

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR AN GCRUINNIÚ IOMLÁNACH DE CHUID  
CHOMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH TIONÓLTA AR AN LUAN,  
15 IÚIL 2024 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, 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL & VIA MS TEAMS**

**Chair:** Cllr. Michael McCarthy.

**Elected Members:** *Council Chamber*

Cllrs. Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Jenny Catt Slattery, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter 'Chap' Cleere, John Coonan, Fidelis Doherty, Maria Dollard, Michael Doyle, Patrick Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness, Seán Ó hArgáin, Joe Sheridan & Maurice Shortall.

*MS Teams*

Cllrs. Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Stephanie Doheny, Ger Frisby & Joe Lyons.

**Officials:** Lar Power, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Sean McKeown, Mary Mulholland, Fiona Deegan, Anne Marie Shortall & Anne Maria Walsh.

Cllr. Michael McCarthy opened the meeting. He requested Members to agree to deferral of meeting for 15 minutes to enable the items on the Workshop to be completed.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed that meeting be suspended until 3.15 p.m.

Meeting opened at 3.15 p.m.

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

**(i) Minutes of May Plenary Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed:

*"That Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".*

**(ii) Minutes of Annual Meeting of Kilkenny County Council**

Proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle and agreed:

*"That Minutes of Annual Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".*

**(iii) Minutes of SPC 2 Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere and agreed:

*"That Minutes of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management and Water Services held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".*

**Fógraí - Announcements**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael McCarthy congratulated all involved in the Commemoration Service. He wished Mia Griffin, Cliona Manning, Jeremy Duncan, Sophie Becker and Mary Fitzgerald every success in the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics in Paris. Cllr. McCarthy welcomed Rás na mBan back to Kilkenny this year.

## Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy

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

- John Ryan, IT Department on the death of his father Peter Ryan, Tipperary.
- Bill Harrison, Calla-Thomastown Area on the death of his mother Mary Harrison, Ballycallan.
- Stephen O'Connor, Motor Tax on the death of his mother Patricia O'Connor, Cavan.
- Paddy Kavanagh, Kilkenny City on the death of his brother Michael Kavanagh, London.
- Rob Ring, Active Travel Department on the death of his son Will Ring.
- Gerry Fogarty, Piltown Municipal District on the death of his wife Noleen.
- Family of the late Richard Lanigan, Callan retired General Operative.
- Family of the late Luke Crosbie, Freshford.
- Family of the late Billy Hoolmes, Johnstown.
- Family of the late Noleen Fogarty, Mullinahone, Glenmore.
- Family of Sr. Catherine Maddock, Davidstown, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Mary Doherty, Glenmore.
- Family of the late Betty Walsh, Glenmore.
- Family of the late George Butler, Mullinavat.

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

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Joe Lyons 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 Property at Bolton Green, Callan, Co. Kilkenny comprising of 0.328 hectares - as identified on the attached map - to Clúid Housing Association, 159-161 Sheriff Street Upper, Dublin 1 for the nominal sum of €2,286.00 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."*
- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin 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, Ballynalina, Callan, Co. Kilkenny. Kilkenny County Council will be responsible for all reasonable legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 5420m<sup>2</sup> (0.542ha) comprising of Plot X area 5080m<sup>2</sup> (0.508ha) and Plot Y area 340m<sup>2</sup> (.034ha). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."*
- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, 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 Goslingstown, Callan Road, Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Richard Dalton, Auteven Farm, Freshford road, Kilkenny. Kilkenny County Council will be responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 2340m<sup>2</sup> (0.234 ha). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."*
- (iv) 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 land at Kilcreen, Co. Kilkenny (as identified on the attached map) to Thomas Manning, Palmerstown, Kilkenny for the sum of €11,428.57 (eleven thousand, four hundred and twenty eight euro 57 cent) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the Transfer. Site area measures 3.47 ha (34,700 m<sup>2</sup> or 8.57 acres). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."*

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

### (i) **Aighneachtaí don Leasú Molta 1 ar Phlean Ceantair Áitiúil Challainn 2019-2028 Submissions to Proposed Amendment 1 to Callan Local Area Plan 2019-2028**

Cllr. Stephanie Doheny advised of conflict of interest for this item and withdrew for this part of the meeting.

Mr. Sean McKeown referred to the Chief Executive Report circulated with Agenda. He advised that the proposed amendment is intended to change the zoning on three sites in the Clashacollare area of Callan. Details are included in the Report. Documents were put on public display for consultation. Four submissions were received. The Report outlined details of the 4 submissions and the Council's recommendation in relation to each.

The Chief Executive is recommending adoption of the proposed amendment to change the zoning on three sites in Clashacollare area of Callan.

It was proposed by Cllr Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Joe Sheridan and agreed by all that:

*"We the Members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make Amendment 1 to the Callan Local Area Plan 2019 under Section 20 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act), and having considered the Chief Executive's Report as circulated on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024, prepared in accordance with Section 20 (3)(c)(ii) of the above Act, do hereby consider that the Callan Local Area Plan should be amended in accordance with the procedures under Section 20(3) of the Act and with our decision made at a meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2024". (The Amendment being the proposal published as the Proposed Amendment and modified by any resolution dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024).*

### (ii) **Taking in Charge: Clonkill, Callan, Co Kilkenny**

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Joe Sheridan 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:** TC 38: Clonkill, Callan, Co Kilkenny

### (iii) **Taking in Charge: Beechwood, Richview, Kilkenny**

It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin 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:** TC 176: Beechwood, Richview, Kilkenny

- (iv) **Taking in Charge: Village Gardens, Smithsland North, Waterford Road**  
It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Maria Dollard 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:** TC 182: Village Gardens, Smithsland North, Waterford Road, Kilkenny

(c) ***Pobol Cultúr - Community & Culture***

(i) **Community & Cultural Capital Facilities Scheme 2024**

Ms. Mary Mulholland presented her Report on the Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Grant Scheme 2024. She advised that 23 applications have been received seeking a total grant funding of €704,902. The Budget available for 2024 is €250,000. All applications were assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria and process agreed by the Elected Members. It is recommended that 11 applications be granted funding as set out in the report to a total grant allocation of €250,000. The maximum recommended for any project is €40,000.

She further advised that the unsuccessful applications will be referred to other funding streams. Community staff will meet with each group to discuss their application and options available to them.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Michael McCarthy, Pat Fitzpatrick, Andrew McGuinness and Seán Ó hArgáin. Members welcomed funding and requested that the unsuccessful applicants be considered for other streams of funding for their worthwhile Community Projects. Community Staff were thanked for their engagement with many Community Groups.

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

*"That the Community & Cultural Capital Facilities [CCCFS] Grant Scheme 2024 is hereby approved by the Members of Kilkenny County Council."*

(d) No item listed on the Agenda

(e) ***Gnóthaí Corparáideacha - Corporate Affairs***

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

Cllr. Michael McCarthy advised that the Chief Executive Report will be taken as read. Any questions can be taken up with the Chief Executive.

Cllr. Peter Cleere requested update on the Diving Board at Graiguenamanagh and this was supported by Cllr. Michael Doyle.

Cllr. Maria Dollard queried the drawdown of grants under the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin requested six Monthly Reports on the Northern Ring Road Extension Project and raised concerns on traffic management following opening of new CBS Secondary School and refurbished St. Canice's School.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the location for the Diving Board is being considered as the Council only provides lifeguards at one location in Graiguenamanagh.

He advised that expenditure must be incurred on the vacant properties before the grant can be drawn down. He advised that the applicants can apply for short term loans with relevant bank institutions and the Council will support this.

Mr. Tim Butler advised the Members that there will be public consultation carried out in relation to forthcoming Urban Animation Grant Scheme. Updates will be provided on the Northern Ring Road Extension Project.

(ii) ***Dréacht-Scéim SPC 2024-2029 - Draft SPC Scheme 2024-2029***

Mr. Tim Butler referred to Report and draft SPC Scheme circulated with the Agenda. He advised that there are minor changes in the new Scheme. Climate Action will be prioritised across all SPC's. Housing and Mobility Management will also be given high priority. The make up of Members of each SPC has been changed to ensure that all Elected Members are available to attend all meetings. Chairs of SPC's have been appointed at the Annual Meeting. Approval of the draft SPC is recommended to enable to proceed with public consultation.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere and agreed that:

*"That Kilkenny County Council approves the draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024,- 2029, as circulated to the Members."*

(iii) ***Conair Bhord Chill Chainnigh - Trail Kilkenny Board***

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:*

- (i) *Seán Ó hArgáin*
- (ii) *Cllr. Peter Cleere*

*to the Trail Kilkenny Board."*

(iv) ***Coiste Comhairleach Áitiúil um Chóiríocht don Lucht Siúil  
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee***

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:*

- (i) *Cllr. John Brennan*
- (ii) *Cllr. Maria Dollad*

*to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee."*

The third appointment to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee will be made at the September Meeting.

(v) ***Comhaltai seachtracha a Cheapadh ar an gCoiste Iniúchóireachta***  
**Appointment of External Members to the Audit Committee**

Mr. Tim Butler referred Members to the Report circulated with the Agenda. He advised the meeting that the Audit Committee must be established within three months of Polling Day.

The Audit Committee consists of five Members:

- 2 Elected Members who were appointed at the AGM in June 2024.
- 3 Members shall be External Members.

The existing External Members have agreed to remain on the Committee. The CPG consulted with the Chief Executive and is agreeable to nominate the following:

- Dr. Sean Brady
- Mr. Joe Allen
- Dr. Maura Joyce.

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

*"That the Members hereby approve the appointment of the following External Members to the Audit Committee:*

- *Dr. Sean Brady*
- *Mr. Joe Allen*
- *Dr. Maura Joyce*

(vi) ***Liúntas Iníoctha le Cathaoirleach & Cathaoirleach na gCeantar Bardasach***  
**Allowance Payable to Cathaoirleach & Cathaoirleach's of Municipal Districts**

Mr. Tim Butler advised that the allowances payable to Cathaoirleach of Local Authorities and Municipal Districts requires, in accordance with Section 143 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Circular Letteer LG11/2024, approval of the Elected Members. Details of each allowance is set out in the Report. These allowances will continue to be paid each year for the term of the Council unless revised amounts are issued by the Department.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness raised a query in relation to the allowance payable to the Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny City Municipal District and noted that it has increased from €10,000 to €12,000 and sought clarification on the increase.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that the increase is recommended by the CPG based on the level of work and cost incurred by the Mayor of the day.

Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Andrew McGuinness, John Coonan, Maria Dollard and Seán Ó hArgáin spoke on the level of engagement/events/functions that the Mayor of the City has with many Community Groups and visiting dignitaries. No Elected Members should be asked to pay for the cost of any event from their own resources. Cllr. Eugene McGuinness requested that all Members be invited to attend the functions/events hosted by the Mayor. This was agreed by all the members who spoke on the item.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed that:

*"That the Allowance payable to the Cathaoirleach and Cathaoirleach's of Municipal Districts as outlined in the Report circulated, are hereby approved."*

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness did not support the increase to Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny City Municipal District in the amount of €12,000.



(vii) ***Cead Taisteal Eachtrach – Cill Chainnigh Minnesota***  
**Approve Foreign Travel – Kilkenny Minnesota**

Mr. Tim Butler advised that an invitation has been received from Kilkenny Minnesota for the Mayor to attend the “Annual Halfway to St. Paddy’s Day” celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness asked for an update on annual expenditure on twinning events and the value of these annual event for Kilkenny. He questioned the value of visiting Kilkenny Minnesota yearly based on the size of the town compared to our own City.

Mr. Butler advised that Kilkenny City is twinned with four towns and the Elected Members can decide to send a delegation to any of the events when invited. The seven Members of the Kilkenny City Municipal District are on the Twinning Sub-Committee and a meeting can be arranged to consider twinning.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Seán Ó hArgáin and agreed that:

*“That the Mayor of Kilkenny City Municipal District attend Kilkenny Minnesota for the “Annual Halfway to St. Paddy’s Day” celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.”*

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness did not agree with this resolution.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed.

6. ***Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle***  
**Consideration of Reports & Recommendations of Committees of the Council**

(i) ***Tuarascáil ar Chruinniú SPC 2 - Report of SPC 2 Meeting***

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere and agreed that Report of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management and Water Services held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024 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**

Mr. Lar Power, Chief Executive advised the Council that Mr. Sean McKeown will be leaving in August to take up the role of Chief Executive in Waterford City & County. He referred to Mr. Sean McKeown's career in Cavan/Monaghan, Waterford, Tipperary and Kilkenny. He has served in many roles throughout his career, more recently as Head of LEO, South East Action Plan for Jobs, Director of Services and Interim Chief Executive. He spoke about his professionalism, competency and work ethic. The Chief Executive on his own behalf and behalf of all the staff wished him every success in Waterford City & County.

Mr. Lar Power, Chief Executive also advised the Council that Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Meetings Administrator will be retiring in August and this is her last meeting. He referred to her 47 years public service with the Department of Agriculture, Tipperary and Kilkenny County Councils. She has served as Meeting Administrator since 2010. He thanked her for her many years of service with Kilkenny and spoke about her professionalism, knowledge and commitment to all the areas she worked in. He wishes her well on his own behalf and on behalf of all the staff every good health and happiness in her retirement.

Tributes to Sean McKeown and Anne Maria Walsh were made by Cllrs. Michael McCarthy, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Andrew McGuinness, Peter Cleere, Tomás Breathnach, Pat Fitzpatrick, Seán Ó hArgáin, Michael Doyle, John Brennan, Michael Delaney, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy, Eugene McGuinness, Maria Dollard, Jenny Catt Slattery, Ger Frisby, John Coonan and Joe Sheridan.

All wished both well in their new phase in life. They looked forward to working with Sean in his new role as Chief Executive in Waterford and wished Anne Maria every happiness and good health in her retirement. All spoke about their work ethic, commitment to the local Authority, knowledge, professionalism their respect, decency and honesty with their dealings with the Elected Members, staff and public.

Mr. Sean McKeown thanked the Members for their good wishes. He said he enjoyed his term in Kilkenny and was looking forward to new challenges in Waterford.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh thanked the Members for their good wishes. She said that her career in Kilkenny has been great, she thoroughly enjoyed working here over the years in many Departments. It was time to move into retirement and wished all them well for the future.

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

##### **07 (24) Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh**

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council would request the Minister for Finance and the HSE to substantially increase the funding to help families who care for family members who are young or not so young and who have medical needs, whether mental or physical. A very unfair burden is placed on families at the moment with little recognition for the care they provide or for their own personal wellbeing"*

Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, John Coonan and Maria Dollard spoke on this motion, supporting the need for additional funding for carers.

##### **08 (24) Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick**

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

*"That Kilkenny County Council appoint a fulltime Road Safety Officer"*



Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick, Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Seán Ó hArgáin spoke on this motion and supported the appointment of a fulltime Officer due to the increase in Road fatalities, accidents and also the need to increase awareness of the dangers for all road users.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that Kilkenny County Council has a Part-time Road Safety Officer and a dedicated Engineer working on Road Safety Schemes. There is also a Safety Committee in place under the auspices of the SPC 2. The appointment of a full time Road Safety Officer is for consideration at Budget time.

**09 (24) Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Eugene McGuinness & John Brennan**

Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick requested that this Notice of Motion be deferred to the September Meeting.

This was agreed.

**10 (24) Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Tomás Breathnach & Andrew McGuinness**

Mr. Martin Prendiville advised that due to a conflict of interest on this Motion he was withdrawing from the meeting.

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

*“That Kilkenny County Council varies the 2021-2027 adopted Kilkenny County Development Plan, to restore the status of Kilmanagh Village to that of a small town/village on Figure 4.1 County Core Strategy and Table 4.3 County Settlement Hierarchy in accordance with NPF and RSES, in line with previous small town/village status per 2008-2014 adopted Kilkenny County Development Plan Table 3.1 and Figure 3.2 and 2014-2021 adopted Kilkenny County Development Plan Figure 3.1 and Table 3.3”*

Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Fidelis Doherty, David Fitzgerald, Michael Delaney and Eugene McGuinness spoke on this motion. Members requested that the Development Plan be varied immediately to restore Kilmanagh as a village and not a Rural Node. Members also requested that other villages described as Rural Nodes be re-designated back as villages or towns. It is a Reserved Function for the Members to vary the Development Plan and are requesting a variation be prepared by the Chief Executive.

Mr. Sean McKeown outlined the hierarchy settlement used in the Development Plan. In Table 4.5.3 there are 5 Tiers of settlements.

**Tier 1**.....Kilkenny City

**Tier 2**.....Ferrybank [part of MASP]

**Tier 3**..... Towns, Villages, Population 1,500 plus.

**Tier 4**.....Rural Towns & Villages 22 locations identified by CSO – 50 houses plus

**Tier 5**.....Rural Nodes – all other rural settlements.

These are Planning terms. There was no intent to insult or upset anyone. All villages in Tier 5 that qualify for any grant funding will be supported by Kilkenny County Council to access the funds. They are not ineligible for any supports when being classed as Rural Nodes.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the Chief Executive is prepared to facilitate the request to vary the Development in a way that have minimum consequences for the Plan.

It is proposed to prepare Report to vary the Development Plan to change the wording in relation to Tier 4 and Tier 5 as follows:

**Tier 4**.....Small towns/villages with a settlement boundary

**Tier 5**.....Small towns/villages without a settlement boundary.

The variation will be included with the Loughmacask variation. It will be published in early September and referred to the Minister, other Statutory Agencies and the Office of the Planning Regulator. There is a statutory process to go through before the Variation Report comes back before the Members for consideration possibly in November 2024.

Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh thanked Mr. Sean McKeown for his contribution and requested that the process be expedited and if Special Meeting is required, the Members will facilitate this.

**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. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed that Notices of Motion 05(24) to 10(24) be taken as read and noted.

**05 (24) Monaghan County Council**

"That Monaghan County Council writes to Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley, T.D., urging that the procurement of materials for the fulfilment of the 'Free Education Scheme' will be at the autonomy of each individual school to tender for their own supplier. For ETB schools to have one centralised supplier it will have an enormous impact on local suppliers who depend on the back-to-school season to keep their doors open."

**06 (24) Wicklow County Council**

"Due to the very worrying increase in road fatalities throughout the Country, this Council demands that the Government provides funding for the employment of a full time Road Safety Officer in every Local Authority in the Country."

**07 (24) Tipperary County Council**

"That Tipperary County Council would write to the Minister for Land use and Biodiversity, Pippa Hackett, asking that she implements in full, without further delay the recommendations of the report titled *Review of Support for Farmers Impacted by Ash Dieback* which was compiled by Dr. Matthew Crowe, Jerry Grant and Jo O'Hara.

In June 2023, Dr. Matthew Crowe, Jerry Grant and Jo O'Hara were asked to carry out a rapid review of the DAFM approach and supports for landowners affected by ash dieback since 2013 and to provide the Minister with advice and recommendations on a way forward in line with the draft Forest Strategy. The report was submitted to the Minister last September. Furthermore, that the letter would be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the Taoiseach, Tanaiste, and the Minister for the Environment and that this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities."

**08 (24) Limerick City & County Council**

"That, Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath, T.D., and the Government, to allow taxpayers one week where no tax is paid, in line with Social Welfare recipients whereby their welfare payments increase at Christmas, and, if agreed, that the eMotion be circulated to all Local Authorities."

**09 (24) Clare County Council**

"I am calling on the Taoiseach of the day Simon Harris and the coalition partners Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the Green Party to address the huge failures in the reconfigured health services established by the Government some years ago and the establishment of the HSE for responsibility in implementing the policy.

Health services for the public in Ireland has been led by Health Ministers from Fianna Fail, Progressive Democrats and Fine Gael for over 24 years and the current model of reconfiguration has been a failure. Recent reports indicated that rural parts of Ireland have been impacted the most and have a higher risk of poor outcomes and this is borne out by the experience of people from Clare attending overcrowded emergency departments and at times having tragic outcomes. People in need of health services from Clare are suffering and there is no evidence to suggest that the reconfigured health service has delivered improved outcomes. I am calling on the Government to urgently address the serious consequences for the public in Clare from the current government's model of health care. I would request the circulation of this motion if supported to our Oireachtas Members in Clare and other local authorities."

**10 (24) Fingal County Council**

"That Fingal 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 Authorities, An Taoiseach, An Tánaiste and the Minister for the Environment."

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

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**DATE**