

## **Minutes of June Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 3.00p.m.**

**Chair:** Cllr. M. Doran

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

**Officials:** C. Byrne, M. Melia, S. Walton, M. Mulholland, M. Prendiville, M. Delahunty, K. Hanley and A. M. Walsh

**Apologies:** Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:**

#### **(a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.**

Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed:- "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

#### **(b) Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. P. Cleere, Seconded by Cllr. P. McKee and agreed:- "That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2016 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

#### **(c) Minutes of Meeting of Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture SPC Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed:- "That the minutes of the Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

#### **(d) Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting (SPC4) Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. M. O' Neill and agreed:- "That the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016 as circulated with the agenda be and are hereby approved".

Cllr. D. Kennedy advised that he was withdrawing his name from notice of motion 15(16). Cllr. Doran accepted this withdrawal.

Cllr. M. Doran extended congratulations to the following:-

- To Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and Cllr. G. Frisby on their election as chairs of the Municipal Districts.
- He welcomed the daily tours of Kells Priory by the OPW
- He wished all visitors a successful and safe weekend at the Rod Stewart Concert in Nowlan Park and sent best wishes to the Griffin Family of Glenmore who are in the final 8 in Ireland's fittest family.

Cllr. M. Doran extended votes of sympathy to the following:-

- To Cllr. Joe Malone and family on the death of his mother May Malone
- To the family of Margaret Walsh, Ballinlarry, Glenmore
- To the family and the communities in England on the tragic death of British MP Jo Cox.
- To the Conroy Family, Conahy, on the death of John Conroy.
- To the families and communities in Orlando on the tragic deaths

Cllr. Malone thanked all for their support to him and his family. Cllr Doran proposed an adjournment as a mark of respect to May Malone and Jo Cox. Cllr. Fitzpatrick seconded and it was agreed. Meeting adjourned for 15 minutes.

Meeting resumed at 3.30p.m.

Cllr. Doran advised the members that a book of condolences for the Orlando Victims is open at City Hall.

He advised members that there will be a flag raising ceremony next Thursday at County Hall in solidarity with the gay community.

Cllr. Noonan proposed that a letter of sympathy on the death of Jo Cox be sent to the Labour Party in England and it was seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick.

**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. F. Doherty, Seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach 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 Ground at Mount Sion, Rockshire, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, to RCC Care Limited (Michael Dwyer), Rockshire Care Centre, Rockshire Road, Waterford

for a nominal sum of €1.00 and with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal fees associated with the transfer

- (ii) Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner and agreed: -  
“That in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council to dispose of the freehold interest in property at 4 O’ Loughlin Road, Kilkenny to Maura Bambrick, in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002”.

**(b) Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**

**Chief Executives Report**

Ms. C. Byrne presented her monthly report to the members. She advised that Bord Pleanála is due to make a decision on the Brewhouse by the end of July. There were 3 additional applications for Amenity Grants and member’s approval is required for these.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. P. Cleere and agreed: -  
“That Amenity Grants be approved to the 3 applications listed in the CE Monthly Report”.

Ms. Byrne advised the members that Kilkenny County Council will be refunding special contributions received as works had not commenced within the statutory timeframe outlined in the legislation. Details are included in the report.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. F. Doherty, M. Shortall, J. Brennan, S. Tyrrell, P. McKee, P. Dunphy, M. Doyle, P. Millea, B. Gardner, P. Fitzpatrick, M. Noonan, P. Cleere, T. Breathnach, D. Kennedy in relation to the following:-

- Housing issues – require reports on a quarterly basis.
- Pay by weight, provision of full County wide service, growth in illegal dumping, collection of refuse in laneways in the city, suspend charges- criteria need to be changed, need to retain bag collection, waiver scheme, medical circumstances to be catered for.
- Is interest due on refund of development contributions.
- Shortfall in allocation for flood relief works.  
Seek additional funding, meeting with OPW, timeframe for works on Flood Relief Scheme. Thomastown, Graignamanagh and Inistioge, clarity on responsibility for maintaining streams/river.
- Kilkenny City Centre Bus Service – need for continued provision of subsidy, feasibility study done some years ago needs to be revisited.
- Three Sisters Bid – how will it be funded.
- Status - Shared services for libraries.
- Status of Heritage Grant Scheme.
- Toilets for St. Mary’s Museum.
- Grant Award Night – very successful and welcomed by the community

Ms. Byrne, Ms. Mulholland, Mr. Prendiville and Mr. Walton responded to all the queries raised by the members.

Ms. Byrne agreed to a special meeting on housing in light of the seriousness of the issue.

She advised that the Shared Services for the Libraries is being discussed at National level.

In relation to the funding for the Three Sisters details were provided by Mr. Michael Quinn at the May meeting and these were circulated to each member.

Options for the provision of toilets for St. Mary's are being explored.

Ms. Mulholland responded to all the queries raised in relation to Refuse Collection and advised that all issues are being raised at National level. The SPC discussed the issues and a letter has been sent to the Minister. There is a requirement on all collectors to provide brown bins. It is a concern for the Local Authority that there may be an increase in fly tipping. The use of bags for collection will cease.

Mr. Prendiville advised that special development contributions were paid for the Inner Relief Road between 2005 and 2007. Work had not commenced within 5 years and completed within 7 years. Therefore refunds are legally due. Interest is payable on the contribution refunded. These special contributions had not been spent by the LA.

Mr. Walton updated the members on the applications made and grant allocations received for flood repair works and preventative measures.

He advised that land owners are responsible for the cleaning of streams and drains within the curtilage of their own properties. An audit of bridges has been completed and there is limited damage. Any bridge repair costs were identified in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche funding application to the Department of Transport.

**(c) Planning- Pleanail**

**(i) Draft Development Contribution Scheme**

Mr. Prendiville presented report on draft development scheme and advised that the Chief Executive is recommending adoption of the draft scheme without amendments. A number of submissions were received and these are included in the report.

Cllr. Noonan asked for clarification on the proposed increase of €10,000. Ms. Byrne advised that the charge of €10,000 is similar to charges levied by other local authorities.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed: -  
“That “Pursuant of the provisions of Section 48 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 - 2015 and following consideration of the Draft Scheme prepared pursuant to the said Section 48 and the Report of the Chief Executive prepared under sub-section 6 of said Section 48 and having regard to any recommendations made by the Minister, the County Council of the County of Kilkenny resolved on the 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 to modify the Development Contribution Scheme as recommended by the Chief Executive in her report and to make a Development Contribution Scheme for the period 2016 – 2017 inclusive unless revised and the scheme will continue past the end of 2017 until such time that a new Scheme is adopted.

That the development contributions details of which are included in the scheme shall be applied by the County Council of the County of Kilkenny in respect of all decisions to grant of planning permission for development made on or after the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Cllr. Noonan advised that he is not in favour of the increase to €10,000 and is voting against the adoption of the scheme.

#### **(d)Environment – Timpeallacht**

##### **Sustainable Energy Action Plan**

M. Mulholland presented her report on Sustainable Energy Action Plan for Kilkenny. She outlined the process being undertaken by the Council. Queries were raised by Cllr. P. McKee, M. Noonan and F. Doherty in relation to green energy and renewable energy strategy for the Brewery Site, local Authority houses and public lighting.

Ms. Mulholland advised that actions will be included in the plan in relation to houses and measures to be undertaken an energy management plan will be developed for the Brewery Site. There is already a public sector working group established for public lights. The most available data is from 2006 and has been supplied by Carlow, Kilkenny Energy Agency. It was proposed by Cllr. F. Doherty, and seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed to proceed to develop on Sustainable Energy Plan for Kilkenny.

## **(e) Roads - Bóithre**

### **Kilkenny Central Access Scheme – Update for Elected Members**

Mr. Walton presented his report on the Kilkenny Central Access Scheme. He updated the members on the status of the Phase 1 Contract for the Bridge and advised that conciliation determined a valuation for that contract in the sum of €6.675m. He further advised on the Phase 2 contract Castlecomer Road to Bridge and Bridge to St. Canices Place. It is intended that all works will be completed by the end of 2016.

He referred to recent excavations at the Auxiliary Hospital which have yielded evidence of archaeological remains. All works are being carried out in accordance with a Ministerial Direction issued to Kilkenny County Council in April 2012. An arbitration process in respect of land acquisition is still ongoing.

Contributions were received from Cllr. B. Gardner and M. Noonan in relation to:-

- Compensation paid for land acquired under the CPO
- Ongoing consultation with the residents in Wolfe Tone Street
- Access for Order of Malta at the Auxiliary Hospital
- Traffic Management Plan to be in place before road opens, sustainable action plan for cyclists and others
- Full breakdown of costs

Mr. Walton responded to the issues raised and advised that both the EIS and CPO for the Scheme were approved in 2011. All affected landowners would have been aware of the CPO since 2007. Compensation payment is agreed with the landowner or, alternatively arbitration will take place if agreement is not reached on compensation between the parties. The absence of agreement on compensation does not prevent the Council from entering onto CPO lands to proceed with works and this power has been exercised by the Council.

The EIS included detailed Traffic Management Plan and traffic impact assessment. In the interests of the City the scheme needs to be delivered. Post opening of the bridge/roads, a full review of traffic management/mobility will be undertaken. One way systems, pedestrianisation and/or Smarter Travel alternatives will be reviewed as part of that process.

Ongoing access to the Auxiliary Hospital is not prevented by virtue of the ongoing works.

Residents in Wolfe Tone Street are regularly updated with newsletters and Mr. Michael Murphy Engineer is available to answer residents queries.

There are no works which will impact on the Auxiliary Hospital building and ground works have been agreed with the HSE.

**3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**

Cllr. Doran advised that the HSE Southern Forum Annual Report 2015 is available if any member wishes to get a copy of it. Cllr. Doherty referred to the letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 received from TII and referred to safety aspects of the signage in South Kilkenny.

Contributions were received from Cllr. P. Dunphy, P. McKee, E. Aylward, G. Frisby, T. Breathnach, D. Fitzgerald, M. Doran and M. O' Neill in relation to the following:-

- Difficulties in trying to meet TII
- Lack of engagement with the elected members
- Arrange for a delegation to meet at TII offices
- Write to Deputy Shane Ross and TII again
- JPC is also writing to TII
- Concerns over safety issues.

Mr. Walton suggested to the meeting that a representative group, on behalf of the full Council, accept the invitation to meet in the TII Offices in Dublin. He suggested Cathaoirleach, Chair of each Municipal District and 1 additional member from Piltown and an Senior Official. Members agreed to this. A letter will be issued to TII during the week and this was agreed.

**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 June - August 2016 - Proposed by Cllr. M. O' Neill  
Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed.

The schedule of meetings from June to August 2016 to include a Special Meeting on Housing on Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 3.00p.m.

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

- (i) Chairmans Report of Meeting of Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture SPC 3 Meeting held on 27th January, 2016 - Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed.

Cllr. Brennan advised that a letter has been sent to the Department from the SPC in relation to the proposed library shared services. Contributions were also received from Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, P. McKee and F. Doherty in relation to the library services.

Ms. C. Byrne advised that proposed Shared Services is a national initiative and included in the previous programme for Government. 10 areas have been identified and a number are already in place.

- (ii) Chairmans Report of SPC 4- Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 31st March, 2016. Proposed by Cllr. M. O' Neill, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed.

Cllr. M. Shortall raised a query on the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Cllr. Doran advised him to seek clarification at the Housing Special Meeting.

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. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and agreed.

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

None.

10. **Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile**

Cllr. F. Doherty asked for position on erection of signage “Welcome to Kilkenny” on motorway and an update on the Boundary Review.

Cllr. M. O' Neill raised a query in relation to Air Pollution at a specific location.

Cllr. McCarthy advised the meeting that “Catherine Kavanagh” walk will take place next Sunday in Freshford.

Cllr. B. Gardner asked for a time line on issuing the agendas/minutes electronically.

Ms. C. Byrne and Ms. M. Mulholland responded to the queries raised.

**11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:**

**8(16) Cllrs. D. Kennedy and B. Gardner – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, Seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner “That Kilkenny County Council provide premises for use by minority sports in Kilkenny city, the facility will cater for inline hockey, wheel basketball, roller derby, sledge hockey, roller figure skating, and bocce volleyball etc, This facility will be fully inclusive of age gender and ability and will promote healthy active lifestyle for the people of Kilkenny city and county and will provide opportunities for tourism revenue for the council as this would be the only such facility in the south east”.

Both Councillors spoke in relation to the need to provide minority sports with a facility/building for training and changing rooms. Contributions were also made by Cllr. P. O’ Neill, A. McGuinness, M. O’ Neill and P. McKee offering support for the provision of a dedicated facility.

Mr. Walton outlined the challenges of identifying facilities for a number of organisations in Kilkenny. There are requests from Order of Malta, Kilkenny City Harriers, water based activities and skate boarding. A building is also required by Civil Defence. Kilkenny County Council has made huge investment in the Watershed Facility and it is suitable for a variety of sports. It would be beneficial to meet with the representatives of Minority Sports. It is not possible to meet all the requests made by all groups.

Cllr. Doran suggested that meeting be held and a report come back to the members. This was agreed by all.

**10(16) Cllr. M. O’ Neill – 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. M. O’ Neill, Seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council recognises the fact that the National Ambulance Service is understaffed and the understaffing of this emergency service has resulted in lengthy response times for some emergency call outs in the South East Region. This Council now requests the Ministry of Health and the Health Service Executive to actively consider deploying more ambulance personnel to improve emergency ambulance response times in the South East Region”.

Cllr. M. O’ Neill asked that a letter be sent to HSE.

**11(16) Cllr. B. Gardner – 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

Cllr. Gardner withdrew this Notice of Motion as Cllr. P. McKee has a motion passed in relation to live streaming of Council Meetings.

Contributions were received from Cllr. A. McGuinness, P. McKee, F. Doherty, M. Doran, M. O’ Neill and M. Shortall in relation to live streaming of meetings and costs involved. Members requested a full report.

Mr. Walton advised that the initial set costs could be in the region of €75,000 and annual operating maintenance cost around €20,000.

Cllr. Doran advised that all cost options should be investigated and a detailed report be given to the members.

**12(16) Cllrs. T. Breathnach, E. Aylward, F. Doherty, P. Dunphy, G. Frisby and M. O' Neill – 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. T. Breathnach, Seconded by Cllr. P. Dunphy and agreed:-  
“That Kilkenny County Council write to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to seek the right of local authorities to initiate a taking in charge process where it has proven to be too difficult to get a developer to lodge an application or where it has not been possible for local residents to lodge such an application”.

**13(16) Cllr. A. McGuinness – 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. P. McKee and agreed:-  
“That Kilkenny County Council call on Carlow County Council to resurface The Long Lane, Harristown, Graiguenamanagh, which is in the Council’s area. This lane services 6 houses, 3 farms and access for Coillte. It is dangerous and in desperate need of repair”.

Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick requested clarity on responsibility of heavy vehicles using local roads and Cllr. M. Shortall requested that planning conditions be imposed and bond to ensure roads are not damaged.

**14(16) Cllrs. D. Kennedy & S. Tyrrell – 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. D. Kennedy, Seconded by Cllr. S. Tyrrell and agreed:- “That Kilkenny County Council look at a pilot scheme for the upkeep of tenants chimney, gutters and the servicing of boilers, there is a proposal by a company in North Kilkenny but it can be opened up to a tender process, it can be an optional scheme for tenants (details supplied) For an additional amount of €2 per week on a tenants rent you will get 2 chimney sweeps, 1 gutter clean and 1 boiler services per year, all houses will have a crow guard fitted. Benefits for Council, saving money on the fire services and subsequent repairs to fire damaged houses and possible insurance costs”.

Ms. Melia advised that service of boilers and cleaning of gutters is carried out by the Local Authority under normal maintenance. Chimney cleaning is the responsibility of the tenant. The matter will be considered.

**15(16) Cllr. S. Tyrrell – 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. S. Tyrrell, Seconded by Cllr. B. Gardner and agreed: - “That Kilkenny County Council calls on our Minister of Foreign Affairs and an Taoiseach Enda Kenny to again demand the release of Iberhin Halawa, this Irish Citizen who has been locked in a jail in Egypt for the last 3 years held there in completely inappropriate nature and a lack of evidence provided against him”.

**16(16) Cllr. Matt Doran – 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Doran, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed: - “The SPC 2 Committee (Infrastructure, Water Services and Fire & Emergency Services) recommends that Kilkenny County Council submits a Notice of Motion to the Department of Tourism seeking policy recognition and funding support for the development of cross-county boundary Greenways and Blueways that will link the South East Region with the Grand Canal and other such amenities. In particular Greenway/Blueway projects such as the Barrow Blueway, Deise Greenway (Dungarvan / Waterford), Waterford/New Ross Greenway and New Ross/Rosslare Greenway, when combined, represent a tourism product of international significance and the realisation of such projects should be supported by National Policy and National Funding Programmes

**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:**

Proposed by Cllr. M. Shortall, Seconded by Cllr. M. O’ Neill and agreed:- That Notice of Motions is hereby read and noted.

**3(16) Limerick City and County Council – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

“That, Limerick City and County Council request the Ministers responsible, namely Finance & Agriculture, to legislate for the immediate reintroduction of the Early Retirement and Farm Installation Schemes so as to ensure viability and continuity within this valuable sector of our local economy; and that we seek the support of Councils nationwide with Farming Interests”.

**4(16) Sligo County Council – 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

“Call on the Department of Health and the Minister for Health to consider the introduction of a sugar awareness day as part of a national health promotion campaign to inform the public of the high sugar content in many processed foods and the possible negative health effects of a high sugar diet”.

**5(16) Offaly County Council – 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016**

“I call on the incoming Minister for Social Protection to reverse the harsh cuts made to One Parent Family payments by the previous Administration”.

**5(16) Offaly County Council – 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016**

“I call on the incoming Minister with responsibility for Housing to review the criteria with regard to eligibility to qualify for Local Authority Housing or Rent Assistance and to revise the Rent Allowances Allocations as a first step in dealing with our current housing crisis”.

**6(16) Laois County Council – 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

“That this Council request Tesco to extend the deadline for the redundancy proposal to allow the matter be dealt with by the Workplace Relation Committee”.

**7(16) Donegal County Council – 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

“As the Brexit Poll of June 23<sup>rd</sup> nears with its possible economic consequences for Donegal, border communities and the Island’s economy, that Donegal County Council recommend to the incoming Government, the adoption and implementation of the recommendations of the all party Oireachtas Committee on Jobs, Enterprise, and Innovation Report on the “All Ireland Economy” (Jan 2016) and welcome the recent International Report “Modelling Irish Unification” (2016 March) by Dr. Kurt Hubner which highlights the economic benefits to the island of Ireland in the event of unification”.

**8(16) Donegal County Council – 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

“We the members of Donegal County Council call on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to locate the National Children’s Hospital at St. James Hospital and locate the new Children’s Hospital for all the children of Ireland at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown. The Connolly site offers 145 acres, vast space for expansion, easier access for the children of Donegal and extensive parking. The co-location with Connolly Hospital and the new Rotunda Maternity Hospital will result in better clinical outcomes. It will be cheaper and faster to build than on the St. James Site”.

**9(16) Waterford City and County Council – 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

“That this Council calls on the Department of Social Protection to increase its range of interaction with the Post Office Network instead of decreasing it to ensure its survival, especially in rural areas”.

**10(16) Ballina Municipal District - 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

“That Ballina Municipal District calls on the new Government to introduce legislation to give to Municipal Districts the same powers as were held by former town councils including the power to strike a rate for each district; that this motion is circulated to all County Councils for their support”.

**11(16) Carlow County Council – 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

“That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government to amend the terms of qualification for the new Tenant Purchase Scheme so that people on social welfare are not excluded for inclusion on same”.

**12(16) Offaly County Council – 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

“That Offaly County Council calls on the Minister for Justice to review the whole area of the Free Legal Aid System, i.e. persons income and how many times a person avails of the service and if found guilty to pay back the state part or all of the expense incurred from their income”.

**13(16) Leitrim County Council – 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

“I am calling on all Local Authority Members here and across Ireland to contact their relatives and friends in the UK, to urge the Electorate have to vote that the UK remain part of the European Union, as a Brexit would have a detrimental effect on the Irish Economy and in particular the Agricultural Industry”.

**14(16) Limerick City & County – 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2016.**

“That Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., and Garda Commissioner Noirin O’ Sullivan, to keep our current District Policing Models and Six Regions as they currently exist; and that this Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities for support”.

**15(16) Donegal County Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016**

“For Donegal County Council to contact the Minister and Department of Social Protection to extend the parameters of the eligibility status of Community Employment Programmes for seasonal workers who are penalised for working a few weeks in the year. By working more than 30 days in 12 months they are unable to participate on these schemes and avail of the benefits these programmes provide. That this motion be sent to all local authorities for support”.

**16(16) Waterford City & County Council – 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

“At a recent meeting of the Dungarvan/Lismore District of Waterford City and County Council, the members asked that I write to you to express their concerns about the exclusion of Part V dwellings from the recently announced Tenant Purchase Scheme and asked that consideration be given to removing this exclusion”.

The meeting then concluded.

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