

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT 3.00 P.M.**

Chair: Eamon Aylward.

Cllrs: John Brennan, Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, Fidelis Doherty, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Ger Frisby, Pat Fitzpatrick, Breda Gardner, David Kennedy, Andrew McGuinness, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Pat Millea, Malcolm Noonan, Melissa O'Neill, Patrick O' Neill, Maurice Shortall and Sean Tyrrell.

Officials: Colette Byrne, Martin Prendiville, Tim Butler, Sean McKeown, Declan McDonnell, Michael Delahunty, Brian Tyrrell, Nicolaas Louw, Denis Malone, Brid Hynes, Mary Walsh, Brendan Sheehan & Anne Maria Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr. Maurice Shortall & Ms. Mary J. Mulholland.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 16th July, 2018**
Proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed:
"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 16th July, 2018, as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (b) **Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday, 31st August, 2018**
Proposed by Cllr. Pat Millea, seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle and agreed:
"That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday, 31st August, 2018 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".
- (c) **Minutes of In Committee Strategic Policy Committee 4 - Housing Meeting held on Thursday, 29th March, 2018**
Proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Michael McCarthy and agreed:
"That the Minutes of In Committee Strategic Policy Committee 4: Housing meeting held on Thursday, 29th March, 2018 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

Cllr. Eamon Aylward extended congratulations to:

- All involved in the Town of Food with Kilkenny being the overall winner.
- Kirsten Mate Maher on being crowned Rose of Tralee.
- All involved in the Ploughing Championships and he wished best of luck to the Kilkenny participants.

Cllr. Aylward referred to the recent Minor Hurling All Ireland Final and Senior Camogie All Ireland Final and thanked both teams for their heroic displays in representing Kilkenny.

Cathaoirleach extended votes of sympathy to the following:

- Anne Delaney, Human Resources and her family on the death of her sister Freida Delaney.
- Martin O'Shea, Thomastown Office and his family on the death of his mother Bridget O'Shea.
- Walter Wallace, Water Services and his family on the death of his father Kevin Wallace.

2. (a) Housing & Other Disposal – Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone 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 Land at Hebron Industrial Estate, Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, by way of Lease to Trustees of Kilkenny Racing Pigeon Club for a term of 5 years at a rent of €300 per annum.”

[Notice sent to members on the 3rd September, 2018]

- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill and agreed:

“That, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council approves of the disposal of its interest in a plot of ground at Viper, Kells, Co. Kilkenny, which measures approx. 0.27 ha., as identified on the attached map, to Ann O'Mahony, Viper, Kells, Co. Kilkenny, for the sum of €1,000 (one thousand euro) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale.”

[Notice sent to members on the 3rd September, 2018]

- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. Michael McCarthy seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach and agreed:

“That, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves to dispose of its interest in a plot of ground at Ballyouskill, Attanagh, Co. Kilkenny, which measures approx. 0.2 acre, as identified on the attached map, to John Cahill, Ballyouskill, Attanagh, Co. Kilkenny, for the sum of €2,500 (two thousand five hundred euro) with the Purchaser being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale.” [Notice sent to members on the 3rd September, 2018]

- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell seconded by Cllr. Matt Doran and agreed:

“That, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves to dispose of its interest in 2 No. plots of ground at Rathduff, Kells, Co. Kilkenny, which measures approx. 0.33 acres, as identified on the attached map, to Seamus Martin, Rathduff, Kells, Co. Kilkenny, for the sum of €500 (five hundred euro) with the Purchaser being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale.”

[Notice sent to members on the 3rd September, 2018]

- (v) It was proposed by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill seconded by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell and agreed:

“That, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council approves to dispose of its interest in a plot of ground at Altamount, Dublin Road, Kilkenny, which measures approx. 66 sqm, as identified on the attached map, to Fran Grincell, 24 Altamount, Dublin Road, Kilkenny, for the nominal sum of €200 (two hundred euro) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale.” [Notice sent to members on the 3rd September, 2018]

- (vi) It was proposed by Cllr. Michael McCarthy seconded by Cllr. Patrick McKee and agreed:

"That, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council approves of the disposal of its interest in a plot of ground at Clomantagh Lower, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny, which measures approx. 0.04 ha., as identified on the attached map, to the Personal Representatives of Louise Kenny, Deceased, of Clomantagh Lower, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny, for the sum of €1,000 (one thousand euro) with the Purchaser being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale."

[Notice sent to members on the 3rd September, 2018]

- (vii) It was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere 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 Premises at Old James Stephens Swimming Pool, Michael Street, Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, by way of Long Term Lease to Trustees of Marble City Boxing Club for a term of 15 years at a rent of €2,000 per annum with each party to be responsible for their own legal costs." [Notice sent to members on the 3rd September, 2018]

- (viii) It was proposed by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill seconded by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill 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 195 sqm at Waterford Road, Kilkenny to dispose of its interest in plot of ground measuring approx 195 sqm as identified on the enclosed map, at Waterford Road, Kilkenny to Eithne Manning and Seamus Manning, Personal Representatives of Laurence Manning, Deceased for the sum of €3,500 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale." [Notice sent to members on the 3rd September, 2018]

- (ix) It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach seconded by Cllr. David Fitzgerald and agreed:

"Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of its interest in the property at 12 Chatsworth, Clogh, Co. Kilkenny to Marie Fleming (entitled party) in order to rectify title of the property."

- (x) It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed:

"Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of its interest in the property at Shanbogh, New Ross, Co. Kilkenny to Edward Doolan (entitled party) in order to rectify title of the property."

(b) **Planning – Pleanail**

- (i) **Proposed Variation No. 6 to Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan**
Mr. Sean McKeown referred to the CE Report and advised that the site in Smithsland South is currently zoned as community and it is proposed to change the zoning to Phase 1 Residential in order to deliver social housing units in Kilkenny City. The Chief Executive recommends adoption of the variation of the Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2014 - 2020.

It was proposed by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan and agreed:

"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make Variation 6 to the Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 under Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2018, and having considered the Chief Executive's Report as circulated on the 11th September, prepared in accordance with Section 13 (4) of the above Acts, the recommendations as set out in the Chief Executive's report, and with our decision made at a meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 17th September 2018, do hereby resolve to vary the Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan in accordance with Proposed Variation 6."

- (ii) **Part 8 for Construction of House at Cloughabrody, Thomastown**
Ms. Eimear Cody presented the CE Report on the Part 8 for construction of one house at Cloughabrody, Thomastown. This house will facilitate the decongregation programme for service users at St. Patrick's Centre, Kells Road, Kilkenny.

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy and agreed that:

"We the members of Kilkenny County Council approves Part 8 in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended, for House at Cloughabrody, Thomastown as circulated."

- (iii) **CE Report on Pre Draft of County Development Plan 2020 - 2026**
Mr. Denis Malone presented the CE Report on the pre draft stage of the Review of Kilkenny County & City Environs Development Plans. He asked the Members to consider the report and agree a date for consideration of the report. Members can issue directions to the Chief Executive regarding the preparation of the Draft Development Plan. Policies or objectives that Members would like to see included in the Plan can be made to the Chief Executive in accordance with Section II (4) (d) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to 2018. Cllr. Aylward advised that the CPG will discuss this review and agree a date for a meeting.

- (iv) **Taking in Charge**
Mr. Sean McKeown referred to report circulated to the Members on the Taking in Charge of a number of housing estates.

TC67: Lios na Si, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed that:

*"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following developments 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". **Developments:** TC67 – Lios na Si, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny.*

TC73: The Weir View, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill and agreed that:

"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following developments 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". Developments: TC73 - The Weir View, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny.

TC83: Bradóg Way, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill and agreed that:

"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following developments 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". Developments: TC83 - Bradóg Way, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny.

TC128: Nore Terrace, Units 3a to 12a, Maudlin Street, Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell, seconded by Cllr. Pat Millea and agreed that:

"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following developments 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". Developments: TC128 - Nore Terrace, Units 3a to 12a, Maudlin Street, Kilkenny.

TC142: Cois na Bearú, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill and agreed that:

"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following developments 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". Developments: TC142 - Cois na Bearú, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny.

TC157: Baronscourt, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere and agreed that:

"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following developments 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". Developments: TC157 - Baronscourt, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny.

- (c) (i) **Section 85 Agreement on Kilkenny Greenway with Wexford County Council**
Mr. Sean McKeown advised that Wexford County Council will be the lead authority on carrying out development work on Greenways for the three local authorities - Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford. A Regional Project Officer will be based in New Ross. A Section 85 Agreement is required with Kilkenny County Council. This Section 85 Agreement will allow Wexford

County Council to carry out all surveys, investigations, assessment reports, planning and related statutory consents, design contracts, procurement tendering and construction of works. This Section 85 will supersede the Section 85 already approved by Members some time ago.

Queries were raised by Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty, Melissa O'Neill and David Fitzgerald in relation to the Greenway proposed in Co. Kilkenny, acquisition of lands and the possibility of a potential Greenway from the North of the County to the South.

Mr. Sean McKeown and Ms. Colette Byrne responded to the queries raised.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council enters into an agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 to agree that Wexford County Council will act as the Lead Authority for Kilkenny, Waterford & Wexford County Councils to carry out development works on the following Greenways:

- *Waterford to Mountelliott Greenway [incorporating The Kilkenny Greenway].*
- *Waterford to Rosslare Harbour Greenway."*

(ii) **Update on Climate Adaptation Plans**

Mr. Sean McKeown gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Local Climate Adoption Strategy. In his presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Legal Requirements & Policy Framework.
- Importance of Climate Change in Ireland.
- Climate Mitigation & Adaptation.
- Regional Approach - 4 Regional Offices.
- Governance Structure for Regional Plans.
- Issues that Local Adaptation Plans will address.
- Role of Kilkenny County Council - objectives to be included in Local Plans.
- Timeline for preparation of Local Adaptation Plan - Council approval in September 2019.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. M. Noonan, B. Gardner and M. O'Neill for specific issues to be considered for inclusion in the Local Plan:

- Development of City Bus Fleet,
- Reduce car dependency,
- Improved infrastructure for better mobility movement,
- Education and awareness.

Mr. McKeown stated that all the issues referred to will be included as actions in the Local Plan. Public consultation will be undertaken in the first half of 2019.

(d) (i) **Local Property Tax**

It was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, seconded by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell and agreed to adjourn this item to a meeting to be held on Monday, 24th September, 2018 at 4.00 p.m.

(e) (i) **Chief Executives Monthly Report**

Ms. Colette Byrne presented her Monthly Report to the Members. Queries were raised by Cllrs. P. Cleere, P. Fitzpatrick, MH Cavanagh, T. Breathnach, P. McKee, E. Aylward, S. Tyrrell, M. O'Neill, M. McCarthy, A McGuinness, P. Dunphy, M. Doyle, M. Noonan and F. Doherty.

- Drainage to roads following Storm Ophelia & Storm Emma - recoupment from Department.
- Vicar Street - access / one way street.
- Northern Ring Road Extension - opinion of advocate General - European Court.
- Welcomed funding under CLÁR, Anti Graffiti Grants and Anti Litter Grants.
- Music Generation.
- Housing Capital Projects.
- Improvement in Homeless figures, review of homeless policy, dedicated "Homefinders" Officer.
- Rent Review effective end of September 2018.
- Tenant Handbook.
- Review of Mobility Management Plan.
- Status of Tower Road over bridge.
- Changes by TII to road markings - removed turning arrows.
- Complemented staff on activities in Heritage week.
- Newfoundland visit to Kilkenny - opportunities to be developed.
- Status of Ferrybank Park.

Mr. Tim Butler responded to all queries raised in relation to Roads.

Ms. Colette Byrne gave an update on Housing issues and stated that significant work is going into progressing the delivery of new houses by Kilkenny County Council and Voluntary Housing Bodies. She acknowledged the commitment and work of staff in dealing with the Housing crisis.

Ms. Byrne advised that Housing will be placed on the Agenda as an Item next month.

Mr. Tim Butler advised Members of the latest dates for receipt of applications to be included in the Postal/Special Voters List and also additions to the Supplementary Register for the Presidential election.

(ii) **Nomination of Person to be a Candidate at a Presidential Election**

Cllr. Aylward referred to procedure for voting circulated to the Members with the Agenda and requested Members approval for this.

It was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy and agreed "that the procedure as circulated for nominating a candidate for the Presidential Election be hereby adopted."

Cllr. Aylward sought nominations.

It was proposed by Cllr. Breda Gardner, seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy that Ms. Gemma O'Doherty be nominated by Kilkenny County Council as a candidate at the Presidential Election to be held on the 26th October, 2018 in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993.

Cllr. Melissa O'Neill advised that she was withdrawing the name of Mr. James Smyth as a nominee.

Cllr. Joe Malone advised that he has withdrawn the name of Mr. Sean Gallagher as a nominee.

There were no other nominations.

Cllr. Aylward advised that a roll call will be taken on the proposal to nominate Gemma O'Doherty as follows - For, Against or Abstain.

For [5] Cllrs. Breda Gardner, David Kennedy, Sean Tyrrell, Tomás Breathnach & Melissa O'Neill.

Against [7] Cllr. Michael McCarthy, Pat Millea, Peter Cleere, Michael Doyle, Matt Doran, Patrick McKee & Malcolm Noonan.

Abstain [11] Cllrs. John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Fitzpatrick, Andrew McGuinness, Patrick O'Neill, David Fitzgerald, Joe Malone, Eamon Aylward, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy & Ger Frisby.

The nomination was defeated by 7 votes to 5.

(f) (i) **Presentation from IDA**

Cllr. Eamon Aylward welcomed Mr. Denis Curran, Ms. Anne Marie Tierney Le Roux and Mr. Brendan McDonald to the meeting. He thanked them for accepting our invitation to address the Members.

Mr. Denis Curran, Divisional Manager gave a Powerpoint Presentation to the Members. In his presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- IDA Ireland Targets from 2015 - 2019 on employment, new jobs and investments.
- Performance Statement on employment growth in the period 2009 - 2017.
- Overview on Employment in IDA Client companies with jobs created and job losses.
- IDA clients accounts for 10.2% of the total employment in Ireland.
- South East Region - Employment in IDA Client Companies is 14,785 in 75 client companies.
- Overview of the clients in the South East.
- Overview of companies based in Kilkenny, focus areas for Kilkenny.
- What do investors look for, where is the competition for the IDA.
- IDA has a collaborative approach and work in partnership with Enterprise Ireland, Third Level Colleges, Local Authorities, Chamber of Commerce, IBEC etc.

Cllr. Aylward thanked Mr. Curran for his presentation.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. J. Brennan, P. Cleere, P. Fitzpatrick, P. Dunphy, P. McKee, M. Noonan, T. Breathnach, E. Aylward & M. Doran.

Members thanked the IDA for attending the meeting and asked them to consider giving them a regular update on progress in Kilkenny and South East.

Specific issues raised by Members were as follows:

- Lands in the ownership of IDA, provision of infrastructure in Belview.
- Specific sector to target.
- Promotion of sites, in particular Abbey Quarter.
- Technological University in the South East.
- Possible threats with countries such as America, China etc.
- National Design Centre for Kilkenny.
- South East Action Plan for Jobs.
- Pedestrian Overbridge - Bohernatounish Road.

Mr. Curran, Mr. McDonald and Ms. Tierney Le-Roux responded to all the queries raised by Members. They advised that they are willing to meet the Elected Members to provide annual updates. It was agreed to circulate the presentation to the Members.

3. Correspondence

None.

4. Business Adjourned From a Previous Meeting

None.

5. (i) Schedule of Meetings from July, 2018 to October, 2018

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty seconded by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell and agreed.

(ii) Approval - Civic Reception

Cathaoirleach advised that he proposed to host a Chairman's Reception for Molly & Harry Flynn and Kirsten Mate Maher on Monday, 15th October, 2018 after the Council meeting at 6.00 p.m.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed "that Chairman's Reception be held at 6.00 p.m. on Monday, 15th October, 2018 at 6.00 p.m."

6. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the Council

(i) Report of In Committee SPC 4: Housing Meeting held on 29th March, 2018

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and agreed "that the Chairman's Report of SPC 4 Meeting of the 29th March, 2018 is hereby read and noted."

7. Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting-

None.

8. Conferences - Request for approval to Attend

Schedule of Conferences circulated with the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. Patrick McKee, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed.

9. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Notices of Motion

15 (18) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

It was proposed by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council calls on Minister for Health Simon Harris and the HSE to carry out a review audit on Breast check for the last 5 years in light of the increasing concern for woman's health in Ireland after the revelations in the Vicky Phelan and cervical cancer cases. Many woman in Ireland have lost faith in our standard of care in the cancer screening department and must have their fears addressed."

16 (18) Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty agreed:

"That a request be sent to the Department of the Environment to introduce a 100% grant scheme for the construction of underground tanks for harvesting rain water for all new houses/ buildings and where feasible for all existing buildings."

18(18) Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

It was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council would work with potential partners; National Crafts Council of Ireland, Kilkenny LEADER Partnership, the Education and Training Board of Carlow and Kilkenny, The Irish Georgian Society, Kilkenny Civic Trust, The Heritage Council and relevant Government Departments to advance the development of a National Centre for Traditional Building Skills, Decorative Arts and Heritage Led Urban Regeneration in County Kilkenny. Such a centre would become a training ground and centre of excellence for traditional skills and be linked to a possible National Design Centre. This motion recognises Kilkenny's reputation as a centre of design and craft excellence for many decades and the untapped potential in heritage led regeneration of Irish Cities, towns and villages and building traditions."

Cllr. Malcolm Noonan spoke on this motion.

19(18) Cllrs. Tomás Breathnach & Maurice Shortall

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council write to the Department, Housing & Local Government to seek the extension of grant assistance for all upgrades/replacements of old septic tanks and not only those where upgrades/replacements are required on foot of a septic tank inspection."

20(18) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

It was proposed by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council recognises that this Council:

- (i) Is deeply concerned of the imminent threat of closure of up to 390 Post Offices throughout the country and the threat to the long-term future of the remaining 690 Post Offices.*
- (ii) Believes the decision as to whether a community has a Post Office or not, should not hinge on a Postmaster wishing to retire.*
- (iii) Recognises there is an alternative and superior solution to the Post Office issue available to An Post and to Government in the form of the Kiwi (Post) Bank model that was established in New Zealand in 2002, and now has 20% of the banking market and 25% of all banking customers in New Zealand. It has been described as a phenomenal success having made over \$7m profit in its third year of operation and nowadays posts annual profits of circa \$100m.*
- (iv) Supports the Dáil Private Members Motion of 11th November, 2016 - The Dáil Motion of the 11th November, 2016, passed by the Dáil - 158 Votes (no amendments) "Calls on the Government to: - implement a new community banking service operated by An Post to be made available in all post offices throughout the country; this post community bank could be based on either the New Zealand Kiwibank model or the German Sparkassen model, both of which have been found to be valid models;"*

Therefore, this Council calls on Government to:

- (i) Enact 'Private Members Dáil Motion of the 11th November, 2016.'
- (ii) Postpone the closure of Post Offices while the Kiwi Post Bank model is considered for Ireland."

21(18) Cllr. Breda Gardner

The following Notice of Motion was deferred to October Meeting:

"That Kilkenny County Council fully supports the immediate implementation of 24/7 Cardiac Care in UHW and will encourage fellow Councillors in neighbouring counties of Carlow Tipperary Wexford and Waterford."

22(18) Cllr. Breda Gardner

The following Notice of Motion was deferred to October Meeting:

"That Kilkenny County Council supports the proposal from historian Catherine Corless for a full DNA analysis of the children found in the septic tanks in Tuam and that they be given a proper dignified and Christian burial."

12. Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed that the following Notices of Motion 18 (18) to 30 (18) be taken as read and noted:

18 (18) Kerry County Council

"That this Council opposes efforts to require people to work until they are 68"

19 (18) Kerry County Council

"Whilst welcoming the new proposal from An Post to the Post Office Network, I ask that this Council calls on An Post and the Government to seek a new international partner to allow the Post Offices to offer full Banking Services including Current Accounts, Loans and Mortgages."

20 (18) Wexford County Council

"Given the continued efforts of the Department of Local Government to undermine local authorities and the increase centralisation of power in Ireland, this Council calls on the Government to establish an independent convention on the future of local government, that will examine powers, autonomy and funding. In the event of the failure of government to act, this Council calls on LAMA and the AILG to establish such a convention and to seek cross party support"

21(18) Carlow County Council

"That we, the Members of Carlow County Council call on Carlow County Council to start the process of engagement with Kilkenny County Council to install a pedestrian bridge across the River Barrow at Tinnahinch in south Carlow as the existing bridge has no footpath on either side due to the bridge being so narrow"

22(18) Longford County Council

"That an interim payment of €50,000 be made to the women and families affected by the cervical cancer misdiagnosis."

23(18) Kildare County Council

"That the Council write to the insurance regulator and all home insurance providers who offer policies within County Kildare, voicing our concern, disappointment and opposition to the apparent misinterpretation of the current Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and management Studies [CFRAMS] maps by the insurance industry and the fact that this misinterpretation is now affecting house sales within County Kildare."

24(18) Leitrim County Council

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Department of Education and Skills and/or Department of Health to introduce a scheme to provide all teachers and Special Needs Assistants with Occupational First Aid training, encompassing CPR."

25(18) Donegal County Council

"That Donegal County Council would ask all relevant Government Ministers to reconsider the current government policy regarding the bundling of public contracts."

26(18) Donegal County Council

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Education to address the discrepancies which exist in the rates of pay and benefits paid to ancillary staff in our schools and calls for an end to the precarious employment conditions imposed on these valuable staff members. in addition, this Council calls on the Minister to increase the capitation grant paid to schools as outlined in the 'Action Plan for Education'."

27(18) Limerick City & County Council

"That the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris, TD, and the Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Disabilities, Mr. Finian McGrath, TD, bring forward legislation that all Government Grants, Social Welfare Payments and all other State Supports be categorised as non-means tested Universal Payments for people with Disabilities."

28(18) Limerick City & County Council

That, this Council would call on the Taoiseach and his Government to legislate to ensure that employees who have a recognised degree would be legally entitled to be paid a liveable wage and that their employers would not obstruct these graduates from being in pensionable and unionised jobs and this resolution would be circulated to each Local Authority in the country and to the Local Authority Members' Association [LAMA] and the Association of Irish Local Government [AILG]."

29(18) West Clare Municipal District

"We the West Clare Municipal District Councillors Ian Lynch, Gabriel Keating, Christy Curtin, Richard Nagle, Bill Slattery, Bill Chambers, PJ Kelly and Michael Hillery unanimously agreed at a Special Meeting of the Municipal District Council held on 27th August, 2018 to call on the Government to enact the Dáil motion passed in November 2016 in support of protecting and developing the Post Office network and its services.

In doing so we ask that they:

- (i) postpone the closures of Post Offices for a 3 year period, to facilitate a restructure of the post office services.*
- (ii) ensure that the necessary budget provision is included in Budget 2019 and thereafter to subsidise the Post Office network while it is being developed.*

30(18) Waterford City & County Council

"That Waterford City and County Council calls on the Government, in line with a recent motion, unanimously adopted in the Dáil, to immediately abolish the 'Loco Parentis' clause in homecare nursing contracts for sick children."

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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