.
- Item 17 Appointment of 4 Members to Kilkenny Tourism (One from each Municipal District)**  
 Cllrs. John Coonan, Pat Dunphy, Maurice Shortall and Joe Sheridan were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
 No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. John Coonan, Pat Dunphy, Maurice Shortall and Joe Sheridan* were unanimously appointed as Council's Members to Kilkenny Tourism.
- Item 18 Appointment of 8 Members to Kilkenny Water Safety Committee**  
 Cllrs. Jenny Catt Slattery, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Ger Frisby, Pat Dunphy, Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons, Maurice Shortall and Seán Ó hArgáin were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
 No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Jenny Catt Slattery, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Ger Frisby, Pat Dunphy, Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons, Maurice Shortall and Seán Ó hArgáin* were unanimously appointed as members of the Kilkenny Water Safety Committee.

- Item 19 Appointment of 1 Representative to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Company Ltd.**  
Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh* was unanimously agreed as the Council's Representative to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Company Ltd.
- Item 20 Appointment of 7 Members to the Local Community Safety Partnership**  
This item was deferred to a later meeting pending receipt of further information on this new committee.
- Item 21 Appointment of 1 Member to the South East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force**  
Cllr. Joe Sheridan was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllr. Joe Sheridan* was unanimously appointed as the Council's Representative to the South East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.
- Item 22 Appointment of 1 Member as Director of Rothe House Trust**  
Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin* was unanimously appointed as Director of Rothe House Trust.
- Item 23 Appointment of 3 Members as Directors of Callan Friary Trust**  
Cllrs. Joe Sheridan, Deirdre Cullen and Joe Lyons were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Joe Sheridan, Deirdre Cullen and Joe Lyons* were unanimously appointed as Directors of Callan Friary Trust.
- Item 24 Appointment of 2 Members as Directors of Watergate Theatre Company.**  
Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and David Fitzgerald were proposed by Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and David Fitzgerald* were unanimously appointed as Directors of Watergate Theatre Company.
- Item 25 Appointment of 2 Members as Directors of Watershed Leisure Complex**  
Cllrs. John Coonan and David Fitzgerald were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. John Coonan and David Fitzgerald* were unanimously appointed as Directors of Watershed Leisure Complex.
- Item 26 Appointment of 1 Member to Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency**  
Cllr. Fidelis Doherty was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllr. Fidelis Doherty* was unanimously appointed as the Council's Representative to Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency.

- Item 27 Appointment of 2 Members to Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership**  
Cllrs. Jenny Catt Slattery and Joe Lyons were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Jenny Catt Slattery and Joe Lyons* were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership.
- Item 28 Appointment of 2 Members to Kilkenny Civic Trust**  
Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and Michael Doyle were proposed by Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and Michael Doyle* were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to Kilkenny Civic Trust.
- Item 29 Appointment of 2 Members to Kilkenny Heritage Forum**  
Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty and Maria Dollard were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty and Maria Dollard* were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to Kilkenny Heritage Forum.
- Item 30 Appointment of 4 Members to Comhairle na nÓg**  
Cllrs. Deirdre Cullen, Pat Dunphy, Maria Dollard and Stephanie Doheny were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Deirdre Cullen, Pat Dunphy, Maria Dollard and Stephanie Doheny* were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to Comhairle na nÓg.
- Item 31 Appointment of 5 Members to Naming of Infrastructure Committee**  
Cllrs. John Coonan [*Chairperson*], Andrew McGuinness, David Fitzgerald, Joe Lyons and Pat Fitzpatrick were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. John Coonan [Chairperson], Andrew McGuinness, David Fitzgerald, Joe Lyons and Pat Fitzpatrick* were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Naming of Infrastructure Committee.
- Item 32 Appointment of 7 Members to Animal Welfare Standards Committee**  
Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness [*Chairperson*], Joe Malone, Michael Delaney, Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons, Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Jenny Catt Slattery were proposed by Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere and seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness [Chairperson], Joe Malone, Michael Delaney, Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons, Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Jenny Catt Slattery* were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Animal Welfare Standards Committee.
- Item 33 Appointment of 2 Members to Kilkenny Leader Partnership**  
Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick and Pat Dunphy were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.  
No other proposals were received.  
*Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick and Pat Dunphy* were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to Kilkenny Leader Partnership.

**Item 33(a) Appointment of 3 Members to Woodstock Gardens Committee**

Cllrs. Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons and Deirdre Cullen were proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received.

*Cllrs. Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons and Deirdre Cullen* were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to Woodstock Gardens Committee.

Cllr. Michael McCarthy thanked all Members for their agreement on the appointment of Members to all the Committees.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**Item 34 Report on Local Elections**

Report on Local Elections was circulated with the Agenda for the Member's information.

The Report was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh as being noted and taken as read.

**Item 35 Approval to Standing Orders Kilkenny County Council**

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach requested that the draft amendments to Standing Orders be deferred. He proposed that the existing Standing Orders be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed by all.

**Item 36 Apply for the Sealing of Documents in accordance with the Provisions of Section 149(5) of the Local Government Act 2001** *(existing provision is that each Member is authorised to witness the fixing of the common seal to documents).*

Mr. Tim Butler requested Council's approval that any Elected Member can witness the fixing of the common seal to Council's documents in accordance with the provisions of Section 149(5) of the Local Government Act 2001.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

*"That any Elected Member can witness the fixing of the common seal to Council documents."*

**Item 37 Fix Schedule of Ordinary Meetings of the Council**

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Delaney, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

*"That the Ordinary Meetings of the Council will take place on the following dates:*

*July: .....15<sup>th</sup> July, 2024*

*August: .....No Meeting*

*September: .....16<sup>th</sup> September, 2024*

*October: .....21<sup>st</sup> October, 2024*

*November: .....18<sup>th</sup> November, 2024*

*December: .....16<sup>th</sup> December, 2024*

*January: .....20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025*

*February: .....17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025*

*March: .....17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 [alternate date to be decided at a further meeting]*

*April: .....21<sup>st</sup> April, 2025*

*May: .....19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025*



**Item 38      Fix Dates for First Meetings of Callan-Thomastown, Castlecomer, Kilkenny & Piltown Municipal Districts**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed:

*“That the first meeting of the Piltown Municipal District take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. in the Ferrybank Offices”.*

*“That the first meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District take place on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 11.30 a.m. in County Hall, Kilkenny”.*

*“That the first meeting of the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District take place on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 4.00 p.m. in the Area Office, Callan.*

*“That the first meeting of the Kilkenny Municipal District take place on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 2.30 p.m. in County Hall, Kilkenny”.*

**Item 39      Induction Training for Elected Members**

Members were advised that Induction Training for all Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council will take place in Cork on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

Notification from AILG dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024 has been circulated to all Members with the Agenda.

**Item 40      Any Other Business**

- (i) Cllr. Joe Malone requested that an invitation be extended to Deputy Kathleen Funchion to address the Council before she takes up her MEP role. Cllr. Michael McCarthy advised that this will be referred to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.
- (ii) Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin asked that the Irish Language be used more at the meetings and across the Council.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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