**KILKENNY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 10th APRIL, 2012 AT 7.30 PM**

**Mayor, Councillor David Fitzgerald,** **Presiding.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Martin Brett, John Coonan, Paul Cuddihy, Marie Fitzpatrick Kathleen Funchion, Joe Malone, Betty Manning, Andrew McGuinness, Malcolm Noonan, Joe Reidy.

Apologies: Seán Ó hArgáin.

**Also Present:**

Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager, Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Town Clerk, Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer, Ms. Bernadette Moloney, Environmental Awareness Officer.

### Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 4th April, 2012, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

**Item 1. : Confirmation of Minutes:**

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th March, 2012:**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 12th March, 2012, having been previously circulated were tabled for confirmation, it was

Proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett

Seconded by Cllr. John Coonan

And Resolved:

“That the minutes as presented to this meeting be and are hereby adopted.”

The minutes were then signed by the Mayor.

**Item No. 2: Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.**

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding

The Mayor acknowledged the work undertaken by the County Manager and staff in organising the recent successful event which involved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Suzhou, Huqui, China in Kilkenny Castle. The Mayor also advised that the Chinese Delegation have extended an invitation to representatives from Kilkenny to visit Suzhou.

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Chinese Delegation expressed their gratitude to everyone for the warm welcome they received as well as extending an invitation to visit Suzhou in September/October.

St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations

The Mayor congratulated the organisers and all those involved in the St. Patrick’s Day Celebrations and in particular acknowledged the support of Mr. Paul Kinsella and Mr. Ned Quinn, Kilkenny G.A.A. County Board and Cllr. Malcolm Noonan and the St. Patrick’s Day Committee.

James Stephens G.A.A. Club 125th Anniversary.

The Mayor congratulated the Chairman and Organisers of James Stephen’s G.A.A. Club on reaching their 125th Anniversary and on a very successful commemoration night which is attended recently.

War Memorial

The Mayor advised the Members that a revised quotation acceptable quotation has been received from the Sculptor. Following a discussion it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

And Resolved

“that a War Memorial be commissioned by Kilkenny Borough Council to honour all those Kilkenny citizens who died in past wars or on service with the United Nations.”

The Mayor also referred to a previous presentation by the author of a recent book on Kilkenny Citizens who served in the Great War. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

And Resolved

“that funds be allocated from the historic documents budget to support the publication of this book.”

**Item No. 3: Disposal of Leasehold Interest in Property at No. 124, Assumption Place, Kilkenny.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Reidy

Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett

And Resolved

“that Kilkenny Borough Council hereby approves of the disposal of its Leasehold interest in property at 124, Assumption Place, Kilkenny, and to the transfer of the Freehold interest to Maureen Minogue in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002.”

**Item No. 4: Draft Litter Management Plan 2012 to 2014.**

Ms. Bernadette Moloney, Environmental Awareness Officer, Kilkenny County Council, presented the Draft Litter Management Plan 2012 to 2014 to the Members outlining the purpose of the Plan, review of successful activities, Litter Status of Kilkenny Borough, Litter Policy, etc.

The Members thanked Ms. Moloney for her presentation and commended her and the Environment Staff both indoor and outdoor on their work. Ms. Moloney also responded to a number of queries in relation to Dog Fouling, Cigarette and Gum Litter and Enforcement.

Following a discussion it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Cllr. John Coonan

And Resolved:

“That a single bin plus dispenser unit be installed at the entrance to the Linear Park to assist in dealing with the issue of dog fouling.”

In conclusion it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Reidy

Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett

And Resolved

“that the Draft Litter Management Plan 2012 to 2014 is hereby adopted.”

**Item No. 5: Review of Kilkenny Borough Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2008.**

Mr. John Mulholland referred the Members to the report circulated and stated that the purpose of the review is to:

* Reduce parking fees/levies for long term parking.
* To make alterations to the College Road.
* To make amendments to the schedule to accommodate mass time.
* Respond to concerns of residents of housing estates off the College Road.

During a discussion, the Members made a number of suggestions for inclusion in the review of the Bye-Laws. Mr. Mulholland agreed that the suggestions made would be considered as part of the process. Brian Tyrrell stated that the public notice will include an option for the public to make submissions on incentivisation.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Reidy

Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett

And Resolved

“that the public consultation process for the Review of Kilkenny Borough Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2008 be commenced.”

**Item No. 6: Filling of Vacancy on RAPID Area Implementation Team.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick

Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

“that Cllr. Martin Brett be nominated to the RAPID Area Implementation Team.”

An amendment was then put forward and it was

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Reidy

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

“that Cllr. Andrew McGuinness be nominated to the RAPID Area Implementation Team.”

The proposal and amendment were put to a vote as follows:

**For Cllr. Brett For Cllr. McGuinness Absent**

Cllr. Martin Brett Cllr. John Coonan Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

Cllr. Paul Cuddihy Cllr. Joe Malone

Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Cllr. David Fitzgerald Cllr. Joe Reidy (4)

Cllr. Kathleen Funchion

Cllr. Betty Manning

Cllr. Malcolm Noonan (7)

The amendment was passed by 7 votes to 4 and Cllr. Martin Brett was nominated to the RAPID Area Implementation Team.

**Item No. 7: Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 4th November, 2011**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick

And Agreed

“that Kilkenny Borough Council would undertake a review of the city development plan in relation to shop fronts and signage, with a view to drafting guidelines for design, conservation, restoration and maintenance of shop fronts and building facades in the historic city centre.”

The County Manager agreed that the motion would be incorporated into the current review of the Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan.

**Item No. 8: Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Kathleen Function received 31st January, 2012.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Kathleen Funchion

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Reidy

And Resolved

“that Kilkenny Borough Council invites the IDA to address its next meeting, in light of figures that show Kilkenny received no grant assistance or visits from the IDA in the past 2 years.”

**Item No. 9 & 10: Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe Malone received 2nd February, 2012.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone

Seconded by: Cllr. John Coonan

And Resolved

“In consideration of the reply given to Deputy John McGuinness, T.D., to a parliamentary question number 365 regarding the site designated as the Pound, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny, that Kilkenny Borough Council resolve to accommodate the Kilkenny Pigeon Club on that site and appropriate agreement be immediately put in place.”

Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Reidy

And Resolved

“that Kilkenny Borough Council supports the local authority’s assistance in securing a suitable premises/location for the Kilkenny Racing Pigeons Club.”

The Members were advised that the site at the Pound is not available as it is required by the Court Services. Mr. John Mulholland stated that the Local Authority is pleased to assist the Pigeon Club in identifying a premises. Contact has been made with the Club and the Local Authority is actively assisting the Club in trying to achieve their goal.

**Item No. 11: Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and Cllr. Joe Reidy received 21st February, 2012.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Reidy

Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

And Resolved

“that Kilkenny Borough Council enters into a working relationship with the newly reformed residents’ association at Dean Cavanagh Place, Fr. Albert Place and Circular Road, Kilkenny. That we work towards improving residents’ safety in the area and work alongside the newly formed Neighbourhood Watch Group.”

The Members welcomed the reformation of this group and asked that the existence of the group be brought to the attention of the Gardaí with a view to organising a meeting.

**Item No. 12: Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 2nd April, 2012.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Reidy

"That Kilkenny Borough Council supports the development of an official 'App' for Kilkenny and possibly link it in with the new tourist signage.

Why?

Research tells us that in 2012 the number one way people will search for information only is by using an 'App' on a mobile phone device such as iPhones, Androids Blackberry's and iPads etc.

Having an official App for Kilkenny will allow the Local Authority, the Tourist Board and any other local business/organisation/sports or community group to communicate directly to their target market.

The App will keep residents up to date with Kilkenny news, will direct visitors to car parks, advise people on upcoming events and inform consumers of special offers.

Business's can send out special offers/vouchers to anyone who has downloaded the App. Best of all, it's free to download and use.”

Following a discussion it was agreed that an informal demonstration/briefing would be made to the Members before at 7.00 p.m. before the May monthly meeting.

**Item No. 14: Conferences.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick

Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett

And Resolved

“that Cllr. Malcolm Noonan attend the following Conferences:

* Irish Council for Social Housing – South East Regional Information Meeting to be held on Monday, 16th April, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in Newpark Hotel, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny.
* Irish Planning Institute National Conference to be held on 26th and 27th April, 2012, in Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny.”

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett

And Resolved

“that Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Joe Malone attend the Irish Council for Social Housing South East Regional Information Meeting in Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny, on Monday, 16th April, 2012.”

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

**MAYOR**

**Date:**