

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER, 2018 AT 4.00 P.M.**

**Chair:** Eamon Aylward.

**Cllrs:** Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Fidelis Doherty, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, Pat Fitzpatrick, Breda Gardner, David Kennedy Joe Malone, Malcolm Noonan & Maurice Shortall,

**Officials:** Colette Byrne, Sean McKeown, Tim Butler, Mary J. Mulholland, Denis Malone, Nicolaas Louw, Caitriona O'Sullivan & Anne Maria Walsh.

**Apologies:** Cllrs. John Brennan, Peter Cleere, Matt Doran, David Fitzgerald, Michael McCarthy, Patrick McKee & Pat Millea.

**1. CE Report on Pre Draft of County Development Plan 2020 - 2026**

Mr. Denis Malone gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Chief Executive Report on Pre-Draft Stage on the Review of the County & City Environs Development Plan. Members were circulated with Section 4 of the Report outlining the Chief Executive's Policy Recommendations.

In his Presentation he gave an overview on:

- Development Plan Process.
- Pre Draft Issues - overarching themes.
- Public Awareness and Consultation.
- Issues that arose from public meetings and submissions.
- Requirement to prepare Chief Executives Report.
- Role of Members at this stage.
- City and County Issues - Themes to be included.
- National Planning Framework/Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy.
- Population Targets.
- Waterford Metropolitan Area.

Mr. Malone advised the Members that the Chief Executive's Report was issued on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. They are required to consider all the issues included in the Report and give direction to the Chief Executive on issues to be included in the Development Plan. There will be further Workshops when policies have been further developed.

Number of queries arose from Councillors present. Main issues related to Rural Housing, Climate Change, provision of houses, Mount Juliet, Built Heritage, mobility and transport and the Waterford Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan.

Mr. Malone responded to all the queries.

Ms. Colette Byrne referred to the contributions made by Members and listened to their views on rural housing and the need to strengthen the Plan in relation to climate change.

Ms. Byrne advised that it is now a matter for the Elected Members to make recommendations on the policies to be included in the Draft Plan. The issue of land use zoning comes at a later stage. She advised that she has set out recommendations on the broad policies to be included in the Draft Plan following the Public Consultation. She referred Members to Pages 94 to 97 of her Report.

Contributions were received from the Members present.

It was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, seconded by Cllr. Michael McCarthy and agreed:

*"That we the Members of Kilkenny County Council having considered the Chief Executive Report on Pre-Draft Stage of the Development Plan 2020 circulated on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 do hereby direct the Chief Executive to proceed with the recommendations set out in Section 4 of her Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2018."*

**2. Housing & Other Disposal**

Mr. Butler advised that a charge on the property known as Evans Home for use by the Butler Gallery is required by the Minister in relation to the grant of €2m being given for its use as an Art Gallery. The Council is required to ensure the use as an Arts Gallery for a period of 15 years.

It was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone and agreed that:

*"Kilkenny County Council, pursuant to Section 183(10) of the Local Government Act 2001, for the purpose of facilitating the drawdown of grant funding from the Minister for Culture Heritage & the Gaeltacht hereby resolve to charge the premises known as Evan's Home, Barrack Lane, John Street, Kilkenny with a Deed of Charge in favour of the Minister for Culture Heritage & the Gaeltacht, whereby in the event that the said premises ceases to be used as a public art gallery, arts centre and tourist attraction and associated social, recreational and cultural activities for the people of the City and County of Kilkenny within a period of 15 years from the drawdown of the grant monies, that the said grant monies shall be repayable to the Minister." [Notice sent to Members on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2018].*

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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