

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR AN GCRUINNIÚ IOMLÁNACH DE CHUID
CHOMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH TIONÓLTA AR AN LUAN,
16 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 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, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 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, Peter 'Chap' Cleere, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Stephanie Doheny, Fidelis Doherty, Maria Dollard, Michael Doyle, Patrick Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Eugene McGuinness, Joe Malone, Seán Ó hArgáin, Joe Sheridan & Maurice Shortall.

MS Teams

Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Michael Delaney, Joe Lyons & Andrew McGuinness.

Officials: Lar Power, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Mary Mulholland, Fiona Deegan, Seamus Kavanagh, Arlene O'Connor, Claire Buckley, Michael Leahy & Brenda Kelly.

1. Dearbhú Miontuairiscí - Confirmation of Minutes

- (i) *Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Iomlánach mhí na Bealtaine - Minutes of May Plenary Meeting*
Proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and agreed:
"That Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 15th July, 2024 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

Fógraí - Announcements

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael McCarthy congratulated:

- All the athletes involved in the Olympics and Paralympics 2024 held in Paris.
- Mia Griffin on winning Rás na mBan and becoming the first Irish champion in 11 years.

Cllr. Michael McCarthy proposed to invite Mia Griffin for a Civic Reception in October/November depending on her schedule.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty seconded this and wished to be associated with the good wishes. This was agreed by all.

Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy

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

- Nuala Brennan, Library Services on the death of her father Paschal Tynan, Johnstown.
- Marie Poyntz, Motor Tax on the death of her father Mick Nolan, Old Callan Road, Kilkenny.
- Mary Conway, Finance on the death of her mother Rosa Considine, Longford.
- Tony McGuinness, GSS with the Castlecomer MD on the death of his father Sean McGuinness.
- Graham Clarke, Piltown Municipal District on the death of his father Alfie Clarke.
- Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin on the death of his mother Mary Horgan, Waterville.
- Family of the late Jim Ryan, Tullogher.
- Family of the late Maureen Hennessy, Glenmore Village.
- Family of the late Betty Walsh, Glenmore.

Cllr. McCarthy proposed that the meeting be adjourned for ten minutes as a mark of respect to Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin. This was seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick.

Meeting reconvened at 3.15 p.m.

Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin thanked everyone for their messages and personal condolences and thanked in particular Lar Power and Tim Butler for travelling to the funeral. He explained that his mothers two proudest moments were when he was elected as a Councillor to Kilkenny Borough Council and as Mayor of Kilkenny City.

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

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, 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 to rear of 2, Old Callan Road, Kilkenny and 3, Old Callan Road, Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to St. Kieran's College, College Road, Kilkenny for a nominal sum to be agreed with St. Kieran's College being responsible for all 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. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan 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 Finnan, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, to Edwina Purcell (nee Keane), Finnan, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny"

- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen, seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere 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 Interest in a plot of land at Rathcash, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny- as identified on the attached map - to Mr John Meaney and Ms Ann Meaney for Nil Consideration. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."

- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. David Fitzgerald 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 Parksgrove, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, to Pascal Drennan, Parksgrove, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny"

- (v) It was proposed by Cllr. Jenny Catt Slattery, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby 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 Knockmoylan, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Liam Grant and Elaine Wall, Knockmoylan, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny. Liam Grant & Elaine Wall will be responsible for Kilkenny County Council's legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 426m² (0.0426 ha). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."

- (vi) It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, 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 Hebron Industrial Estate, Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, by way of Lease to Trustees of Kilkenny Racing Pigeon Club for a term of 5 years at a rent of €300 per annum."

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

(i) ***Nuashonrú ar Athruithe ar Phlean Forbartha Cathrach & Contae*** **Update on Variations to City & County Development Plan**

Ms. Arlene O'Connor provided an update on the current Variation No. 2 to the Kilkenny City & County Development Plan which is currently on public display. She explained that the variation relates to primarily Chapter 4 on Core Strategy, which includes a table outlining the hierarchy of settlements as follows: Kilkenny City, followed by Waterford Metropolitan Area, then the County Towns. Below these presently in the table are two further categories of settlements, namely smaller towns and villages, and then Rural Nodes.

The proposal is for a text change to:

- change the terms 'Rural Towns and Villages', and 'Smaller towns and villages', to 'Small towns and villages'
- to remove the term 'Rural Node', and
- to include villages previously designated as 'Rural Nodes' as 'Small towns and villages without settlement boundaries'.

In total 25 of the 36 currently designated Rural Nodes will be reclassified into the "Small Towns and Villages" category, but these settlements will not have a settlement boundary.

Ms. O'Connor explained that this is purely a textual change associated with settlement categorisation, and this change will have no implications on planning policy or application assessment going forward, it is merely updating the Plan to reflect this change in settlement categories.

She explained that at present the variation to City & County Development Plan is on public display, available online on consult.kilkenny.ie and available for viewing in the Planning Office. There is a 4 weeks submission period and the next stage will be to present a Chief Executive's Report at the October Meeting, recommending adopting of this variation.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Maria Dollard as follows:

- Sought clarification on getting rural housing without being from area.
- Welcomed the Variation which reestablishes the villages as they had been downgraded to Rural Nodes.
- A significant concern from the community is that not listing these areas as villages could hinder their development in terms of having a Local Area Plan which would leave them unprotected against proposals for large windfarms.
- Villages should have certain rights and should not be allowed to put a windfarm near a village or town.

Ms. Arlene O'Connor responded as follows:

- The planning policy remains unchanged with no implications as a result of this variation.

- Smaller settlements are being reclassified into the “small towns and villages” category.
- There are no changes to the Wider Rural Area, with housing being assessed in the same manner as before.
- Settlements will be prioritised based on the availability of public water and waste water capacity as well as other amenities.
- Future considerations include developing Cluster Housing Guidelines, which will a tool to help guide housing in smaller settlements.
- in terms of windfarms and Kilmanagh, a settlement being described as a Village could carry more strength than it being a Rural Node.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael McCarthy welcomed Martin Kelly, a friend of John Brennan’s, to the meeting.

- (ii) **Glacadh i gCúram -Taking in Charge: Initiation: TC172 Orchard Close**
 It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Eugene 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: TC172 Orchard Close, New Orchard, Kilkenny**
- (iii) **Glacadh i gCúram - Taking in Charge: Initiation: TC177 Weir View Gardens**
 It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, 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: TC177 Weir View Gardens, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny**
- (iv) **Glacadh i gCúram - Taking in Charge: Initiation TC186 Ladyswell, 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: TC186 Ladyswell, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny**
- (v) **Glacadh i gCúram Taking in Charge: Initiation TC158 Kerr’s Cross, Moneenroe**
 It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere 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: TC158 Side Road, Kerr’s Cross, Moneenroe, Castlecomer**

- (vi) **Glacadh i gCúram - Taking in Charge: Final - TIC175 Harrowville, Leggettsrath**
It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin and agreed that:

"That the County Council of the County of Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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, hereby declares the road listed in the Public Notice and listed below, to be a Public Road."

Estate: TIC175 Harrowville, Leggettsrath, Kilkenny

- (vii) **Glacadh i gCúram - Taking in Charge Final TIC190 Tobair Brid, Graiguenamanagh**
It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and agreed that:

"That the County Council of the County of Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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, hereby declares the road listed in the Public Notice and listed below, to be a Public Road."

Estate: TIC190 Tobair Brid, Graiguenamanagh, Co Kilkenny

(c) **Bóithre- Roads**

- (i) **Bóithre Áitiúla - Local Roads**

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the types of Local Tertiary Roads.

In his Presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Local Improvement Scheme [LIS] refers to Private Roads/Lanes.
- Community Involvement Scheme [CIS] refers to Public Roads/Lanes.
- LIS is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development.
 - Objective is to fund the construction or improvement of non-public roads.
 - Land which is which is owned or occupied by different persons, one of which must be engaged in separate agricultural activities.
 - For harvesting purposes (including turf or seaweed) for two or more persons
 - Number of Schemes delivered and allocations.
 - Local contribution is set at 10% for eligible roads with up to and including 5 beneficiaries and is set at 15% for those with 6 or more beneficiaries.
 - Maximum amount required to contribute is capped at €1,200.
- CIS is funded by the Department of Transport.
 - It is a joint venture approach between the Council and local communities, for the purpose of carrying out maintenance and improvement works on suitable Local Roads.
 - 514km of Local Tertiary Roads in County Kilkenny.
 - Number of Schemes delivered and allocations.
 - CIS is based on a minimum community contribution of either 10% or 20%.

Contributions received from Cllrs. John Brennan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Sean Ó hArgáin, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Tomás Breathnach, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Doyle, Peter Cleere, Eugene McGuinness, Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty and Ger Frisby.

- Department need to reconsider changes to LIS criteria as it is making it difficult for many to apply for the scheme i.e. changes to herd numbers, hectare of land.
- Suggested that the Council allocate funds to complete the necessary work.
- Urgent need for lanes in City to be looked at - confusion in relation to ownership and who is responsible for maintaining.
- Costs/strain on budgets to maintain public lanes – length of time on waiting list.
- Acknowledged staff of the Council, Roads Staff and Engineers for incredible work carried out in getting these schemes over the line on time.
- can money be diverted and if so at what stage does this happen.

Propose writing to the Department to:

- urge them to review and adequately fund the Schemes to ensure the completion of work.
- ask that we would have autonomy on how money is spent.
- contribution that some people pay is far greater than €1,200 – ask to change this requirement and cap it at €1,200 for all.

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

- Minister Humphreys has recognised that there is an anomaly and will be liaising with Local Authority Officials to see how it is being implemented.
- Concentrate on repairing a number of private lanes in City under the Active Travel Scheme.
- LIS Schemes are audited.
- Explained that Minister Humphreys looks after the LIS Schemes and Minister for Transport deals with CIR Schemes.
- Laneway Scheme in place. Members responsibility under Roadworks Programme to prioritise where money is spent.
- Laneways with a lot of through traffic and connections are assessed on their own merits in order to qualify for funding under Active Travel.

(d) Airgeadas – Finance

(i) *Tuarascáil Iniúchta Rialtais Áitiúil agus Ráiteas Airgeadais Bliantúil* **Local Government Audit Report and Annual Financial Statement**

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Director of Finance advised the meeting that the Audit for the Year 2023 is now complete and the Audit Report has been received. There is no change to the overall budget figures.

In the Audit Report a number of issues as follows were raised by the Local Government Auditor and these have been responded to by the Executive:

- Local Authority Companies.
- Voluntary Housing Bodies.
- Income Collection
- Debt Collection.

Contributions received from Cllrs. Maria Dollard and Seán Ó hArgáin.

- Congratulated on work completed to-date and looked forward to next phase of public developments.
- Concern that Council's investment had fallen.
- Queried other Partners and who is on the Board.
- Why there isn't a Public Representatives on the Board of Abbey Quarter.
- Request to view Evaluation Reports to understand collapse.
- Important for transparency and encourage Partnership to make Reports available to the public.

Mr. Martin Prendiville replied to queries.

- Arrange for update on Abbey Quarter at the October/November Meeting.
- Explained structure of Partnership – NTMA provide finance and Council provide asset.
- No recourse to Council in terms of loans drawn down which allowed Council to focus on other priorities such as Community Services, Libraries, Capital Projects, and the Fire Station.
- Partnership Accounts available on Companies Office and on Abbey Quarter website.
- No other Partners involved:
 - Chief Executive & Director of Finance represent Kilkenny County Council.
 - Sarah Hickey and Margaret Fleming represent NTMA.
 - Elected Members not on board due to the interaction Partnership has with planning matters.

(ii) ***Cáin Mhaoine Áitiúil - Local Property Tax***

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Director of Finance referred to the Chief Executive's Report circulated with the Agenda.

He explained that as part of the annual Budget process the Elected Members must make a decision to vary the base rate of Local Property Tax for 2025. The ask of the Elected Members will be to maintain the status quo on the base rate adjustment for 2025 and for the remaining term of this Council.

Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh proposed that Kilkenny County Council adopt the Local Property Tax.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness disagreed with the Motion and made a counter proposal that Elected Members would discuss and vote on Local Property Tax every year.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Maurice Shortall.

Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin disagreed with counter proposal. He stated that a number of issues need to be taken into account in order to achieve certainty over the next 5 years and he asked that we write to the Minister to urgently look at the levels of local government funding in Ireland in comparison with other European Countries. Cllr. Peter Cleere agreed with Cllr. Ó hArgáin that it was important to have certainty for Kilkenny County Council in terms of the projects planned over next 5 years and certainty for people of Kilkenny to know that there would be no increase in the Local Property Tax.

The Cathaoirleach advised that he was taking a vote on the proposal.

Voting in Favour [18]

Cllrs. Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Jenny Catt Slattery, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter 'Chap' Cleere, John Coonan, Stephanie Doheny, Fidelis Doherty, Maria Dollard, Michael Doyle, Patrick Dunphy, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Joe Lyons, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Seán Ó hArgáin & Joe Sheridan

Voting Against [2]:

Cllrs. Eugene McGuinness & Maurice Shortall

As the majority of Members voted in favour of the proposal it was agreed that:

"We, the Members of Kilkenny County Council in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act, 2012 (as amended), hereby resolve that from the period 1st November, 2024 to 31st October, 2029 the local adjustment factor shall remain the same as that which applied from 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Kilkenny County Council. The invariable rate shall take effect from the liability date in the year in which notification is sent to the Revenue Commissioners".

(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.

(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 the Draft SPC Scheme was put on public consultation and sent out to all interested parties such as PPN, An Taisce and other bodies. A number of submissions were received.

It is recommended that the following amendment be included in the Scheme for adoption:

SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management & Infrastructure

- Include 1 additional Environment/Conservation Representative [PPN]
- Remove Trade Union Representative

Cllrs. Seán Ó hArgáin and Tomás Breathnach proposed that to show due respect to Irish language that it be included in the remit of SPC5.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that it was a matter for the Members to vote for the Scheme as outlined or to vote to include "Gaeilge" after Heritage in the naming of the Scheme. He explained that as a public body there is a responsibility in relation to the Irish Language but it is not a specific function.

It was proposed by Cllr. Seán O hArgáin, seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council approves the draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024- 2029, as circulated to the Members with the following amendments:

- *Include additional Environment/Conservation Representative [PPN] on SPC2*
- *SPC5 would be renamed to Community, Integration, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge and Fire Services."*

(ii) **Dréachtphlean Corparáideach - Draft Corporate Plan**

Mr. Tim Butler referred to Report and draft Draft Corporate Plan circulated with the Agenda.

He advised that the Corporate Plan is a comprehensive Plan outlining the Council's priorities for the next five years and it must be adopted within six months of the Election. It is proposed to publish the Draft Corporate Plan, go to public consultation, discuss with Local Authority Staff and come back with final draft to be adopted at November Meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that the Draft Corporate Plan for 2024-2029 proceed to public consultation.

- (iv) ***Comhalta a cheapadh chun an Choiste Chomhairligh Áitiúil um Chóiríocht don Lucht Siúil - Appointment of Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee***

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

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints Cllr. Joe Malone to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee and that this be reviewed in twelve months."

- (v) ***Aontú ar an dáta do Cheardlann le hUisce Éireann
Agree on date for Workshop with Uisce Éireann***

Mr. Tim Butler advised that it was proposed to receive an update from Uisce Éireann on Capital and other Projects.

It was proposed to hold Workshop on Monday, 7th October at 3.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber with the option of a hybrid meeting. Uisce Eireann asked for questions to be submitted in advance of the meeting.

3. *Comhfhreagras - Correspondence*

- (i) **Correspondence from Minister Ryan's office in relation to N25 Waterford to Cahir**
(ii) **Response from Minister Ryan's office in relation to funding for Local Improvement and Community Involvement Schemes [NOM 01-2024]**

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, Tomas Breathnach and Fidelis Doherty.

- Minister needs to give extra funding.
- N25 dangerous road.
- Response from Minister not good enough – propose to write back to Minister need put on 2025 Roadworks Scheme.
- Need to organise a meeting with TD's and Senators to get support.

Mr. Tim Butler responded to queries raised.

- TII have no discretion - funding is withheld by the Department of Transport who have been written to on 4 occasions.
- Meeting held with Chairs of Waterford, Tipperary and Kilkenny and Chairs of relevant MD's. Oireachtas Members and Senators invited.
- A number of letters were written and jointly signed by Chief Executives and Cathaoirleach's.
- Received 4 responses from Minister – all the same.
- Meeting needs to be arranged and ensure Oireachtas Members and Senators take full and active part.
- Arrange another meeting to include Oireachtas Members and Senators. Elected Members also to be invited.

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. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and agreed.

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

None.

7. **Gnó Eile romhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe**
Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting

None.

8. **Oideachas agus Oiliúint - Education & Training**

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**

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council would write to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, and the Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Alan Dillon, to ask why the recommendation by the Office of Planning Regulator having regard to section 31AN(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in exercising the Ministers function under the relevant provisions of Section 31 of the same Act to issue final direction regarding the Kilkenny County Development Plan on 10th January, 2022, has not been actioned by his Department?"

Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick and John Brennan spoke on this motion. They requested that clarification be sought from the Minister as there are serious issues for local communities.

11 (24) & 12 (24) Cllr. John Coonan

It was agreed to raise these motions at the Kilkenny City Municipal District Meeting.

13 (24) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach & Seán Ó hArgáin

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Minister for Higher Education, Innovation & Science to indicate this Council's full support for SETU's proposed Veterinary and Pharmacy Programmes and to seek the investment required to build on the South East's existing strengths with the objective of supporting regional development, driving innovation and the creation of long-term employment opportunities."

Cllrs. Tomás Breathnach, Seán Ó hArgáin, Fidelis Doherty, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Dunphy and Pat Fitzpatrick spoke in support of this Motion.

12. **Fógraí i dtaobh Rúin ó Údaráis Áitiúla eile ag lorg tacaíochta ó Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh - Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council**

None.

That concluded the business of the meeting.