**KILKENNY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY, 2012 AT 7.30 PM**

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

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Martin Brett, John Coonan, Paul Cuddihy, Marie Fitzpatrick Kathleen Funchion, Joe Malone, Malcolm Noonan, Joe Reidy, Seán Ó hArgáin.

**Also Present:**

Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager, Mr. John Mulholland, Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Town Clerk, Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer, Mr. Adrian Waldron, Administrative Officer, Kilkenny County Council, Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

### Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 8th May, 2012, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

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

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10th April, 2012:**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10th April, 2012, having been previously circulated were tabled for confirmation, it was

Proposed by Cllr. Martin Brett

Seconded by Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

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.**

Resignation of Cllr. Betty Manning.

The Mayor advised the meeting of a letter of resignation that he had received from Cllr. Betty Manning and read the contents of the letter to the Members.

Following this the Mayor and Members all paid tribute to Cllr. Manning for her many years of service to the Borough Council, acknowledged a number of various achievements and projects undertaken by her while in service and conveyed their best wishes to Cllr. Manning and her family for the future.

Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager, also acknowledged with gratitude the contribution Cllr. Manning made to the Borough Council over the years and the dedication she gave to the special projects that she was involved in such as Heritage, City Walls and Talbot Tower.

TSSG Facility at St. Kieran’s College

The Mayor informed the Members of the official opening of the TSSG Information Communication Technology (ICT) Research and Innovation Centre at St. Kieran’s College in association with Waterford Institute of Technology. This event will take place on 24th May, 2012 and the opening will be carried out by An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny.

Robertshill Estate.

The Mayor queried the current position in relation to the taking in charge of the Robertshill Estate. Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald advised that the Borough Council are still awaiting a schedule of completion of outstanding works from the Developer. Mr. John Mulholland further advised that meetings have taken place with the developer, longstanding issues have been cleared and progress will be made very soon with the Borough Council carrying out traffic calming measures in the estate.

College Road.

In response to a request from the Mayor for an update on the College Road road works, Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald explained that a public consultation phase has commenced whereby the public have 4 weeks to lodge submissions. Following this a report will be presented to the Members. The Members requested that plans be made available in County Hall as well as on the Council’s websites.

Condolences

The sympathy of the Borough Council was extended to the families of the following who were recently deceased:-

Statsia Lahert, (née Noonan), Granstown Park, Waterford City, formerly of Kilmoganny, Co. Kilkenny.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and respectfully passed in silence, all present standing.

**Item No. 3: Fix Date for Annual Meeting.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Paul Cuddihy

Seconded by: Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick

And Resolved:

“That the Annual Meeting of Kilkenny Borough Council be held on Thursday, 21st June, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.”

**Item No. 4: (a) Appointment of Chairman to the City of Kilkenny Municipal Policy Committee and consideration of committee membership.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett

Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

And Resolved:

“That this item be deferred to the June Monthly Meeting of Kilkenny Borough Council.”

**(b) Appointment of three members to the St. Mary’s Conservation Restoration and Development Group.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick

Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

And resolved

“that Cllr. Malcolm Noonan be appointed to the St. Mary’s Conservation Restoration and Development Group.”

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett

Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

And resolved

“that Cllr. David Fitzgerald be appointed to the St. Mary’s Conservation Restoration and Development Group.”

Proposed by: Cllr. Paul Cuddihy

Seconded by: Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick

And resolved

“that Cllr. John Coonan be appointed to the St. Mary’s Conservation Restoration and Development Group.”

**Item No. 5: Overdraft Accommodation.**

Mr. Adrian Waldron explained the purpose to this item to the Members and following a discussion it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett

Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

And resolved

“that Kilkenny Borough Council approves the provision of overdraft funding from Kilkenny County Council up to a maximum value of €3,500,000 with the term of this funding being to the end December 2017, at the opportunity cost of funds to Kilkenny County Council of variable Prime Interest rate plus Bank Margin.”

**Item No. 6: New Library Development Part 8 Proposal.**

Mr. Joe Crockett, County Manager explained that the proposals being put before the Members by the Architects for the new library development will, on approval by the Members, go on public display as part of the Part 8 planning process.

The Architects made a presentation to the Members on the proposed design of the new library development at County Hall. Following the presentation the majority of Members welcomed the proposed development and encouraged the public to take part in the public consultation process. Members also felt that the public consultation process should involve dialogue for the future use of Carnegie Library. It was then

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett.

Seconded by: Cllr. Paul Cuddihy

And resolved

“that the Part 8 planning process commence on the proposed new library development at County Hall.”

**Item No. 7: (a) Amenity Grants**

**(b) Arts Grants**

**( c ) Festival Supports**

It was agreed that the Amenity and Arts Grants items be deferred to the June monthly meeting of the Borough Council.

Mr. Brian Tyrrell circulated a report on the proposed allocation of the festival supports budget for 2012. Following a discussion it was agreed that the proposed allocation as circulated would remain and defer the item to the June Monthly Meeting of the Borough Council for confirmation.

**Item No. 8: Capital Projects Update**

Mr. John Mulholland provided a report on the progress of capital projects currently underway. Following this Mr. Mulholland responded to a number of queries raised by the Members in relation to the future funding of Butler Gallery project and the progress of the Skate Park Project.

Following discussion on the Skate Park Project, it was agreed that the Members will be provided with a report outlining progress to date.

**Item No. 9: National Day of Commemoration – Regional Ceremony**

Mr. Brian Tyrrell advised the Members of the details of the regional ceremony of the National Commemoration Day to be held on 8th July, 2012 in the grounds of Kilkenny Castle at 11.00 a.m.

The Members acknowledged the success of last year’s event and made a number of suggestions for the 2012 event. The County Manager advised that the format of the event is set down by the Department of the Taoiseach but the Members suggestions will be submitted to the Department of the Taoiseach for approval.

**Item No. 10: Application for funding under the Active Towns Initiative**

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Borough Council would make an application for funding under the Active Towns Initiative.

**Item No. 11: Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 4th May, 2012.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

And resolved

“that Kilkenny Borough Council and Kilkenny Electoral Area Committee would in co-operation with Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland investigate the feasibility of establishing a Sustainable Energy Zone in Kilkenny City and Environs, with a view to Kilkenny joining the Sustainable Energy communities Network.”

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:**

**MAYOR**

**Date:**