

**MIONTUAIRISÍ CRUINNIÚ SPEISIALTA CEADAITHE A
THUGTAR AR DÉ MÁIRT, 8 MEITHEAMH, 2021 AG 3.00 P.M.
VIA MS TEAMS**



**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY, 8TH JUNE, 2021 AT 3.00 P.M. VIA MS TEAMS**

Chair: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness.

Cllrs: Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Martin Brett, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Fidelis Doherty, Maria Dollard, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Joe Lyons, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Eugene McGuinness & Patrick O'Neill.

Officials: Colette Byrne, Tim Butler, Sean McKeown, Denis Malone, Nicolaas Louw, Caitriona O'Sullivan, Naomi Scully, Anne Maria Walsh, Catherine Cooney & Martin Prendiville.

Apology: Cllr. Michael Delaney.

Cathaoirleach Andrew McGuinness opened the Special Meeting and welcomed all joining the meeting remotely.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Meeting Administrator referred to the Members statutory obligations concerning Ethical Legislation Disclosure at meeting and Disclosures in advance of meeting. Details have been sent to all Elected Members in advance of this meeting. Members were advised that if there were any further declaration of interests that they should advise in advance of any discussion on that particular submission.

Mr. Denis Malone advised that an Errata page to the Chief Executive Report has been circulated in advance of this meeting.

The list of submissions under Section 3.1 omitted to reference this individual submission from the main list of submissions in Section 2 submissions received. The references are KKC162-25 and KK-C162-103.

Submissions KK-C162-60 – Michael Keogh's was incorrectly assigned to Rath Ullard instead of relating it to lands at Raheen, New Ross and Greenway facilities development. The Chief Executive recommends additional text to provide for uses related to Kilkenny Greenway.

Submission KK-C162-419 – National Transport Authority [NTA] was inadvertently omitted from the published report. This submission related to guiding principles from NTA, the support for cycling, modal shift public transport provision and importance of universal design. The Chief Executive recommends enhanced text for approval by Members.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that 463 submissions were received. The submissions have been grouped into various categories to enable the Members to deal with a number of submissions together on the same theme. He listed the seven categories for Members information.

1. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the first theme relates to submissions received on various issues upon which the Chief Executive is not proposing changes to the Draft Plan and that Elected Members have indicated the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation is accepted. Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised the meeting that in accordance with the Ethical Framework of the Local Government Act 2001 that a written declaration of interest has been received from Cllr. Eugene McGuinness in relation to Submission No. KKC162-30 – O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club and from Cllr. David Fitzgerald in relation to Submission No. KKC162-458 Jim Brogan on behalf of Mary & Jacinta Fitzgerald. Both Members left the meeting at this point.

Mr. Sean McKeown listed the following submissions for consideration:

KKC162:

1; 2; 3; 6; 4; 8; 18; 19; 23; 30; 45; 46; 48; 51; 53; 56; 57; 58; 67; 76; 77; 85; 86; 87; 94; 105; 106; 151; 156; 157; 162; 165; 168; 169; 179; 184; 188; 201; 211; 219; 232; 241; 243; 249; 251; 252; 254; 261; 262; 263; 264; 265; 267; 278; 295; 299; 300; 305; 307; 308; 321; 328; 332; 333; 334; 348; 352; 355; 366; 368; 372; 374; 377; 380; 381; 382; 383; 384; 387; 393; 398; 405; 420; 422; 424; 425; 429; 439; 458.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle:

“That the Elected Members agree to accept the Chief Executive Response and Recommendation in relation to:

KKC162:

1; 2; 3; 6; 4; 8; 18; 19; 23; 30; 45; 46; 48; 51; 53; 56; 57; 58; 67; 76; 77; 85; 86; 87; 94; 105; 106; 151; 156; 157; 162; 165; 168; 169; 179; 184; 188; 201; 211; 219; 232; 241; 243; 249; 251; 252; 254; 261; 262; 263; 264; 265; 267; 278; 295; 299; 300; 305; 307; 308; 321; 328; 332; 333; 334; 348; 352; 355; 366; 368; 372; 374; 377; 380; 381; 382; 383; 384; 387; 393; 398; 405; 420; 422; 424; 425; 429; 439; 458

submissions and not to alter the Draft Development Plan as outlined in her report.

All Members were in agreement.

Cllrs. Eugene McGuinness and David Fitzgerald re-joined the meeting when this matter was concluded.

2. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the second theme relates to submissions received on various issues upon which the Chief Executive is proposing changes to the Draft Plan and that the Elected Members have indicated the Chief Executive’s Response and Recommendation to alter the Development Plan is accepted.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised the meeting that in accordance with the Ethical Framework of the Local Government Act 2001 that a written declaration of interest have been received from the following:

Cllr. Pat Dunphy.....Submission No. KK-C162-313 Kilkenny County Board

Cllr. Patrick O’Neill.....Submission No. KK-C162-397 Cllr. Patrick O’Neill

Cllr. Tomás BreathnachSubmission No. KK-C162-409 Carlow Kilkenny Labour Party

Cllr. Denis HynesSubmission No. KK-C162-409 Carlow Kilkenny Labour Party

Cllr. Deirdre Cullen.....Submission No. KKC162-444 Kilkenny & Carlow Education & Training Board.

All the above five Councillors left the meeting at this point.

Mr. Sean McKeown listed the following submissions for consideration:

KKC-162:

17; 20; 27; 29; 32; 35; 52; 60; 63; 64; 65; 66; 70; 71; 72; 74; 75; 78; 108; 112; 115; 119; 124; 146; 172; 173; 177; 187; 213; 223; 226; 230; 234; 236; 239; 245; 248; 253; 257; 259; 269; 272; 273; 282; 291; 293; 296; 301; 302; 304; 312; 313; 315; 316; 317; 318; 319; 325; 327; 330; 331; 336; 338; 339; 341; 356; 359; 363; 365; 367; 370; 371; 378; 386; 390; 392; 395; 396; 397; 399; 400; 404; 406; 409; 413; 414; 416; 418; 419; 423; 428; 434; 435; 444; 449; 460.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness:

“That the Elected Members accept the Chief Executive’s Response and Recommendation in relation to:

KKC-162:

17; 20; 27; 29; 32; 35; 52; 60; 63; 64; 65; 66; 70; 71; 72; 74; 75; 78; 108; 112; 115; 119; 124; 146; 172; 173; 177; 187; 213; 223; 226; 230; 234; 236; 239; 245; 248; 253; 257; 259; 269; 272; 273; 282; 291; 293; 296; 301; 302; 304; 312; 313; 315; 316; 317; 318; 319; 325; 327; 330; 331; 336; 338; 339; 341; 356; 359; 363; 365; 367; 370; 371; 378; 386; 390; 392; 395; 396; 397; 399; 400; 404; 406; 409; 413; 414; 416; 418; 419; 423; 428; 434; 435; 444; 449; 460

submissions and to alter the Draft Development Plan as outlined in the Chief Executive’s Report.

All Members were in agreement.

Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, Patrick O’Neill, Tomás Breathnach, Denis Hynes and Deirdre Cullen re-joined the meeting when this matter was concluded.

3. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the third theme relates to submissions received on Rural Housing. He advised that the Chief Executive has proposed recommendations to alter the Draft Plan on foot of the submission received from the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) as per page 64 of her report.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised the meeting that in accordance with the Ethical Framework of the Local Government Act 2001 that written declaration of interest has been received from the following:

Cllr. Pat Dunphy.....Submission No. KK-C162-244 Kilkenny GAA County Junior Board

Cllr. Patrick O’Neill.....Submission No. KKC162-397 Cllr. Patrick O’Neill

Cllrs. Pat Dunphy and Patrick O’Neill were requested to leave the meeting.

Mr. Sean McKeown indicated that the following submissions received also relate to the Rural Housing Strategy:

KKC-162:

5; 161; 163; 167; 176; 218; 222; 244; 320; 353; 369; 407; 408; 417.

Cathaoirleach Andrew McGuinness advised the meeting that the Elected Members accept the Chief Executive Response and Recommendation in relation to the OPR submission but wished to make two further amendments on foot of the above submissions.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness:

“That the Elected Members accept the Chief Executive Response and Recommendations in relation to:

KKC-162:

5; 161; 163; 167; 176; 218; 222; 244; 320; 353; 369; 407; 408; 417.

With the following amendments:

Amendment 1:

Amend the Qualifying Criteria for Rural Housing on Page 96 of the Draft Plan as follows (yellow highlighted text is additional):

"2. Persons with a demonstrable social need to live a particular local rural area:

a. Persons born within the local rural area, or who have lived a substantial period of their lives in the local rural area (minimum 5 years), who have never owned a rural house and who wish to build their first home close to the original family home. Persons born in the area without having lived for the minimum of 5 years must be able to demonstrate strong family and social connections to the area to demonstrate a demonstrable social need."

Amendment 2:

Amend the proposed policy on Rural Nodes on Page 40 of the Draft Plan as follows (red text is additional):

Proposed policy under Section 4.7

"Below the level of the Smaller town/village in the settlement hierarchy is the wider rural area containing Rural Nodes which are small generally un-serviced settlements characterised by an existing clustering of houses around a limited level of support infrastructure such as a school, church or shop. These Rural Nodes are listed in table 4.4. The list is not exhaustive and settlements not listed displaying these characteristics may also be considered as nodes for the purpose of the plan. For multiple housing developments (2 or more houses in a cluster) 20% of the houses proposed can be made available for people who do not meet the requirements of the rural housing policy. For one off houses or schemes where 20% cannot be reached in whole housing units in and around these nodes applicants will be required to satisfy the Council rural housing policy. Development will be limited to incremental local growth appropriate to their size and character."

and to amend the Draft Development Plan accordingly.

All Members present were in agreement.

Cllrs. Pat Dunphy and Patrick O'Neill re-joined the meeting when this matter was concluded.

4. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the fourth theme relates to submissions received in relation to the Wind Strategy. It was noted that the Members have concerns in relation to the impact of potential wind energy development in two specific areas of the County:

- (i) Lingaun Valley and
- (ii) Castlebanny.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised the meeting that in accordance with the Ethical Framework of the Local Government Act 2001 that written declaration of interest has been received from the following:

Cllr. Martin Brett Submission No. KK-C162-389 Cllr. Martin Brett

Cllr. Patrick O'Neill..... Submission No. KK-C162-397 Cllr. Patrick O'Neill

Cllrs. Martin Brett and Patrick O'Neill left the meeting at this point.

(i) **Linguan Valley**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the following submissions have been received in relation to wind energy development generally:

KKC-162:

238; 285; 287; 314; 322; 326; 350; 354; 375; 376; 391; 394; 415; 421; 440; 450; 451; 452.

Mr. Sean McKeown further advised that the following submissions have been received in relation to the Linguan Valley Area in particular:

KKC-162:

7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 47, 50, 55, 62, 68, 69, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 90, 91, 95, 96, 110, 118, 121, 127, 159, 160, 174, 178, 197, 206, 208, 210, 212, 215, 216, 220, 228, 246, 266, 270, 274, 275, 279, 285, 298, 303, 306, 310, 311, 337, 340, 357, 358, 360, 362, 364, 379, 385, 388, 401, 410, 411, 426, 427, 430, 431, 432, 433, 436, 437, 442, 443, 448, 453, 454, 455, 457, 459.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that the Members have concerns in relation to the extent of the designation of the area around the Linguan Valley as “Not Normally Permissible”. He stated that the members wish to have this area extended.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that this will require further changes to the map circulated in the Chief Executive’s Report and he further noted that if the area is to be extended then the targets as set out in Section 11.4 and page 183 of the Draft Plan will have to be significantly revised accordingly.

Mr. Denis Malone advised that the area in the Linguan Valley and Mullinbeg is designated in the draft Plan as “acceptable in principle” for wind energy development. Following the submissions received and having reviewed the area and considered the historical and archaeological significance of the Knockroe Passage Tomb and the interaction of those with Slievenamon it is considered that the entire Linguan Valley and ridge area be designated “Not Normally Permissible”.

He said that in the Chief Executive’s Report the areas of Templeorum and Mullinbeg are designated as “Acceptable in Principle”.

Revised Wind Strategy Map showing Members’ Direction for the Linguan Valley to extend the “Not Normally Permissible” area to include Templeorum and Mullinbeg.

Draft Plan:



Members’ Direction:



It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle:

“That the Elected Members designate an additional area on the map as “Not Normally Permissible to include Templeorum and Mullinbeg.”

All Members present were agreeable.

(ii) **Castlebanny**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the following submissions have been received in relation to wind energy development in the Castlebanny area.

KKC-162:

42, 43, 54, 59, 99, 101, 104, 107, 109, 111, 114, 120, 122, 123, 125, 126, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 147, 149, 150, 152, 154, 155, 158, 166, 170, 171, 175, 180, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 195, 196, 199, 200, 202, 204, 205, 207, 208, 210, 214, 217, 221, 224, 225, 229, 233, 235, 237, 240, 242, 250, 255, 256, 258, 260, 271, 276, 277, 280, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 292, 294, 297, 309, 323, 324, 329, 347, 351, 361, 389, 402, 403, 412, 441, 446, 447, 456, 461, 462, 463:

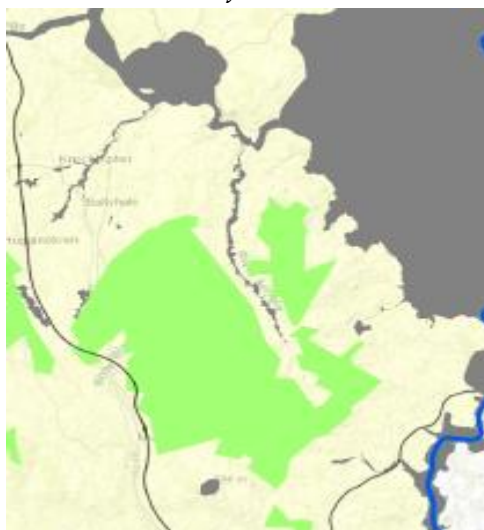
It is noted from the Members that they have issues in relation to the designation of this area as “Acceptable in Principle” in the Draft Plan.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that the Elected Members do not wish to accept the Chief Executive’s Response and Recommendation in relation to these submissions and wish to change the wind strategy map for the Castlebanny Area to “Open for Consideration”.

Revised Wind Strategy Map showing Members’ Direction with Castlebanny area changed from “Acceptable in Principle” to “Open for Consideration”.

Draft Plan:

Members’ Direction:



It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle:

“That the Elected Members agree to change the Wind Strategy map for Castlebanny area from “Acceptable in Principle” to “Open for Consideration.”

All Members present agreed to this.

Cllrs. Martin Brett and Patrick O’Neill re-joined the meeting when this matter was concluded.

5. **Rath Ullard**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the fifth theme relates to submissions received in respect of the zoning in Rath Ullard, Kilkenny City. Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that no declaration of interest has been received in relation to the Rath Ullard submissions.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised the following submissions have been received in relation to Rath Ullard:

KKC-162

60; 61; 82; 89; 92; 93; 97; 98; 100; 102; 113; 116; 117; 153; 181; 193; 198; 203; 227; 268; 281; 289; 290; 335; 343; 344; 345; 346; 349; 438.

It is noted that Members have issues in accepting the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation in relation to the submissions received.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that the Elected Members wish to change the zoning of these lands to low density residential.

City Zoning Map: Revised map showing Members' Direction for the lands at Rath Ullard changed from "Existing Residential" to "Low Density Residential".



It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle:

"That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to change the zoning on the lands at Rath Ullard from existing residential to low density residential".

All Members present were agreeable.

6. **Urban Agriculture**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the sixth theme relates to submissions received in respect of the Urban Agriculture zoning in the Draft Plan. In this regard it is noted that Members have concerns in relation to the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation in relation to the following submissions:

- KK-C162-194 and
- KKC-162-445.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that there were no declaration of interests received in relation to this submission.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that the Elected Members do not want to accept the Chief Executive Response and Recommendation in relation to the zoning of these lands. Members want to change the zoning.

City Zoning Map: Revised map showing Members' Direction for the change from "Urban Agriculture" to "Agriculture".



It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness:

"That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to change the zoning of the land at Kells Road & New Orchard Road from "Urban Agriculture" to "Agriculture".

All Members present were in agreement.

7. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the seventh theme relates to a number of submissions received on a range of issues for which the Members have advised they do not accept the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation. These will now be dealt with per individual submission.

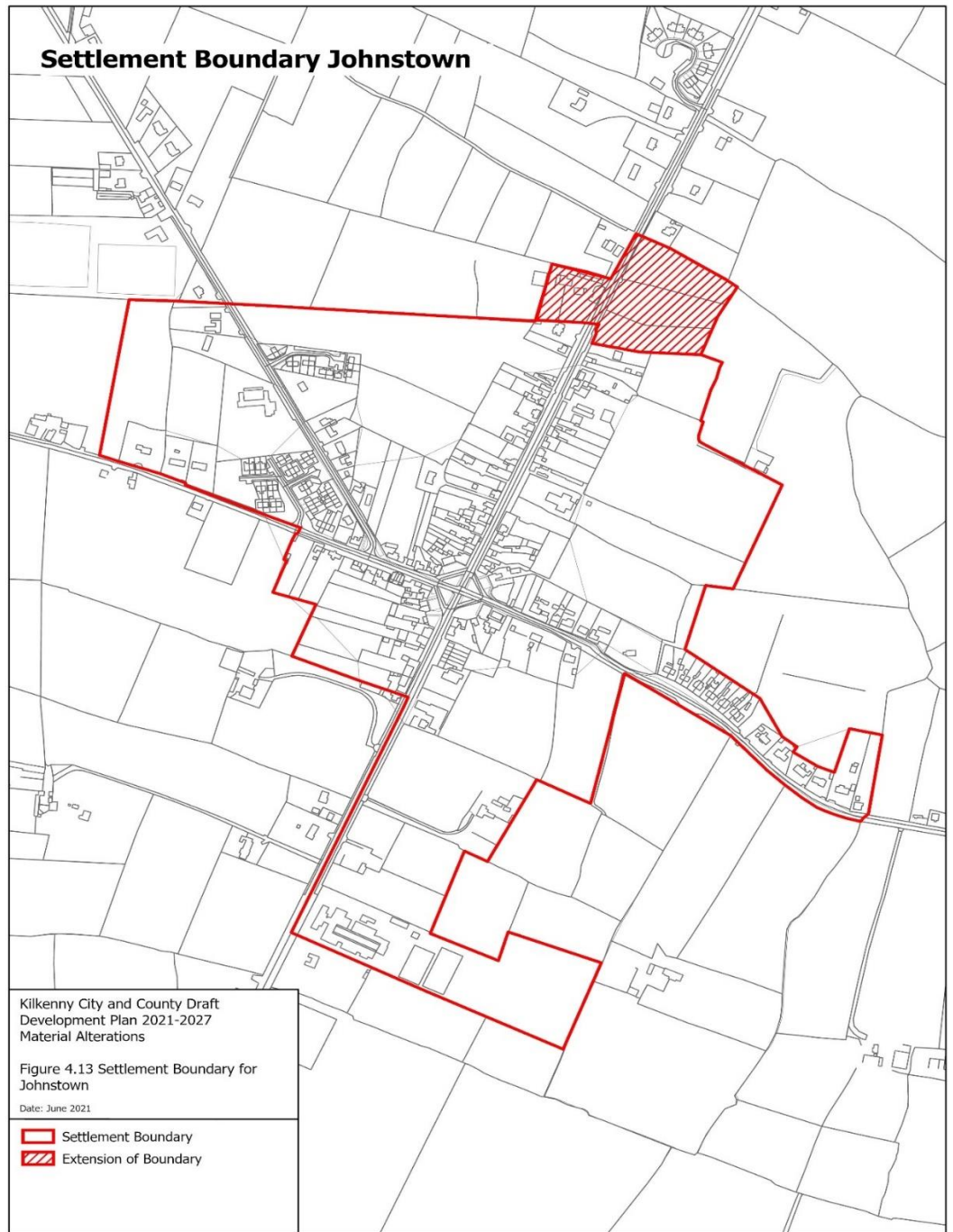
Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that no declaration of interest has been received in relation to any of these submissions.

(i) *Submission No. KK-C162-161 Fenians GAA Club.*

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that the Members want to extend the settlement boundary for Johnstown.

Mr. Denis Malone advised that the submission received refers to the provision of serviced sites within the village. Having considered and reviewed this, the development boundary of the village of Johnstown could be extended as far as the Petrol Station which would add an additional 0.2 hectares within the development boundary.

Members' Direction for the Proposed settlement boundary for Johnstown.



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

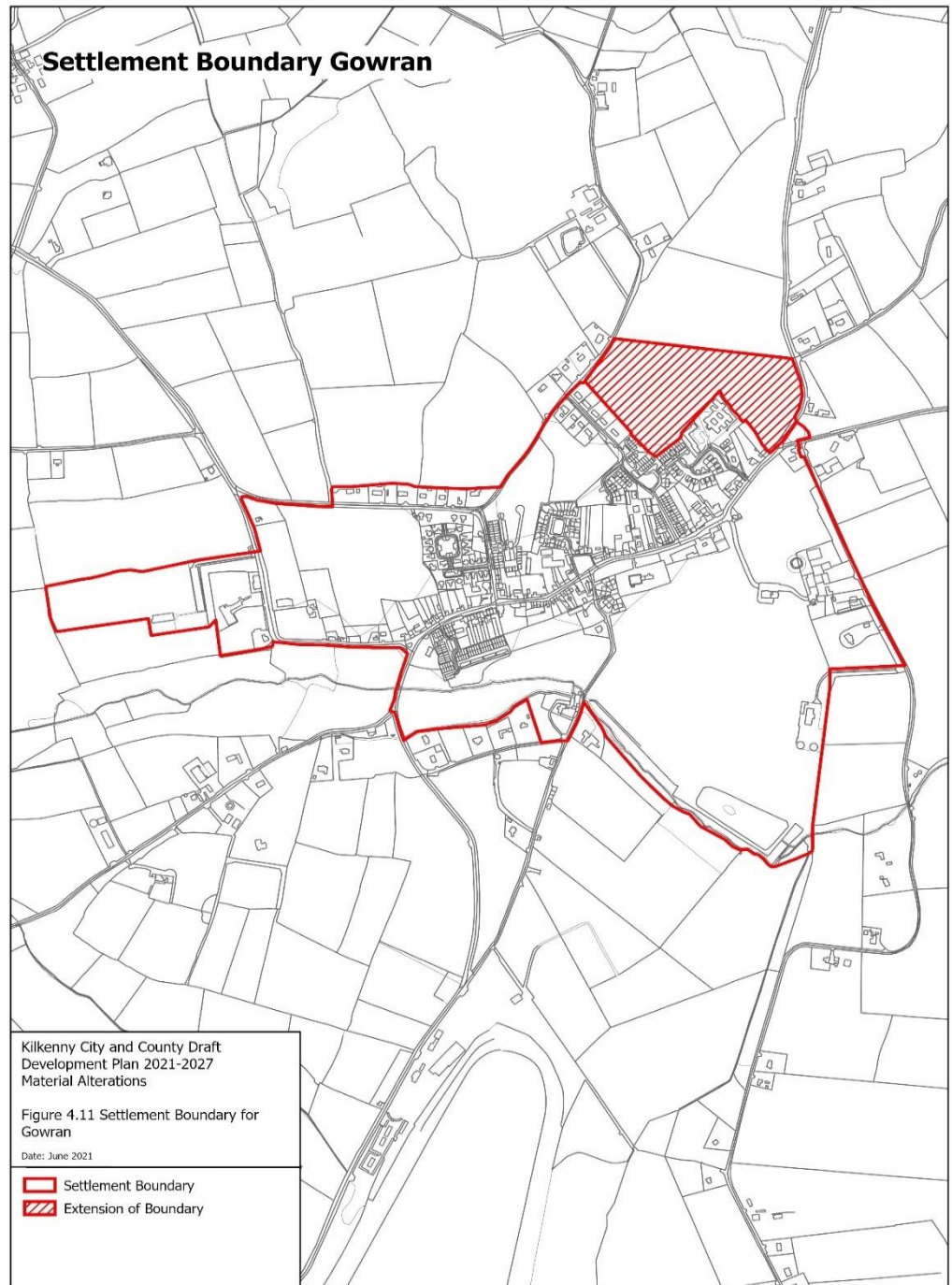
“That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to amend the Settlement Boundary in the Draft Plan as per attached map – addition of approximately 2 hectares between the existing northern boundary as far as the existing petrol station

All Members present were in agreement.

(ii) Submission KKC162-49

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that Members want to include a portion of land of 7.3 ha. referred to in this submission within the proposed settlement boundary of Gowran.

7 (ii) Members' Direction for the Proposed settlement boundary for Gowran.



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

“That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to extend the settlement boundary of Gowran to include land of 7.3 hectares located to the North and rear of Abbeygrove and the Gowran Nursing Home.”

All Members present were in agreement.

(iii) **Submission No. KKC162-73 St. John's School**

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that Members are not satisfied to accept the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation and want to amend the wording for "Strategic Reserve Zoning".

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

“That the Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to amend the list of uses open to consideration during the lifetime of the Development Plan for Strategic Reserve Zoning be extended to include “schools”.

All Members present were in agreement.

(iv) Submission No. KK-C162-88 Sean McMullan

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that Members are not satisfied to accept the Chief Executive’s Response & Recommendation and want to amend the zoning on this parcel of land.

Kilkenny City zoning Map: Members’ Direction for the zoning of the parcel of land referred to in Submission KK-C162-88 to change from “Amenity/Green links and Biodiversity” to “Residential”.



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

“That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to amend the zoning on the parcel of land referred to in Submission KK-C162-88 to “residential”.

All Members present were in agreement.

(v) Submission KK-C162-148 Alex Wilsdon

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that Members are not satisfied to accept the Chief Executive’s Response & Recommendation and want to change the zoning on the lands referred to in this submission.

City zoning Map: Members’ Direction for the zoning on the parcel of land referred to in Submission KK-C162-148 to change from “Residential” to “General Business”.



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

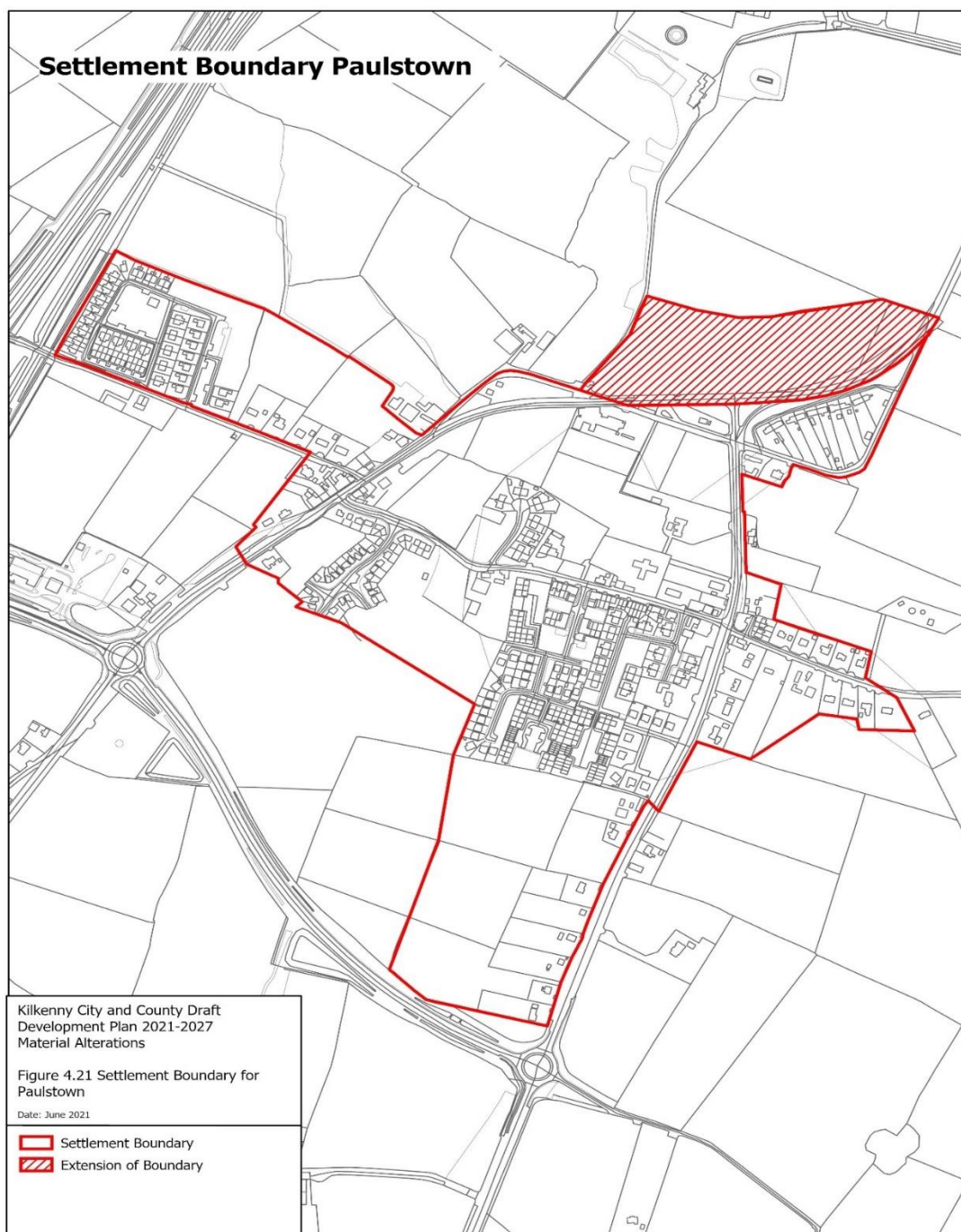
“That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to amend the zoning on the parcel of land referred to in Submission KK-C162-148 to “Mixed Use”.

All Members present were in agreement.

(vi) Submission KK-C162-164 Shankill Estate

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that the Members are not satisfied to accept the Chief Executive’s Response & Recommendation and want to extend the settlement boundary of Paulstown.

7(vi) Members Direction for the Proposed settlement boundary for Paulstown.



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

“That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to extend the settlement boundary of Paulstown to include the lands referred to in Submission No. KK-C162-164.”

All Members present were in agreement.

(vii) Submission No. KK-C162-247 Eirgrid

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that the Members are not satisfied to accept the Chief Executive’s Response & Recommendation and want to amend the wording in the Draft Plan.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach:

“That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council agree to insert the following on page 175 of the Draft Plan:

- *That existing grid infrastructure should be used where possible in preference to erecting new grid infrastructure.*
- *Any proposed development must avoid impact on the any Special area of Conservation.”*

All Members present were in agreement.

(viii) KK-C162-342 Kilree Partnership

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness advised that the Members are not satisfied to accept the Chief Executive’s Response & Recommendation to change the zoning for the primary care land to “Neighbourhood Zoning”.

7(viii) City zoning Map: Members Direction for the zoning of lands referred to in Submission KK-C162-342 to remain as “Amenity/Greenlinks/Biodiversity”.



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

“That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council do not accept the recommendation to zone the lands to Neighbourhood Zoning and that the existing zoning of Amenity/Greenlinks/Biodiversity remains unchanged.”

All Members present were in agreement.

- (ix) Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and Mary Hilda Cavanagh requested clarification on wind energy development in Castletown. Mr. Denis Malone advised that no submissions have been received in relation to any lands at Castletown and wind energy development.

Mr. Denis Malone advised that the zoning of lands in Thomastown and Callan will be dealt with during the review of the Local Area Plans. As part of the preparation of any Town Plan the allocation of extra population to an area will be considered. The Draft Local Area Plans will be reviewed as quickly as possible after the adoption of the City & County Development Plan.

Mr. Malone advised the Members on the next steps. He advised that the Chief Executive's Report on the 463 submissions on the Draft Plan have now been considered. The number of submissions received is a good reflection on the public engagement despite being done virtually. The changes/amendments made today will be drafted into a document which will go on public display within the next three weeks. The agreed amendments will all need to be environmentally assessed. No further amendments to the draft plan can be considered after this meeting.

The public display period for consideration of the material alterations will be four weeks. It is expected that the Draft Plan will come back to the Members for final adoption in late August/early September. The deadline for adoption of the Draft Development Plan is 8th September, 2021.

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

"We, the Members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received to the Draft City & County Development Plan 2021-2027 under Section 12 (5)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 8th June, 2021, do hereby resolve that the Draft City and County Development Plan be amended as set out in the Chief Executive's Report dated 25th May, 2021 (and Errata dated 7th June 2021), subject to the directions as recorded in the Minutes above.

All Members present were in agreement.

Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness, Mary Hilda Cavanagh and Tomás Breathnach thanked all the Executive and in particular all the Planning Staff for the enormous amount of work that has gone into the Draft Development Plan. They acknowledged the time given to the Elected Members on all the issues raised. Their patience and understanding shown to the Members on the difficult issues presented.

The Members also thanked the public for their engagement in the Development Plan process. The number of submissions received is a reflection of the public interest in the development of their areas and County.

They also thanked their fellow Councillors for their work in considering the Draft Plan and the Chief Executive's Report for the many hours of discussions/meetings held in ensuring that all issues in the Chief Executive's Report were considered and seeking the best solutions to the changes/amendments agreed at today's meeting.

That concluded the business of the meeting.