

Minutes of Adjourned Council Meeting held on 27th May, 2015 at 5.00p.m.

Chair: Cllr. P. Millea

Councillors: M. H. Cavanagh, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, A. McGuinness, P. Fitzpatrick, M. McCarthy, M. Doyle, D. Fitzgerald, K. Funchion, J. Malone, M. Doran, M. Noonan, E. Aylward, T. Breathnach, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, G. Frisby, P. Cleere, B. Gardner, P. O' Neill and D. Kennedy.

Officials: J. Mulholland, S. Walton, P. O' Neill, M. Prendiville, S. McKeown, D. Malone, T. Lauhoff, K. Hanley and B. Tyrrell.

Apologies: Cllr. M. O' Neill and P. McKee.

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

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. P. O' Neill and agreed: - "That the Chairman's Report of SPC 4 Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th March, 2015 be noted and approved.

Cllr. M. Shortall requested that dual heating systems be installed in all local authority dwellings. This was supported by Cllr. McGuinness and B. Gardner. Cllr. P. Millea requested Mr. S. McKeown A/Director of Services to consider this request and advise the members at the June Meeting.

- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed:- "That the Chairman's Report of SPC 5 Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy meeting held on 9th April, 2015 be hereby noted and approved.

- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. P. O' Neill, seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan and agreed: - "That the Chairman's report of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultation Committee Meeting held on the 30th April, 2015 be noted and hereby approved".

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

(i) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list.

Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. K. Funchion and agreed.

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

Cllr. Doherty requested update on the provision of sign “Welcome to Kilkenny” on the national route. Mr. Walton advised that approval has been received from NRA and sign will be erected within a few weeks.

Cllr. Gardner asked that all bye election candidates remove the plastic ties from the poles when posters are being removed.

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

None

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

19 (15) Cllr. Pat Dunphy – 26th April, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty: - “That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Government to adopt a new Village Renewal Scheme. Many of the smaller villages around the county would be enhanced by such a scheme as a lot of work to buildings, properties and facilities could be done with financial assistance. Villages for example like Mooncoin, Piltown, Kilmacow, Mullinavat, Windgap and Slieverue and my more around the county would benefit from such a scheme and it would also lead to job creation”.

Cllr. P. Millea requested the proposer to amend the notice of motion to include all towns and villages within the County. Contributions were also received from Cllrs. T. Breathnach, J. Brennan, B. Gardner, P. Fitzpatrick and M. Shortall in relation to regeneration of towns and villages.

It was agreed by all members that the notice be amended to include all towns and villages and that a letter be sent to Deputy Alan Kelly, Minister for Environment and Deputy Pauric Coffey, Minister of State for Environment.

20(15) Cllrs. Tomas Breathnach & Maurice Shortall – 8th May, 2015

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:-
“Kilkenny County Council writes to the Department of Social Protection to seek the right of participants over 55 years of age to self nominate themselves to remain on Community Employment Schemes to full retirement age in order to continue their invaluable work in their local communities”.

Cllr. T. Breathnach spoke about the valuable contribution that can be made by people over 55 years on Community Employment Schemes and people wish to continue working on these schemes in order to contribute to works at local level.

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

Notice of Motion received from Ballina Municipal District was read and noted by members:-

9 (15) – Ballina Municipal District – 21st April, 2015

“That Ballina Municipal District calls on the Minister for the Environment to take the necessary steps to restore Town Council’s or alternatively to give the new Municipal District Councils the power to strike a rate and spend the money raised in each Municipal District in that district; that this Notice of Motion is circulated to all Council’s for their support”.