

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday
19th September, 2011.**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. P. Cuddihy

Councillors: Cllrs. M.H. Cavanagh, P. Millea, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, J. Coonan, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Brett, M. Noonan, A. McGuinness, B. Manning, M. Doran, W. Ireland, T. Maher, P. Crowley, T. Prendergast, S. Treacy, C. Long, T. Breathnach, P. Dunphy, A.M. Irish, E. Aylward, F. Doherty, M. O'Brien, J. Galway, Cllr. C. Connery

In attendance: J. Crockett, J. McCormack, J. Mulholland, P. O'Neill, J. Dempsey, M. Arthurs, D. Malone, C. Reilly, M. Murphy, B. Mernagh and A.M Walsh

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a)** Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 18th of July 2011. Proposed by Cllr. M.H Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and resolved:- "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 18th of July, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (b)** Minutes of Internal Audit Committee Meeting held on the 13th June, 2011 Proposed by Cllr. E. Aylward, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and resolved:- "That the minutes of the Internal Audit Committee Meeting held on the 13th June, 2011 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (c)** Minutes of Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on the 6th July, 2011, Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and resolved: - "That the minutes of the Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on the 6th July, 2011, as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (d)** Minutes of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 14th July, 2011 Proposed by Cllr. J. Galway, Seconded by Cllr. Ml. O'Brien and resolved: - "That the minutes of the Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 14th July, 2011, as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (e)** Minutes of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 22nd July, 2011 Proposed by Cllr. C. Long, Seconded by F. Doherty and resolved:- "That the minutes of the Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 22nd July, 2011, as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."

- (f) Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (2) - (Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services & Other) Meeting held on Friday 9th September, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and resolved:- "That the minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee (2) - (Infrastructure, Transportation, Water Services & Other) Meeting held on Friday 9th September, 2011, as circulated with the agenda are hereby approved."
- (g) Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (3) - (Environmental Policy including Fire Services and Emergency Planning) Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th September, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan and resolved: - "That the minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee (3) - (Environmental Policy including Fire Services and Emergency Planning) Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th September, 2011, as circulated with the agenda are hereby approved."

Cllr. P. Cuddihy proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. J. Coonan on the death of his mother, Maura Coonan. Seconded by Cllr. P. Millea. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes as a mark of respect.

Votes of Sympathy were also sent to the following:-

- John & Martin Dowling, Housing and Water Services on the death of their mother, Peggy Dowling.
- Michael Shortall (Water Services) and Cllr. M. Shortall on the death of Fran Shortall.
- Tom King, Housing on the death of this sister.
- Johnny Dalton (Pensioner) on the death of his sister Nancy.
- Kathleen Carroll (Pensioner) on the death of her mother, Teresa Carroll.
- The McCarthy Family, Ballinlough, Carrigeen, Via Waterford on the death of Eileen McCarthy.
- The Carroll Family, Main St, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Pat Carroll.
- Ger Brennan, Kildalton, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Concepta Brennan.
- The Walsh Family, Gaulsmills, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Davy Walsh.
- The Deady Family, Ballinlough, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Mikey Deady.
- Mary Dalton & Family, Old Luffany, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Eileen Holden.
- The Power Family, Rossinan, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Joe Power.
- Mary Dalton and Kathleen O'Brien, Ballygeary, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Eileen Holden.
- Billy Kelly, Inchacarron, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Babs Kelly.
- Pat Conway, Ballinakill, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Josie Conway.
- Michael Kirwan, Ballinamona, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Michéal Kirwan.

- Michael Kennedy, Laurel Hill, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Kathleen Kennedy.
- Thomas Kennedy, Skehana, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Alice Kennedy.
- Mary Reddy, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny on the death of J.J Reddy.
- Mark Mooney and Family, Ballyhomack, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of wife Caroline Mooney.
- The McDonald Family (Joan, Margaret and Mary) c/o Kathleen Hanrahan, Glenmore Post office, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of their mother Edie McDonald.
- Gerry Fogarty and family, Mullinahone, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Kathleen Fogarty.
- Bridie Murphy & Family, Jamestown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of husband Mick Murphy.
- Mrs. Bridie Aylward, Ballyfacey, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of sister Kathleen Kennedy.
- Kitty Reddy, Gaulstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of husband Jimmy Reddy.
- Niamh Barry, Ballyfacey, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her father.

At this stage the meeting adjourned for 15 minutes.

Meeting resumed at 3.30pm.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy congratulated the following:

- Kilkenny Senior All Ireland Hurling Team
- Tidy Towns – Kilkenny City won best large urban centre
- All Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students on their results
- Bridie Murphy Woollen Mills, High St, on the 100th Birthday
- Arts Festival – ticket sales up by 5%
- Cllr. W. Ireland on his recent parachute jump to raise funds for charity and wished Cllr. McGuinness and J. Malone a successful parachute jump.
- The community in Inistioge and the GAA for development of an outstanding community facility
- Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick on her election as Leas Cathaoirleach of the South East Regional Authority
- Cllr. T. Breathnach on his election as Cathaoirleach of the Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly

Cllr. P. Cuddihy extended an invitation to all members to attend an awards ceremony on the 21st September, 2001 for fringe events during Arts Week.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy sent best wishes to the following staff that have recently retired and thanked them for their service and contribution to the local authority.

- Mary Fennelly, Finance Department
- Frank Somers, Fire-fighter

- Kay Coady, Library Service

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

Proposed by Cllr T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of lands, as indicated on the attached map, at Ballytarsna, Cashel, Co. Tipperary to Ms. Una Corcoran, Aughnagamaun, Horse and Jockey, Co. Tipperary, for a sum of €190,000”, with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. This notice supercedes Section 183 Notice issued to members on 1st June, 2011 and Resolution passed on 20th June, 2011, disposing of said lands to Mrs. Josie Corcoran. Mrs Corcoran has now requested that the property be sold to her daughter Una Corcoran of the same address.”

(b) Housing Disposal - Díuscairt Tithíocht

Proposed by Cllr S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Folio No. 11125F, County Kilkenny property at St. Enda’s Terrace, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny to Mr. James Brennan in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.”

Proposed by Cllr. J. Coonan, Seconded by Cllr. B. Manning and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in property at Site No. 6, Loughboy Park, Kilkenny to Ms. Breda Moore (otherwise Ms. Breda Brennan) in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.”

(c) Community and Enterprise - Fiontar agus Pobail

John McCormack advised members that it is proposed that the Dublin Declaration (Declaration of Age Friendly Cities and Communities) be signed by Kilkenny County Council. The resolution as proposed would facilitate the Chairman signing on behalf of the members of the Council. The Declaration would be signed as part of the WHO International Conference in Dublin on the 28th September, 2011.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Coonan, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed that “Kilkenny County Council and on behalf of the members of Kilkenny County Council certify that we in Kilkenny wish to formally endorse the “Dublin Declaration”.

Cllr. M. Noonan called on the Government to ratify the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in Ireland.

(d) Roads - Boithre

(i) National Salt Allocations and Winter Maintenance Allocation

Mr. John Mulholland advised members that an additional allocation of €40,000 has been received for winter maintenance from the Dept. of Transport. 2,750 tonnes of salt is allocated to Kilkenny for national roads and 670 tonnes for Regional and Local Roads. Kilkenny County Council will have access to approximately 4,000 tonnes of salt for the upcoming winter period.

(ii)& River Duiske Dredging Allocation and Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment

Mr. John Mulholland advised members that a grant allocation of €36,000 has been received from the Office of Public Works for removal of silt and debris from the Duiske Stream at Graiguenamanagh. The work will be carried out in 2012. The Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment is currently on public display. Details are outlined in the report circulated to members with the agenda. Kilkenny County Council will be submitting a formal response to the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment. Cllr. Prendergast welcomed the allocation; however it is not sufficient to solve the problems in the Duiske River. He requested information/proposals for the River Barrow.

Contributions were also received from Cllr. S. Treacy, Cllr. M. O'Brien, Cllr. P. Millea, Cllr. P. Cuddihy in relation to requesting additional funds, status of application for funds for River Barrow and delays in getting the works done.

Mr. John Mulholland advised that an application for funding for the River Barrow has been made and the Council are awaiting a decision. The Council staff liaise continuously with O.P.W to source funding for works in all locations. Works will be carried out at the appropriate time of year following a tender process.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Brien and Seconded by Cllr. T.

Prendergast and agreed "That Kilkenny County Council write to Office of Public Works for an allocation for the Barrow Flood Relief Scheme."

(iv) Tower Road Junction on the N24

Mr. John Mulholland outlined the proposals for an over bridge over the N24 and associated works on the N24. Details are provided in the report circulated to members and approval of the members is required to proceed with the advertisement of this proposal in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Acts.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Brett and agreed that "Kilkenny County Council, hereby approves to proceed with public consultation in respect of the proposed Tower Road and Ink Bottle Junction Improvement Scheme on the N24 National Secondary Road in accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the

Planning & Development Regulations, 2000-2010 and the Planning & Development Acts, 2000-2010.”

- (v) Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. C. Connery and agreed That “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the proposal to publish Notice of Intention to extinguish the public right-of-way at County Road no: Local Access Road adjacent to LP3434 in the townland of Rockshire Road, Mountsion, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny.”
- (vi) Proposed by Cllr. B. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. T. Maher and Agreed that “Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the proposal to publish notice of intention to Extinguish Public Right-of-Way under Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993 at County Road No: LT.26301 at Rathaleek, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny.”
- (vii) Proposed by Cllr. M.Shortall, Seconded by Cllr, J. Brennan and agreed that “Kilkenny County Council take the estate in charge and roads to be declared public roads and entered into the Roads Schedule of Kilkenny County Council at 3 houses at Donaguile Court, Donaguile, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.”
- (viii) Proposed by Cllr. T. Prendergast, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed that “Kilkenny County Council to initiate proceedings for the formal Taking-in-Charge of Cottage Gardens, Graiguenamanagh, Co.Kilkenny.”

(e) Finance – Airgeadais

(i) Economic Update

Mr. Crockett, County Manager circulated an updated written report on the Economic Development Policy. He outlined to the members the current status on projects on specific initiatives that have been undertaken in the five sectors.

Contributions were received from Cllr. M. Shortall, Cllr. M. O’Brien, Cllr. M. Noonan, Cllr. P. Crowley, Cllr. P. Cuddihy, Cllr. J. Brennan, Cllr. P. Dunphy, Cllr. T. Breathnach, and Cllr. T. Maher. Members complimented the Manager and staff on the initiatives being taken and urge that the staff continue to highlight the issues raised. Issues raised related to the need to re-activate the Economic Sub-group under the County Development Board, the need for companies to link with the Kilkenny Invest website, development of Technological University in the South East, the promotion of Belview as a strategic area for job creation, expansion of the milk supply when the quotas will be lifted in the next few years.

Mr. Crockett responded to all queries raised by members and thanked the members for the priority given to economic development and the need to continue to develop the different sectors despite the economic downturn. There has been support given by the major players and small to medium enterprises into the various sectors such as agri-food, education, etc. to the various initiatives outlined.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy thanked the County Manager for all his work and the staff for their efforts in promoting Kilkenny for future investment. He also congratulated Waterford City Council for their contribution to the success of the Tall Ships Festival.

(f) Planning - Pleanail

(i) Manager's Report on Submissions to the Material Alteration to Proposed Variation 2 to the County Development Plan.

Mr. Denis Malone outlined to the members details of the Proposed Variation 2 to the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2008-2014. The Manager's report on submissions to the Material Alteration dated 12th September, 2011 has been circulated to all the members. The material alteration went on public display in August 2011. Submissions were received following the public display and the report as circulated details these submissions, the response and the Manager's recommendation.

Cllr. T. Breathnach proposed an amendment to submission PMA7 – Manager's recommendation. Part 3 – as following:
"Amend the Action in Section 5.8.5.2 as follows: - "To seek to undertake an integrated retail study". Cllr. A.M. Irish seconded the amendment. Contributions were received from Cllr. C. Long, Cllr. M. Noonan, Cllr. F. Doherty, Cllr. P. Dunphy, Cllr. E. Aylward in relation to the variation. Members stated that the shopping centre as developed in Ferrybank needs to be opened, the joint retail strategy is long awaited and there needs to be progress made between the local authorities. Ferrybank Shopping Centre will complement and supplement existing business in the greater city area as Ardkeen and Lisduggan has done. Cllr. M. Noonan expressed concerns at the development of this scale in Ferrybank as it will be detrimental to other businesses, it may create jobs in Ferrybank but there will be job losses in other areas of the city.

Mr. Denis Malone responded to the issues raised by the members and stated that the reasons for the change is to align the Ferrybank Local Area Plan with the County Development Plan, it is important to have consistency in both plans. The Ferrybank Area does need a centre similar to that available in Lisduggan.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Brien, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed that "Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make Variation 2 to the Kilkenny County Development Plan 2008-2014

under Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010, having considered the County Manager's Report as circulated on the 12th July 2011 prepared in accordance with Section 13 (4) of the above Acts on the written submissions to the Proposed Variation, and having considered that the Proposed Variation should be altered in accordance with our decision made at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on 18th July, 2011, having published the proposed modifications on the 10th of August, 2011, having considered the County Manager's Report of the 12th September 2011 on the submissions to the proposed modifications at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 19th September 2011, do hereby consider that the Kilkenny County Development Plan should be varied in accordance with the procedures under Section 13(6) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended and with our decision made at a meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 19th September 2011". (The Variation being the proposal published as the "Proposed Variation" as modified by resolution of the Council 18th July 2011 (and modified by any resolution dated 19th September 2011).

(g) Water Services – Seirbhísí Uisce

(i) Water Conservation Project Update

Mr. Michael Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer made a presentation to the members on the Water Conservation Project. He advised members that water production in County Kilkenny has been reduced by 18% since January 2009 due to the Water Conservation Project. Funding is in place to continue with the Active Leakage Control Project, and replacement of 10.1km of old watermains with persistent high leakage. A total of €7m has been allocated to County Kilkenny since the Water Conservation Project commenced in March 2007.

Contributions were received from Cllr. M. O'Brien, Cllr. M. Brett, Cllr. S. Treacy, Cllr. J. Brennan, Cllr. J. Coonan, Cllr. T. Breathnach. Members raised issues in relation to water supply and quality of supply in a number of locations – Inistioge, Castlecomer, Clogh, metering of supply and rainwater conservation.

Mr. Michael Murphy responded to all queries raised and stated that there will always be a percentage of unaccounted water. The Council can only repair public mains. Private mains are the responsibility of the houseowner/property owner.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy thanked the water services quality team for achieving 100% compliance in Water Quality Micro-biological results in 2010 for all public water schemes.

Cllr. P. Cuddihy also congratulated the E.P.A Regional Laboratory in Kilkenny in achieving I.S.O accreditation within the last few weeks.

(ii) Part VIII - Report and Recommendation for Coon Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed that “In accordance with Article 179 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts 2000 - 2010 as amended and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2010, as amended, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves the Part 8 recommendation subject to the conditions set out in the recommendation and gives notice of its intention to construct a new Waste Water Treatment Plant at Coan West, Coan, Co Kilkenny.”

Cllr. J. Brennan thanked the staff for progressing the project to Part 8 and requesting clarification on funding for the works. Cllr. M. Shortall stated that proposals for improvements in Freshford and Castlecomer need to be progressed and questioned whether they could be funded through small schemes allocation.

Mr. P. O’Neill responded that application for funding for Coan Wastewater Treatment Plant has been made and work is ongoing in preparing proposals for other schemes in the County.

(h) Joint Waste Management Plan

Mr. P. O’Neill advised members that Section 85 Agreement is required between Kilkenny County Council and the lead authority, South Tipperary to develop and implement the Joint Waste Management Plan for the South East Region. An evaluation of the Plan will be completed by 31st December, 2012.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. M. Noonan and agreed that “That South Tipperary County Council shall enter into an agreement [in the form annexed hereto] with Waterford County Council, Carlow County Council, Waterford City Council, Kilkenny County Council and Wexford County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001, for the purposes of exercising the powers, functions and duties of those Councils in connection with the evaluation, and, if appropriate, the revision or replacement of the Joint Waste Management Plan made by Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary and Wexford County Councils and Waterford City Council on 01 June 2006 and by Waterford County Council on 02 June 2006 (hereinafter called the “Waste Management Plan”) and also for the purpose of implementing the Waste Management Plan following upon such evaluation, revision or replacement (as the case may be) and for that purpose to exercise all of the powers, functions and duties of the said Councils under the following Acts, and any Regulations made thereunder:

1. The Waste Management Act 1996

2. The Waste Management (Amendment) Act 2001
3. The Local Government Act 2001
4. The State Authorities (Public Private Partnership Arrangements) Act 2002
5. The Housing Act 1966
6. The Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006
7. The Protection of the Environment Act 2003

whether within the administrative area of Waterford County Council, or the administrative areas of any of the other aforementioned Councils. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, South Tipperary County Council may do all or any of the following on behalf of the aforementioned Councils for the purposes of the evaluation, revision or replacement (as the case may be) and implementation of the Waste Management Plan including but not limited to:

- (a) The publication of all notices required to be published in connection with the evaluation, revision or replacement (as the case may be) and implementation of the said Plan
- (b) The receipt, evaluation, revision or replacement (as the case may be) and consideration of all representations made in connection with the same
- (c) The formulation and publication of any proposed amendments, revisions (or replacements) to the said Plan
- (d) All other matters and things necessary and incidental to the evaluation, revision or replacement (as the case may be) and implementation of the said Plan (but excluding the making of any new or amended Plan arising out of the aforementioned review)
- (e) The compliance with all statutory procedures necessary for the evaluation, revision and replacement (as the case may be) and implementation of the Plan
- (f) The undertaking of all surveys or studies required to be undertaken in connection with the same
- (g) The appointment of all consultants necessary for the evaluation, revision or replacement (as the case may be) and implementation of the Plan
- (h) The appointment of all contractors necessary for the implementation of the Plan

- (i) The entry into all necessary contracts for the collection, recovery, re-use, transfer, sale or disposal of waste within the administrative area of all of the said Councils
- (j) The entry into such Public Private Partnership arrangements as are appropriate, desirable or necessary for the implementation of the Plan
- (k) The engagement in such promotions, communications and public consultations as are necessary or desirable
- (l) The entry into all such contracts as may be required for the provision of all services and facilities necessary to implement the Plan
- (m) The carrying out of all technical, financial, legal and other assessments as required
- (n) The carrying out or the arrangement to carry out all administrative acts required in connection with the evaluation, revision or replacement (as the case may be) and implementation of the Plan
- (o) The entry into all appropriate arrangements with Government Departments, the National Development Finance Agency or other State Authorities as necessary in connection with the implementation of the Plan
- (p) The undertaking of all procedures required by law to be undertaken in connection with the procurement of any goods and services required in connection with any of the foregoing
- (q) All other matters and things necessary and incidental to the implementation of the Plan

and for all of the aforesaid purposes reference to the Plan shall be deemed to include any Waste Management Plan made by all of the aforementioned Local Authorities (including this Council) in replacement or variation of the Plan”.

Presentation by Irish Sports Council

At this stage, Cllr. P. Cuddihy welcomed Mr. John Treacy, Irish Sports Council and Nicola Keeshan, Kilkenny Sports Partnership to the meeting.

Ms. Keeshan made a presentation to the members on the works of the Kilkenny Sports Partnership and the projects undertaken by them to date. A copy of the presentation was circulated to members.

Contributions were received from Cllr M. Fitzpatrick, Cllr. C. Long, Cllr. P. Crowley, Cllr C. Connery, Cllr M. Noonan, Cllr. M. Shortall, Cllr M. Brett. Members complimented Nicola Keeshan and staff of Kilkenny Sports Partnership for their valuable work in the communities across the City and County.

Queries were raised by members in relation to programme of activities for certain age groups, funding for the programme, the need to emphasise the value of the projects for the benefit of people's health, marketing of the various sports activities and availability of information.

John Treacy thanked the members for their kind words. He stated that funding is always an issue and thanked Kilkenny County Council for their contribution towards Kilkenny Sports Partnership. There are huge benefits for the people and urged active participation by all. Nicola Keeshan responded to members individual questions. Cllr. P. Cuddihy thanked them for their presentations and wishes them well for the future.

3. Urgent Correspondance – Comhfhreagas Práinneach

Copies of replies received by Kilkenny County Council have been circulated for members attention.

4. Business adjourned from a previous Meeting - Gnó ar athló ó chruinniú roimhe seo:

No issue.

5. Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:

Schedule of meetings for September – November 2011:- Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. C. Long and agreed.

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

(a) Chairman's Report and Recommendation following meeting of Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on the 6th July, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. B. Ireland, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cuddihy and agreed.

Cllr. T. Maher requested clarification on funding available for the bridge in Kells and update on report on ramps for various locations throughout the county. Mr. John Mulholland advised members that there are adequate funds available for the bridge in Kells and that report on ramps will be available at the end of this year.

(b) Chairperson's Report and Recommendation following meeting of the Thomastown Electoral Area Committee held on the 14th July, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. S. Treacy, Seconded by Cllr. T. Prendergast and agreed.

(c) Chairperson's Report and Recommendation following meeting of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 22nd July, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.

(d) Chairperson's Report and Recommendation following meeting held of S.P.C (2) on the 9th September, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

(e) Chairperson's Report and Recommendation following meeting of S.P.C (3) held on the 13th September, 2011. Proposed by Cllr. T. Maher, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and agreed.

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.

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
Pat Millea	1 st April, 2011	Nuclear Free Local Authorities Seminar
M.H Cavanagh	27 th -29 th May, 2011	Exploring Local Govt. Reform – Lessons to be learned from the Private Sector
Michael O'Brien	17 th June, 2011	Sean McDiarmada Summer School
Tom Maher	24 th – 26 th June, 2011	Performance Management for Councillors
M.H Cavanagh & Sean Treacy	8 th – 10 th July, 2011	Time Management Media & IT Skills
Maurice Shortall	15 th – 17 th July, 2011	Trevor/Bowen Summer School
Jane Galway	15 th – 17 th July, 2011	Gaeilge for Comhairleoiri
M.H Cavanagh	22 nd – 23 rd July, 2011	The Cllr and Local Govt. Environmental Service
Sean Treacy Pat Millea M.H Cavanagh	25 th – 27 th July, 2011	Briefing for members – Current issues in Education
John Coonan	29 th July, 2011	McGill Summer School – Transforming Ireland 2011-2016
Pat Millea Cora Long Matt Doran Andrew McGuinness	29 th – 31 st July, 2011	Health & Safety, Risk Assessment and Insurance
Tomas Breathnach	12 th – 13 th August, 2011	Practical Planning Law for Cllrs
John Coonan	12 th – 14 th August, 2011	Legislation for reform of Local Govt.
M.H Cavanagh	14 th – 19 th August, 2011	Parnell Summer School – Equality

		then and now
Jane Galway	19 th – 21 st August, 2011	Local Govt. promoting renewable energy – Advantages of Solar Power

Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed.

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

None.

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

Cllr. T. Prendergast thanked officers in James Stephens Barracks for the invitation to their open day, and for the support given to families of staff serving overseas. He called on the Minister to give reassurance that the Barracks would remain open in Kilkenny. This was Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall. Cllr P. Cuddihy advised that he and Mayor of Kilkenny City have requested a meeting with Minister Alan Shatter to discuss this.

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

5(11) and 6(11) - Deferred to next meeting.

7 (11) – Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. P. Cuddihy and agreed “That Kilkenny County Council calls on the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to appoint representatives to represent Kilkenny City & County in order to further economic and industrial development for the region.”

Cllr. J. Brennan requested County Manager to seek clarification from I.D.A and Enterprise Ireland on their proposals to assign staff to work with Kilkenny for job creation. The County Manager advised that he will liaise with each organisation and come back with a definitive answer.

It was proposed by Cllr. T Maher, Seconded by Cllr. B. Ireland and agreed to extend standing order in order to deal with all notice of motions listed on the agenda.

11(11) It was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed “That the group sewerage scheme grant currently at €2,031.58 per house be increased in line with group water scheme grants which is €6,475.66.”

Cllr. J. Brennan requested that a letter be sent to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government asking that the grant be increased to enable rural people to form group schemes to improve wastewater facilities and endeavour to eliminate problems with septic tanks. Cllr. P. Dunphy supported this motion and stated that Ireland will be subject to fines from the E.U if we do not solve the problems with septic tanks.

12(11) It was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. S. Treacy and agreed “That a once off grant be made available to houses in rural areas to upgrade on site waste water treatment systems for low income families.”

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:

19(11) Cobh Town Council

“That Cobh Town Council call on the Irish Minister for Justice and the British Home Secretary to issue a posthumous pardon to all those adults and children who were incarcerated as convicts on Spike Island and elsewhere having being convicted of crimes in relation to stealing food, in particular during the Great Famine. And further that all local and County Council’s be encouraged to make similar calls.” **Noted**

20(11) Limerick County Council

“That Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for Health to safeguard the welfare of the elderly and infirm in our society and guarantee their subsidy for nursing home care.” **Noted**

21(11) Kerry County Council

“That this council supports the Justice for Magdalenes (JFM), survivor advocacy group’s calling on the Irish state, to offer a formal state apology to all survivors of the Magdalene Laundries and that the Government immediately establish a statutory inquiry into these abuses. To do otherwise is to cause additional pain and suffering to the women and thereby bring further shame on our nation. The women and their children deserve justice now.” **Noted**

Signed: _____
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Date: _____