

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 16th November, 2015 at 3.00p.m.

Chair: Cllr. M. H. 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. Prendiville, M. Mulholland, M. Melia, S. Walton, B. Tyrrell, S. McKeown, M. Delahunty, K. Hanley and A.M. Walsh.

As agreed 2 deputations were received in advance of the meeting.

2.00p.m. Minority Sports

Mr. Mick Cummins and Mr. Paul Cummins addressed the members and gave them a PowerPoint presentation on Minority Sports. They listed out the sports and events which would benefit from Minority Sports Arena Project. There is a need for multi-purpose facility to cater for these sports. Land needed to accommodate sports arena with parking and green area is circa 3 acres. An example of the construction of the Sol Arena in the UK was shown on a short video. They advised that they currently use St. Canices Community Hall for training and they cannot host visiting teams for Ice Hockey. Games have to be played always outside of Kilkenny.

Mr Greene – Ossory Youth made a presentation to the members on the proposal for Skate Park in Kilkenny. He welcomed the proposal for the Skate Park as part of the Linear Park. Ossory Youth would welcome consultation on the design of the skate park and would work with other user groups.

He advised members that an indoor skate park in 2013, and a location is still being negotiated and asked members for their support in funding a suitable location for the indoor skate park.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh thanked them for their presentation and advised that members would consider their requests and if there are any further queries, the Council will get back to them.

2.30p.m. Dr. Patricia Mulcahy Carlow IT.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh welcomed Dr. Mulcahy to the Council Chamber and also David Denniffe, Registrar of the College –Dr. Mulcahy gave a PowerPoint presentation to the members. She gave an overview of the number of students attending the college, the range of courses available, the expansion of campus to Wexford and Wicklow and Defence Forces. She outlined the significant building programme which has been undertaken over the last few years. Carlow IT is the fastest growing institute in Ireland, approx 10% are international students. Carlow IT Institute is committed to development of graduates for enterprise, business, and digital technology. She advised members that she endorses a multi centre campus similar to what is available in Ulster. The South East is unique and can be tailored to the needs of the region to deliver an integrated and responsive provision of education as a university for South East. Carlow IT will strive to achieve this commitment for a university in the South East which is part of government policy.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh thanked Dr. Mulcahy for a very informative presentation and wished Carlow IT well.

Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh commenced the monthly meeting at 3.00p.m.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

(a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 19th October

Proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, Seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness and agreed:- “That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 19th October, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved”.

(b) Minutes of SPC 1 – Economic Development, Enterprise Support and Tourism Meeting held on 10th July, 2015

Proposed by Cllr. P. O' Neill, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed:- "That the minutes of SPC 1 – Economic Development, Enterprise Support and Tourism meeting held on 10th July, 2015 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh congratulated the following:-

- To all recipients of the People of the Year Awards
- To Kilkenny County Council on the nomination for the Ossory Pedestrian Bridge under the Engineers Ireland Excellence Awards.

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

- To Anne Marie Brennan, Environment on the death of her mother Pauline Brennan.
- To the Fennelly Family, Ennisnag on the death of their mother Josephine Fennelly wife of the late John former Councillor and rate collector.
- To the family of Kitty Hackett, Collins Park, Callan
- To the family of Bridget Maher, Maudlin Street, Kilkenny
- To the family of Michael Conway, Aghaviller, Hugginstown
- To the family of Alice Rice, Prince Bungalow, Castlecomer.
- Helen Saunders, Graiguenakill, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Betty Walsh.
- Richard & Annette Duggan, Newtown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Liam Duggan.
- Geraldine Kirwan, Scartnamore, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Ellen Doyle.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh offered sincere sympathy to the people of France on the tragedy in Paris and in particular to Philippe Beubry, Area Engineer in Castlecomer and the French Community in Kilkenny.

Cllrs. B. Gardner, M. Shortall, P. Dunphy, A. McGuinness, K. Funchion, P. McKee and M. Noonan also joined in extended sympathy to the family of those that died in the awful tragedies that unfolded over the weekend.

Members were advised that a Book of Condolences was at City Hall and a multi demonstration would be held at the Town Hall on Friday at 12noon.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh proposed an adjournment of 10 minutes as a mark of respect. Cllr. J. Malone seconded and it was agreed.

Meeting resumed at 3.30p.m.

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. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed: - “That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in plot of ground measuring approx 0.204 acres at Ballykelly, Cashel, Co. Tipperary to Fr. Ned O’ Donnell, Ballykelly, Cashel, Co. Tipperary for the nominal sum of €1.00 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale”.
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. P. McKee and agreed:- “That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in plot of ground at Gortrush, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, which measures approx. 0.24acre, to Timothy Leahy and Mary Leahy, Gortrush, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, for the nominal sum of €100 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale

(b) Planning – Pleanail

Taking of Charge of the following estate:-

Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. D. Fitzgerald 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 – 12 Houses at Whitegate Lawn, Freshford Road, Co. Kilkenny – TC52

(c) Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

(i) Chief Executives Report

Ms. Colette Byrne presented her report which has been circulated; she advised the members that the 3 Sisters Bid for Capital of Culture has been successful. She updated the meeting in relation to contract for the Watershed, conciliation will commence next week.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. D. Fitzgerald, P. Cleere, P. McKee, J. Brennan, P. Fitzpatrick, P. Dunphy, M.H. Cavanagh, M. Noonan, P. O' Neill and F. Doherty in relation to the following:-

- Increase in planning application – evidence of upturn in economy
- Welcomed the completion of Ballynaslee Road, Low cost safety works.
- Graiguenamanagh Water Supply- complimented the staff on their recent work.
- Current status of Callan Road realignment
- Availability of Wi-Fi in the County.
- Boundary Review- Commencement of public consultation, need to raise issue in the media, need for public to engage.
- Talbot Tower – any plans to open in 2016, completion of outstanding works

Mr. Walton responded to the queries raised in relation to roads.

Cllr. Cavanagh appealed to the public of Kilkenny to engage during the consultation period on the Boundary Review.

(ii) Update on the LECP.

Mr. S. McKeown advised the meeting that the Draft Economic & Community Plan actions are out for public consultation until the 30th November, 2015 – LCDC will finalise the actions at their meeting on 11th December, 2015 and the final draft LECP will be presented to the members for approval at the December Meeting on 21st December, 2015.

(iii) Consideration to technical changes to AILG Constitution

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by Cllr. P. O' Neill and agreed: - "That the amendments to the AILG Constitution as outlined in the correspondence received be approved.

(d) Finance – Airgeadais

Local Government Auditor Report 2014

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, Seconded by Cllr. D. Fitzgerald and agreed: - "That

3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach

None.

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

Cllr. M. O' Neill requested an update on the notice of motion in relation to fluoride in drinking water. Ms. Mulholland advised that no response has been received from HSE or Department of Health. As soon as information is received it will be circulated.

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

- (i) Schedule of meetings from November - January 2016. Proposed by Cllr. K. Funchion, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.
- (ii) Fix date for Budget Meeting – Friday 27th November, 2015 at 3.00p.m. Proposed by K. Funchion, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

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

- (a) Report of SPC 1 – Economic Development, Enterprise Support and Tourism Meeting held on 10th July, 2015. Proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cleere. Report noted and read.

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) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list.
Proposed by Cllr. M. O’ Neill, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

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

None

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

Cllr. A. McGuinness requested update on Bye-Laws for sulkies. Ms. Mulholland advised that the draft bye-laws have been sent to the Gardai and they are reviewing them to ensure that they are enforceable.

Cllr. B. Gardner requested update on the notice of motion in relation to live streaming the Council meeting. Cllr. McKee supported this motion and stated that this would be a very progressive step for the Council.

Ms. C. Byrne advised that research is being undertaken on this.

Cllr. Cleere requested that members be circulated with information on Derelict Sites. Cllr. O' Neill spoke on the vacant council houses that have been left derelict.

Cllr. Shortall & Gardner also contributed. Ms. Melia advised the meeting that a survey of unused/underutilised properties is being undertaken. In relation to vacant units, the number is quite small compared to national standards. Funding is required from the Department for long term voids. Discussions are also ongoing with HSE in relation to houses in their ownership.

Following request from members the information on unused properties will be discussed at Municipal level.

Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh advised the members that a meeting of the sub-committee on the Boundary Review will be held shortly. Mr. Walton advised that the meeting between the sub-committee and boundary review commission takes place on 19th November, 2015 at 10.00a.m.

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

None.

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. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach.

29(15) Galway City Council – 15th October, 2015

“That this Council calls for the immediate review of the HAP system given that anyone receiving this payment is removed from the Housing Waiting List”.

Noted and Read.

30(15) Clare County Council – 16th October, 2015

“That Clare County Council supports the call for the release of Ibrahim Halawa, an Irish citizen, and calls on the Taoiseach to personally intervene on his behalf”.

Noted and Read.

Meeting then concluded at 4.00p.m.

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