

## **Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 at 3.30pm**

**Chair:** Cllr. P. Millea

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

**Officials:** J. Mulholland, J. McCormack, M. Prendiville, P. O'Neill, S. Walton, M. Delahunty, K. Hanley, J. Collins, K. Hennessy, M. Butler, B. Tyrrell, and A.M Walsh

**Apologies:** P. O' Neill.

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

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cleere and agreed "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (b) Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee Meeting No. 5 (Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy) held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy and agreed "That the minutes of the SPC 5 Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (c) Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee No. 2 Meeting held on the, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed "That the minutes of the SPC 2 Meeting held on the, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (d) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed "That the minutes of the Special meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."

Cllr. P. Millea extended congratulations to Ballyhale Shamrocks Hurling Club on winning the All Ireland Senior Hurling Club Championship, and to everyone involved in the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. He also congratulated Glanbia on the opening of their new plant at Belview and wished them every success with it.

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:-

- To Patricia Nolan, Library Services on the death of her mother Maureen Minogue.
- To the family of the late Anthony Cantwell, Bennettsbridge Road, Kilkenny, former Borough employee.
- To John McCormack, Director of Services on the death of his cousin Anna Laherty, Whiteswall, Galmoy.
- To Jim Anderson, Inchacarron, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Bidy Anderson.
- To. Pat Staunton and John Staunton, Ballyouskill, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny on death of May Staunton.
- John Joe Brophy, Clone, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Raymond Brophy.
- Margaret & Jim Gannon Ballinamona, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Joe Evans.

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

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

- (i)** Proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, Seconded by Cllr. M. O' Neill 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 land at Ballybooden, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny which measures approx. 0.5 acre and as identified on the attached map, to Mr. James O'Keeffe, Ballybooden, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale/transfer."  
(Notification sent to members on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015)

- (ii)** Proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, Seconded by J. 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 property at Agha, Johnswell, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €166,000 to Mr. Garry Downing, Bawnmore, Clara, Co. Kilkenny with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale."

(Notification issued to members on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015)

- (iii)** Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy: - “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Riverside, New Ross, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.” (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (iv)** Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 2 Robertshill, Circular Road, Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.” (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (v)** Proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cleere and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 3 Cedarwood Park, Loughboy, Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.” (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (vi)** Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 1 Churchview, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.” (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (vii)** Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. M. O’ Neill:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Cloneen, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.” (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (viii)** Proposed by Cllr. M. McCarthy, Seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh: - “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Leugh, Threecastles, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.” (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (ix)** Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Jenkinstown Park, Jenkinstown, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.” (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (x)** Proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 12 Togher Lawns, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny in

accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.”  
(Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)

**(xi)** Proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:-  
“That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 72 Pocke Valley, Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.” (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)

**(xii)** Proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle and agreed: -  
Notice is hereby given that Resolution passed at monthly meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 approving Kilkenny County Council’s disposal of property at 18 Mill Road, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny to Ms. Maura Young, No. 6 The Paddocks, Rosbercon, New Ross, Co. Wexford is now null and void and resolution is therefore rescinded. Ms. Young withdrew from the process.

## **(b) Corporate Affairs – Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**

### **(i) Chief Executive Report**

Mr. Mulholland presented his report to the members and advised members on the following:-

- The transfer of capital balances to Irish Water
- Total income received in 2014 for Non Principal Private Residence Charge.
- Financial System upgrade to be commenced in July.
- Progress on the Ferrybank Local Area Plan
- Publication of the Draft Waste Management Plan for the Southern Waste Region.
- Details of Public Consultation for the European Capital of Culture.
- Progress report on St. Mary’s Restoration and new museum.

He advised that it would be appropriate that the SPC 3 would be addressed by Mr. Ned Kelly former Assistant Director of the National Museum of Ireland to speak about a strategy for the future of the new museum.

In relation to item No.2 – Diageo Masterplan, he advised that a document is being circulated to the members in relation to financial support for development of St. Francis Abbey Site.

He advised the meeting that Kilkenny County Council is in receipt of a letter from the National Treasury Management Agency expressing an interest in principle in

investing in the commencement of development of portion of the site and to work with Kilkenny County Council with a legal/special purpose vehicle such as joint venture. This is a very positive first step for the regeneration of the site and this represents a high degree of confidence by the State Investment Fund in Kilkenny. It is not a private sector fund. It is government backed funding to stimulate job creation in town centres and Kilkenny is the first town that has benefited from an interest from NTMA.

Mr. Mulholland recommends that the elected members should consider the letter in principle having regard to the possible future governance, financial, equity and risk management options.

Members welcomed the report and the positive interest from NTMA/ISIF in the development of the site and were delighted to hear that NTMA/ISIF were interested in principle in working with Kilkenny County Council to regenerate the former Smithwick Brewery in a phased development. Members were agreeable to the Council exploring the matter further.

Contributions were received from Cllr. P. Millea, M.H. Cavanagh, M. Doran, E. Aylward, M. Shortall, B. Gardner, M. Noonan, K. Funchion, J. Brennan and T. Breathnach.

The main issues raised by members were as follows:-

- Funding for the provision of the infrastructure, open space etc
- Marketing strategy – with IDA involved
- Job creation should be prioritised
- Interest from 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Level Education Sector
- Income Return for Kilkenny County Council
- Status of Master Plan, archaeological assessment, environmental assessment of site, protect heritage.
- Ongoing public consultation on development of site
- Clarify how joint venture would work, role of NTMA and Kilkenny County Council.

Members requested a special meeting to consider this further. Following discussion it was agreed by members to hold a special meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at 10.30a.m. Mr. Mulholland advised that further detail will be given at the special meeting. He advised that the Masterplan process is ongoing at this stage. There is no pre-determined plan for the development of site and funding. The development of the site will protect and preserve the heritage and will allow opportunities to maximise jobs. This announcement can only be seen as a great opportunity and the recognition given by state investment. NTMA. Kilkenny County Council will form part of a joint venture. IDA have indicated that they will market/promote the site.

Cllr. Noonan requested clarification on use of space in the new museum and progress on accreditation of the museum, employment of curator etc. Cllr. Gardner asked for details on the cost of bidding for the European Capital of Culture. Mr. Mulholland responded to the queries raised.

**(ii) Service Delivery Plans**

Mr. J. Mulholland advised that the preparation of Service Delivery Plans is a requirement of the Local Government Reform Act. Approval of members is required to the service delivery plans. The document outlines the principal services and projects to be provided by all the Departments. Appendix 1 outlines 35 performance indicators to be compiled on an annual basis and these will be reported to the Department.

Cllrs. Gardner, Funchion and Noonan requested more time to be given to members to read the document.

Mr. Mulholland advised that the report contained a lot of actions - all these specific actions are governed by the adoption of budget for 2015 and Corporate Plan 2015-2019. Members can come back to the Executive with any query or amendment within 2 weeks.

He requested the members to approve the service delivery plans in principle at this stage.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cleere and agreed. "That in accordance with Section 134A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by Section 50 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, that we the Members of Kilkenny County Council hereby adopt the Service Delivery Plan as circulated with the Agenda dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, without amendments".

**(iii) Strategic Policy Committees – Ratification of External Members**

Mr. Mulholland advised that details of the nominations received to date from the external sectors have been circulated for member's information.

Mr. McCormack advised that nominations from the PPN structure will not be finalised until April.

Queries were raised by Cllrs. Shortall, Gardner and Noonan in relation to the following:-

- Concerns in filling nominations from the Social Pillars
- Delays in nominations for PPN
- Request to write to Minister re current structures in place for nominations
- Status of SPC meetings without external members.

Mr. Mulholland advised that the purpose of the SPC Meetings is to discuss policy issues and make recommendations to the full Council for approval and decisions. SPC meetings can proceed without the full membership as there are no legal decisions made at these meetings.

**(iv) Sub-Committee – Irish Language – Nomination of 4 Elected Members.**

Mr. Mulholland advised that the elected members need to nominate 4 members to the Irish Language Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed: - “That Cllr. D. Fitzgerald be nominated to the committee”.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, Seconded by Cllr. M. O’ Neill and agreed: - “That Cllr. K. Funchion be nominated to the committee”.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cleere and agreed: - “That Cllr. J. Malone be nominated to the committee”.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and agreed: - “That Cllr. T. Breathnach be nominated to the committee”.

Therefore Cllrs. T. Breathnach, D. Fitzgerald, K. Funchion and J. Malone were nominated to serve on the Irish Language sub-committee.

**(v) Allocation of Community, Cultural Support Grants**

Mr. Mulholland referred members to report circulated with the agenda. Provision has been made in the Budget for financial support to a number of cultural organisations/ these organisations were invited to submit information on their organisation and the purposes that funding is required. Details of information requested is set out in the report.

Allocation recommended to each organisation is set out on the schedule and member’s approval is required.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, Seconded by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and agreed: - “That grants as set out in the schedule attached to report circulated is hereby approved”.

**(vi) Allocation of Arts Act Grants.**

Mr. John McCormack referred to report circulated with the agenda. Allocation for these Arts Grants has been provided in the budget for 2015. Grants were advertised in January 2015. A panel to assess the grant applications was convened on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. Recommendations for the panel are set out in the attached schedule and member’s approval is required for same.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:  
- "That the schedule of Arts Acts Grants circulated to members is hereby approved".

**(VI) Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Grant Scheme 2015-2017.**

Mr. J. McCormack advised members that provision has been included in the 3 year Capital Budget for an annual allocation of €250k for the Community & Cultural Facilities Grant. This money comes from Development Levies and it will be dependent on the payment of Development levies if a fund is available. The scheme will be advertised shortly with a closing date of 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. He advised that there will be strict adherence to the documentation and the date for submission.

Queries were raised by Cllr. M. Doran, D. Kennedy, M. Shortall, P. Cleere, M. O' Neill and T. Breathnach. Members welcomed the scheme and requested that assistance be provided to groups making applications for funds. Query was raised in relation to matching funds from other agencies and sports capital grant fund. Mr. McCormack responded to the queries raised.

**(c) Housing**

**(i) Housing Strategic Plan 2015-2017**

Mr. John McCormack outlined to the meeting that the Government has launched a 6 years Housing Strategy. Kilkenny County Council has decided to prepare a strategy for the next 3 years 2015-2017 in order to apply for funds for a multi-annual programme.

The report circulated set out the detail for the delivery of units under the various schemes over the next 3 years. This will be reviewed on an annual basis. There are 9 objectives set out in the plan to be achieved by the end of 2017 and advised members to take note of these. Mr. McCormack stated that the objectives within the 3 years are achievable if the appropriate funds are made available.

Contributions received from Cllr. M. O' Neill, B. Gardner, P. Dunphy & P. Millea in relation to the following:-

- Inspection of Private Rental Properties
- Numbers on the Housing List
- Lack of Housing land in Council ownership
- Format for Review of Strategy.

Mr. McCormack advised that the strategy has been discussed in detail at the SPC. The document is intended to give members information on the proposed



programme for the next 3 years. The strategy will be continuously reviewed as it will be a rolling programme and a lot of projects are not within the control of Kilkenny County Council. There are ongoing discussions with NAMA/Receivers & Voluntary Bodies. The review of the strategy will be brought back to members on a number of occasions.

**(d) Roads**

**(i) 2015 Roadwork's Scheme**

Mr. S. Walton presented to members the Road Works Scheme for 2015. He advised that the total expenditure included in the Road Works Scheme is €19.853m. He outlined the details on the various sources of funding from NRA, Department of Transport and Kilkenny County Council. Details were given in relation to the following:-

- Length of Public Road Network, divided between the Municipal District
- Tables outlining the allocations for the various grants since 2004.
- Major schemes – New Ross By Pass
- Pavement & Minor Works – Various projects
- Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes
- National Road Maintenance allocation
- Motorway Maintenance
- Restoration Improvement and maintenance for non-national roads
- Grant for Bridge rehabilitation
- Community Involvement in Roadwork Scheme (CIR) & Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

Mr. Walton outlined to members the costs involved in maintaining and operating the public lights. A total of €1.13m is required for the management of the public lighting network.

He further advised that the County Kilkenny Road Safety Plan 2015-2020 is almost complete and will be presented to members in the coming months.

Mr. Walton recommended that the Council approve the 2015 Roadwork's Scheme which has been discussed in detail at the Municipal Districts Meetings.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. P. Cleere, F. Doherty, D. Kennedy, B. Gardner, M. Doran, E. Aylward, K. Funchion, G. Frisby, P. Fitzpatrick, M. Noonan, T. Breathnach, M. O' Neill and P. Dunphy.

The main areas raised by members related to the following:-

- Level of grant on non-national roads reducing each year – additional funds should be sought.
- Reduced contribution of 15% required for CIR.

- Level of outdoor staff to carry out the works
- Lack of funding for low cost safety works
- Seek funding for Local Improvement Schemes
- Provision of additional public lights – have a 3 year rolling programme and replacement of lights for energy efficiency – engagement with Airtricity in relation to repairs
- Clarify progress on New Ross By Pass, Damerston (N78) and Coolbawn.
- Clarify decision from Bord Pleanala on CAS and implications for the contract on the bridge.
- Road Safety Plan – discuss at SPC
- Use of development charges on development built on private road
- Temporary speed ramps between Greensbridge and Wolfe Tone Street, traffic management urgently required at peak times.
- Funds for revised speed limits signage and traffic calming measures in residential developments.

Cllr. T. Breathnach requested the chairman to take notice of motion No. 14(15) at this juncture as it referred to introduction of the Local Improvement Scheme.

Cllr. Millea agreed to this.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. M. O' Neill and agreed: -  
**"14 (15) - Piltown Municipal District Members – 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

**"That Kilkenny County Council should write to the Minister for Transport to urge the full re-introduction of the Local Improvement Scheme with its own dedicated funding from the Department to local authorities."**

Mr. Walton responded to the queries raised by members and advised that there may be a supplementary allocation later in year. He advised that a circular has been received recently reducing the local contribution from 20% to 15% on the CIR Scheme. He outlined the terms of the contract with Airtricity and the penalty clauses included in the contract. He advised that it was a matter for members in the Municipal Districts to agree an allocation from their budget for additional lights. He stated that traffic calming measures had been discussed at SPC and application will be made to the Department for funds. He further advised that the recent correspondence received from An Bord Pleanala has no implication for the current contract. The Bord's relevant letter is on the Council website. There was confusion on the documents that were on the Bord Pleanala website.

He re-iterated that the Central Access Scheme is approved by the Bord and there was no Judicial Review taken on the decision so the decision of the Bord stands. Kilkenny County Council made a submission on the methodology in undertaking the river work and the Bord decided not to amend the conditions attached to the 2011

approval taking account of the fact the Bord considers that the Environmental Mitigation measures, including those for the river works, are already provided for in the approval.

**(ii) Taking In Charge**

Proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed: -  
“Now Kilkenny County Council hereby resolves that in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 it is hereby declared that the roads within Belline Vale, Piltown are public roads and furthermore that open spaces, car parks, public lights, sewers, water mains in the said estate are to be taken in charge forthwith”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. P. Millea and agreed.  
“Now Kilkenny County Council hereby resolves that in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 it is hereby declared that the roads within Togher Way, Urlingford are public roads and furthermore that open spaces, car parks, public lights, sewers, water mains in the said estate are to be taken in charge forthwith”.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. P. Millea and agreed. “Now Kilkenny County Council hereby resolves that in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 it is hereby declared that the roads within Togher Crescent, Urlingford are public roads and furthermore that open spaces, car parks, public lights, sewers, water mains in the said estate are to be taken in charge forthwith”.

**(e) Environment – Timpeallacht**

**(i) Fire and Emergency Operations Plan 2015-2020.**

Mr. S. Walton advised members that it is a requirement of the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003 to make a Fire & Emergency Operation Plan. The draft plan covers the period 2015 to 2020 and it sets out the objectives in respect of the organisation, Fire Station, Appliances, Equipment, Water supply etc and the role of the service in relation to Major Emergency Framework.

Mr. John Collins Acting Chief Fire Officer gave a powerpoint presentation to the members. He advised members on the preparation of the Operation Plan as follows:-

- Legal requirement – Statutory obligation and reserved function
- Consultation held with staff, shop stewarts and SPC 2

- What is included in the Plan
- Detail on Operational Roles and Procedures
- No change to current crewing compliment.

Queries were raised by Cllrs . M. Doran, P. Cleere, and P. Fitzpatrick, in relation to the following: -

- Recent external audit carried out on Fire Service
- Status on new station for Graiguenamanagh
- Charges for road accidents

Mr. Collins responded to the queries raised. It was proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and agreed. "That, we the members of Kilkenny County Council hereby approve the Fire and Emergency Operations Plan 2015-2020 as prepared in accordance with the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003".

**(ii) Composition of Consultative Committee on Dog Re-homing & Welfare.**

Mr. P. O' Neill circulated a note on the membership of the Cross Representational Consultative Committee on Dog Re-housing and Welfare. Full details of the membership and their background is outlined in the note. The committee will report back to the full Council.

Queries were raised by Cllrs. M. Noonan, E. Aylward, M.H. Cavanagh and T. Breathnach in relation to the following:-

- Terms of Reference for the Committee
- Opportunity to revisit terms of contract
- Frequency of reporting back to the full Council

Members thanked the Executive for setting up the committee and spoke about the concerns of the public in relation to welfare of dogs and that the public should be made aware of the existence of the committee.

Mr. O' Neill advised that the tender is not up for discussion, this is a legal process, and welfare of animals is a requirement for the successful tenderer.

**(iii) Draft Kilkenny County Council Control of Horses Act 1996 Bye Laws 2015**

Deferred to April Meeting

**3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**

None.

**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) Schedule of Meetings from March- April Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

(ii) Deputations from Lifeline: - Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. M. O' Neill and agreed to receive deputation at monthly meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

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

(i) Chairperson's Report on SPC 5 – Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy held on 12th February, 2015 –Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by Cllr. J. Malone and agreed “That the Chairperson's Report of SPC 5 Meeting held on the 12th of Febraury, 2015 be noted and approved.”

(ii) Chairperson's Report on SPC 2 – Infrastrcuture Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services held on the 27th February, 2015 Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle and agreed “That the Chairperson's Report of the SPC 2 Meeting held on the27th February, 2015 be noted and approved.”

Cllr. F. Doherty requested that consderation be given to making the wearing of hi vis jackets mandatory.

**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**

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

Proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed.

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

None.

**10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile**

Cllr. M. O’ Neill requested that she be given the legal costs incurred on an illegal fuel depot which is subject to an application for injunction – she stated she requested this information last November. Mr. Mulholland advised that he would look into it.

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

**9 (15) – Cllr’s M. O’ Neill, D. Kennedy and K. Funchion – 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O’ Neill, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy: - “That Kilkenny Council calls on the government to amend the Health (Fluoridation of Water) Act 1960 and subsequent Statutory Instrument (42/2007 Fluoridation of Water Supplies Regulations 2007) to ban the addition of fluoride to water supplies Hydrofluoric acid is being used to add fluoride to our water at a cost of €4.8 million per annum. Fluoridation is banned in 98% of European countries. The Irish government continues to impose fluoride on the Irish people and on top of that it is now forcing us to pay for it through water charges.”

Cllr. M. O’ Neill spoke on this notice of motion and stated that the EU has placed on record that there is no need for fluoride in the water. She referred to the various links to various medical illnesses and stated that toddler should not use fluoride.

Cllr. Gardner supported the motion and referred to the damage caused and the health risks.

Cllr. Doherty and Doran voiced their objection to the wording of the motion and asked the proposer to amend same and omit the final sentence in it.

Discussion ensued in relation to changes to the notice of motion. Cllr. Millea decided to put the motion to a vote in the absence of agreement.

Roll call was taken.

Cllrs. B. Gardner, D. Kennedy, K. Funchion, M. Noonan, E. Aylward, M. O'Neill (6) voted for the motion.

Cllrs. J. Brennan, M. McCarthy, P. Millea, P. Cleere, M. Doyle, M. Doran, D. Fitzgerald, J. Malone, F. Doherty, G. Frisby (10) voted against the motion.

Cllrs. T. Breathnach and M. Shortall (2) abstained.

The motion was defeated by 10 votes to 6 votes with 2 absentation.

Cllr. Millea then concluded the meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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