

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 19th October, 2015 at 3.00pm

- Chair:** Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh
- Cllrs:** M. Shortall, J. Brennan, P. Millea, P. Fitzpatrick, M. McCarthy, M. Doyle, M. Doran, M. Noonan, K. Funchion, J. Malone, A. McGuinness, E. Aylward, T. Breathnach, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, P. McKee, D.Fitzgerald, M. O' Neill, G. Frisby, P. Cleere, B. Gardner, P. O' Neill, D. Kennedy.
- Officials:** C. Byrne, M. Melia, M. Mulholland, S. Walton, M. Prendiville, K. Hanley, M. Delahunty and A.M Walsh.

In advance of the Council Meeting the following presentations were made to the elected members.

- (a)** 2.00p.m. Mr. Michael Quinn, Director of Services, Waterford County Council gave a presentation on the Three Sisters 2020- European Capital of Culture, details were provided on public engagement, process the Bid Book and key issues for the bid. The submission date was the 16th October, 2015, interview with selection panel in mid November and the short listing decision is expected before the end of November. If the Three Sisters bid is short listed the deadline for the final bid is July, 2016.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. P. Dunphy, F. Doherty and T. Breathnach in relation to regional approach, level of public engagement from community groups and study of benefits from a successful bid. Mr. Quinn responded to the queries raised.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh thanked Mr. Quinn for the presentation and wished them well with their bid and future interview.

- (b)** 2.30p.m. Professor Willie Donnelly, President of Waterford Institute of Technology gave a presentation on Research and Innovation at WIT. He gave an overview of the establishment of TSSG (Telecommunications Software and Systems Group) in Kilkenny and its relationship with several international partners. He outlined the economic impact of TSSG in Kilkenny and Waterford, the opportunity being developed for Smart Agri. He advised members that "Arclabs 2" is the next phase for regional development and Kilkenny will be national centre for Smart Agriculture and Precision Agriculture. Expansion of TSSG in Kilkenny will be targeted for the Diageo Site and discussions will take place with the Executive.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh thanked Prof Willie Donnelly for this informative presentation on the work of TSSG and look forward to future development and expansion of TSSG in Kilkenny.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 21st September, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed:- “That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 21st September, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved”.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 25th September, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness , Seconded by Cllr. D. Fitzgerald and agreed:- “That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on 25th September, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved”.
- (c) Minutes of SPC 2 – Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services Meeting held on 11th September, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed:- That the minutes of SPC 2- Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services Meeting held on 11th September, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved”.
- (d) Minutes of SPC 5 – Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy Meeting held on Thursday 17th September, 2015.** Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed:- “That the minutes of SPC 5 – Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy Meeting held on 17th September, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved”.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh congratulated and wished the following every success:-

- Best wishes to Savour Kilkenny Festival
- All involved in the Tidy Towns who were medal winners
- To 2 new Cookery Schools, Edward Hayden and Slice of Heaven, Friary Street, Kilkenny.
- Wished every success to Kells Mills – “Little Mill” products
- Kilkenny Community in Bloom – awarded 5 Blooms and Bronze on an International scale.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- To the Doyle Family, Carrickmourne, on the death of former Councillor Dixie Doyle.
- To the family of Garda Tony Golden, Blackrock, Co. Louth who was killed in the line of duty.
- To the Connors, Gilbert and Lynch's extended families on the tragic death of 10 members of their families in the terrible fire at Carrickmines.
- To Mary Kinane, Motor Tax on the death of her mother Ellen Kinane.
- To Colette Byrne on the death of her brother in law John Lynott.
- To Dick Dowling and family on the death of his brother John.
- To Michael O' Brien and family on the death of his brother William.
- To the Murphy Family, Ballyfoyle on the death of their son Pdraig Murphy.
- Cathy McGuire, Old Road, Graiguenamanagh on the death of Judy McGuire.
- Eileen Connery, Durrow Road, Ballyragget on the death of Lar Archer
- The Murphy Family, Mylerstown, Hugginstown on the death of Larry Murphy
- The Delahunty Family, Barnacole, Mooncoin, on the death of Katie Delahunty
- John Corcoran & Family, Kildalton Close, Piltown on the death of Helen Corcoran.
- Peter Walsh, Clashroe, Mooncoin on the death of Alicia Walsh
- The Phelan Family, Mooncoin, on the death of Liam Power
- The Howley Family, Carrigeen, Via Waterford on the death of Johnny Howley
- Cliff Dean & family, Filbuckstown, Mooncoin on the death of Breda Deane
- Dolores Aylward and Family, Mooncoin on the death of Nora Aylward.
- The Heffernan Family, Kearney Bay, Glenmore, on the death of Mary Heffernan.
- The Laffan Family, Greenville, Kilmacow on the death of Kathleen Laffan.
- Martin O' Mahony, Ballycrouney, Glenmore on the death of Tony O' Mahony.

Tributes were paid to Dixie Doyle, Former Councillor by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh, P. Fitzpatrick, M. Noonan, P. McKee, B. Gardner, D. Kennedy and P. O' Neill.

It was proposed by Cllr. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick: - "That the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes as a mark of respect to Dixie Doyle". This was agreed by all members.

Meeting adjourned at 3.15p.m.

Meeting resumed at 3.30p.m.

Cllr. B. Gardner withdrew her statement made at meeting held on 25th September, 2015. "That if Kilkenny County Council had done its work correctly we would not be in this situation".

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh accepted her withdrawal.

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 & Other Disposal - Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile

- (i)** Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Grangehill, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with Section 183(1) of the Local Government Act 2001 and that the consent of the Minister for Environment is not necessary”.
- (ii)** Proposed by Cllr. P. McKee, Seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness and agreed:- “Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this Notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council to dispose of its interest in property at 12 Pearse Street, Kilkenny to Sharon O’Farrell, Pat Woods and Stephanie McGee in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.”

(b) Planning – Pleanail

Taking of Charge of the following estates:-

- (i)** Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy and agreed:- “We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following development in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010 – 13 House Development at Hillview Estate, Cloghabrody, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny – TC75
- (ii)** Proposed by Cllr. M. O’ Neill, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed: - “We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following development in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010 – Roundabout and Approach Roads at Waterford Road, Kilkenny– TC144”.
- (iii)** Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle and agreed:- “We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following development in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010 – Priory Grove, Kells, Co. Kilkenny– TC144”.

(c) Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

(i) Chief Executives Report

Ms. Byrne presented her report to members and advised that it will be taken as read. If members have any queries or wish to have any item included in future reports please email her or the Directors of Services. Cllr. Doherty complimented the Chief Executive on the format of her report.

(ii) Abbey Quarter/Linear Park Commencement of Part 8 Consultation.

Mr. Walton referred to report circulated to members on the proposed Linear Park Project through the former Smithwicks Brewery Site, from Bateman Quay to Green's Bridge. The report proposed the commencement of a Part 8 consultation process with an advertisement to be published in the Kilkenny People in the coming weeks. Mr. Walton confirmed that a public information meeting will be held in the early part of the consultation process in order to advise interested parties as to the details of the proposed development.

The Kilkenny City and County Development Plan and Abbey Quarter Masterplan both include an objective for a Linear Park along the River Nore. The area around Evans Turret, City Walls and St. Francis Well is excluded as a detailed archaeological excavation is required to confirm design proposals for the Linear Park in this area.

Mr. Walton also noted that the Part 8 advertisement to commence the consultation on the proposed Brewhouse Refurbishment will be published on 23rd October, 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, Seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner and agreed:- "That Part 8 Public Consultation commence and a Public Information Event be held for the proposed development of Linear Park on the Western bank of the River Nore".

(d) Finance - Airgeadais

- (i)** Proposed by Cllr. E. Aylward, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves overdraft borrowings to a maximum amount of €10,000,000 for the full year ending 31st December, 2016".

(e) Roads - Bóithre

(i) Winter Maintenance Plan 2015/2016.

Mr. S. Walton presented his report as circulated to Members with the Agenda. He advised that there is a budget provision of €400,000 for winter maintenance. The total length of road network to be treated is 425km (Priority 1 + 2). Target is to keep these roads frost/ice free 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. The service is provided by 4 vehicles and the service is at full capacity to provide treatment to the 425km.

Priority 3 Routes will be considered by each Municipal District Committee. These routes receive periodic treatment over the course of the winter season during particularly severe weather events. The budget for the treatment of such routes must be considered by the Members in the context of the Discretionary Grant which also funds other services such as footpaths, road safety measures, drainage works, public lighting etc.

Details of the winter maintenance plan will be available on the Council's website.

Mr. Walton advised that there is also a primary responsibility on individual road users to ensure that they drive in accordance with prevailing conditions. No assumptions should be made that all parts of the road networks are ice-free.

Contributions were received from Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh, P. Cleere, P. Fitzpatrick, J. Brennan, M. Shortall, P. O' Neill, P. McKee, A. McGuinness, T. Breathnach, M. Noonan, P. Dunphy, D. Fitzgerald, G. Frisby, D. Kennedy. The issues raised by members related to the following:-

- Prioritisation of routes – clarify methodology.
- Protocol for secondary/local roads, any additional capacity.
- Concerns for rural schools, churches etc.
- Deteriorating surface at Johns Bridge
- Agreement with IFA, provision of salt bunkers, stock piles for rural areas.

- Engagement with army, local communities
- Clearing of drains/gullies
- 3 radial routes from the city
- Legal position on pedestrian crossings in the city.

Mr. Walton responded to the queries raised by members – he advised that the total road network is 3,500km and it is not possible to treat all routes.

Routes are prioritised on their strategic importance, volumes of traffic and the logistics associated with designing routes such that interconnectivity across and through County Kilkenny is possible during icy periods.

Additional sections of the network have been added to the service this year as set out in the Report. Members have discretion on funds provided under the Discretionary Maintenance Grants to allocate additional funds for the winter maintenance plan for local roads in their area. Schools/churches etc can be agreed at Municipal District level.

The timing of the service depends on the weather conditions and will vary from day to day. The 4 vehicles are at maximum capacity.

In the event of particularly severe weather there is a Severe Weather Plan which provides for more vehicles being made available, liaising with IFA, local schools and other emergency service providers.

Mr. Walton advised that the surface on John's Bridge will be taken up and replaced. He advised that the existing surface was provided by way of a trial, to support a local supplier. However the surface has failed and needs to be replaced.

He also advised that Kilkenny County Council has purchased a drainage maintenance vehicle and this will be used over the next few months to clear drains and gullies.

In relation to the pedestrian crossings, duty of care is required by pedestrians and motorists.

Cllr. Cleere requested that a strategy on winter maintenance be developed at SPC for primary schools.

(ii) Kilkenny Central Access Scheme – Update

Mr. S. Walton presented his report dated 13th October, 2015 on the Kilkenny Central Access Scheme. He outlined to Members details of the following:-

- Work completed to date and proposed work to the end of 2015.
- Status of Phase 2 – Castlecomer Road to Bridge and Bridge to St. Canices Place.
- Update on the acquisition of lands under the Compulsory Purchase Order.
- Details of deconstruction of No. 21/22 Vicar Street, additional costs incurred which were associated with archaeological investigations.
- Details on the contract for the KCAS Bridge, cost of contract, ongoing conciliation in relation to additional cost due to delays in completing works arising from disruptive protests and High Court challenges. Final cost of this contract has not been finalised and discussions are ongoing in the Conciliation process.
- Summary of High Court and Supreme Court legal challenges to restrain Kilkenny County Council from continuing with the in river works and the costs incurred to Kilkenny County Council in contesting these challenges.
- Update on In-river works and ecology, methodology is compliant with An Bord Pleanála consent and results of ecological reports commissioned post work in the river illustrate no impact.
- Overall cost of scheme currently estimated at €16.7m. Mr Walton outlined that €2.1 million had been expended on the Scheme to the end of 2011, a further €10.7 million was provided for in the 2012 – 2014 Capital Budget but in the period since various archaeological, legal and disruptive protests had given rise to additional costs. The current Benefit to Cost Ratio for the Scheme is 5.0 indicating a very strong economic rate of return. By comparison the Benefit to Cost Ratio for the Kilkenny Ring Road Extension to the Freshford Road, estimated at €17 million, has a Benefit to Cost Ratio of 3.6.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh thanked Mr. Walton for a very detailed report on the central access scheme.

Contributions and queries were received from Cllrs. A. McGuinness, M. Noonan, B. Gardner, P. Millea and M. Doyle.

The following issues were raised:-

- Consultation with residents of Wolfe Tone Street
- Impact of traffic volumes in Dean Street leading onto Castlecomer Road, Kennyswell Road, Dominic Street.
- HGV Plan – discussed at Municipal District –traffic management in the city.
- Concerns regarding creating inner ring road within the city.
- Cost benefit analysis – has social impact being included.
- Archaeology works in Vicar Street
- Status of Northern Ring Road Extension
- More commitments to be given to public consultation

- Clarify how conciliator is appointed
- Cost of phase 2 works
- Issue of tipping unwashed stone in river raised by Inland Fisheries
- Why change methodology of work in river?
- Could CAS project have been managed better ?
- Work carried out in accordance with An Bord Pleanala
- Wastage of money in additional costs could have been redirected to other services.

Mr. Walton responded to the queries raised. He advised that information is circulated to residents regularly in respect of the progress with the Phase 1 Contract (Bridge Contract) (6 updates circulated to date). Further communication will take place with Wolfe Tone Street residents taking account that the timelines and phasing of works in respect of the Phase 2 Contract are now emerging.

The HCV Management Plan incorporated the provision of the additional bridge crossing. He acknowledged that there is a need for the NRR Extension. The CAS will assist in managing the existing traffic, allowing for the growth of the City, it is not about introducing additional traffic. Environmental and archaeological assessment works have been undertaken in accordance with consent requirements.

The benefit cost ratio covers a wide range including social aspects of the scheme. He further advised that there is a process to be taken, provided for in the Bridge Contract in the appointment of a conciliator.

Consultation with the public has been ongoing since 2006. Interested parties had opportunities to engage and this has been acknowledged in the Review carried out by Dr. Brady in 2014. Mr. Walton advised the Members that the Review was carried out directly on their behalf, following a Notice of Motion and that the contents of the Review were approved. This included a Section on the issue of consultation.

In relation to the acquisition of lands under the CPO, all negotiations don't need to be completed before work commenced on the scheme. At this point in time agreement was in place in respect of the valuation of all lands required to deliver the Scheme aside from two plots at Wolfe Tone Street. The Council was pursuing such agreements but it did not prevent the Council from completing the Scheme.

The methodology used for in-river works in 2014 is compliant with the An Bord Pleanala approval. The methodology used in 2015 is also compliant. The 'steel before stone' option was pursued in 2015 to minimise the risk of a repeat of the events of 2014. However both 'stone before steel' and 'steel before stone' are compliant with the mitigation measures set out in the EIS and with the An Bord Pleanala approval. This has been acknowledged by High Court Orders.

Mr. Walton noted that unwashed limestone was not placed in the river. He acknowledged that, when the first loads of limestone entered the river, there was a plume generated arising from the contact of the limestone with silt on the river bed.

The High Court, Supreme Court and An Bord Pleanála have upheld how the Council has managed the scheme. All statutory authorities are satisfied with the in-river works and the way in which these were undertaken.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh advised that a further brief update on the CAS will be given in 6 months time.

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 October – December 2015. Agreed. Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall.

(ii) Agree deputations:-

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh advised members that a number of requests have been received from various groups to make a presentation to the Council. At the CPG meeting it is recommended that the proposed schedule be agreed by the full Council.

- November 2015 monthly meeting: -
Minority Sports at 2.00p.m.
Dr. Patricia Mulcahy, Carlow IT at 2.30p.m.
- December 2015 monthly meeting: -
 - ICTU at 2.00p.m.
 - Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club at 2.30p.m.
- January, 2016 monthly meeting:-
Order of Malta at 2.30p.m.

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed: -
“That the deputations as proposed be received at the monthly meetings”.

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

- (i) Chairmans Report of SPC 2 – Infrastrucutre Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emregency Services Meeting held on 11th September, 2015. Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and agreed that this report be noted as read.
- (ii) Chairmans Report of SPC 5- Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy Meeting held on Thursday 17th September, 2015. Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed that this report be noted as read.

Cllr. M. O’ Neill sought clarification on the age limit for applying for assistance under the Housing Aid for Elderly. Cllr. J. Brennan supported this as there is confusion whether it is 60 years or 66 years.

Ms. M. Meila agreed to check the age limit and she will advise all Councillors.

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

- (i) Mr. Walton advised the members that an invitation has been received from Tourism Ireland for the Cathaoirleach to attend the Lord Mayors Show in London on November, 14th, 2015 and it is recommended that the invitation be accepted.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Malone, Seconded by Cllr. P. O’ Neill and agreed: - “That the Cathaoirleach attend the Lord Mayors Show in London on 14th November, 2015”.

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

Proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and agreed.

- (iii) Summary proceedings at Conferences – Proposed by Cllr. M. McCarthy, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
M.H. Cavanagh	31 st July-1 st August	Changes to Community Development
M. Noonan	16 th September	Environment Ireland
D. Kennedy	26 th September	Mobile Marketing Tourist Destination

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

None.

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

Mr. Walton advised that a draft protocol for civic receptions has been prepared and circulated to each member. Mr. Walton requested members to consider the draft and if any member wished to comment, make suggestions or amend any part of the draft protocol to advise him before the next meeting.

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

42(15) Cllrs. M. O' Neill, D. Kennedy, K. Funchion.

Proposed by Cllr. M. O' Neill, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy: - "That Kilkenny County 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 on water supplies. Hydrofluoric acid is being used to add fluoride to our water at a cost of €4.8million per annum. Fluoridation is banned in 98% of European Countries. The Irish Government continues to impose fluoride on the Irish people".

Cllr. M. O' Neill spoke on the notice of motion and stated that people do not want fluoride in the water. Extensive research has been carried out on the effects of fluoride on health.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. T. Breathnach, P. McKee, P. Dunphy, B. Gardner, E. Aylward and D. Kennedy in relation to the following:-

- Department of Health's position on fluoridation
- Clarification on scientific evidence
- Fluoride banned by 98% of European countries
- Health implications
- Advice that infants should not use treated water in bottle feeds.

Ms. M. Mulholland advised that the fluoridation of the water supplies is provided for in national legislation. Clarification will be sought from the HSE and Chief Dental Officer. She advised that Irish Water will be required to implement national policy.

Ms. C. Byrne CE requested that the motion be deferred until the Department of Health responds.

43(15) Cllr. M. Doyle – 14th September, 2015

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and agreed:- "That Kilkenny County Council write to the Minister for Transport and the New Ross Port Authority and request the removal of a derelict vessel at Ballinagoth Quay, Inisitoge for health and safety reasons and also as it is damaging the Quay wall and blocking all other vessels from using the quay".

Cllr. Doyle advised that vessel has been there for at least 15 years and damage is being caused to the Quay Wall.

44(15) Cllrs. Joe Malone & Pat Fitzpatrick – 29th September, 2015.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Malone, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed:- "That this Council would support Cork City Council in its actions against the proposed merger of Cork City and County Council, and further supports its challenge to the Local Government Reform Programme, which undermines the European Principle of Subsidiarity. The Minister for the Environment and Local Government and the Secretary General of the Department to be advised in writing of the passing of this motion by this Council".

45(15) Cllrs. Tomas Breathnach & Maurice Shortall – 8th October, 2015

"The Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work seeks a societal consensus as to what constitutes fair conditions of employment. The Charter identifies five key principles, which as a minimum, should be respected by every employer; a living wage, fair hours of work, the right to representation and collective bargaining, to be treated with dignity when at work and fair public procurement. Kilkenny County Council supports and advocates the implementation of the Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work".

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh requested that this notice of motion be deferred to the December Meeting as the Council will receive a presentation from ICTU at that meeting. Cllr. Breathnach and Cllr. Shortall agreed to defer notice of motion No. 45(15) to the December monthly meeting.

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

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

20(15) Sligo County Council – 17th September, 2015

“Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Finance to return to the Dail with an open mind and listen to the very real concerns of T.D.s before he signs new Regulations into law on the remaining Sections of the 2012 Credit Union Act”.

Noted.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

21(15) Tipperary County Council – 18th September, 2015

“I am calling on Tipperary County Council to support the campaign to lobby the Department of Education to introduce the topic of Suicide awareness, depression and mental health into the Irish Secondary school education curriculum as presently it is not”.

Noted.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

22(15) Clare County Council – 24th September, 2015

“That this Council call on the Minister for Agriculture to increase the slaughter period from 30 to 36 months in order to help small and medium producers of beef”.

Noted.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

23(15) Leitrim County Council – 28th September, 2015

“That Leitrim County Council call on the support of all Members, to ask the Minister for Finance to reduce the amount of Inheritance Tax now payable on transfer of lands or property at the moment. How can we encourage young people to take over the running of farms or business, having first to pay a tax greater in some cases than the holding its worth”.

Noted.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

24(15) Leitrim County Council – 28th September, 2015

“That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection to have epilepsy included as a condition for a Free Travel Pass”.

Noted.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

25(15) Galway County Council – 30th September, 2015

“That Galway County Council request an amendment by the Government to the current legislation governing the administration/collection of commercial rates.

“That the Government generate a “Commercial Rates Credit Scheme” to support business owners and occupiers that are financially impacted by infrastructure works/road works carried out in their area that persist 2 weeks”

Noted.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

26(15) Meath County Council – 9th October, 2015

“That Meath County Council writes a letter to Alan Kelly, the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government on behalf of all Ashbourne Municipal District Councillors requesting that Irish Water, or the local authority, accepts responsibility for all sewerage mains and infrastructure maintenance, including those running through non-public

property and that appropriate funding be made available and that this motion is shared with all local authorities if adopted”.

Noted.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

27(15) Donegal County Council – 9th October, 2015

“That I am calling on this Council to ask the Government to issue a bus pass to all cancer and all other patients travelling to Galway or Dublin during the period of their treatment regardless of their age”.

Noted.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed.

28(15) Cork City Council – 9th October, 2015

“To Review the downgrading of History as a mandatory core subject on the revised Junior Certificate Curriculum”.

Noted.

The meeting then concluded.

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