

MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT 3.00 P.M.

Chair: Peter Cleere.

Cllrs: Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Martin Brett, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Fidelis Doherty, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Joe Lyons, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness, Malcolm Noonan & Patrick O'Neill.

Officials: Colette Byrne, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Mary J. Mulholland, Sean McKeown, Anne Maria Walsh, Bernadette Moloney, Michael Delahunty, Martin Mullally, Frank Stafford, Paul Murphy, Fiona Deegan, Tony Lauhoff & Nicolaas Louw.

Apology: Cllr. Joe Malone.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 15th July, 2019**

Proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed:

"That the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 15th July, 2019 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

(b) **Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday, 26th July, 2019**

Proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and agreed:

"That the Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 26th July, 2019 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

Cathaoirleach Peter Cleere extended congratulations to the following:

- Phil Hogan on his appointment as the new EU Trade Commissioner.
- Ken Cottrell and the Irish Racquetball Team who competed in the European Championships in Hamburg.
- Peter Walsh on winning the All Ireland Bee Keeping Championship.
- All staff involved in keeping our river walks free of litter and winning the IBAL Award.

The Cathaoirleach wished Michael Delahunty well in his retirement and wished Simon Walton well as he moves to Laois County Council as Director of Services.

Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick, John Coonan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty and Tomás Breathnach were associated with these good wishes.

The Cathaoirleach extended votes of sympathy to:

- Alison McGrath, Housing on the death of her mother Alice Bolger.
- Annette Purcell, Castlecomer Library on the death of her husband Billy Purcell.
- Andy Doyle, Machinery Yard on the death of his father John Doyle.
- John Collins, Fire Services on the death of his father John P. Collins.
- Family of the late Pat Moore, Green Street, Kilkenny.
- Family of the late Michael Kelly, Paulstown.
- Family of the late Paddy Dwyer, Pearce Street.
- Family of the late John Kennedy, Shellumsrath.
- Family of the late Robert Gibbs, 2, Greensbridge.
- Family of the late John Proctor, Bauntha, Callan.
- Family of the late Ray Forrester, Carrigeen.

- Family of the late John Holden, Piltown.
- Family of the late Paddy Phelan, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Peggy Kenneally, Piltown.
- Family of the late Wattie O'Keeffe, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late P.J. Silke, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Tommy Purcell, Carrigeen.
- Family of the late Brendan Fennelly, Kilmoganny.
- Family of the late Bridget Walsh, Mullinavat.
- Family of the late Kitty Delahunty, Carrigeen.
- Family of the late Cissie Deady, Carrigeen.
- Family of the late Mary Quilty, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Wattie Fewer, Mooncoin.
- Family of the late Tommy Walsh, Mooncoin.

Cathaoirleach paid special tribute to Pat Moore who was photographer for majority of Council events in recent years. Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and Mary Hilda Cavanagh, on behalf of their respective parties, and Malcolm Noonan were associated with his vote of sympathy.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed that the meeting would finish at 5.00 p.m. to allow Councillors an opportunity to pay their respects to the late Pat Moore.

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

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett 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 a site at Hebron Industrial Estate, Hebron Road, Kilkenny, as identified on the enclosed map as Site B, to Dunreidy Engineering Ltd, Unit 53 Hebron Industrial Estate, Kilkenny, for the sum of €337,000 (three hundred and thirty-seven thousand euros). This site measures approx. 3.37 acres. Each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale.” [Notice sent to Members on the 29th August, 2019]

- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. John Coonan 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 a site at Hebron Industrial Estate, Hebron Road, Kilkenny, as identified on the enclosed map as Site F, to CF Pharmaceuticals, No. 73b Hebron Industrial Estate, Kilkenny, for the sum of €92,000 (ninety-two thousand euros). This site measures approx. 0.92 acres. Each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale.” [Notice sent to Members on the 29th August, 2019]

- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr. Michael McCarthy seconded by Cllr. Michael Delaney 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 Property at Ballykeeffe Quarry (Amphitheatre), Ballykeeffe, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny – which measures approx. 1.21 ha and as outlined on the attached map - to Kilmanagh Ballycallan Killaloe Community Enterprise Group Ltd, The Old School House, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny by way of extension to existing long term lease for a further term of 10 years up to the year 2037 and at an annual rent of €52. Kilmanagh Ballycallan Killaloe Community Enterprise Group Ltd will be responsible for all legal costs associated with the lease, including those of Kilkenny County Council.” [Notice sent to Members on the 29th August, 2019]

- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr. Denis Hynes seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett 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 16 Cluain Mhuire, Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny (as identified on the attached map) to John Brennan and Kathleen Brennan, 16 Cluain Mhuire, Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €100 (one hundred euro) with the Purchaser being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale, including those of Kilkenny County Council. Area measures 0.22 acre." [Notice sent to Members on the 30th August, 2019]

(b) **Planning**

(i) **Part 8: Ormonde Street Enhancement**

Mr. Tim Butler presented the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report on the Urban Enhancement and Improvements for Ormonde Street, Kilkenny. He outlined the proposed works included in the Part 8. Part 8 was advertised in June 2019 for public consultation. Three submissions were received and two responses were received from the Statutory Agencies. The report outlines a summary of the issues raised and the Chief Executive's response to them. Mr. Butler recommended to the Elected Members that the proposed development be proceeded with.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. John Coonan and Malcolm Noonan in relation to the proposed works, removal of trees, cycle lane and derelict buildings. Mr. Butler responded to the issues raised.

It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed:

"We the Members of Kilkenny County Council approves the proposed 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 the proposed Urban Enhancement & Improvement – Ormonde Street, Kilkenny, as circulated."

(ii) **Part 8: Proposed Housing at Parcnagowan**

Ms. Mary Mulholland presented the Chief Executive's Part 8 Report on the proposed development of six houses at Smithsland South, Kilkenny [adjacent to Parcnagowan].

Ms. Mulholland advised the Members that this is a brownfield site. Access to the site would be through the Parcnagowan Estate. As the services in the Parcnagowan Estate have not been taken in charge to-date and agreement was not received to access the site through the Estate, it is recommended to the Members that this proposed development does not proceed at this stage as it is premature. When the Parcnagowan Estate is taken in charge a new statutory planning process will be undertaken. She recommended to the Members that the proposed Part 8 development be refused.

Contribution was received by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness in relation to the views of the residents and request for meeting with the residents affected by the proposed development.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach and agreed:

"We the members of Kilkenny County Council agree the proposed 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 to refuse the proposed development of 6 houses at Smithsland South, Kilkenny as circulated."

(c) (i) **Anti-Litter/Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grants**

Mr. Sean McKeown presented his report on applications for funding under the Anti-Litter/Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2019. He advised Members that 14 applications were received. A budget of €6,825 is available to distribute to local communities. Two applications do not fit the criteria of the grant scheme. Mr. McKeown recommended that grants be awarded to 12 grants as listed in the report.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council approves the payment of Anti-Litter/Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grants in accordance with the list circulated to the Members."

(ii) **Climate Adaptation Strategy**

Mr. Sean McKeown gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Draft Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024. In his presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Policy Content
- The need to adapt
- Purpose of Adaptation Strategy
- Format of Strategy
- Process to-date
- Challenges for Implementation
- Adaptation Action Headlines:
 - Energy & Building
 - Flood Resilience
 - Resource Management
 - Transport
 - Nature & Communities

Mr. Frank Stafford gave a PowerPoint presentation on the actions and sub actions under the Adaptation Action Headlines as referred to in the previous presentation. Details of all the actions are listed in the document which was circulated with the Agenda.

Mr. Stafford advised that there are 95 actions and 116 sub actions for the period 2019-2024. He gave an overview on these actions for each of the Headline Areas.

Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. McKeown and Mr. Stafford for the detailed overview on the Strategy.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Malcolm Noonan, John Brennan and Tomás Breathnach.

Issues raised by Members were as follows:

- Challenges to deliver on the actions.
- Green Procurement.
- Mobility Management Plan and Bio-Diversity Plan.
- Need for Local Authority to lead the change.
- Education and Awareness.
- Monitoring and Evaluating the Actions.

Mr. Sean McKeown responded to the points made and advised that SPC 4 will be reviewing/monitoring the delivery of the Actions on a quarterly basis.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eamon Aylward seconded by Cllr. Michael McCarthy and agreed:

"We the members of Kilkenny County Council having considered the proposal Pursuant to the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 and the National Adaptation Framework (NAF), 2018. Kilkenny County Council resolves to approve the Kilkenny County Council Climate Change Adaptation Strategy 2019-2024, having considered the draft strategy, the contents of the CE report on submissions received during the period of consultation and the SEA and AA Screening Reports carried out in accordance with the requirements of the SEA Directive (DIR 2001/42/EC) and Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC.)"

(d) (i) **Traveller Accommodation Programme 2018 – 2023**

Ms. Mary Mulholland presented the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 for approval by the Members. It is a reserved function to adopt a programme every five years. Workshop was held for Members on 26th July, 2019.

The draft Programme was put on public display for four weeks. Consultation was held with Local Traveller Consultative Committee, Housing SPC, agencies on the Traveller Interagency Group, Traveller & Local Development organisations and other groups that have an interest in the provision of Traveller Services. Engagement was also had with Young Travellers through Ossory Youth.

Ms. Mulholland outlines that to be eligible to be included in the programme the family must be residing in the functional area of Kilkenny County Council and are included in the Social Housing Assessment data gathered in June 2018. There are 41 families approved for accommodation and a projected need for a further 25 households. Total of 66 households for the period 2019-2024. Kilkenny County Council has exceeded the targets included in the last Traveller Accommodation Programme and Ms. Mulholland acknowledges the work and support of all the Housing staff in achieving this.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. John Coonan, Malcolm Noonan, Eugene McGuinness and Andrew McGuinness in relation to the following:

- Challenges in delivering programme.
- Need to consider local communities.
- Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Control of horses and dogs.
- Management of Tenancies – Rent Collection and Waste Management.
- Cost to manage the Group Housing Developments.
- Loss of Services from other Agencies.
- Community Centre for Wetlands.
- Safety of children on sulkies, using the roads etc.
- Rubbish on private lands.
- Horse exclusion zones.

Ms. Mary Mulholland and Mr. Sean McKeown responded to all the issues raised.

It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan seconded by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council approves the adoption of the proposed Traveller Accommodation Programme 2018-2023, as list circulated to the Members."

(e) (i) **Annual Financial Statement 2018**

Mr. Martin Prendiville presented the Audited Annual Financial Statement for 2018. He advised that the Audit for 2018 is completed and there is no change to the Financial Statement which was presented to Members in March, 2019.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Eamon Aylward and agreed that the Audited Annual Financial Statement for 2018 be noted.

(ii) **Local Government Audit Report**

Mr. Prendiville presented the Statutory Audit Report for the year 2018. He advised Members that a number of issues were raised during the Audit. Management have responded to each item and reported on the actions taken to address the issues.

Cllr. Malcolm Noonan raised a query on the assets of the Civic Trust and outsourcing the operation of Butler House. Ms. Byrne responded to the queries.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Eamon Aylward and agreed that the Statutory Audit Report for the year ended 31st December, 2018 be taken as read and noted.

(iii) **Local Property Tax**

Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive presented her report on the Local Property Tax. She referred to the briefings provided to all the Members on the need to increase the Local Property Tax by 15%.

She advised the Members that there are significant challenges facing the Council for 2020 budget. She encouraged Members to adopt a 15% increase on the Local Property Tax so that there will not be a significant impact on the discretionary spending which will impact on the level of services/projects provided by the Council/communities throughout the City and County.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Denis Hynes, Malcolm Noonan and Eugene McGuinness.

Members voiced their concerns on:

- The impact the increase would have on individual households.
- No increase on commercial rates.
- Collection of outstanding arrears.
- Impact on the delivery of services, reduction in the level of funding to communities.
- Scale back projects.

Mr. Prendiville responded to the issues raised. He outlined the increase on the various bands of the Local Property Tax:

Properties in Band 1:	0.26 c per week
Properties in Band 2:	0.52 c per week
Properties in Band 3:	0.91 c per week

90% of properties in Kilkenny are in these three bands.

Ms. Byrne advised Members that serious consideration is given to all capital projects. The provision of funds from the Council are used to leverage grants from Department and other State Agencies.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh that the Local Property Tax be increased by 15%.

Cllr. Malcolm Noonan proposed an amendment that the Local Property Tax be increased by 5%. There was no seconder.

The proposal was put to a vote.

Voting For [18]: Cllrs. John Brennan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Michael Delaney, Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Peter Cleere, Deirdre Cullen, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons, Patrick O'Neill, Martin Brett, John Coonan, Andrew McGuinness, Eamon Aylward, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy & Ger Frisby.

Voting Against [4] Cllrs. Denis Hynes, Eugene McGuinness, Malcolm Noonan & Tomás Breathnach.

Therefore, the proposal by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Mary Hilda Cavanagh that:

"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council in pursuance of the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act, 2012 (as amended), hereby resolve that the basic rate of local property tax should stand unchanged for the period 1st November, 2019 to 31st October, 2020 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the administrative area of Kilkenny County Council. The invariable rate shall take effect from the liability date in the year in which notification is sent to the Revenue Commissioners".

is carried.

(f) (i) **Chief Executive's Monthly Report**

Ms. Colette Byrne presented her Report. Cllrs. Pat Fitzpatrick, Fidelis Doherty, John Brennan and Mary Hilda Cavanagh raised queries in relation to CLAR Funding and the criteria for designating areas. Members requested that the Scheme be revisited.

Mr. Butler responded and advised that the Department has indicated that a review be carried out.

At this stage of the meeting the fire alarm went off, all present were evacuated from the building.

The meeting resumed at 4.45 p.m.

(ii) **Draft Corporate Plan**

Mr. Tim Butler advised that draft Plan was circulated. He asked Members to consider it and forward any comments. The Plan will be on display for public consultation and will be sent to LCDC and PPN for comment.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and agreed that the Draft Corporate Plan for 2019-2024 proceed to public consultation.

(iii) **Draft SPC Scheme 2019-2024**

Mr. Tim Butler presented the draft SPC Scheme 2019-2024. Following publication for consultation, three submissions were received. The draft Scheme has been amended following consideration of the submissions.

It is recommended that the following amendments to the Scheme be included in the Scheme for adoption:

Increase configuration as follows:

SPC1: 1 additional Elected Member
1 additional Community/Voluntary Representative [PPN]

SPC2: 1 additional Elected Member
1 additional Environment/Conservation Representative [PPN]

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council approves the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2019-2024, as circulated to the Members."

(iv) **Nomination to Following Committees:**

SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support and Tourism, Planning & Development Policy

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:

- (i) Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick
- (ii) Cllr. Ger Frisby
- (iii) Cllr. Michael McCarthy
- (iv) Cllr. Eugene McGuinness
- (v) Cllr. Patrick O'Neill
- (vi) Cllr. Michael Doyle
- (vii) Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
- (viii) **Vacancy**

to SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support and Tourism, Planning & Development Policy".

SPC 2: Transportational Policy/Mobility Management & Water Services

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Michael Doyle and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:

- (i) Cllr. Matt Doran
- (ii) Cllr. Michael Delaney
- (iii) Cllr. Peter Cleere
- (iv) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach
- (v) Cllr. Deirdre Cullen
- (vi) Cllr. Pat Dunphy
- (vii) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty
- (viii) **Vacancy**

to SPC 2: Transportational Policy/Mobility Management & Water Services."

SPC 3: Housing

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Pat O'Neill and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:

- (i) Cllr. Joe Malone*
- (ii) Cllr. Andrew McGuinness*
- (iii) Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick*
- (iv) Cllr. Eamon Aylward*
- (v) Cllr. Eugene McGuinness*
- (vi) Cllr. Joe Lyons*
- (vii) Cllr. Martin Brett*
- (viii) Cllr. Denis Hynes*

to SPC 3: Housing."

SPC 4: Environment Protection, Climate Action & Energy.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Pat O'Neill and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:

- (i) Cllr. Deirdre Cullen*
- (ii) Cllr. Malcolm Noonan*
- (iii) Cllr. Denis Hynes*
- (iv) Cllr. Joe Lyons*
- (v) Cllr. David Fitzgerald*
- (vi) Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh*

to SPC 4: Environment Protection, Climate Action & Energy."

SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:

- (i) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach*
- (ii) Cllr. Peter Cleere*
- (iii) Cllr. John Coonan*
- (iv) Cllr. Pat Dunphy*
- (v) Cllr. Martin Brett*
- (vi) Cllr. John Brennan*

to SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services."

Naming of Infrastructure Committee

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:

- (i) Cllr. John Coonan [Chairperson]*
- (ii) Cllr. Michael Doyle*
- (iii) Cllr. Pat Dunphy*
- (iv) Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick*
- (v) Cllr. Andrew McGuinness*

to Naming of Infrastructure Committee."

Carlow/Kilkenny Energy Agency

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:

- (i) Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick*
- (ii) Cllr. Martin Brett*

to Carlow/Kilkenny Energy Agency."

Kilkenny Recreation Sports Partnership

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints the following:

- (i) Cllr. Eamon Aylward*
- (ii) Cllr. Patrick O'Neill*

to Kilkenny Recreation Sports Partnership."

(v) **Audit Committee Charter & Work Programme**

Mr. Tim Butler advised the Members that it is a statutory requirement that the External Audit Committee prepare an Audit Committee Charter and an Annual Work Programme which shall be adopted by the Elected Members.

It was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Cllr. Michael Delaney and agreed:

"That Kilkenny County Council approves and adopts the Audit Committee Charter & Work Plan 2019, as presented".

(g) **Economic Development**

Deferred to October Meeting.

(h) **Community & Culture**

Deferred to October Meeting.

3. **Correspondence**

Letter from HSE in relation to MRI Scanner at St. Luke's Hospital circulated with the Agenda.

4. **Business Adjourned From a Previous Meeting**

None.

5. (i) **Schedule of Meetings from July 2019 to October, 2019**

It was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed.

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

None.

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. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed.
9. **Matters Arising from Minutes**
None
10. **Any Other Business**
Ms. Colette Byrne advised Members if any Member wishes to visit the Abbey Quarter Site in advance of the presentation at the October Meeting that it can be arranged. Members to advise Corporate Services.
11. **Notices of Motion**
None.
12. **Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council**
It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Delaney, seconded by Cllr. Denis Hynes and agreed that Notices of Motion 16 (19), 17 (19), 18 (18) and 19 (19) be taken as read and noted.
- 16 (19) Kerry County Council**
“That we write to the Minister for Defence and An Taoiseach asking that the long overdue medals for gallantry and distinguished service specifically for the Irish soldiers of A Company who served at Jadotville in 1961 be awarded. These medals were promised by former Taoiseach Enda Kenny in his final days in Office and still they have not been received.”
- 17 (19) Kerry County Council**
“Considering obligations under the Good Friday Agreement {GFA}, this Council calls on the Irish Government to bring the Equal Status Act in line with legislation in the 6 County state and include ‘political belief’ as an unlawful ground for discrimination.”
- 18 (19) Leitrim County Council**
“At the July Meeting of Leitrim County Council that the Members unanimously agreed to write to Minister for Agriculture to oppose the EU Mercosur Trade Deal.”
- 19 (19) Waterford City & County Council**
“That Waterford City & County Council in keeping with the objective of making Waterford a fair employment area agrees with and endorses the right of all employees to be represented individually and/or collectively by a trade union if they so wish. We would expect and encourage all Employers and their representative organisations in Waterford City & County to fully recognise this basic fundamental human right and so not intimidate, harass or threaten the continued employment of those exercising this right.”

That concluded the business of the meeting.