

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday 1st November, 2010.

- Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. Catherine Connery
- Present:** Cllrs. M. Shortall, P. Millea, J. Brennan, J. Coonan, M. Brett, , P. Cuddihy, M. Noonan, M. Doran, W. Ireland, T. Maher, S. Treacy, P. O' Neill, A. Phelan, M. O' Brien, E. Aylward, A.M. Irish, C. Long, T. Breathnach, P. Dunphy.
- Apologies:** Cllrs. M. H. Cavanagh, M .Doran and P. Cuddihy.
- Also Present:** J. Crockett County Manager, John McCormack & John Mulholland Directors of Services, Denis Malone, Nicholas Louw, Claire Kelly, Caitriona O' Reilly and Anne Maria Walsh Meetings Administrator.

1. Fiddown & Piltown Local Area Plans – County Managers Report

Claire Kelly Planner advised members that the County Manager's Report on submissions had been circulated and outlined briefly the issues raised during the period that the plans were on public display. A Public consultation information evening was held on 29th July, 2010 as part of the process.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. P. Dunphy, M. Shortall, P. O' Neill, T. Maher, C. Long, J. Coonan, T. Breathnach, A. Phelan and F. Doherty.

Cllr. P. Dunphy raised issues in relation to the Ink Bottle Junction, taking in charge of estates, the provision of playground, the provision of footpath between Piltown and Fiddown and asked for clarification on Phase 1 and Phase 2 zoning.

Cllrs. raised issues in relation to the process for taking in charge of estates, the length of time the process takes and requested that a review of the process takes place. It was suggested that a 3 year timeframe for taking in charge of estates be included as an objective in the Local Area Plans.

Road safety issues were raised in relation to the Ink Bottle Junction and the future linkage of the present road network with the proposed Carrick on Suir by pass. Connectivity between the two villages was raised by a number of members and the need for a footpath between the two locations. Members requested that the Local Area Plan would have an objective included to engage with NRA in resolving the issues raised.

Denis Malone Senior Planner responded that inserting an objective for a time frame for taking in charge of estates is not appropriate for a local area plan. This would be a major policy shift for the Council and stated that there is a protocol in place and this applies to all estates within the County.

He stated that the footpath is already included in the Local Area Plan as an objective. He clarified the issues raised on zoned land, there is a target for population growth and cognisance must be had to unfinished housing schemes and availability of water and sewerage infrastructure. There are pockets of infill development identified in the plans. Local Area Plans are to deal with local issues and not national issues. These are dealt with in the County Development Plans. He advised members that traffic measures are in place for a trial period on the Ink Bottle Junction.

The County Manager stated that he was aware of the general dissatisfaction on unfinished housing estates. He suggested that the current protocol adopted by members could be reviewed by the SPC and be updated. This can be adopted by the full Council.

In relation to engagement with the NRA the Ink Bottle junction and Carrick-on-Suir By pass, members have the option of placing a notice of motion on the monthly council agenda.

Mr. John McCormack, Director of Services advised members that the planning department were taking enforcement proceedings against a number of developments. However he cautioned members that this is a long process and the final decision lies with the judge when the case is heard in court.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Dunphy, Seconded by Cllr. A.M. Irish and resolved.

“We the members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make the Piltown Draft Local Area Plan 2010 under Section 20(3) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010, and having considered the County Manager’s Report as circulated on the 4th October 2010, prepared in accordance with Section 20(3) of the above acts, do hereby consider that the Piltown Draft Local Area Plan should be altered in accordance with the recommendations of the manager as set out in his report (and that the proposed alterations in the Manager’s Report are material alterations under Section 20(3) of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010), on this date of 1st November 2010”.

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This concluded the business of the meeting.

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