

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 19th January, 2015 at 3.30pm

Chair: Cllr. P. Millea

Cllrs: M.H. Cavanagh, M. Shortall, D. Fitzgerald, A. McGuinness, P. Fitzpatrick, M. McCarthy, M. Doyle, M. Doran, K. Funchion, P. McKee, M. Noonan, E. Aylward, T. Breathnach, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, G. Frisby, P. Cleere, P. O'Neill, M. O'Neill, B. Gardner, D. Kennedy, J. Malone

Officials: J. Mulholland, J. McCormack, M. Prendiville, P. O'Neill, S. Walton, M. Delahunty, C. McCarthy, N. McCabe, K. Hanley and A.M Walsh

Apologies: Cllr. J. Brennan

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a) **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 15th December, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 15th December, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (b) **Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 (Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services) meeting held on 12th December, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle and agreed "That the minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee 2 (Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services) meeting held on the 12th December, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (c) **Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 5 (Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy) meeting held on the 11th December, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed "That the minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee 5 (Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy) meeting held on the 11th December, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (d) **Minutes of County Kilkenny Rural Water Monitoring Committee held on the 10th December, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed "That the minutes of the County Kilkenny Rural Water Monitoring Committee meeting held on the 10th December, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."
- (e) **Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 3 (Planning and Development, Heritage, Community, Arts and Culture) meeting held on the 9th December, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed "That the minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee 3 (Planning and Development, Heritage, Community, Arts and Culture) meeting held on the 9th December, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."

- (f) **Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 4 (Housing) meeting held on the 9th December, 2014.** Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and agreed "That the minutes of the Strategic Policy Committee 4 (Housing) meeting held on the 9th December, 2014 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved."

Cllr. P. Millea extended best wishes to all citizens of Kilkenny for a happy and prosperous new year.

Cllr. P. Millea congratulated the following:-

- All those involved in achieving the overall IBAL National Litter Award for the cleanest town/city in Ireland.
- To local company Cartoon Saloon on receiving an Oscar nomination for their film "The Sun and the Sea".
- To Thomastown School of Food which has recently opened.

Cllr. P. Millea extended **votes of sympathy** to the following:-

- To Philip O'Neill, Water Services Department on the death of his mother Nellie O'Neill
- To Colette Power, Finance Department on the death of her mother Elizabeth Brennan
- To Brian, Sean, Eamon and Gerry Tyrrell on the death of their father Sean Tyrrell
- To the Boyle Family, Parkview, Kilkenny on the death of Tom Boyle, former County Secretary
- To the family of the late Martin Brennan, Muckalee, ex-rate collector
- To the family of Derek Tyrrell, Riverview, Kilkenny
- To John Maher (former councillor), Oldcourt, Templeorum, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his brother Willie Maher
- To the family of the late Pakie Doyle, Carriganarra, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny
- To the family of the late Nicky Kavanagh, Ballyvalla, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny
- To the family of the late Bridget O'Keeffe, Gyles Quay, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny
- To Eileen McCarthy, 15 Marian Place, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Michael McCarthy
- To the Gilchrist Family, Clonmore, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Pakie Doyle
- To Breda Maher, Oldcourt, Templeorum, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Willie Maher
- To Willie Gahan and Family, Ballinaboley, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his wife Nora Gahan
- To Jim Lacey, Moolum, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his partner Bernie Halligan
- To Irene Bergin, Clashacrow, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Tony Bergin
- To Patricia Watson, Woodview, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her son Michael Watson

- To Statia Phelan, Clowe, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her husband Kevin Phelan
- To Peggy Walsh, Bullrong, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny on the death of her brother Nick Kavanagh
- To Jim Vereker, Grogan, Davidstown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his brother Dick Vereker
- To James Power, Ballynooney, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his mother Theresa Power
- To Neddy Malone, Tullogher, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his father Billy Malone
- To Pat Cullen, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on the death of his brother Ned Cullen

Cllr. M. Doran proposed an adjournment for 10 minutes as a mark of respect on the death of Philip O'Neill's mother. This was seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and agreed by all.

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 and Other Disposal - Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick 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 dwelling house at Foulks court, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, to Ashling Delaney, Viewmount, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €130,000 with each party being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale."
- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. D. Fitzgerald and agreed "That in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 – 2002, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 4 Newpark Close, Kilkenny."

(b) Roads – Bóithre

(i) Taking in Charge

- *88 Houses at Clover Meadows, Abbeylands, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny*

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed that:-

"We the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the taking in charge of 88 houses at Clover Meadows, Abbeylands, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010."

- *32 Residential Units at The Meadows, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny*

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and agreed that:-

"We the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the taking in charge of 32 houses at The Meadows, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010."

(ii) National Road Grant Allocation 2015

Mr. S. Walton advised that the allocation for national roads in 2015 is €1.47m similar to the allocation received in 2014. There may be further allocations later in the year.

The allocation is for normal service areas and pavement and minor works. The allocation will be subject of discussion at the municipal district meetings where the Road Works scheme will be considered.

Contributions were received from Cllr's M. Shortall, P. Fitzpatrick, D. Fitzgerald, M. O'Neill, P. Cleere, P. Dunphy, G. Frisby and P. Millea.

The issues raised by members are as follows:-

- commencement date/allocation for re-alignment of N78 at Damerstown/Coolbawn, urgent requirement to have funds provided.
- Winter Maintenance programme – review the schedule of roads being salted particularly roads out of the City.
- Unspent budget for Nov/Dec, can it be re-allocated to Jan/Feb.

- Malfunction of one gritting machine (Cllr. M. O'Neill to supply details to Mr. Walton) noted where gritting was applied to side of road.
- Provision of grit/salt for rural areas especially schools, notify communities where the grit boxes are provided.
- Consultation with IFA.
- Clarify cost of material – has it come down?

Mr. Walton responded to all queries raised and advised that an allocation is received for winter maintenance each year and members approved of the winter maintenance plan which outlined the roads prioritised for treatment. He advised it is not logistically possible to treat all roads. All strategic routes which have substantial traffic are treated. It is a matter for each Municipal District to decide if they want to allocate more funds to winter maintenance and reduce funds for normal maintenance or other works.

He advised that he is available to explore all options to facilitate schools and rural communities and decisions in relation to identifying locations for the deposit of grit can be made at Municipal District level. In the event of a prolonged period of frost or snow, arrangements will be made with the IFA.

(c) Corporate Affairs – Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

(i) Barrow Blueway - Presentation

Cllr. P. Millea welcomed Mr. Eanna Rowe, Head of Marketing with Waterways Ireland.

Mr. Rowe introduced the delegation from Waterways Ireland – Cormac McCarthy, Stephen Forest and Roseanne Nolan.

The delegation presented to members a powerpoint presentation on the Barrow Blueway. The path/trail on and adjacent to the River Barrow has been in planning for the last four years. Project is being undertaken with four local authorities, Failte Ireland and four Leader companies. The development of this trail is part of the national trails strategy and is included in Waterways Ireland Corporate Plan. It is a similar concept as the 'Greenway' in the West of Ireland. The intention is to develop a world class system of trails with benefits the community and wider tourist interests for the economic benefit of the region. The trail will run from

Lowtown to St. Mullins – 112km and the cost will be in the region of €6m.

They outlined the details of the works to be done and the issues to be addressed. Most of the land is in public ownership. Monitoring devices have already been installed to monitor visitors/users of various areas identified in the trail. There is a requirement to provide data on users in order to support application for funding.

Other issues referred to in the presentation:-

- Linkage of cycle routes from Kilkenny to Carlow
- Recognition of Special Area of Conservation
- Ecological Assessment/ EI Assessment to be undertaken
- Public Consultation already undertaken
- Planning application required for three counties – no requirement for planning application to Kilkenny County Council

Contributions were received from Cllr's P. Cleere, M. Doyle, E. Aylward and P. Millea. This issues raised by members were as follows:-

- Cost benefit analysis – has it been undertaken
- When river floods – how will pathway be maintained
- Issues with re-inforced grass
- Width of trail – is it suitable for multi-use walkers and cyclists together
- Difficulties encountered in getting information and making submissions
- How will vehicles be kept off the trail
- Has any consultation been given to continuing the trail from St. Mullins to New Ross

Mr. Rowe responded to all the queries raised by the members. He advised that Waterways Ireland are working with Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Leader Partnership in relation to the link to New Ross. Engagement with CIE is also required. The economic benefits of this part needs to be assessed. He further stated that the public response to the Barrow Blueway was 50% positive and 50% negative.

Cllr. P. Millea thanked Mr. Rowe and his staff for the presentation and wished the project every success.

(ii) Chief Executive's Report

Mr. Mulholland presented his report which has been circulated to members with the agenda. He advised members that further works will be undertaken in Parliament Street, Kilkenny in 2015. Grant of €1.37m has been secured from Failte Ireland.

Congratulations were extended to all involved in Keeping Kilkenny City litter free and on winning the IBAL overall cleanest town for the third time.

Works will also commence on St. Mary's Hall in 2015. The cost of the works is €4m and grant of €3.9m has been approved. Funding has also been secured for a river garden at Diageo site. Draft designs will be put before the members in March. Formal launch of the council bid for the European Capital of Culture will take place in Waterford City on the 23rd January, 2015. All members are invited to attend.

Mr. Prendiville advised on the following:-

- Revised Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations has been introduced.
- Updated Code of Audit Practice has also been issued
- Rate Demands for 2015 will be issued shortly
- Festival Grants Scheme/Amenity Grant Scheme will be advertised shortly

Mr. Walton updated the members on the various road projects (details are included on the Chief Executive's Report). He advised that works are continuing in both Graiguenamanagh and Thomastown on the Village Renewal Scheme. Contract will be awarded in the coming weeks for the N24 Mooncoin Pavement Project costing €1.75m.

Mr. McCormack updated the Council on the PPN, LCDC and LAG (Public Participation Network, Local Community Development Committee and Local Action Group). The process of compiling and agreeing a Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) has commenced. Once this plan has been adopted by the Council, this will be the strategy with which all other funding programmes must comply. The need for integration and consistency is vital for the success of LAG and LCDC.

He advised that discussions have commenced with Carlow on shared library service.

Mr. McCormack also updated the members on the progress of the Housing Assistance Payment Programme (HAP). 104 HAP tenancies have been established in the last three months of 2014. Homeless section in Kilkenny County Council has seen unprecedented demand for service in 2014. Statistics in relation to this are documented in the Chief Executive Report.

He advised that availability of accommodation is non-existent in Kilkenny City. The Council will have to keep in place a number of options for emergency homelessness and this will remain in place indefinitely due to the demand.

Mr. Mulholland also brought to the attention of members of a recent blaze that destroyed a family home in Kilkenny City. The fire was caused accidentally where a child's nintendo toy was left charging under a bed. This highlights the need to be ultra vigilant in the home and to take extreme care when using electrical and electronic devices. A general public safety warning will be issued by the local authority.

Mr. Mulholland further advised that a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out by the Municipal District needs to be adopted by each district. This should be done in conjunction with the Annual Road Works Scheme.

Contributions and queries were raised by Cllr's A. McGuinness, F. Doherty, M. Noonan, P. Fitzpatrick, M. O'Neill, T. Breathnach, M. Shortall, P. Cleere, K. Funchion, B. Gardner and P. Millea. The following is a summary of the main issues raised:-

- Timeframe for advertising of various grant schemes and notification of individual grants to various bodies and communities as soon as possible
- Request to expedite valuation of premises
- Timeframe for completion of various road projects and village renewal scheme works
- Take the necessary opportunities to lay underground ducting when undertaking any road project
- Concerns in delays in getting PPN up and running, deadline should be put in place for PPN and SPC nominations, need to get mutual agreement with Leader Partnership – cannot lose opportunities to seek funding for the County
- Shared Library Service – challenges for this, requirement to increase funds for book stock, seek alternative options for new

City Library. Concerns that service maybe reduced, will staff be lost.

- Concerns regarding increase in the number of homeless – non-availability of accommodation
- Homelessness – price of accommodation – very high in Kilkenny, need to increase rent allowance rates immediately at national level, shortage of properties to increase potential for new builds
- Re-development of St. Catherine’s is urgently required, seek funding from Department for immediate intervention
- Additional staff required to deal with anti-social behaviour issues
- Unoccupied houses to be re-developed, seek incentives for upgrading e.g. urban renewal, request letter be sent to Minister, number of house delivered under Part V.
- Need to inspect houses and comply with rental standards
- Role of Municipal Districts in the development of Local Economic Plan

Mr. McCormack and Mr. Walton responded to individual queries raised by Councillors.

Mr. Mulholland stated that housing provision and economic development are priorities for the local authority. It is proposed to provide 700 units over the next six years.

All options including direct build, refurbishment of derelict building, completion of partially constructed units, brown field sites will all have to be explored. The housing grant allocation is awaited.

With regard to library services, Mr. Mulholland advised that it is Government policy to share services and it is a requirement to work within the policy. All staff and unions will be consulted. Mr. Mulholland undertook to examine alternative designs for the new City and County library given the significant shortfall in grant assistance.

(iii) Section 85 Agreement with Wexford County Council

Mr. S. Walton referred to the report circulated to members and advised that in 2012 Kilkenny County Council entered into a Section 85 agreement with Wexford County Council to procure and appoint a service provider for the installation and operation of a GPS Positioning System for the Council’s fleet. A contractor was

appointed for three years. This expires in April 2015. It is now proposed that Wexford County Council will continue the role of the procuring authority for the provision of these services for the next three years. Therefore approval of the Council is required to enter into a Section 85 Agreement to facilitate the advancement of the contract for the GPS Vehicle Positioning System.

Cllr. T. Breathnach asked for clarification on the cost of this service for the County – is it on a pro-rata basis across the local authorities involved in shared procurement. Mr. Walton advised that it is based on the number of vehicles with each local authority.

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed "We the members of Kilkenny County Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 85, Local Government Act 2001, resolve to enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Wexford County Council in order to advance the procurement and appointment of a service provider for the installation and operation of an internet based GPS Positioning System for a combined fleet of approximately 500 Vehicles."

(iv) Recommended Audit Charter

Mr. S. Walton advised members that their approval is required to the proposed audit charter. The Audit Charter is prepared in accordance with the Audit Committee Regulations 2014 and outlines the purpose, functions, composition and operation of the Audit Committee. It also sets out the framework that the committee must operate. The committee is required to report on an annual basis to the elected members and the minutes of the meetings are circulated for member's information.

The Audit Committee has an independent role within the Council and advises the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters.

Cllr. M. Noonan asked is there representation on the audit committee for the Public Participation Network. Mr. Walton advised that the regulations are in force prior to PPN so there is no representation at this stage.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by Cllr M. Noonan and agreed "that the Audit Charter as proposed be approved by the Council."

(d) Environment - Timpeallacht

(i) Draft Southern Region Waste Management Plan

Mr. Philip O'Neill advised the members that the closing date for receipt of submissions on the Draft Southern Regional Waste Management Plan 2015 – 2021 is the 30th January, 2015. The draft plan was discussed by the SPC at their meeting on the 11th December, 2014 and all members were invited to attend.

Ms. C. McCarthy, Environment Section gave a powerpoint presentation to the members. In her presentation she outlined that the Country is now divided into three regions for waste management plans. The strategic vision of the regional waste plans is to rethink the approach to managing waste by reviewing our waste streams as valuable material resources that can contribute to a healthier environment and sustainable commercial opportunities for the economy. She outlined the following:-

- Performance targets –
 - Reduce household waste
 - Recycle more
 - Less to Landfill
- Plans for a national and regional basis
- Issues raised by SPC members for inclusion in the Council's submission
- Post Draft Consultation process
- Final plan to be adopted in April 2015

A copy of the presentation was circulated to members.

Contributions were received from Cllr's M. Shortall, M. Noonan, B. Gardner, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, M. O'Neill and P. Fitzpatrick

Members thanked Carol McCarthy for her presentation and raised the following issues:-

- Introduction of Deposit Refund Scheme for glass bottles
- Publicise the WEE collections/hazard waste collection

- Responsibilities on land owners for illegal dumping is not fair and legislation should be amended
- Awareness campaign in relation to agricultural waste – silage/plastic wrappings

Cllr. M Shortall proposed that the submission should be forwarded and this was seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner.

Mr. C. McCarthy advised that the submission will be sent to Regional Waste Office in Limerick and if members have any further suggestions to advise her within the next few days.

Cllr. P. Millea thanked Ms. McCarthy for her presentation.

(e) Finance – Airgeadais

(i) Draft Development Contribution Scheme

Cllr. P. Millea advised that a Planning SPC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 27th January, 2015 and he requested member's approval to refer this item for detailed discussion to the SPC due to the shortness of time at the meeting.

It was agreed that all members would be invited to attend the Planning SPC. A copy of the current scheme and the draft scheme was circulated at the meeting for member's information.

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) Fix Date for March Meeting of Council – Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by Cllr. K. Funchion and agreed “that the March meeting of Kilkenny County Council will take place on the 23rd March, 2015.”
- (ii) Schedule of meetings from January – February 2015. Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.
- (iii) Deputations

Cllr. P. Millea advised that a request for Butler Gallery has been received to make a presentation to the members and with members approval he suggested the February meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed that “the Butler Gallery would make a presentation at the monthly meeting on the 16th February, 2015.”

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

- (i) Chairperson’s Report on SPC 2 – Infrastructure, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services held on the 12th December, 2014. **Deferred to February Meeting**
- (ii) Chairperson’s Report on the County Kilkenny Rural Water Monitoring Committee Held on the 10th December, 2014. It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed “that the Chairperson’s Report on the County Kilkenny Rural Water Monitoring Committee held on the 10th December, 2014 be noted and approved.”
- (iii) Chairperson’s Report on SPC 5 - Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy held on the 11th December, 2014. **Deferred to February Meeting.**
- (iv) Chairperson’s Report on SPC 3 - Planning and Development, Heritage, Community, Arts and Culture held on the 9th December, 2014. It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by Cllr. J. Malone and agreed “that the Chairperson’s Report on SPC 3 – Planning and Development, Heritage, Community, Arts and Culture held on the 9th December, 2014 be noted and approved.”
- (v) Chairperson’s Report on SPC 4 - Housing held on the 9th December, 2014. It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, seconded

by Cllr. M. O'Neill "that the Chairperson's Report on SPC 4 – Housing held on the 9th December, 2014 be noted and approved."

Cllr. M. Shortall asked that consideration be given to the provision of stoves in all social houses.

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

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

Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.

(ii) Summary proceedings at Conferences –

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
F. Doherty	28 th November 2014	Maximising EU Funding Opportunities 2014 - 2020
M. Doran	28 th – 29 th November 2014	Funding Public Services – General Taxation or What?
B. Gardner	12 th – 13 th December 2014	Protected Disclosures Act, 2014
E. Aylward	28 th – 29 th November 2014	Effects of Budget 2015
M.H. Cavanagh	5 th – 6 th December 2014	Alignment of Local Government and Local Development

Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed.

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

Cllr. M. O'Neill requested clarification on what is recorded in the minutes of the meeting. She stated that contributions made by her were not recorded. She contended the minutes were not a fair representation of the meetings and the minutes might not be an accurate record of the meeting.

Mr. J. McCormack referred to the Standing Orders approved by the elected members – Item no. 14 outlines what shall be included in the minutes. Minutes should record decisions made by members. It is not practical for staff taking minutes to record everything that is said by all members. Mr. McCormack stated that staff will be advised to adhere to the requirements outlined in the Standing Orders for future minutes - "Contributions and decisions made."

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

Mr. Mulholland advised that the Cathaoirleach had received an invitation to visit New York for St. Patrick's Day. He requested the Council approval to accept the invitation and that an official will travel with the Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed "That a delegation comprising of the Cathaoirleach and an official should visit New York for St. Patrick's Day to promote Kilkenny."

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. K. Funchion and agreed "that Standing Orders be suspended to complete Item no. 10.

Cllr. F. Doherty advised the Council that she wished to make people aware that drivers are being flagged down by criminals and cars being taken."

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

1 (15) – Cllr. Fidelis Doherty – 12th January, 2015

"That Kilkenny County Council seek to ensure that the National Flag of Ireland, the tricolour, when displayed in public places and locations be kept in good condition at all times. This national emblem is part of the country's identity, and a significant

symbol of Ireland and should be in its best display at all times, and, if the flag on display is in disrepair, it should be replaced." **Deferred to February Meeting.**

2 (15) - Cllr. K. Funchion, D. Kennedy and M. O'Neill – 12th January, 2015

"That This Council calls on the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Heather Humphreys to recognise and act on her responsibility as Heritage Minister to protect and preserve the historic Moore Street area of Dublin City, including the terrace 10-25 Moore Street which was occupied by the Volunteers at the end of Easter Week 1916 and where the final meeting of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic took place. This requires the preservation not only of the National Monument 14-17 Moore Street but the protection of the terrace and of the integrity of the surrounding area which has been described as 'the lanes of history' and which has the potential to be sensitively developed as an historic quarter of our capital city, enhancing the living market trading tradition and bringing to life the area's central role in the 1916 Rising." **Deferred to February Meeting.**

2. 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:

1 (15) - Tipperary County Council – 19th December, 2014

"That Tipperary County Council support the upcoming Referendum on marriage equality to be held in the Spring of 2015." **Deferred to February Meeting.**

2 (15) - Carlow County Council – 5th January, 2015

"That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Justice and Equality to bring forward much needed legislation in order to regulate shops that give Cash for Gold." **Deferred to February Meeting.**

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

