

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday
16th January, 2012**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. Cuddihy

Councillors: Cllrs. M.H. Cavanagh, P. Millea, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, J. Coonan, M. Brett, M. Noonan, A. McGuinness, M. Doran, W. Ireland, T. Maher, T. Prendergast, S. Treacy, C. Long, T. Breathnach, P. Dunphy, A.M. Irish, E. Aylward, F. Doherty, M. O'Brien, J. Galway, C. Connery, P. Crowley, B. Manning, M. Fitzpatrick

In attendance: J. Crockett, J. McCormack, P. O'Neill, J. Dempsey, J. Mulholland, M. Delahunty, D. Shortall and A.M Walsh

In the absence of Chairman, Cllr Paul Cuddihy, Cllr. Tom Maher, Vice-Chairman commenced the meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a)** Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 19th of December, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. Jane Galway, Seconded by Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick and agreed "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 19th of December, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (b)** Minutes of Kilkenny Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 14th of November, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, Seconded by Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick and agreed "That the Minutes of Kilkenny Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 14th of November, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (c)** Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (2) – Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services and Other Policy Issues Meeting held on the 2nd December, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. Pat Millea, Seconded by Cllr. Matt Doran and agreed "That the Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (2) – Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services and Other Policy Issues Meeting held on the 2nd December, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."

2. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council. - Gnó forordaithe do réir Reachtaíochta, Orduithe Seasta, nó rúin an Chomhairle.

(a) Other Disposal - Díuscairt Eile

- (i)** Proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. Ml. O'Brien and agreed "That Kilkenny County Council, hereby approves in

accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of its interest in lands, as indicated on the attached map, at Pitch and Putt, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny to Barrow Valley Community Development Ltd for a long term lease for twenty years for a nominal sum of €100 per annum for with each party being responsible for their own legal costs in accordance with the terms specified in the notice.”

- (ii) Proposed by Cllr. W. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council, hereby approves in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of its interest in lands, as indicated on the attached map, Rathduff, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny to Mervyn Harper, ‘Shalvah’, Lawcus, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €11,340 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs in accordance with the terms specified in the notice.”

(b) Housing Disposal – Díuscairt Tithíocht

(c) Roads – Bóithre

- (i) Approval of proposal to extinguish public right-of-way at Rathaleek, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny.

It was proposed by Cllr. W. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. P. Millea and approved “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the proposal to extinguish the public right-of-way at Rathaleek, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny.”

At this stage, Cllr. Paul Cuddihy took over as chair of the meeting.

3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach

Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager stated that Kilkenny County Council has received correspondence in relation to proposal for Kilkenny to twin with Suzhou in China. A delegation will visit Kilkenny in March 2012. The County Manager circulated information on the City of Suzhou and on Glanbia manufacturing facility located in Suzhou.

Contributions were received from Cllr’s. T. Maher, M. Doran, C. Connery and P. Dunphy. The announcement of the proposal to twin with the city in China was welcomed by the members and they offered their support to the Manager in progressing the twinning. This twinning will be of mutual benefit for Kilkenny, China and Glanbia and anything that can be done to enhance the economy is more than welcome. The County Manager

thanked the members for their support and will keep the members updated.

Cllr. Paul Cuddihy extended good wishes to Mr. Ian Wilson on his retirement from St. Luke's hospital. Congratulations were extended to Jack Saunders of St. Joseph's Athletic Club on being awarded the Leinster Juvenile Athlete of the year for the third year in a row.

The Chairman expressed disappointment at the closure of the Brewery and the loss of jobs in Kilkenny.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach and Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy that a vote of sincere sympathy be extended to Patrick and Noreen Malone, Kilcreddy, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of their son Sean Malone and to Matty and Margaret Duggan, Main St, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny on the death of their son Martin Duggan in a tragic accident before Christmas. All members were associated with the vote of sympathy.

Votes of Sympathy were also sent to the following.

- Dermot Maher, Engineer, Kilkenny Borough Council on the death of his mother Mrs. Maureen Maher.
- John Brennan, Carpenter, Kilkenny County Council on the death of his mother.
- Joe Wall, former planner, Kilkenny County Council on the death of his brother, Mr. Justin Wall.
- The family of the late Patricia Friel, St. Patrick's Gate, Outrath Road, Kilkenny.
- The family of the late James Corrigan (pensioner) of Attanagh, Co. Laois.
- John Flynn & Family, Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny on the death of their mother Mrs. Dottie Elizabeth Flynn.
- Tom Hartley & Family, Ballinclare, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his sister, Sr. Mary Hartley of Mercy Secondary School, New Ross.
- Mary Aylward, Ballyfacey, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her mother Mrs. Mary Aylward.
- Anna Culleton, Kilbride, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her brother Mr. John Brennan.
- Martin Delahunty and Family, Aylwardstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his aunt Mrs. Catherine Duggan.
- Statia Byrne and Family, Tullaglass, Jenkinstown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Mr. Jimmy Byrne.
- May Downey and Family, Upper Conahy, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Mr. Micheal Downey.
- Catherine Rice and Family, Swiftesheath, Jenkinstown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her father, Mr. Joe Rice.
- Sandra Walsh, Fiddown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her mother Mrs. Mary Walsh.
- Mary Scully, Grand Gates, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband, Mr. Billy Scully.

- Pat Geary, Garrandarragh, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his wife, Mrs. Nancy Geary.
- The Larrissey Family, Ballymountain, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of their mother Mrs. Rita Larrissey.
- Philomena Murray, Ballinaraha, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Duggan.
- Willie Fogarty and Family, Skeard, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his mother Mrs. Margaret Fogarty.
- Dave Morrissey, Forristalstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his mother Mrs Lena Morrissey.
- The family of Mary Rafferty, Journalist and former employee of RTE.

4. Business adjourned from a previous Meeting - Gnó ar athló ó chruinniú roimhe seo:

None.

5. Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:

- (i) Fix date for March Council Meeting (*19th March is a bank holiday*).
Proposed by Cllr. Ml. O'Brien, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed
"that the meeting will be held on Tuesday 22⁰th March 2012 at 3pm."
- (ii) Schedule of Meetings from January – March 2012
Proposed by Cllr. Ml. O'Brien, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty.

6. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the Council - Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle:

(a) Report and recommendation of Kilkenny Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 14th November, 2011. **Deferred to February Meeting.**

(b) Report and recommendation of Strategic Policy Committee (2) – Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services and Other Policy Issues Meeting held on the 2nd December, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. Pat Millea, Seconded by Cllr. Matt Doran and agreed

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

None.

8. Education & Training – Oideachas agus Oiliúint

Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list.
Proposed by Cllr. W. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. J. Coonan and agreed.

Summary of proceedings at Conferences have been received from:

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
Cllr. Sean Treacy	28th – 29 th October, 2011	The role of the Councillor in Education and the Community
Cllr. Fidelis Doherty	10 th December, 2011	Septic tanks and the Environment

9. Matters Arising from Minutes - Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí

Cllr. F. Doherty requested a correction to minutes of meeting on the 19th December, 2011 – vote of sympathy sent to Dave Morrissey on the death of his mother to be corrected to Lena Morrissey and not Hennessy. This was agreed by all members.

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

None.

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

All Deferred to February Meeting.

1(12) – Cllr. Tomas Breathnach

“That Kilkenny County Council includes insurance as an eligible expense the purpose of determining the amount paid to community groups under its grant scheme including Amenity, Conservation, and Graveyard.”

2(12) – Cllr Pat Dunphy

“That Kilkenny County Council asks the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to complete the Mooncoin By Pass scheme as a priority due to safety implications for residents trying to exit and access their premises on the Carrick Road out of Mooncoin.”

3(12) – Cllr Pat Dunphy

“That Kilkenny County Council reduce the speed limit on the Carrick Road out of Mooncoin from 80kph to 60kph as residents along this stretch of road cannot exit or access their premises without the risk of an accident due to many bends on this narrow stretch of road, where sightlines are very, very short, approx. 30 metres in some cases.”

12. Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council County Council - Fógraí i dtaobh Rúin ó

Údaráís Áitiúla eile ag lorg tacaíochta ó Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh:

All deferred to February Meeting.

1(12) – Clare County Council

“That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment and Social Welfare for the option to transfer people on unemployment assistance to Local Authorities to enable them to work a 3 day week for their benefits plus possible incentives.”

2(12) – South Dublin County Council

“That this Council, in the wake of recent commentary regarding the relationship between local elected representatives and our new communities, expresses its revulsion at any racist remarks or actions; that this Council recommits itself to the inclusive representation of all residents within this local authority; and that a copy of this motion be circulated to all local residents in Ireland.”

3(12) – Monaghan Town Council

- (a) “That this Council deplores the withdrawal by this Government of the 6 week winter fuel allowance for those who most need it.”
- (b) “That this Council condemns the proposed cuts in funding for CE scheme participants.”
- (c) “That this Council, in the interests of members of the public who are finding it difficult to make ends meet at this time, would support and promote a move to accept payments by direct debit spread over 12 months for motor tax with no additional cost to the fixed annual fee.”

4(12) – Limerick County Council

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Government to restore the Irish Ambassador to the Holy See. Ireland has had an 80 year old diplomatic association with the Vatican.”

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

