

**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2011 at 3.00p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.**

**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. C. Connery

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

**Also Present:** J. Crockett, J. McCormack, P. O' Neill, J. Dempsey, S. Walton, A.M. Brennan Vet C. McCarthy, and A.M. Walsh.

Chair C. Connery extended best wishes to the new Community Radio which will commence broadcasting at weekends shortly.

She advised members that she is organising a day of celebrations for International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

Cllr. J. Coonan extended best wishes to Claire Mulholland on Ireland's Got Talent. County Manager was also associated with the good wishes.

Votes of Sympathy.

Chair C. Connery extended a vote of sympathy to the families and friends of the 3 young males who died tragically in Kilkenny City in February and also to the Family of Liam Bolger, Newpark, Kilkenny.

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

**(a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2011:-** Proposed by Cllr. P. O' Neill, Seconded by Cllr. M. O' Brien and resolved:- "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2011 copy of which had been circulated be and are hereby approved".

**(b) Minutes of SPC 5 - Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Education Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2010:-** Proposed by Cllr. P. Crowley, Seconded by Cllr. J. Coonan and resolved:- "That the minutes of SPC 5 – Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Education Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 copy of which had been circulated 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**

Deferred to March Meeting.

**(b) Roads – Bóithre**

**Part 8 Planning Report – R703 Kiljames Bridge Improvement Scheme.**

Mr. S. Walton stated to members the improvement works proposed for Kiljames Bridge and that funding was available for these works. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. P. O' Neill and agreed: - "That in accordance with Article 179 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001, approval is hereby granted for Kilkenny County Council to proceed to tender for the construction phase of Kiljames Bridge Improvement Scheme".

Cllrs. M. Shortall, J. Coonan, M. O' Brien raised queries in relation to other bridges throughout the county that required repairs or improvement. Mr. S. Walton responded to the queries raised.

**Road Grants Allocations for 2011**

Mr. Walton stated that a report had been circulated outlining a summary of the allocations notified to Kilkenny County Council. Each local electoral area will meet over the next few weeks to discuss the details of works proposed for each area. The full details of the Road Works Programme will be brought back to the March Monthly Meeting for approval.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. T. Maher, P. O' Neill, A. Phelan, J. Coonan, F. Doherty, S. Treacy, M. Shortall, B. Manning, T. Breathnach, C. Connery, P. Dunphy, A.M. Irish in relation to the detail of the road allocations, traffic management, signage, bridges, use of minor roads and weight restrictions, public lighting. A number of questions were asked in relation to discretionary spending similar to that in 2010.

Mr. Walton responded to all queries raised and confirmed for members that the allocation of road grants is at the level received in 2001. He outlined to members that an inspection would be carried out in 2011 on all bridges in the county and a report would be prepared on structural repairs required.

Road grants have been allocated in accordance with the 3 year programme prepared. There is no discretion with the grants allocated. There is ongoing discussion with the PPP company in relation to the maintenance issues affecting the motorway.

(c) **Environment**

**Presentation by Anne Marie Brennan – County Veterinary Officer.**

Ann Marie Brennan gave a powerpoint presentation on the veterinary service delivered by Kilkenny County Council. She outlined details of the Food Safety Service Contract between Kilkenny County Council and Food Safety Authority Ireland. Her duties involve inspections, sampling, audit, participation in interagency working both regionally and nationally. She is a member of the South East Regional Zoonose committee.

Cllr. C. Connery thanked A.M. Brennan for a most informative presentation to the members on the work involved in veterinary services throughout the County.

(d) **Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**

**Annual Report of the Kilkenny County Council Audit Committee for 2010**

The annual report of the Kilkenny County Council Audit committee for 2010 had been circulated. The report has been duly noted by the members.

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:**

Schedule of meetings for February – April – Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.

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

(a) Proposed by Cllr. A. Phelan, Seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick and resolved:-  
“That the Report on SPC 5 Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 copy of which had been circulated be and are 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**

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

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

None

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

It has been agreed to close the monthly meeting at 4.00p.m, therefore all notice of motions were deferred to the March Meeting.

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

Deferred

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

Deferred

*The meeting concluded at 4.00p.m.*

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_