

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2018 AT 3.00 P.M.**

Chair: David Fitzgerald

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

Officials: Colette Byrne, Mary J. Mulholland, Sean McKeown, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Denis Malone, Nicolaas Louw, Michael Delahunty, Eimear Cody, Pat Crotty, Martin Mullally, Seamus Kavanagh & Anne Maria Walsh.

Apologies: Cllr. Melissa O'Neill.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

(a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 12th March, 2018

Proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 12th March, 2018, as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

(b) Minutes of SPC 1 Meeting held on Friday, 15th December, 2017

Proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Patrick McKee and agreed:

"That the Minutes of SPC1 Meeting: Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism held on Friday, 15th December, 2017, as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

Cllr. David Fitzgerald offered congratulations to:

- Harry & Molly Flynn, Ferrybank on winning Rehab Young Person of the Year Award.
- All involved in the Medieval Mile Museum on receiving a Judges Silver Award at the Irish Construction Excellence Awards.
- Catherine Neary on her term as President of the Camogie Association.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald advised the Members of the following events/issues:

- Brexit Breakfast on Friday, 18th May, 2018 in Newpark Hotel hosted by Kilkenny County Council, Chamber of Commerce and IFA.
- Information Meeting to be held in May regarding the future of retail in Kilkenny.
- Vacant Site Levy - it is understood that the Department is to issue a further Circular in relation to land being used for agricultural purposes.

Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Patrick McKee, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby & Fidelis Doherty spoke on the Vacant Site Levy.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald also extended votes of sympathy to the following:

- Tim & Mary Butler on the death of their Mother Margaret Butler,
- Majella Byrne, Library Services on the death of her Mother Mairead Connolly.
- Tony Devlin, Kilkenny Area on the death of his Mother Maura Devlin.
- Margo Hayden, Library Services on the death of her Mother Margaret Hayden.
- The Boyd Family on the death of their Mother Carmel Boyd, former Borough Councillor.
- The Family of Bridget Roche, Collins Park, Callan.
- The Family of Mary Quinn, Graiguenamanagh.
- The Family of Philip Purcell, Kilkenny.
- The Family of Tom Madigan, Kilkenny.
- The Family of Cllr. Jerry Lodge, Member of Laois County Council.
- The Family of Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, Member of Tipperary County Council.
- The Family of Joanne Connolly, Paulstown.
- The Family of Peter Healy, Circular Road.
- The Family of Eoin Doyle, Dunamaggin.
- The Family of Noel Walsh, Assumption Place.
- The Family of Geraldine Roche, Kilkenny.
- The Family of Kieran Fitzpatrick.

It was proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed that the meeting adjourn for five minutes as a mark of respect to Tim Butler.

The meeting resumed at 3.20 p.m.

The Cathaoirleach advised that a number of issues need to be considered by Members In-Committee and if Members agreed the Monthly Meeting would finish at 5.00 p.m. and then go into Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Pat Millea and agreed to go into Committee at 5.00 p.m. after the Monthly Meeting.

Cllr. Tomás Breathnach proposed that Kilkenny County Council send a submission on Hinkley Point. The latest date is 17th April, 2018. This matter has been discussed at the SPC 3 and there are concerns regarding the expansion of this Nuclear Plant which is only 250km from the South East Coast. Cllr. Malcolm Noonan seconded this. All Members except Cllr. Patrick McKee agreed to the submission being made.

2. (a) **Housing & Other Disposal**

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere, seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy 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 a Plot of ground at The Quay, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny - which measures approx 136 m² - and as outlined on the attached map - to Graiguenamanagh Scout Group, The Quay, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny by way of long term lease until September 2043 at an annual rent of €10. Each party to be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the lease."

(b) **Planning**

- (i) **Taking in Charge - Aylesbury, Ferrybank**

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy and agreed that:

"We, the Members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following development 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."

Development: TC68 - Aylesbury, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny

(ii) **Part 8 - 17 Houses at Piltown**

Cllr. Pat Dunphy welcomed the development of the 17 units in Piltown and asked that the entrance to be re-aligned following receipt of submission. Colette Byrne recommended that the Part 8 as proposed be approved and in the detailed design the adjoining neighbour issues can be addressed.

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan 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 Construction of 17 Houses at Main Street, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny as circulated."

(iii) **Material Contravention - St. Kieran's College**

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that a planning application has been received for change of use of part of the front range of St. Kieran's College to offices. The current use is for community. This change of use involves a material change of use and it would materially contravene the Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan 2014 - 2020.

The proposed use is required by Lighthouse Studios, which is a partnership between Cartoon Saloon & Mercury Studios, to accommodate additional staff to be employed over the next three years. The use will be on a temporary basis for a fixed period of three years and only for Lighthouse Studio and their partners. It is intended that Lighthouse Studios will have sourced permanent accommodation within three years.

It was proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that:

"That in accordance with Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, a Decision to Grant Planning Permission shall be made, subject to appropriate conditions, to:

- *Fr. Dermot Ryan, St. Kieran's College Trustees
c/o Bluett and O'Donoghue Architects, 2, John Street, Kilkenny*

*for temporary change of use of part of the front range of St. Kieran's College to office use and all associated works [the property is included in the Record of Protected Structures Ref B24] at St. Kieran's College, College Road, Kilkenny.
Ref. No. in Planning Register - P.17/863*

- *19 Members voted in favour of the proposed Variation:
J. Brennan, MH. Cavanagh, P. Fitzpatrick, M. McCarthy, P. Millen, M. Shortall, M. Doyle, B. Gardner, M. Doran, D. Fitzgerald, S. Tyrrell, J. Malone, P. McKee, M. Noonan, E. Aylward, T. Breathnach, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy & G. Frisby.*

Cllr. Malcolm Noonan spoke about a creative hub in the Abbey Quarter and this company would be a suitable business to relocate there.

Cllr. Noonan requested update on the status of Maynooth University in St. Kieran's College. Cathaoirleach advised that the Chief Executive will update the Members In-Committee on Third Level Education provision in Kilkenny.

(iv) **Local Area Plan - Castlecomer**

Mr. Nicolaas Louw presented the Chief Executive Report as circulated to the Members. He advised that Members had considered the Castlecomer Draft Local Area Plan at the January Monthly Meeting. The Plan was on public display from 2nd February, 2018 to 2nd March, 2018. Twenty submissions were received and have been assessed in detail.

The Chief Executive is recommending that the Local Area Plan with the Proposed Material alterations as recommended in the Report circulated be adopted.

Cllrs. Shortall, Brennan, Cavanagh, Fitzpatrick, McCarthy and Millea contributed to this item and advised that at the Municipal District Meeting the Draft Plan was discussed in detail.

It was proposed by Cllr. Maurice Shortall, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed that:

"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council, having considered the proposal to make a Local Area Plan for Castlecomer under Section 18-20 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, and having considered the Chief Executive's Report on the 15th of January 2018 on the written submissions to the Draft Plan, having considered that the Draft should be altered in accordance with our decisions made at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on the 15th January, 2018, having published the proposed Material Alterations on the 2nd of February, 2018, having considered the Chief Executive's Report as circulated on the 10th of April 2018 on the submissions to the proposed material alterations at the meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on 16th April, 2018 do hereby make the Castlecomer Local Area Plan 2018. (The Local Area Plan being the proposal published as the "draft" plan as modified by resolution of the Council 15th January 2018 (and modified by any resolution dated 16th April, 2018)".

(c) (i) **Chief Executives Monthly/Quarterly Report**

Ms. Colette Byrne presented her Monthly & Quarterly Report to the Members. She advised that the Report is taken as read and she will answer any queries raised by Members.

Queries were received from Cllrs. P. Dunphy, M. Noonan, B. Gardner, P. McKee, D. Fitzgerald, J. Malone, F. Doherty, M. Doyle, MH Cavanagh & T. Breathnach in relation to:

- Amenity Grants Scheme.
- Festival Grant Scheme - date of payment and certainty for large festivals over a longer period of three years.
- Anti Litter Campaign - posters for Referendum, content and location of posters.
- LIHAF - provision of Social Housing and Affordable Housing.
- N24 Improvements.
- Welcome Community Information Meetings - suggest further meetings in the autumn. Booklet very informative.
- Visit to Woodstock Gardens.
- CLÁR Applications

Colette Byrne, Tim Butler and Sean McKeown responded to the issues raised.

Ms. Byrne advised that Members can discuss the grants scheme at a Workshop on 30th April, 2018. She stated that there are many applications for the funding provided and acknowledged that funding for festivals should be over a longer period.

Mr. Butler advised that there is a signed agreement with the Department in relation to the benefits to be provided in the provision of affordable housing under the LIHAF funding

In relation to the N24 the route has not been selected yet. A Feasibility Study is being undertaken on the Mooncoin to Carrick-on-Suir route.

The CLÁR applications will be considered in committee.

Mr. McKeown advised that the Litter and Roads Act regulate the timeframes for putting up election posters and location of the posters. The content on the poster is a matter for the Referendum Returning Officer.

Ms. Colette Byrne stated that a visit to Woodstock can be arranged for June or July.

(ii) Performance Indicators 2016

Mr. Tim Butler presented the report on the Performance Indicators 2016. He advised that Kilkenny County Council has performed above the national average in the majority of the indicators. The collection levels are among the highest nationally in all areas.

He further advised that there will be a focus on Housing Maintenance, 3 Bin Service and review of Dunmore Civic Amenity Centre in 2018 with a view to improving performances in these areas.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Shortall, Noonan, Fitzpatrick, Gardner, Fitzgerald and McKee in relation to:

- Cost of maintenance of Local Authority houses.
- Encourage the use of 3 Bin Service, promote composting Scheme in housing estates.
- Business should be means tested for rates.
- Revised legislation due on rating properties.
- Restrict increase in rents on commercial properties, increase in rents linked to closure of businesses.
- Write to Minister requesting restrictions on commercial landlords increasing rents.

Mr. Martin Prendiville advised that some rate payers have seen an increase in rates due. There are over 200 appeals with the Valuation Tribunal. Most rate payers have seen a reduction in their rates.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that there is a low level of take-up of the 3 Bin Service in Kilkenny. There are a number of contributing factors, including the fact that Kilkenny is a predominantly rural County. The 3 bin service is available from all waste collectors if people wish to avail of it. New Waste bye-laws will be introduced during 2019, which will help increase take-up of the 3 bin service. This issue can also be discussed at SPC level.

The report has been noted as read by the Elected Members.

(iii) Service Delivery Plan

Mr. Tim Butler presented the Report on the Service Delivery Plan for 2018. He advised that the format of the report covers the main service areas and is based on the objectives and strategies outlined in the approved Corporate Plan. The objectives and priorities for each service area is in accordance with the resources available in the approved Budget for 2018.

The main strategic priorities are outlined at the beginning of the Plan with the delivery of additional housing units as the main priority. Details for each service area are outlined in the Plan and are taken as read by the Members. The adoption of the 2018 Service Delivery Plan is recommended.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. T. Breathnach, Noonan, McKee & Fitzgerald in relation to the following:

- Priorities for the scheduled towns.
- Pedestrian Bridge – Bohernatounish Road.
- New cycle lanes and cycle stands for the City.
- Mobility Management Plan for the City.

Mr. Butler responded to the issues raised and advised that the Mobility Management Plan was going to tender for consultants. There is no proposal for an overbridge on the N10.

It was proposed by Cllr. Patrick McKee, seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone and agreed that:

“That the Draft Service Delivery Plan for 2018 is hereby approved by the members of Kilkenny County Council.”

(iv) Annual Report 2017

Mr. Tim Butler presented the Report as circulated with the Draft Annual Report for 2017. He advised that the Report contained the achievements for 2017 and it is to be taken as read.

Ms. Colette Byrne advised that there is a lot of information in the Annual Report. She thanked all involved in the service areas on the delivery of wide ranging projects covering a wide breadth of work. Credit needs to be given for the diverse range of work carried out.

Contribution was received from Cllr. Malcolm Noonan on the Annual Report.

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy and agreed that:

“That the Draft Annual Report for 2017 is hereby approved by the members of Kilkenny County Council.”

(v) Audit Committee

Mr. Tim Butler presented the Annual Report for 2017 from the Audit Committee. Cllr. Fitzgerald thanked the Audit Committee for their work over the year.

Cllr. Maurice Shortall requested clarification on Risk Evaluation and the vacant period when no Internal Audit staff were assigned to this area.

Mr. Butler advised that the Council is required to have a Risk Register. All risks have to be evaluated to protect the Council from exposure. Kilkenny County Council engaged an external Consultant for three months while the post for Internal Audit was been recruited.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty and agreed that the Annual Report for 2017 from the Audit Committee is hereby noted and read.

(d) (i) **Road Works Programme**

Mr. Tim Butler presented the Roads Programme for 2018. The total expenditure in the 2018 Programme amounts to €21,049,440. This is an increase of €70,000 on the 2017 Programme of €20,637,150.

The total allocation for the Non National Road Network is €11,972,000 compared to a spend of €9,724,107 in 2017.

The report outlines the major schemes where allocations have been received such as N76 Callan Road, N24 New Ross By Pass, LIHAF and Culvert in Thomastown.

Cathaoirleach advised that the Road Works Programme has been discussed and agreed at Municipal District level.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Fitzpatrick, Cavanagh, Breathnach & Doherty in relation to:

- Funds for local roads damaged during the storms.
- County roads not suitable for large agricultural vehicles.
- Reserve of €100,000 - clarify.
- Pavement improvement on N25.
- CIR.
- Winter Maintenance Programme - to be discussed at Municipal District level.

Members requested that Kilkenny County Council seek additional funds from the Government for the Non National Roads for the damage caused during the storms.

Mr. Butler advised a reserve is held each year for emergencies. Costs in relation to Storm Ophelia have been recouped from the Department. Costs in relation to Storm Emma will be submitted to the Department within the next week. He further advised that we are currently preparing a Three Year Programme for 2019 to 2021. Roads are being assessed by all Area Engineers and it is intended to seek additional funding from the Government in May/June 2018. The Winter Maintenance Plan for 2018 will be reviewed. Funding for CIR comes from a separate allocation.

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. Maurice Shortall and agreed that the Roadworks Scheme 2018 be adopted.

3. **Urgent Correspondence**

None

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

None

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Eamon Aylward and agreed.

(ii) **Fix Date for AGM**

Cathaoirleach advised that Friday, 8th June, 2018 has been agreed by the CPG as the date for the Annual Meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eamon Aylward, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed.

(iii) Agree date for Workshop on NPF

Cathaoirleach advised that Monday, 30th April, 2018 has been agreed by the CPG as the date for a Workshop on the National Planning Framework.

It was proposed by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell, seconded by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan and agreed.

6. (i) Report of SPC 4: Housing

Proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Maurice Shortall and agreed:

"That the Report of SPC 4: Housing held on Thursday, 9th November, 2017 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

(ii) Report of SPC 5: Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy

Proposed by Cllr. Maurice Shortall, seconded by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell and agreed:

"That the Report of SPC 5: Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy held on Thursday, 16th November, 2017 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

(iii) Report of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism

Proposed by Cllr. Patrick McKee, seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy and agreed:

"That the Report of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism held on Friday, 15th December, 2017 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".

**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. Maurice Shortall, seconded by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan and agreed.

9. Matters Arising from Minutes

None.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr. Sean Tyrrell raised an issue in relation to the content on posters for the Referendum. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that this is a matter for the National Returning Officer. Cathaoirleach also advised this matter has already been discussed under Item 2(c) (i) Chief Executives Report.

11. Notices of Motion

01 (18) Withdrawn

04 (18) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

Deferred to May Meeting.

05 (18) Cllr. David Kennedy

It was proposed by Cllr. David Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Minister of Health to request the HSE to review the decision to restrict the use of Versatis pain relief patches to patients, in chronic pain, outside experiencing post herpetic neuralgia and to revert to pre December status while the review is being undertaken."

Cllrs. Kennedy, Shortall, Malone & Garnder spoke on this Motion.

06 (18) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. David Fitzgerald and agreed that:

"I am seeking the support of Kilkenny County Council to call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed to urgently implement a 'Fodder Emergency Crisis Plan' in order to ensure that all livestock, cattle, cows, sheep, horses and other agricultural animals have fodder in this current very difficult fodder crisis"

07 (18) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach & Cllr. Maurice Shortall

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Maurice Shortall and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny County Council write to the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment to urge the introduction of a plastic bottle deposit scheme with a view to reducing the amount of indiscriminate dumping, littering of amenity areas, roads and countryside and the plastic pollution of our waterways and seas."

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby, seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy and agreed by all Members to take the following Notices of Motion as read and noted:

27 (17) Monaghan County Council

"That Monaghan County Council calls on the Government, in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders, to re-assess current legislation regarding school transport with a view to ensuring that the maximum level of primary and secondary students are facilitated."

28 (17) Leitrim County Council

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Department and Minister Mr. Eoghan Murphy, T.D., to review the terms and conditions of the Housing Grant Scheme to allow Local Authorities to use discretion in the awarding of housing repair grants for older people. In the case where an applicant has transferred ownership of their home over to one of their children, but they still continue to live in their home for the rest of their days, that they would be entitled to apply for and receive grant approval for works on the merits of their own income."

29 (17) Mayo County Council

"That Mayo County Council (Ballina Municipal District) calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of Agriculture to take immediate action to deal with the problems caused by the spread of ragwort and to implement the existing laws to deal with the problem and call on the Minister to put in place an incentive scheme to encourage farmers and other landowners to take action to deal with this very serious problem. Ballina Municipal District further calls on Mayo County Council who are in serious breach of the Noxious Weeds Act to take action to contain the prevent the spread of ragwort and other noxious weeds. The Council also calls on the Minister to update the Noxious Weeds Act 1936 to make it relevant in the present time. That this Motion is circulated to all local authorities for their support and also to the IFA and Irish Creamery Milk Association"

30 (17) Limerick City and County Council

"That the Government put in place one Agency with full responsibility for maintenance/repair/upkeep of all our rivers and streams."

31 (17) Offaly County Council

"That this Council calls for a complete overhaul of how our Social Housing Programme is administered by Department. We suggest that a Capital Housing Allocation (possible multi annual) be made available to each Council each year for the provision of suitable accommodation either to new build or purchase to meet the needs of our every growing waiting lists. The present system has failed as is evidence by the length of waiting lists in every Council area. We have successive Ministers blaming Councils for failing to provide houses, while their Department exert unbelievable bureaucratic control at every stage of building process from land purchase to approval of Tenders."

32 (17) Wexford County Council

"Wexford County Council calls on the government to immediately implement the Private Members Motion which was unanimously passed in November 2016 regarding rural post offices that will ensure a financially stable Post Office network and the protection of this vital service in our communities".

33 (17) Tipperary County Council

"I am calling on the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport to reintroduce the Urban Road Minor Improvement Grant as the loss of same has caused significant deterioration to the urban roads in towns in the County of Tipperary".

34 (17) Tipperary County Council

"That Monaghan County Council fully supports and endorses the SIPTU Big Start/Early Years Campaign objectives of adequate investment in the early years sector to deliver quality and affordable childcare with decent pay for highly qualified early years professionals, to secure quality early years care and education services for children 6 months - 5 years that are accessible, affordable and support parents/families to promote children's health, well being, learning and development in line with national quality standards."

35 (17) Clare County Council

"That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection to reverse the unfair and discriminatory policy of penalising home makers that took some time out to care for their family prior to 1994 and to address the Austerity measure that penalised approximately 35,000 people, mainly women, that was brought in by the Government on 6th April, 2012 concerning Contributory Pension Entitlements and if the motion is agreed that the request be sent to the Minister and also circulated to all other Councils."

36 (17) Clare County Council

"In the backdrop of our national housing emergency and the stresses experienced by so many at risk of homelessness due to mortgage distress, that Clare County Council call on An Taoiseach to support enactment by the Oireachtas of the National Housing Co-op Bill 2017 to provide for the establishment of an Industrial & Provident Society to be called the National Housing co-operative Society with the mandate and powers to acquire, manage, rent or sell distressed mortgages so that the occupants of houses can move from the status of distressed mortgagor by means of "rent and mortgage" AND that this Clare County Council Motion once passed, be copied to all other local authorities encouraging their adoption of similar such motion."

37 (17) Leitrim County Council

"That Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Justice Frances Fitzgerald asking that her Department review the criteria for Community Based CCTV System Installation in towns and that she and her Department agree to increase the grant level from 40% to 75% and raise the ceiling to €75,000. The ceiling is currently €40,000. This change would increase the uptake, which is the aim of the Scheme."

38 (17) Carlow County Council

"That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to produce adequate information to ensure ease of access and understanding of complex requirements for persons with disabilities, who are required to comply with European and national certification and guidelines, particularly in the agricultural sector. The Minister is called upon to address and if need arise, legislate for the ongoing issues involving persons with disabilities in the interest of equality and paying particular attention to literacy issues among farmers, to also, put in place services and facilities in recognition of the many farmers and members of rural Ireland who have difficulty getting the appropriate certification to carry out day to day agricultural activity, in particular, the Council asks the Minister to consider the case concerning Edward "Ned" Deering who recently went before the European Parliaments Committee of petitions where the case remains open. Finally, This Council calls on the Minister to recognise that the role of "Access Officers" within the Department are not fit for purpose."

39 (17) Galway City Council

"That Galway City Council write to the Department of the Environment and request that they prepare legislation regarding the disposal of paint under the Producer Responsibility Initiative similar to the WEE Scheme where paint would be brought back to the suppliers and disposed of by the paint companies."

40 (17) Clare County Council

"That Clare County Council requests the Minister for Agriculture to put a plan in place to help Clare farmers through an imminent fodder crisis next year."

41 (17) Sligo County Council

"That Sligo County Council write to the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D. seeking extra funding for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in future health budgets, and that this proposal be circulated to all Local Authorities in Ireland".

42 (17) Monaghan County Council

"That Monaghan County Council fully supports and endorses the SIPTU Big Start/Early Years Campaign objectives of adequate investment in the early years sector to deliver quality and affordable childcare with decent pay for highly qualified early years professionals, to secure quality early years care and education services for children 6 months - 5 years that are accessible affordable and support parents/families to promote children's health, well being, learning and development in line with national quality standards".

01 (18) Waterford City & County Council

"That Waterford City & County Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Mr Charlie Flanagan, to commence without further delay the Commission of Investigation into the alleged cover up of sex crimes by paedophile Bill Kenneally"

02 (18) Tipperary County Council

"We call on the Minister for Environment to amend the legislation with regard to collection of waste so as to allow small operators to provide a service to those who live in remote areas, areas where large vehicles cannot access or where householders have very limited amounts of waste and lack storage space for bins. Such small operators should be permitted to meet requirements in relation to pay by weight, by weighing their loads at the point of disposal. This would facilitate householders, allow the small operators to continue in business and also reduce the likelihood of illegal dumping of waste."

03 (18) Wexford County Council

"That this Council resolves that the guidance issued by the Data Protection commissioners should not supersede the public interest role of Councillors both to oversee the allocation of houses and to provide input based on local knowledge to assist in the allocation of housing and that a draft protocol to balance these competing interests be brought forward."

04 (18) Galway County Council

"This Local Authority calls on the Minister for Transport [Minister Shane Ross, T.D.] and the Minister of Justice & Equality [Minister Charlie Flanagan TD] to provide each Local Authority with efficient laws [bye-laws] to deal with the illegal parking of caravans and camper vans on public and private roads, right of ways and non-designated camp sites. Sufficient powers should be given to each Authority to remove and impound illegally parked caravans and to confiscate unclaimed caravans in a timely fashion similar to unclaimed motor vehicles."

05 (18) Leitrim County Council

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister of State for Disabilities and the Minister for Finance with a view to seeking that the medical criteria for entry to the drivers and passengers with Disabilities Tax Relief Scheme be amended to include those without the use of one hand or arm."

06 (18) Clare County Council

"That this Council supports the call for publicly funded higher education and rejects income contingent loans."

07 (18) Clare County Council

"That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Environment and Local Government and the Minister for Finance to put in place a redress scheme to provide financial support to purchasers of houses and apartments who now find that their property was not properly constructed and is non-compliant with Building and Fire Regulations. These homeowners are victims of poor building methods and are now facing huge expense to address the necessary measures to bring their property up to a safe and compliant level. The purchasers of these properties followed due process in acquiring their property and trusted the legal, planning and regulatory measures in place to protect them, but now find they are exposed to costs they cannot afford and could in extreme cases face the possibility of being rendered homeless if necessary remedial safety works are not carried out."

09 (18) Clare County Council

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Trade & Employment to introduce financial incentives to companies who are prepared to employ apprentices."

10 (18) Sligo County Council

That Sligo County Council hereby calls on the Gaelic Athletic Association to ensure any matches broadcast on channels requiring subscription fees are also made available on free to air television in order to allow access for everyone in the country to view matches. This should be done in order to reflect that the GAA is a unique part of Irish culture which belongs to the Irish people and has been built by their efforts along with significant State investment from taxpayers money."

11 (18) Donegal County Council

"That this Council call on the Government to review the way Community Employment Schemes are being negatively affected by changes introduced over the last few years."

That concluded the business of the meeting.

CATHAOIRLEACH

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