



MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022 AT 3.00 P.M. VIA MS TEAMS

- Chair:** Cllr. Fidelis Doherty.
- Elected Members:** Cllrs. Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, John Brennan, Martin Brett, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, John Coonan, Deirdre Cullen, Michael Delaney, Maria Dollard, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzpatrick, Ger Frisby, Denis Hynes, Joe Lyons, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness & Patrick O'Neill.
- Officials:** Colette Byrne, Martin Prendiville, Mary Mulholland, Sean McKeown, Tim Butler, Tony Lauhoff, Fiona Deegan, Ian Gardner, Josephine Coyne, Kevin Hanley & Anne Maria Walsh.

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

- (i) **Minutes of March Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council**  
Proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed.  
*"That the Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".*
- (ii) **Minutes of SPC1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy**  
Proposed by Cllr. Michael McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Maria Dollard and agreed.  
*"That the Minutes of SPC1 Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy held on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".*
- (iii) **Minutes of SPC5: Community, Culture & Fire Services**  
Proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Michael Delaney and agreed.  
*"That the Minutes of SPC5 Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved".*

**Fógraí - Announcements**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty extended congratulations to all involved in:

- Fleadh in Freshford.
- All Ireland Vintage Day in Tullagher/Rosbercon.

**Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Fidelis Doherty also extended votes of sympathy to the following:

- Bernadette Moloney and her family on the death of her father David Moloney.
- Eileen & Paul Lanigan on the death of her father and grandfather John Maher.
- Byrne Family on the death of Alice Byrne
- Dowling Family on the death of Katie Murphy.
- Aylward Family on the death of Sean Aylward.
- Perkins Family on the death of Ken Perkins.

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

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and agreed:

*“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in land at Kellsgrange, Kells, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Fiona O’Neill Hutchinson, Kellsboro, Kells, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €2,000 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Plot areas combined measure 1.15 acres. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”*

- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach seconded by Cllr. Ger Frisby and agreed:

*“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in land at Ballykeoghan, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Brian O’Neill, Dangan, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €200 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Plot areas combined measure 0.87 acres. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required”*

## (b) (i) ***Cuid 8: Stáisiún Gardaí Bhaile an Phoill agus Mol Cianoibre*** ***Part 8: Piltown Garda Station and Remote Working Hub***

Mr. Tony Lauhoff gave a Powerpoint presentation on the proposed renovation and restructuring of the Piltown Garda Station – Part 8 Planning Application.

In his Presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Location and elevations of building.
- Ground Floor Layout – Existing & Proposed.
- First Floor Layout – Existing & Proposed.
- Part 8 – Public Consultation Period – no submissions received.

He advised the Members that the Chief Executive recommends approval of the proposed development.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ger Frisby, seconded by Cllr. Maria Dollard and agreed that:

*“We the Members of Kilkenny County Council approve the Part 8 in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended and Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended for the Renovation and Restructuring of Piltown Garda Station at Main Street, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, as circulated.”*

## (ii) ***Cuid 8 atá Beartaithe: Scéim Feabhsúcháin Lána An Chrotaigh*** ***Proposed Part 8: Cootes Lane Improvement Scheme***

Mr. Ian Gardner gave a Powerpoint presentation on the proposed Cootes Lane Improvement Scheme. In his presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Scheme Background.
- Scheme Extent – area to be developed and photographs of existing lane and ford, ring road etc.

- Planning objectives included in Development Plan.
- Plan view of Scheme.
- Section of proposed bridge and indicative bridge type.
- Appropriate assessment, archaeology report requirement.

He advised that Part 8 Planning is required for the Scheme and advised that Members agreement is requested to proceed to Part 8 Planning.

It was proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett, seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and agreed *"that Kilkenny County Council commence the Part 8 Planning process for Cootes Lane to Ring Road Improvement Scheme for pedestrians and cyclists."*

(b) (iii) **Cuid 8: Cearnóg an Mhargaidh/Scéim Feabhsúcháin Shráid Naomh Kieran Proposed Part 8: Market Square/St. Kieran's Street Improvement Scheme**

Mr. Ian Gardner gave a Powerpoint Presentation on the Enhancement Scheme for St. Kieran's Street and Market Yard, Kilkenny.

In his Presentation he gave an overview on the following:

- Design Brief.
- Design rationale for St. Kieran's Street and photos of existing and proposed.
- Design rationale for Market Yard.
- Plan for Market Square - views of the proposed Square from various locations.
- Proposed Raised Performance Area with canopy - proposed design of paving.
- Market Yard Car Park - loss of spaces, reconfiguration of Section for improved facilities.

He advised that Part 8 Planning is required for the scheme and advised that Members agreement is requested to proceed to Part 8 Planning.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Andrew McGuinness, Joe Malone, John Coonan, Maria Dollard and Martin Brett. Members welcomed this positive development of additional open space for public use.

Some concerns were raised in relation to existing anti-social behaviour and litter issues and lack of public toilets in the area.

Specific queries were raised in relation to:

- Funding of the projects and matched funding from the Council.
- Timeframe for delivery of project.
- Public consultation - engagement with the businesses in the area.
- Naming of Infrastructure.
- Welcome additional cultural/creative area in the City.

Mr. Ian Gardner responded to all the issues raised and advised that it is proposed to commence the Part 8 process in July 2022 with construction commencing towards the end of the year if Part 8 approval is received.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed *"that Kilkenny County Council commence the Part 8 Planning process for the St. Kieran's Street and Market Yard Enhancement Scheme."*

(ii) **Ag Cúram/Taking in Charge: Final Stage: The Paddocks (Phase 1), Gowran**

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

*“That the County Council of the County 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.”*

**Development:** TC70, The Paddocks (Phase 1), Gowran, Co. Kilkenny

(c) (i) **Scéim Oibreacha Bóthair 2022 - Roadworks Scheme 2022**

Mr. Tim Butler advised that the Roadworks Scheme for 2022 has been circulated. All Municipal Districts have considered the proposed Roadworks and agreed the Schedule for their Areas. Mr. Butler recommends that the Council approves the Roadworks Scheme for 2022.

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

*“We the Members of Kilkenny County Council approves the Roadworks Scheme for 2022, as circulated.”*

(d) (i) **Ráiteas Airgeadais Bliantúil Neamhniúchta 2021  
2021 Unaudited Annual Financial Statement**

Mr. Martin Prendiville presented the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for 2021. He gave Members an overview of the accounts for the year as follows:

- Total Revenue Expenditure €107m – Adopted Budget €89.9m
- Approval to excess expenditure required by Members - €19.3m
- Covid related expenditure included. Rates Waiver - €5.9m, Enterprise Support €0.7m
- Surplus for 2021 - €45.9k. Cumulative Surplus €90.5k at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.
- Income from goods and services compensation received from Government – amounting to €550k.
- Strong focus maintained on cash management.
- Bank overdraft was not utilised during the year.
- Working capital balance tied up with Capital Projects reduced by €18m in 2021.
- €20m of cash balance ringfenced for matching funding on capital projects.
- No new non-mortgage loans drawn down in 2021, total non-mortgage loans outstanding at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021- €15.1m.
- Total mortgage loans balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 - €35.2m.
- Percentage collection rates maintained for Rents and Housing Loans.
- Percentage Collection on Rates – 87%, arrears increased by €700k since pre covid-19 – collection rate up from 83% in 2020.
- Total Capital Expenditure - €44.6m, 82% incurred on Housing & Roads Projects.
- Outstanding balance on completed projects - €10.4m, annual budget provides for repayment over an 8 year period.
- Review of Capital Budget is due in June/July 2022.
- Despite Covid restrictions and increased costs, books were balanced with welcome support from Government.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty & Eugene McGuinness in relation to challenges for 2021/2022 and funding for Capital Projects not commenced.

Mr. Prendiville responded to the queries raised and advised that there will be challenges for 2022 due to increased costs, construction materials have gone up significantly. The Council will be reviewing the Three Year Capital Programme in June/July 2022.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed that:

*“That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of Excess Expenditure for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 as follows in accordance with S104(2) Local Government Act 2001:*

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<b>Housing &amp; Building</b>	
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing .....	2,486,507
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer.....	10,100
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration.....	181,320
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme .....	1,759,030
A08 Housing Loans.....	35,066
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services .....	<u>88,861</u>
Subtotal .....	4,560,884
<b>Road Transportation &amp; Safety</b>	
B01 NP Road – Maintenance & Improvement .....	403,867
B02 NS Road – Maintenance & Improvement.....	341,557
B04 Local Road – Maintenance & Improvement.....	2,920,353
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement.....	919,227
B08 Road Safety Promotion & Education .....	1,088
B10 Support to Roads Capital Programme .....	1,596
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services .....	<u>658,207</u>
Subtotal .....	5,245,895
<b>Water Services</b>	
C01 Water Supply .....	138,252
C02 Waste Water Treatment.....	114,088
C04 Public Conveniences.....	10,139
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations.....	561,599
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme .....	4,573
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services.....	<u>2,373</u>
Subtotal .....	831,024
<b>Development Management</b>	
D01 Forward Planning .....	25,495
D02 Development Management .....	26,210
D03 Enforcement.....	34,204
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion .....	223,478
D06 Community & Enterprise Function.....	324,584
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates .....	520
D09 Economic Development and Promotion.....	695,133
D10 Property Management.....	20,365
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services .....	174,775
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services .....	<u>360</u>
Subtotal .....	1,525,124

### **Environmental Services**

E01	Landfill Operation & Aftercare .....	142,997
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations.....	31,390
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services .....	9,546
E05	Litter Management.....	84,184
E06	Street Cleaning .....	201,802
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds.....	249,689
E10	Safety of Structures and Places .....	35,903
E11	Operation of Fire Service .....	323,792
E12	Fire Prevention .....	8,971
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution .....	<u>500,550</u>
	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	<i>1,588,824</i>

### **Recreation and Amenity**

F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service .....	155,907
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations .....	582,692
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development.....	533,801
F05	Operation of Arts Programme .....	164,285
F06	Agency & Recoup Services .....	<u>4,520</u>
	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	<i>1,441,205</i>

### **Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare**

#### **Miscellaneous Services**

H01	Profit & Loss Machinery Acc.....	94,528
H03	Administration of Rates .....	3,597,965
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses .....	11,971
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading.....	3,928
H09	Local Representation & Civic Leadership .....	44,588
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services .....	<u>348,295</u>
	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	<i>4,101,275</i>

**TOTAL..... 19,294,231**

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed that:

*"We, the members of Kilkenny County Council, hereby adopt the Annual Financial Statement for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021."*

#### **(e) (i) Deontais d'Imeachtaí Pobail 2022 - Community Event Grants 2022**

Ms. Mary Mulholland presented her report on the Events Grant Scheme for 2022. 34 applications were received. Budget allocation for 2022 is €22,400. 31 applications have been approved for funding totalling €18,750. The balance of €3,000 will be retained for a suitable event for our Ukrainian visitors.

Ms. Mulholland advised that one application was withdrawn and two applications were ineligible.

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

*"That the Event Grants 2022 totalling €18,750 are hereby approved by the Members of Kilkenny County Council, as per report circulated."*



(f) (i) ***Tuarascáil & Athbhreithniú ar Nuashonrú na Seirbhíse Leabharlainne***  
**Library Service Update Report & Review**

Ms. Josephine Coyne gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Library Service in Kilkenny. In her Presentation she gave an overview on the opportunities, challenges and sustainability of the service as follows:

- Infrastructure – locations of services.
- 2021 Metrics – use of Library services.
- Budget details and expenditure – book spend per capita is €1.34. National target is €4 per capita.
- Detailed overview of buildings – conditions and current status.
- Capital Project Process – current developments at Mayfair & Thomastown.
- Expected opening of Mayfair – Quarter 1 2023.
- Future projects – Callan, Carnegie Library.
- Programming and Initiations.
- Building the collections – especially for new Libraries – Mayfair – 50,000 items on shelves at any time.
- Workforce – existing and proposed staff numbers to operate the new Libraries.
- Overview of Public Library offer.

Ms. Mulholland briefed the Members on the Capital Projects in progress and the need to invest in the ongoing Library Service. There has been an increase in online services and door to door service. There is a need to build on the digitised services. She thanked all the Library staff for their dedication to the service and in particular the continued delivery of the services over the last few years despite Covid.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Fidelis Doherty, Joe Lyons, Deirdre Cullen, Maria Dollard and John Brennan in relation to the following:

- Maintaining the door to door service – Mobile Library Service.
- Toy/Sensory Collection – Provision of equipment.
- Proposed relocation of Callan Library.
- Use of Library buildings for educational purposes – essential area for students.
- Increase funds for Book Fund – need to progress to National target.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty thanked Ms. Josephine Coyne for her presentation and thanked all the Library Service for their work in delivering a much needed service throughout the County.

(iv) ***Tuarascáil Mhíosúil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh***  
**Chief Executive's Monthly Report**

Ms. Colette Byrne, Chief Executive presented her monthly Chief Executive Report.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that Irish Water published in March the Water Supply and Waste Water Treatment Capacity Register and it is available on their website. The Register contained details on settlement targets up to 2031 and indicates the capacity required to meet the associated needs. The Capacity Register identifies specific water capacity deficits in Bennettsbridge Regional Scheme, Gowran, Goresbridge, Clogh/Castlecomer and Graiguenamanagh. Under Small Towns & villages Bennettsbridge WWTP will be upgraded. Works are due to commence on the Gowran/Goresbridge/Paulstown Water Supply this year. Troyswood upgrade is currently underway.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. John Brennan, Deirdre Cullen & Michael Doyle in relation to specific schemes and Mr. Butler responded to the issues raised.

Cllr. Pat Dunphy asked for update on public consultation for the N24 Project. Mr. Butler advised that it will be a face to face public consultation.

Mr. Martin Prendiville advised the Members that an opportunity arose to purchase former Bank of Ireland buildings in Urlingford and Thomastown. The Council will purchase the buildings and lease them to a Community Group in Urlingford for a Community Hub and Design Craft Council in Thomastown for a Ceramic School.

Ms. Colette Byrne updated the meeting on the provision of accommodation for the Ukrainians.

She gave an overview on the following:

- Emergency rest beds in Kilkenny City.
- Conversion of existing large buildings for short term accommodation.
- Inspection of pledged stand alone accommodation with IPAS, for other shared pledged accommodation vetting is required.
- List of available large scale buildings sent to Department.
- Co-ordination of services at local level, continued links with all service agencies and Departments.
- Need to manage focused appeals.
- Acknowledged all the support received from agencies, businesses, IFA, GAA, communities and general public.
- Acknowledged Civil Defence, Defence Forces, Housing Staff, Age Friendly, Kilkenny Leader, Scouts Den and St. John of God for their immediate response to the provision of short term accommodation.
- Many more challenges to be met – awaiting National guidance.
- Knock on implications for delivery of our own Housing Services while staff are dealing with this crisis.

Ms. Mary Mulholland advised that the public must register accommodation with IPAS and not the Council. She also thanked all the staff and agencies involved in the provision of accommodation for the Ukrainian at very short notice.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Eugene McGuinness, Maria Dollard, Andrew McGuinness and Joe Lyons in relation to the following:

- Council tenants offering a spare room – clarity on Tenancy Agreement.
- Support the need to offer the Ukrainians “a home” even though it is temporary.
- Accommodation available throughout the County to be considered.
- Complimented the Housing Staff, Civil Defence and all involved and communities for responding to appeals.

Ms. Colette Byrne and Ms. Mary Mulholland responded to the specific issues raised. Our current focus is sourcing large residential properties for private spaces for families and individuals for a considerable period. They stated that there are many challenges ahead for the Council and all the Departments and Agencies involved.



### 3. *Comhfhreagras - Correspondence*

None.

### 4. *Gnó ar athló ó chruinniúroimhe seo - Business adjourned from a previous Meeting*

None.

### 5. *Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú - Fix Dates & Times of Meetings*

(i) **Schedule of Meetings**

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed.

(ii) **Agree Date for May Plenary Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed to hold the May Plenary Meeting on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 at 3.00 p.m. at a venue to be decided by the CPG.

(iii) **Agree Date for Annual Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 3.00 p.m. at a venue to be decided by the CPG.

(iv) **Approval to attend Twinning event in Kilkenny-Minnesota**

It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed that Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Mayor attend Twinning event in Kilkenny Minnesota from 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022.

### 6. *Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle* **Consideration of Reports & Recommendations of Committees of the Council**

(i) **Report of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services**

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael McCarthy, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Cullen and agreed that Report of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021 be taken as read and noted.

(ii) **Report of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management & Water Services**

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Dunphy, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed that Report of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management & Water Services held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 be taken as read and noted.

### 7. *Gnó Eile romhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe* **Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting**

None.

### 8. *Oideachas agus Oiliúint - Education & Training*

Mr. Tim Butler advised that a Conference on Rural Transport “iRoute” is being held in Kilkenny on 5<sup>th</sup> May and Members can include this in the Schedule circulated.

Schedule of Conferences circulated with the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. John Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett and agreed.

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

None.

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

None.

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

**06 (22) Cllr. Denis Hynes**

It was proposed by Cllr. Denis Hynes, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed:

*"I am calling on my fellow Councillors to support my motion which is, we should ask Kilkenny County Council to provide autism friendly car spaces. These spaces should be in local authority car parks and in addition we should encourage private providers of car spaces also, i.e. Shopping Centres."*

Cllr. Denis Hynes spoke on the motion.

Contributions were also received from Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Maria Dollard, Andrew McGuinness, John Coonan, Tomás Breathnach and Deirdre Cullen on this motion.

**07 (22) Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty, Eamon Aylward, Ger Frisby and Tomas Breathnach**

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council calls on Minister Eamon Ryan to immediately provide the necessary funding to progress the N25 Waterford to Glenmore Road Scheme to Phase 3 Detailed Design and Environmental Evaluation. The project has reached route option selection stage and it has now been suspended for a second time. The N25 is critical to regional connectivity, including to Rosslare and Belview Ports, and it needs to be progressed to improve road safety by removing a particularly hazardous section of National Road from the network and improving the quality of life for local communities in the region. The current status of the project also severely limits potential investment and development within the area, as the sterilisation of the preferred route will remain indefinitely. Progressing the scheme to Phase 3 will alleviate rural development constraints and maintain the momentum that the project has developed in recent years."*

Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty, Tomás Breathnach and Joe Malone spoke on this Notice of Motion.

**08 (22) Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty, Eamon Aylward, Ger Frisby and Cllr Tomas Breathnach**

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council calls on TII to immediately undertake a feasibility assessment and options study for the provision of urgently needed safety improvements and sustainable transport options along the N24 national primary route from New Aglish to Gannagh Castle. This is needed to protect vulnerable road users accessing commercial and industrial premises, residential areas and sports facilities and to highlight the necessary works to include footpaths, public lighting and traffic calming measures. An action plan needs to be put in place to address the following areas of the N24 road in particular: the dangerous junction at New Aglish with the LS7434 leading to a large and busy quarry and batching plant; the speed limit on the N24 on the section of road from New Aglish to Ballygriffin; pedestrian access from Grannagh Castle to New Aglish; and public lighting from Grannagh Castle to New Aglish."*

Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty, Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Ger Frisby and Joe Malone spoke on this Notice of Motion.

12. **Fógraí i dtaobh Rúin ó Údaráis Áitiúla eile ag lorg tacaíochta ó Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh - Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone and agreed by all that the following Notices of Motion numbered 14 (22) to 19 (22) received from a number of Local Authorities be taken as read and noted:

**14 (22) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council**

"In the interests of good planning and upholding the integrity of the County Development Plan in the minds of Citizens, this Council agrees to write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to withdraw the Specific Planning Policy Requirements provisions that enables Ministerial Guidelines to override such plans and lead to the probability of An Bord Pleanála continuing to ignore democratically agreed County Development Plans. The Council further agrees to circulate this Motion to all Councillors to encourage a united approach on this issue."

**15 (22) Galway County Council**

"That Galway County Council call on all Banks to immediately assist in setting up cashless transaction and issue Debit cards at low-cost fees, to all OAP and Credit Unions, so that they are allowed to enter to a competitive Banking market and allowed to have current account so as to be able to issue Debit/Credit cards to their account holders. This is in response to the huge amount burglaries many with violence been carried out across the Country on our senior citizens. I ask this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities across the Country. I ask it be forwarded to our Finance Ministers and our Minister for Justice."

**16 (22) Kerry County Council**

"To ask that Killarney Municipal District would write to the appropriate Ministers to obtain the proper answers to the happenings in the Stardust fire. This fire happened 41 years ago and claimed 48 lives, the families of which need answers. We as a country must and will help them."

**17 (22) Limerick City & County Council**

"That Limerick City & County Council put in place a working system for signing GDPR consent forms. The current system is not manageable in any event, especially emergencies, and that this Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to intervene, and that this Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities."

**18 (22) Clare County Council**

"In response to the call from Dmytro KUBELA, Ukrainian Minister for Foreign Affairs, that this Council call on the Minister for Justice to propose legislation forthwith to criminalise the use of the 'Z' symbol as a way to publicly support Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. 'Z' means Russian war crimes, bombed out cities, thousands of murdered Ukrainians. Public support of this barbarism must be forbidden."

**19 (22) Westmeath County Council**

"That Westmeath County Council would write to Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications of Ireland, requesting permission for Bord na Móna to allow contractors to harvest turf due to the urgent need for fuel, in light of the War in Ukraine."

**19 (22) Westmeath County Council**

“That Westmeath County Council corresponds to all relevant Government Departments requesting a further reduction of taxes on fuel as the escalating costs are having a serious impact on farming communities, industry and the public as they go about their daily lives, and that such reduction be passed on in full to the customer.”

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**

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**DATE**