

Minutes of February Council Meeting held on 20th February, 2017 at 3.00p.m.

Chair: Cllr. M. Doran

Cllrs: M. H. Cavanagh, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, P. Fitzpatrick, M. Noonan, J. Malone, M. McCarthy, E. Aylward, T. Breathnach, P. Dunphy, G. Frisby, F. Doherty, A. McGuinness, B. Gardner, S. Tyrrell, D. Kennedy and M. Doyle, P. Millea and P. Cleere, D. Fitzgerald, M. O' Neill.

Officials: C. Byrne, M. Mulholland, T. Butler, S. Walton, D. Malone, E. Cody, T. Lauhoff, K. Hanley, M. Delahunty, B. Tyrrell, M. Butler and A.M. Walsh

Apologies: Cllr. P. O' Neill, P. McKee and M. Prendiville.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

(a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 23rd January, 2017.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed:- "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 23rd January, 2017 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

(b) Minutes of SPC 4 – Housing Meeting held on 10th November, 2016

Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and agreed:- "That the minutes of the SPC 4 Housing Meeting held on 10th November, 2016 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

(c) Minutes of Meeting of Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture SPC 3 meeting held on 21st September, 2016.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy and agreed:- "That the minutes of the SPC 3 Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts and Culture Meeting Meeting held on 10th November, 2016 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

Cllr. M. Doran congratulated:-

- Carrickshock GAA on winning the AIB All Ireland Intermediate Club Hurling Final
- Mooncoin GAA on their achievements in reaching the All Ireland Junior Hurling Club Final.
- Thomastown United on beating Shamrock Rovers 1-0.

Cathaoirleach extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- To Maura O' Leary, Planning on the death of her mother Alice Leahy.

- To Martin Kelly, Kilkenny Area Office on the death of his brother Patsy Kelly.
- To Fred & Tommy Morton, Kilkenny Area Office, on the death of their father James Morton
- To Andrew Flood, Water Services on the death of his mother Juliana Flood.
- To Jean Croughan, Library Services on the death of her father William Skuce.
- To the family of Michael Roche (Pensioner) Ferrybank.
- To Mary Grant and Family, Luffany, Slieverue on the death of Paddy Grant.
- To Peggy Holden, Clune, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Pat Conway.
- To the Boland Family, Ballycrouney, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny on the death of John Boland.
- To Neddy Kennedy, Ballycurran, Tullogher, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Dolly (Mary) Kennedy
- To the Long Family, Ballalog, Tullogher, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Pakie Long.
- To Helen Corcoran and Family, Rossinan, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Thomas Corcoran.
- To Eamon Cottrell, Ballykenna, Tullogher, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Josie Cottrell.
- Ann Mahony & Family, Viper, Kells, Co. Kilkenny on the death of Frank Mahony.

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 & Other Disposal - Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile

- (i) Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. S. Tyrrell 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 0.1217 acres as identified on the enclosed map, at Smithsland, Bohernatounish Road, Loughboy, Kilkenny to Kevin Moore (Building Contractor) Limited, 25 Hebron Industrial Estate, Hebron Road, Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €100 with the Purchaser being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale.” (Notice sent to members on the 1st February, 2017)
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr. M. McCarthy, Seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh 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(s) of land at The Islands, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny – as outlined on the attached map - to Philip Fogarty, The Islands, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny for the

nominal sum of €10.00 with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Plot(s) combined measure - 0.778 ha (or 1.92 acres).“ (Notice sent to members on the 1st February, 2017)

(iii) Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward 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(s) of land at Tomard, Milford, Co. Carlow – as outlined on the attached map - to Stephen McArdle, Milford, Co. Carlow for Nil consideration and with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Plot(s) combined measure - 0.173 ha (or 0.427 acres). “(Notice sent to members on the 1st February, 2017)

(iv) Proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner 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 plot of land at Dunbell Big, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny to Bartholomew Bryan, Dunbell, Maddoxtown, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €300 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Plot measures 0.103 ha (or 0.25 acres).” (Notice sent to members on the 1st February, 2017”

(v) Proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, Seconded by J. 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 Property at St. Mary’s Church (Medieval Mile Museum), St. Mary’s Lane, Kilkenny – as outlined on the attached map - to Kilkenny Civic Trust Limited, Butler House, Patrick Street, Kilkenny by way of long term lease for a term of 20 years at an annual rent of €100. Each party to be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the Lease. (Notice sent to members on the 9th February, 2017)

Cllrs. D. Kennedy, M. Noonan and J. Malone requested clarification on the following:-

- Proposed works to graveyard
- Estimated income from museum
- Transfer of Artefacts from Kilkenny Borough Council

Ms. C. Byrne advised that the building only i.e. museum is covered by the lease to Kilkenny Civic Trust at this stage. Substantial work is required to the graveyard and funds will need to be identified. She further advised that the Council had decided at the Budget meeting for 2017 that €150,000 would be provided as a subvention to the Civic Trust to defray the cost of operating the Museum.

Cllr. Doran advised that subject to the agreement of members that there would be a formal handover of the keys to Kilkenny Civic Trust this evening. It was proposed by Cllr. M. Noonan, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed that the meeting would conclude at 5.15pm to facilitate this.

- (vi) Proposed by Cllr. J. Malone, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan 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 6 no. plot(s) of land at Abbey Quarter, Horse Barrack Lane, Parliament Street, Kilkenny – as outlined on the attached map - to Kilkenny Abbey Quarter Development Limited, for the following consideration: The funding Partnership is owned jointly by Kilkenny County Council (50%) and the NTMA (50%). It is proposed that Kilkenny County Council will transfer Plots 1-6 into the Partnership as equity, with the NTMA to transfer corresponding equity in the form of cash amounting to €1.6M, being the value of Plots 1-6. The capital assets of the Partnership will thus be valued at € 3.2M on commencement. Kilkenny County Council will be an equal partner in the Partnership and thus will retain a 50% interest in the assets of the Partnership (including plots 1 to 6). Plots measure – Plot 1 = 1137m², Plot 2 = 2603m², Plot 3 = 1374m², Plot 4 = 1420m², Plot 5 = 2053m² and Plot 6 = 3148m². Each party to be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale.” (Notice sent to members on the 9th February, 2017)

Cllr. M. Noonan requested that it be noted that he was not in favour of this Section 183 transfer to the Partnership.

(b) Planning – Pleanail

- (i) Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. J. Malone and agreed: - “That the County Council of the County of Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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 Public Notice and listed below, to be a Public Road”. Estate:- The portion of Margaret’s Field highlighted in red on the attached map and including 1-32, Seville Grove, Margaret’s Field, Callan Road, Kilkenny (notification attached)

- (ii) Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:- “That the County Council of the County of Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by 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, hereby declares the road listed in the Public Notice and listed below, to be a Public Road” – Estate: Development at Abbey Grove, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny – 27 units” (Notification attached)

(iii) Material Contravention – Kilkenny City & Environs Development Plan

Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy and agreed by all Councillors: - “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:-

Duggan Profiles and Steel Service Centre Ltd. C/O Alan Guildea, EDPM Ltd, Consulting Civic Structural Engineers, 7 Ormonde Road, Kilkenny for; a material change of use of low density residentially zoned lands to use for industrial/warehousing purposes, to comprise as follows:-

Construction of boundary wall and extend storage yard attendant to industrial/warehousing including associated works at Sion Road, Middleknock, Kilkenny. Ref No. In Planning Register P16/767”.

(iv) National Planning Framework – Presentation

Mr. Denis Malone, Senior Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the National Planning Framework Issues and Choices Paper. In his presentation he gave an overview of the following:-

- Proposed New Spatial Plan for the Country.
- Recent trends on population growth and employment areas.
- Challenges for National Planning Framework
- Regional Development
- Potential for Rural areas
- Issues on Sustainability and Infrastructure
- Statutory backing for Framework
- Issues paper to be considered.

He advised that the closing date for submissions is 16th March, 2017. Draft National Planning Framework is to be published after Easter. Further consultation will be held. It is expected that Dail Eireann will approve a National Planning Framework in Autumn 2017. Mr. Malone recommends that members have a workshop on this within the next 2 weeks.

Contributions were received from Cllr. F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, J. Brennan, B. Gardner, T. Breathnach, P. Fitzpatrick and E. Aylward in relation to the following:-

- Boundary process linked into the National Planning Framework - Must be kept as 2 separate items
- Need to deal with infrastructure to attract business to the South East, connectivity within the Region, train/bus service
- Wind Farms/Solar Farms to be included in submission
- South East Region is not performing – well below national average on jobs, employment, income etc.
- Consultation with PPN and wider communities and need to consider the submissions.
- Need to have strategies on statutory basis
- Respect identity of areas
- University for South East (Multi-Campus)
- Don't need boundary change to grow the gateway and region
- Need for co-operation between Local Authorities

Cllr. Doran requested approval of members to holding a workshop on Monday 27th February, 2017 at 4.00p.m. This was agreed.

(c) Roads - Bóithre

Section 85 Local Government Act 2001 Agreement with Kildare County Council Proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward and agreed:-

“That Kilkenny County Council enter into a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council, being the lead authority in respect of Priority 2 Counties in respect of the treatment of IAPS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001. This agreement will permit the identification and treatment of IAPS on National Roads, funded by the TII and the identification/surveying of Regional Roads on behalf of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport”.

(d) Housing

Part 8 Report and Recommendation - Housing Development at Bolton, Callan.

Ms. E. Cody, SEE, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the need for the proposed housing scheme in Callan. Details of housing demands were outlined together with an outline on the mix of house types to be provided. She advised the members that consultation took place with local residents and John Lockes GAA.

Statutory notice was given and there were no formal submissions received. Once member's approval is received to Part 8, it is expected that the scheme will be advertised for tender with construction to commence during the summer.

Queries arose from Cllrs. A. McGuinness and M. Shortall in relation to other proposed developments. Cllr. Doran thanked Housing Department for facilitating a meeting with residents.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. M. O'Neill and agreed: -
“We the members of Kilkenny County Council approve the proposed Housing Scheme at Bolton, Callan, Co, Kilkenny as outlined in report dated 13th February, 2017 in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2015 and the provisions of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2015”.

(e) Environment - Timpeallacht

Section 85- Wexford - Greenway

Ms. M. Mulholland advised members that a Section 85 Agreement is required with Wexford County Council to facilitate planning consent under Part 8 for an

area in County Kilkenny. Queries arose from Cllrs. F. Doherty, T. Breathnach and M. O' Neill in relation to the extent of the Greenway and links to the Greenway from New Ross to Ferrybank.

Ms. Mulholland responded to the queries.

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach and agreed: - "That Agreement is made between Kilkenny County Council and Wexford County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the proposed development by a Local Authority, Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2010, Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2011 New Ross, Redbridge, Mountelliot Greenway".

(f) Community & Culture

(i) Arts Grant

Mr. Walton advised that 38 applications were received amounting to total request for funding of €102,663. A budget of €24,500 has been provided and it is proposed to allocate to 25 of the applications following an assessment by a panel of 3 people. He advised that a resolution of the Council is required to the proposed allocation of funds. It was proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed: - "That Kilkenny County Council approves the allocation of €21,500 to the 25 applicants recommended under the Arts Grants 2017".

(ii) Review of Strategic Plans (Libraries, Heritage/Biodiversity and Arts)

Mr. Walton referred to report circulated with agenda and advised that the report gives a status report on the plans that need to be updated over the course of 2017. The draft reports will be prepared in house and consultation will take place. Draft reports will be presented to the members at a future date. Contributions were received Cllrs. M Doyle, M. Noonan, B. Gardner and M. O' Neill in relation to the following:-

- National Bio Diversity Centre and funding
- Heritage forum – threat to funding
- Update on provision of new libraries in Kilkenny and Thomastown
- Clarify status on Ferrybank Library following the report on the Boundary Review.

Ms. Byrne advised that the Boundary Report is a recommendation only and there is no change for the library and staff at this time. Mr. Walton advised that it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council to expand library services in Thomastown and a number of potential options are being considered. The provision of a new

library in Kilkenny City is subject to availability of government funding. Part 8 planning approval is in place. In relation to the upgrade of Evans Home, determination of Failte Ireland grant application is awaited.

(iii) Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022

Mr. Walton referred to report circulated and advised that a request has been received from Minister Humphries to establish a Culture Team in each County and to develop a Culture and Creativity Plan. Kilkenny County Council has received a grant of €70,000 toward annual events of arts, activities and cultural reflections on Easter Monday and a National Annual County of Culture Award. He advised that further details are available in the report circulated.

(iv) Music Generation 2016-2021

Mr. Walton advised that an application for funding will be made by 31st May, 2017 for the delivery of a music generation programme for Children. The Programme must be led by a local authority or an Education and Training Board. Both organisations have agreed that an expression of interest will be lodged in respect of County Kilkenny. This programme has been delivered in County Carlow and has been very successful. The ETB has agreed to act as the lead partner. In the event of a successful application, Kilkenny County Council will be required to provide funding of €35,000 per annum. This is matched annually by the ETB for the duration of the programme i.e. 2018-2021. Funding will also be drawn down for Music Generation (which is being supported by U2). A maximum fund of €200,000 could be available.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. P. Cleere (Chair of ETB), A. McGuinness, M. Noonan, M. Shortall and B. Gardner.

Members spoke of the benefits of such a programme for Children and the success of the programme in other Counties to date. Cllr. Cleere acknowledged the collaboration with the ETB and that the programme will inspire and enable children of all backgrounds to make music.

Members spoke on the need to develop a recording studio and also develop an initiative to re-use musically instruments. In general members were agreeable to make a annual commitment of €35,000 for this programme in the Budget over the next 3 years.

(g) Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

(i) Chief Executives Report

Ms. C. Byrne presented her report and drew member's attention to the following:-

- St. Mary's Medieval Mile Museum – to open on 28th February, 2017, on the 4th & 28th of March, 2017 there will be free admission for the public.
- Kilkenny County Council has purchased site at Crokers Hill, Kilkenny for the construction of approximately 70 houses

- Abbey Quarter – Update will be given at April Meeting.
- Finance – Acknowledge the work of the Finance staff in the high collection rates achieved in 2016.
- Additional expenditure of €265,000 may be required due to the early payment on the reversal of pay cuts – Haddington Road Agreement. There is no provision in the Budget for this. Kilkenny County Council has requested that funding be made available from National Government.
- Festival Grants – Report will be prepared for March Meeting. Approval is requested to an allocation of €5,000 for the upcoming Tradfest at today’s meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed: - “That €5,000 be allocated to Tradfest for 2017”

Cllr. Cleere requested that a letter be sent to the Minister and Department of Finance seeking funds for the reversal of pay cuts now due to be paid earlier.

Cllr. Cavanagh seconded this and members agreed.

Queries arose from Cllrs. M. McCarthy, M. Noonan, P. Fitzpatrick, B. Gardner and M. O’Neill in relation to the following:-

- Pigeons displaced from Brewery Site to High Street
- Graveyards at St. Mary’s – Apply to Heritage Council for funds
- Removal of trees from Riverside Gardens
- Engagement of young people regarding - Skate Park
- Pollinator - Award for Tidy Towns
- Welcome improvements to Dog Shelter, outcome of tender process
- Invite former members to official opening of the Museum

Ms. Byrne confirmed that former members will be invited to the official opening of the Museum. Mr. Butler advised that the removal of trees from the Abbey Quarter Site has commenced. There will be other trees planted as part of the Riverside Garden Project. Mr. Walton advised that the Heritage Officer will advise Tidy Towns groups on the Pollinator award. There are no funds available for this. This is only an advisory service. Ms. Mulholland advised that the improvements to the Dog Shelter are almost complete. Tenders have been received and recommendation has been received from an Evaluation Committee and is being considered.

(ii) Nomination of Members to Board of Civic Trust

Cllr. M. Doran advised members that it was agreed to nominate 2 elected members to Kilkenny Civic Trust Ltd. He sought nominations from the members.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy: - "That Cllr. D. Fitzgerald be nominated".

It was proposed by Cllr. B. Gardner, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy:- "That Cllr. M. Noonan be nominated".

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Millea, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick: -"That Cllr. A. McGuinness be nominated".

Cllr. M. Doran advised that a vote will be required as 3 nominations have been made.

Cllr. D. Kennedy asked if Kilkenny Civic Trust Ltd would accept 3 members. This was supported by Cllr. B. Gardner. Ms. Colette Byrne advised the members that the Board of Civic Trust Ltd have made 2 places available to the members of Kilkenny County Council and reminded members that the Chief Executive is also on the Board.

At this stage the Cathaoirleach had to adjourn meeting for 5 minutes due to interruptions from the public gallery.

Meeting resumed at 5.40p.m. and Cllr. Doran advised that the item on agenda is the nomination of 2 elected members to the Board of Kilkenny Civic Trust. Ms. C. Byrne advised that Kilkenny Civic Trust is a private company with charitable status. It was a decision of the Board to seek nomination of 2 elected members to the Board following a request from Council.

Cllr. Breathnach asked if clarification could be sought on having 3 members nominated. Cllr. M. Doran advised that the matter was going to a vote.

At this stage Cllr. Noonan thanked his proposer and seconder and stated that he would not seek to be nominated.

Cllr. Doran advised that the other two nominations – Cllrs. D. Fitzgerald and A. McGuinness will be sent forward to the Board of Kilkenny Civic Trust Ltd.

(iii) Update on Boundary Report

Ms. C. Byrne advised that a letter has been sent to Minister Coveney following the special meeting on the Boundary Review. It was agreed to convene the Working Group on the Boundary and membership would be decided at today's meeting.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. M. H. Cavanagh, G. Frisby, M. O' Neill, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, T. Breathnach and E. Aylward in relation to:-

- Request made to Minister to come to the Council, need to get support of all TD's/Senators.
- Encourage private/public submissions on the National Planning Framework.
- Where responsibility for leading on PLUTS + Retail Strategy rested
- Vacant District Centre
- Regional Identity- to be re-invigorated

- Opportunities available under National Planning Framework
- Need to progress through co-operation
- Linking boundary review with National Planning Framework

Ms. C. Byrne responded to the issues raised and advised that it has been agreed to hold a workshop on 27th February 2017. Members need to consider the issues raised in the document circulated. There will be opportunities for the public to engage.

She advised that Waterford as the Gateway City has the responsibility to lead the implementation of PLUTS and the preparation of the Retail Strategy and had committed to same in its current development plan. There is now engagement between both Local Authorities at Planner level on the new PLUTS. A Joint Retail Strategy is also to be prepared by the Counties in the South East and this is a requirement under the Retail Planning Guidelines. It was agreed to write to Regional Assembly regarding same.

Cllr. M. Doran requested names for the Boundary Sub Committee. Following discussions it was agreed that the 6 members from the Piltown Municipal District, Cathaoirleach, Mayor and Cllr. M. Doyle would be the members of the sub-committee. A Meeting of the sub-committee would be convened shortly.

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) Schedule of meetings from February – April 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed.

(ii) Fix date for April Meeting

Cllr. M. Doran suggested 24th April, 2017 as the date for the April monthly meeting. It was Proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed.

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

- (i) Chairmans Report of SPC 4 Housing meeting held on 10th November, 2016 Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed that the Report be taken as read and noted.
- (ii) Chairmans Report of SPC3 Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture Meeting held on 21st September, 2016. It was Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kennedy and agreed that the Report be taken as read and noted.

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**

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

Proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, Seconded by Cllr. S. Tyrrell and agreed.

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
J. Malone	2 nd -4 th December	Practical Guide to Budget 2017
D. Kennedy	13 th -15 th December	Finance Act 2016
P. Fitzpatrick	9 th -11 th December	Brexit The Economic Consequences
M. McCarthy	16 th -17 th December	Community Development
A. McGuinness	13 th -14 th January	Local Authorities Waste Management
J. Brennan	20 th January	Supporting Safer Communities
B. Garnder	28 th January	Japanese Knotweed- Function of Local Authority

9. **Matters Arising from Minutes - Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí**
None.

10. **Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile**
None.

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

2(17) Cllrs. David Kennedy & Sean Tyrrell – 30th January, 2017

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, Seconded by Cllr. S. Tyrrell and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council in solidarity with all faith’s and races refuse to send anyone from this Council to the United States of America for the St. Patrick’s Day celebrations”.

Cllr. D. Kennedy spoke on the motion and required all citizens to show solidarity and support with the people who have been hurt by the recent policies of the new US President Donald Trump. He requested that the Council do not send anyone in any official capacity to the St. Patrick’s Day celebrations in New York. This will represent a small but sincere mark of our sympathy and respect for those people.

Contributions were received from Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh, J. Malone, M. Noonan, P. Fitzpatrick and T. Breathnach in relation to the motion. Members were not in favour of the motion. Members support the sentiment of the motion however St. Patrick’s Day is an international event which is celebrated by our Irish People abroad and Kilkenny should be represented and this is important for the people of Kilkenny living in the US. Cllr. Doran asked for a show of hands on the motion. The motion was defeated, all members present except Cllrs. D. Kennedy and S. Tyrrell voted against the motion.

3(17) Cllr. Melissa O’ Neill – 20th January, 2017

Proposed by Cllr. M. O’ Neill, Seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Minister for Health and the HSE to change the review on the standard of cancer care in Ireland from 10 years to 5 years, as the number of cancer patients are increasing each year and new research is being identified”.

Cllr. O’ Neill spoke on the motion and referred to the research being undertaken and the need to have a 5 year review programme in place.

Cllr. Malone requested that this notice of motion be circulated to all Local Authorities and advised that it will be brought up at the Health Forum.

4(17) Cllr. Tomas Breathnach & Maurice Shortall – 7th February, 2017

Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:- “That, in light of the numerous and various National Monuments in the County of Kilkenny, Kilkenny County Council will develop a strategy/policy and funding programme to;

1. produce a mapped record of the National Monument locations,

2. provide a county wide signage scheme to highlight their location,
3. develop a programme to provide enhanced accessibility to the locations and
4. develop information booklets on the Monuments to enable enhanced information, public awareness and appreciation of the rich heritage of County Kilkenny”

5(17) Withdrawn

6(17) Cllr. Matt Doran – 13th February, 2017

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed:-

1. “That Kilkenny County Council on the Irish government to ratify, as soon as possible, The Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs which was adopted by the Council of Europe on 9 July 2014 in order to criminalise illegal organ transplantations[1]. The Irish Government has already signed this convention, but is yet to ratify it”
2. “That Kilkenny County Council call on the Oireachtas Foreign Affairs committee to follow through on the pledge made by the Oireachtas Sub Committee on Human Rights to "investigate to the maximum extent possible"[2], persistent, credible reports of forced organ harvesting and other severe human rights abuses imposed on Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners of conscience in China”
3. “That Kilkenny County Council call on the Chinese government to end its practice of forced live organ harvesting of prisoners of conscience. Release all illegally detained Falun Gong practitioners in China, and end the persecution of Falun Gong”.

12. 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:

10(17) Waterford City & County Council – 1st February, 2017

“That Waterford City & County Council acknowledges and supports the relentless campaign by SEPAG (South East Patient Advocacy Group) in their actions to secure 24/7 Cardiac care at University Hospital Waterford. Furthermore, we note that a second, permanent Cath Lab was recommended by the Higgins Report of 2012 and demand that this recommendation be implemented without further delay. We commend SEPAG for their organisation of the protest march this Saturday, January, 14th 2017 at 2.00p.m. in Ballybricken, Waterford and call on all elected members of Waterford City and County Council to support both the march and this motion”.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed: - "That notice of motion be taken as read and noted".

11(17) Sligo County Council – 9th February, 2017

"Sligo County Council noting the important Statement of Principle in the Programme for Partnership Government relating to Credit Unions now calls on the Taoiseach and Finance Minister to make a statement setting out a work programme on how it will implement its commitments for Credit Unions".

No.1 – To secure Credit Union funding for Social Housing

No. 2 – A full Review of Credit Union Lending Limits

No. 3- Provision of mortgages by Credit Unions".

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. M. Shortall and agreed:- "That notice of motion be taken as read and noted".

The meeting then concluded.