

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 7th June, 2019

Cllrs Present: M. H. Cavanagh, P. Fitzpatrick, J. Brennan, M. McCarthy, A. McGuinness, P. Cleere, M. Doyle, P. O' Neill, M. Doran, J. Malone, M. Noonan, D. Fitzgerald, P. Dunphy, F. Doherty, E. Aylward, T. Breathnach, G. Frisby, E. McGuinness, M. Delaney, D. Cullen, D. Hynes, J. Lyons, J. Coonan and M. Brett.

Officials: C. Byrne, T. Butler, M. Mulholland, M. Prendiville, S. McKeown, M. Delahunty, B. Tyrrell, F. Deegan, A.M. Walsh and C. Cooney.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Meetings Administrator, opened the meeting. She welcomed all the members to the first meeting of the new term of office for members elected to Kilkenny County Council.

Ms. A.M. Walsh, Meetings Administrator read into the minutes the following statement.

"Following the poll taken on 24th May, 2019 the following are the persons duly elected as members of Kilkenny County Council.

- Castlecomer Local Electoral Area (6).

Pat Fitzpatrick, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Michael McCarthy, John Brennan, Michael Delaney and Denis Hynes.

- Kilkenny Local Electoral Area (7)

Andrew McGuinness, Malcolm Noonan, Joe Malone, David Fitzgerald, John Coonan, Eugene McGuinness and Martin Brett.

- Callan-Thomastown Local Electoral Area (6)

Peter "Chap" Cleere, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Patrick O'Neill, Deirdre Cullen and Joe Lyons.

- Piltown Local Electoral Area (5)

Pat Dunphy, Tomás Breathnach, Eamon Aylward, Fidelis Doherty, Ger Frisby.

Before commencing with the formal business Cllr. E. Aylward addressed the meeting.

Outgoing Chairman's Address:-

"Firstly I want to congratulate all of you on your election to this chamber. Well done to those you who have been re-elected but I particularly want to welcome the newly elected members to your 1st official meeting and I am looking forward to working with you all over the next five years.

It has been a huge honour for me to serve as Cathaoirleach, when I sat here a year ago June 2019 seemed an awful long time away but looking back now it has just flown by. It has been an extremely busy year but a huge enjoyable year in the role you realise how popular Kilkenny is for both National & International conferences which is testament to the high esteem Kilkenny is held in and is a place people want to come to.

This council has made huge progress in the last year with a number of large projects progressing such as the Piltown Bypass Flyover, Kilkenny Greenway, Western Environs and the Abbey Quarter, we have to keep moving forward as a Council and everyone here wants the best for County Kilkenny.

As my terms comes to an end I want to say a few thank you's.

Firstly, I want to thank you the members and especially my Fianna Fail colleagues for giving me this honour last year and for your co-operation in ensuring that our meetings progressed smoothly most of the time.

Thanks to Andrew McGuinness, Leas Cathaoirleach, who willingly carried out the role of Cathaoirleach when I was unable to attend events.

Thanks to Colette, Mary, Tim, Sean & Martin and all the staff in the council for your help and support over the year, but in particular want to thank Teresa, Brenda, the two Catherine's, Siobhan and this lady to my left, Anne Maria, for keeping me organised and in the right place over the year.

I want to thank my employers Campion Insurance for facilitating me to carry out the role of Cathaoirleach, it's not easy to keep the two jobs going but there was never an issue with getting time off which isn't the case with every employer.

I want to thank my wife, Lorraine. and my three boys for their support over the year, its not easy on the home life and it is especially hard in an election year and we also have Leaving & Junior Cert in the house at the moment.

Finally, I want to wish the incoming Cathaoirleach the best for the coming year, it's the highest honour in Kilkenny, something that needs to be remembered that the Cathaoirleach is the 1st Citizen of Kilkenny."

Item 1. Election of Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere was proposed as Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council for the ensuing year by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh. There were no other proposals. Accordingly, Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere was unanimously elected as the Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council for the coming year.

The incoming Cathaoirleach thanked his proposer and seconder and addressed the meeting as follows:-

“I want to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to be the Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council. It is a tremendous honour for me and my family and I look forward to being a fair and consistent Chair for the coming 12 months.

Kilkenny is an amazing County, where we value our heritage, our history and our culture but also celebrate its diversity. There are so many brilliant ambassadors in every community right across the County and it is their sense of pride and passion in their areas that make Kilkenny so special. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Over the next 12 months and indeed over the next five years, Kilkenny has very ambitious plans for growth, and I am very excited to play a key role in this journey.

The development of the Abbey Quarter will ensure that this vibrant City will continue to grow and has the potential to make Kilkenny a serious player in terms of attracting national and international business and which will provide employment opportunities for our children and indeed our children’s children. I am encouraged to see plans for the new County Library develop and excited to see this project progress over the next 12 months. A community without a library is a community without a soul and this new state of the art facility will be of huge benefit to everyone in Kilkenny City and County.

I am also looking forward to overseeing the completion of the LIHAF Scheme, which will ensure the infrastructure is now in place for the development of a significant number of houses over the next number of years. In addition, and in my role over the next five years as Chairman of Kilkenny Carlow ETB, I now look forward to seeing work commence on two new secondary schools, which will provide the best of learning facilities in an environment which will allow these students achieve their ambitions. The new Kilkenny School Gael Choláiste for those who wish to study through the medium of Irish will ensure our children will have state of the art facilities and enable them to achieve their dreams.

Staying on the topic of education, I believe it is absolutely imperative that we secure a 3rd level campus for Kilkenny on the Abbey Quarter site. We need to ensure that we get a facility which will lead to a skilled workforce and I am looking forward to playing my part as Chairman in securing this facility for Kilkenny.

It was with great delight that Kilkenny County Council received €31m in funding last year for flood relief programmes in six towns around the County. I am looking forward to working with newly appointed engineers and the design teams that will be appointed at the end of this month. It is important that we have full public participation and consultation to ensure these projects will be delivered over the next couple of years in Graiguenamanagh, Thomastown, Ballyhale, Inistioge, Freshford and Piltown.

I am also looking forward to continued success in our Rural Regeneration application and Town and Village Scheme applications. Thomastown and Callan were successful in the latest round, both Graiguenamanagh and Piltown had excellent applications and should be successful next time around.

It is my intention to continue to seek funding for our local road network. We are very fortunate in Kilkenny to have excellent roads, particularly in comparison to other counties, but it is important not to get complacent and I will be lobbying hard for additional funding for Kilkenny.

Evans Home is a project which will be completed this year and will host the Butler Gallery. A significant investment in our Arts, and one that I look forward to seeing open in my term as Cathaoirleach.

To conclude, I want to thank you, the Members, for your support today. I want to also pay tribute to the local media who have consistently attended all our Municipal and County Meetings, thank you. I want to say I look forward to working with the Executive over the next 12 months. And finally, I want to thank my family and supporters who have given me the encouragement, support, advice and the inspiration to enable me fulfill my dreams. In particular, thank you Brenda, Gracie, Emily, Holly and Hannah. Thanks for believing in me."

Item 2. Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh. There were no other proposals accordingly Cllr. Andrew McGuinness was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach for the coming year.

Item 3. Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 1

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh:- "That Cllr. G. Frisby be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 1". There were no further proposals received. Cllr. G. Frisby was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 1.

Item 4. Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 2.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh:- "That Cllr. M. Doran be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 2". There were no further proposals received. Cllr. M. Doran was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 2.

Item 5. Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 3.

Proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh:- "That Cllr. J. Malone be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 3". There were no further proposals received. Cllr. J. Malone was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 3.

Item 6. Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 4.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan, Seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness:- “That Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 4”. There were no further proposals received. Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 4.

Item 7. Appointment of Chair Designate to SPC 5.

Proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness:- “That Cllr. J. Brennan be appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 5”. There were no further proposals received. Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh was unanimously appointed as Cathaoirleach of SPC 4.

Item 8. Appointment of 4 members to the Local Community Development Committee. (LCDC)

Cllr. G. Frisby, Cllr. Michael McCarthy, Cllr. Joe Lyons and Cllr. M. Brett were proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. G. Frisby, Cllr. Michael McCarthy, Cllr. Joe Lyons and Cllr. M. Brett were unanimously appointed to the Local Community and Development Committee.

Item 9. Appointment of 3 representatives to the Association of Irish Local Government.

Cllr. E. Aylward, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Patrick O’Neill were proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. E. Aylward, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Patrick O’Neill were unanimously appointed as representatives to the Association of Irish Local Government.

Item 10. Appointment of 1 Representative on Local Authorities Members Association.

Cllr. Joe Malone was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. J. Malone was unanimously agreed as the Council's Representative on the Local Authorities Members Association.

Item 11. Appointment of two representatives to the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly

Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. J. Brennan was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. M. Doran.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. J. Brennan were unanimously agreed as the Councils Representative to the Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly.

Item 12. Appointment of 4 representatives to the Regional Health Forum South

Cllr. J. Coonan, Cllr. M. McCarthy, Cllr. P. Cleere and Cllr. P. Dunphy were proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. J. Coonan, Cllr. M. McCarthy, Cllr. P. Cleere and Cllr. P. Dunphy were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Regional Health Forum South.

Item 13. Appointment of 4 members to Kilkenny Tourism. (One from each Municipal District)

Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. Eamon Aylward, Cllr. P. Dunphy and Cllr. M. Brett were proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. Eamon Aylward, Cllr. P. Dunphy and Cllr. M. Brett were unanimously appointed as Council's Members to Kilkenny Tourism.

Item 14. Appointment of 8 members to Kilkenny Water Safety Committee.

Cllr. M. Delaney, Cllr J. Coonan, Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. M. Brett, Cllr. P. Cleere, Cllr. D. Cullen, Cllr. D. Hynes and Cllr. E. McGuinness were proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. M. Delaney, Cllr J. Coonan, Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. M. Brett, Cllr. P. Cleere, Cllr. D. Cullen, Cllr. D. Hynes and Cllr. E. McGuinness were unanimously appointed as members of the Kilkenny Water Safety Committee.

Item 15. Appointment of 1 representative to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Company Ltd.

Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh was proposed by Cllr. M. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh was unanimously agreed as the Council's Representative to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Company Ltd.

Item 16. Election of 8 representatives to Kilkenny & Carlow Education & Training Board.

Cllr. D. Cullen, Cllr. M. Delaney, Cllr. P. Cleere, Cllr. G. Frisby, Cllr. M.H. Cavanah, Cllr. F. Doherty, Cllr. P. O'Neill and Cllr. D. Hynes were proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M. Doyle.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. D. Cullen, Cllr. M. Delaney, Cllr. P. Cleere, Cllr. G. Frisby, Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh, Cllr. F. Doherty, Cllr. P. O'Neill and Cllr. D. Hynes were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Kilkenny & Carlow Education and Training Board.

Item 17 Appointment of 1 Member to the South East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

Cllr. J. Malone was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M. Doran.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. J. Malone was unanimously appointed as the Council's Representative to the South East Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

Item 18. Appointment of 2 Members to the Audit Committee.

Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. F. Doherty were proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. M. Doran.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. F. Doherty were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Audit Committee.

Item 19. Appointment of 14 Members to the Joint Policing Committee.

Cllr. A. McGuinness, Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. D. Cullen, Cllr. M. Delaney, Cllr. J. Lyons, Cllr. P. O'Neill, Cllr. M. Doyle, Cllr. M. Brett, Cllr. P. Dunphy, Cllr. F. Doherty, Cllr. M. McCarthy, Cllr. T. Breathnach and Cllr. D. Hynes were proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. A. McGuinness, Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. D. Cullen, Cllr. M. Delaney, Cllr. J. Lyons, Cllr. P. O'Neill, Cllr. M. Doyle, Cllr. M. Brett, Cllr. P. Dunphy, Cllr. F. Doherty, Cllr. M. McCarthy, Cllr. T. Breathnach and Cllr. D. Hynes were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Joint Policing Committee.

Item 20. Appointment of 3 Members to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Cllr. M. Noonan, Cllr. J. Coonan and Cllr. M. Brett were proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. M. Noonan, Cllr. J. Coonan and Cllr. M. Brett were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

Item 21. Appointment of 3 Members to Rural Water Services Monitoring Committee.

Cllr. M. Delaney, Cllr. G. Frisby and Cllr. J. Brennan were proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. M. Delaney, Cllr. G. Frisby and Cllr. J. Brennan were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to the Rural Water Services Monitoring Committee.

Item 22. Appointment of 1 Member as Director of Rothe House Trust.

Cllr. D. Fitzgerald was proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. D. Fitzgerald was unanimously appointed as Director of Rothe House Trust.

Item 23. Appointment of 3 Members as Directors of Callan Friary Trust.

Cllr. M. Doran, Cllr. D. Cullen and Cllr. J. Lyons were proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. M. Doran, Cllr. D. Cullen and Cllr. J. Lyons were unanimously appointed as Directors of Callan Friary Trust.

Item 24. Appointment of 2 Members as Directors of Watergate Theatre Company.

Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. F. Doherty were proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. F. Doherty were unanimously appointed as Directors of Watergate Theatre Company.

Item 25. Appointment of 2 Members as Directors of Watershed Leisure Complex.

Cllr. P. Cleere and Cllr. P. O'Neill were proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. P. Cleere and Cllr. P. O'Neill were unanimously appointed as Directors of Watershed Leisure Complex.

Items 26&27 Item Nos. 26 and 27 were deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Item 28. Appointment of 2 Members to Kilkenny Civic Trust.

Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. M. Brett were proposed by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and seconded by Cllr. E. Aylward.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. M. Brett were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to Kilkenny Civic Trust.

Item 29. Appointment of 2 Members to Kilkenny Heritage Forum.

Cllr. M. Noonan and Cllr. J. Lyons were proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh.

No other proposals were received. Cllr. A. McGuinness and Cllr. M. Brett were unanimously appointed as the Council's Representatives to Kilkenny Heritage Forum.

Other Matters.

Item 31. Report on Local Elections

Report on Local Elections was circulated with the agenda for the member's information.

The Report was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh as being noted and taken as read.

Item 32. Standing Orders Kilkenny County Council – Review.

Cllr. A. McGuinness proposed an amendment to Standing Order No. 62 as follows:

“Corporate Policy Group

The Cathaoirleach of the Council, the Chairpersons of each Strategic Policy Committee, the Parties Whips and a nominated Member from the Municipal Districts if the Municipal District is not represented shall form the Corporate Policy Group, which shall meet as often as required under the chairmanship of the Cathaoirleach and shall provide a forum for discussion of policy affecting the whole Council and shall report to Council in accordance with Section 133 of the Act of 2001 as amended by Section 48 of the 2014 Act.”

This was seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh and agreed by all.

Cllr. M. Noonan proposed an amendment to Standing Order No. 60 that the Media and Public be allowed to attend SPC Meetings. This was seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach.

Contributions were received from Cllr. M. Noonan, Cllr. P. O'Neill and Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh in relation to the attendance of public and media at meetings, where policies are formulated and discussed.

Mr. T. Butler advised that the SPC are Statutory Committees set up to discuss and develop/formulate/review policies. All draft policies such as Development Plans, Bye Laws are advertised for public submissions. The final draft Policies or Bye Laws come before the Plenary Council for approval. The SPCs are made up of Elected Members and External Members working with social, economic, culture and environmental bodies. The external member provides the committees with external views as policies are developed. Attendance by the Press and Media might inhibit the members from making views known. The public have an opportunity to make submissions where policies or plans are put out for public consultation.

Some members expressed concerns that these meetings are intended to enable draft documents to be formulated and discussed and attendance by public and media may prevent open discussion by the members of the SPC and relevant staff.

Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh proposed an amendment that Standing Order No. 60 remain as circulated. This was seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness. Cllr. P. Cleere advised that he was calling on a vote by a show of hands on amendment that Standing Order No. 60 remain unchanged:

The amended motion was carried by 19 votes to 5 votes, with members voting as follows:

For the Motion: Cllrs. John Brennan, M.H. Cavanagh, Michael Delaney, Pat Fitzpatrick, Michael McCarthy, Peter “Chap” Cleere, Deirdre Cullen, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons, Patrick O’Neill, Martin Brett, John Coonan, Joe Malone, Andrew McGuinness, Eamon Aylward, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy, Ger Frisby.(19)

Against the Motion: Cllrs. Denis Hynes, David Fitzgerald, Eugene McGuinness, Malcolm Noonan, Tomás Breathnach(5).

Standing Order No. 60 remains as circulated in the document.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. M.H. Cavanagh that the Standing Orders as circulated with amendment to No. 62 be approved. All members agreed, with the exception of Cllr. M. Noonan, who registered his objection to Standing Order No. 60.

Item 33. Tenders - to provide for the attendance of the Cathaoirleach or nominated member at the opening of tenders and the signing of documents related thereto.

Ms. Colette Byrne requested approval of the attendance of the Cathaoirleach or any elected members at the opening of tenders and signing of related documents.

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. M. McCarthy and agreed that any elected member can attend at the opening of tenders.

Item 34. To apply for the sealing of documents in accordance with the provisions of Section 149(5) of the Local Government Act 2001(existing provision is that each member is authorised to witness the fixing of the common seal to documents).

Ms. Colette Byrne requested Council's approval that any elected members can witness the fixing of the common seal to Council's documents in accordance with the provisions of Section 149(5) of the Local Government Act 2001.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Brett and seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan and agreed that any elected member can witness the fixing of the common seal to council documents.

Item 35. To fix a schedule of Ordinary Meetings of the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Cllr. G. Frisby and agreed:-
"That dates of the Ordinary Meetings of the Council will take place on the following dates:-

June 2019	17 th June, 2019
July 2019	15 th July, 2019
August 2019	No Meeting
September 2019	16 th September, 2019
October 2019	21 st October, 2019
November 2019	18 th November, 2019
December 2019	16 th December, 2019
January 2020	20 th January, 2020
February 2020	17 th February, 2020
March 2020	16 th March, 2020
April 2020	20 th April, 2020
May 2020	18 th May, 2020.

Item 36. To fix dates for first meetings of Castlecomer, Callan-Thomastown, Kilkenny and Piltown Municipal Districts.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh, Seconded by Cllr. P. Fitzpatrick and agreed:- "That the first meeting of the Castlecomer Municipal District take place on Monday 17th June, 2019 at 11.00a.m. in County Hall, Kilkenny".

It was proposed by Cllr. A. McGuinness, Seconded by Cllr. J. Coonan and agreed:-
"That the first meeting of the Kilkenny Municipal District take place on Friday 14th June, 2019 at 2.30p.m. in City Hall, Kilkenny".

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Frisby, Seconded by Cllr. F. Doherty and agreed:- "That the first meeting of the Piltown Municipal District take place on Wednesday 12th June, 2019 at 3.00p.m. in the Ferrybank Offices".

It was proposed by Cllr. P. O'Neill, Seconded by Cllr. M. Doran and agreed:-
"That the first meeting of the Callan-Thomastown Municipal District take place on Friday, 14th June, 2019 at 4.00p.m. in County Hall, Kilkenny.

Item 37 Induction Training for Elected Members

Members were advised that induction training for all elected members of Kilkenny County Council will take place in Tipperary on 13th July, 2019.

Notification from AILG dated 29/5/2019 has been circulated to all Members at the meeting.

Item 36 Any Other Business

- (1) The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that the proposed visit by Minister Jim Daly to McDonagh Junction on 11th June, 2019 has been cancelled due to Government Business. An alternative date will be announced later.
- (2) Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive, congratulated Cllr. P. Cleere and wished him well as Cathaoirleach. She stated that he will be given all the support of the Management and Staff of the Council in his role as he wears the Chain of Office with pride.

She welcomed the newly Elected Members and wished them well as they work on behalf of the people of Kilkenny over the next 5 years. She advised that she and her Executive have an open door policy and all are welcome to discuss any issues they may have.

Ms. Byrne thanked Ms. Anne Maria Walsh and all her Count Staff for their work on the recent Local Elections.

That concluded the business of the meeting.