**Minutes of Meeting of Statutory Estimates Meeting held on Monday 14th of December in County Hall at 10.30 a.m.**

**In attendance:** Cllrs. M.H. Cavanagh, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, C. Connery, M. Fitzpatrick, J. Coonan, A. McGuinness, M. Brett, B. Manning, P. Cuddihy, M. Noonan, M. Doran, W. Ireland, P. Crowley, T. Maher, S. Treacy, P. O’ Neill, A. Phelan, M. O’ Brien, E. Aylward, A. M. Irish, C. Long, F. Doherty, T. Breathnach, P. Dunphy.

**Apologies:**  Cllr. Pat Millea

**Also Present:** Joe Crockett County Manager, Philip O’ Neill, John McCormack and John Mulholland, Director of Services, John Dempsey Head of Finance, Declan McDonnell Management Accountant, Michael Delahunty Senior Executive Officer and Adrian Waldron Meetings Administrator.

At the outset of the meeting the County Manager outlined to members changes in figures from that outlined in the budgetary pack submitted before the briefing session. At this juncture it was proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, seconded by Cllr. M. Brett “That the Statutory Budget Meeting of Kilkenny County Council adjourns until 12 noon to allow members discuss the remaining programme groups in committee”.

The meeting reopened at 12 noon at this juncture it was proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and resolved:- “That the meeting of Kilkenny County Council adjourn again to allow members convene within their groups to discuss outstanding issues before the meeting goes into public session”.

Upon resumption of the public session Cllr. Paul Cuddihy outlined to the meeting the amendments which had been suggested following consensus amongst all the party groups.

At this juncture the Cathaoirleach asked the meeting that having considered the budget presented to them on a programme by programme basis if they wished to proceed with the formal proposition of the budget put before them at this meeting. He further asked if any members had any further amendments other than those outlined by Cllr. Cuddihy. No further amendments were made. On behalf of the various other party groupings Cllrs. M. Doran and T. Breathnach confirmed that they were in agreement with the amendments as outlined by Cllr. Cuddihy. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Cuddihy, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran: “That the following amendments be made to the 2010 Draft Budget

**Expenditure**

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| **Service Division** | **Code** | **Description** | **Expenditure Budgeted by Manager** | **Expenditure Adopted by Council** | **Net Change** |
| A0801 | 12422006 | Mort Funding Gap | 256,100 | 290,100 | 34,000 |
| B0406 |  | Local Rd Funding | 1,500,000 | 1,984,000 | 484,000 |
| D0905 |  | Economic Dev | 0 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| E0201 | 51111004 | Newrath Recycling | 127,000 | 202,000 | 75,000 |
| E1101 | 54113008 | Fire B Buildings | 100,000 | 130,000 | 30,000 |
| E1101 | 54113007 | Fire Equip | 200,000 | 270,000 | 70,000 |
| F0204 | 62314001 | Book Purchase | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| F0301 | 63306001 | Amenity Grants | 30,000 | 60,000 | 30,000 |
| H0904 | 89225003 | Members Ed Train | 226,300 | 272,300 | 46,000 |
|  | VAR | Payroll Reductions | 25,829,000 | 24,929,000 | (900,000) |
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**Receipts**

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| **Service Division** | **Code** | **Description** | **Income Budgeted by Manager** | **Income Adopted by Council** | **Net Change** |
|  |  | Local Govt Fund | 19,265,000 | 19,334,000 | 69,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | County Charge | 2,700,000 | 2,750,000 | 50,000 |
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|  |  | Water Services | 3,700,000 | 3,540,000 | (160,000) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Pension Contrib. |  |  | (60,000) |

Proposed by Cllr. P. Cuddihy, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and resolved:-“That the Budget of Kilkenny County Council for the financial year ending 31st December, 2010 as set out in Table B, be adopted as amended”.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Cuddihy, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and resolved: - “That the rates set in Table A, of the Draft Budget of Kilkenny County Council for the year ending 31st December, 2010 be determined in accordance with the said Budget to the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Table A as amended”.

The above resolutions were passed unanimously by all members present. Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh was paired with Cllr. P. Millea.

At this juncture the Cathaoirleach thanked the members for their commitment in reaching a decision on what had been a difficult budget he praised the members for reaching a unanimous agreement which had been achieved following much consultation.

Members contributing thanked the Cathaoirleach for his efforts in facilitating them reaching agreement at this meeting. They also joined with his word of thanks to the Manager, Head of Finance and staff who had prepared the budgets. On behalf of the Council officials the County Manager thanked the chair and the members for their effort and commitment in reaching agreement on this budget.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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