

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018 AT 3.00 P.M.**

**Chair:** David Fitzgerald

**Clrs:** Eamon Aylward, John Brennan, Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, Fidelis Doherty, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, Ger Frisby, Pat Fitzpatrick, Breda Gardner, David Kennedy, Andrew McGuinness, Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy, Pat Millea, Malcolm Noonan, Melissa O'Neill, Patrick O' Neill, Maurice Shortall and Sean Tyrrell.

**Officials:** Colette Byrne, Mary J. Mulholland, Martin Prendiville, Tim Butler, Sean McKeown, Denis Malone, Fiona Deegan, Mary Butler, Martin Mullally, Francis Coady, Bernadette Moloney, Michael Delahunty, Brian Tyrrell & Anne Maria Walsh.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Patrick McKee.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearblú Miontuairiscí:**

- (a) **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**

Proposed by Cllr. David Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere and agreed:

“That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved”.

- (b) **Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**

Proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner and agreed:

“That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved”.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald congratulated Manning Travel on winning Irish Travel Agency of the Year.

Cllr. Fitzgerald also complimented Gardaí, Chamber of Commerce and Kilkenny County Council on the following initiatives:

- Safer Socialising
- Purple Flag.

Cllr. Fidelis Doherty congratulated Rally Driver Craig Breen on his success in the World Rally Championship.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald extended a vote of sympathy to Cllr. Ger Frisby and family on the death of his mother, Lily Frisby.

Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, David Kennedy, Fidelis Doherty, Eamon Aylward, Melissa O'Neill, Breda Gardner, Malcolm Noonan and Tomás Breathnach were associated with the vote of sympathy.

Cllr. Frisby thanked the Members and staff for their expressions of sympathy and support given to his family at this difficult time.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald also extended votes of sympathy to the following:

- Maria O'Shea, Human Resources and Michael Barrett, Fire Service on the death of their mother Colette Barrett.
- Michael Daly, Environment on the death of his mother Margaret Daly.
- Frank Stafford, Road Design on the death of his mother Agnes Stafford.
- Majella Byrne, Library on the death of her father Tim Connolly [*retired Driver with Library Service*].
- Mary Morrissey, Library, Val Doyle, Kilkenny Municipal District, Deirdre Breen, Planning on the death of their father/grandfather Geoff Doyle.
- Michael Ryan, Graiguenamanagh on the death of his father Gerry Ryan.
- Michael Slattery, Kilkenny Municipal District on the death of his brother Christy Slattery.

It was proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh and agreed that the meeting would adjourn for 15 minutes as a mark of respect to Cllr. Frisby.

Cllr. Noonan requested that improvements to lighting is required at the public toilets on the Parade which are subject to ongoing vandalism.

Meeting resumed at 3.30 p.m.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald advised that he has made a decision not to attend New York for St. Patrick's Day but is proposing that the Council send a representative and one Official. Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh seconded the proposal.

A number of Members spoke in support and approved the proposal to send a delegation to New York. Cllr. Fitzgerald asked for a show of hands on the proposal.

16 voted in Favour: Eamon Aylward, John Brennan, Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Peter Cleere, Fidelis Doherty, Matt Doran, Michael Doyle, Pat Dunphy, Pat Fitzpatrick, David Fitzgerald, Andrew McGuinness, Joe Malone, Melissa O'Neill, Patrick O' Neill, Maurice Shortall.

4 voted Against: David Kennedy, Sean Tyrrell, Breda Gardner & Malcolm Noonan

4 were Absent: Pat Millea, Patrick McKee, Michael McCarthy & Ger Frisby

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

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill 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 property at 82 Maudlin Court, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny to Edward Long & Thomas Hickey. this house is the subject of a Shared Ownership arrangement with Kilkenny County Council. Consent of the Minister is not required."*

(b) **Planning – Pleanail**

(i) **Taking in charge of Estates: 35 House Development at Burgess Court, Kells, Co. Kilkenny.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran, seconded by Cllr. David Fitzgerald and agreed:

*"That the County Council of the County of 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, 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".*

**ESTATE: 35 House Development at Burgess Court, Kells, Co. Kilkenny [Ref. TC 28]**

(ii) **Taking in Charge: TC 81: Glenbawn, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny; Glendine Woods, Ballyfoyle Road, Kilkenny.**

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

*"We, the Members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following developments in accordance with 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".*

**Development: TC81: Glenbawn, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny  
Glendine Woods, Ballyfoyle Road, Kilkenny**

(iii) **Amendment to Record of Protected Structures**

Mr. Francis Coady, Conservation Officer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed amendments to the Record of Protected Structures. In his presentation he outlined the following:

- Why add to the Record of Protected Structures.
- Process involved - legal basis.
- Formal process involved with the owner.
- Details on the 27 proposed additions.
- Details on the structure to be deleted.
- Supports available to owners i.e. advice, financial, grants etc.

He advised that he has met with all but one owner of the structures in relation to the addition of the building/structure to the Record of Protected Structures.

Queries and contributions were received from Cllrs. Malcolm Noonan, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Maurice Shortall, Breda Gardner, Pat Fitzpatrick, David Kennedy, Eamon Aylward, Pat Dunphy, Melissa O'Neill, Matt Doran, Sean Tyrrell, Michael Doyle, Fidelis Doherty and Michael McCarthy.

The issues raised by Members related to:

- Burden on owners, liability to maintain the structure and cost of this.
- Industrial heritage should also be considered for inclusion.

- Clarity on what funding/ grants are available.
- Inspections carried out by Kilkenny County Council.
- Too many structures on the National List.
- Insurance on thatched houses.
- Widening of gates to assess lands.

Mr. Malone and Mr. Coady responded to the issues raised by Members.

CLlr. David Fitzgerald advised that a resolution to add, not to add and to delete will be taken on each structure by a show of hands.

- Add 17-01 Kickham Street Kilkenny  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- 17-02 Quay House 4, John's Quay.  
*It was decided not to add this structure due to concerns regarding inhibiting development to rear of property. Decision taken not to add the building to the record of Protected Structures following majority vote of Kilkenny County Council.*
- 17-03 Brigideen Convent, Paulstown  
*It was decided not add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures because there is potential limitation on use as Guesthouse.*
- Add 17-04 Old School House, Smithstown, Castlecomer  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-05 Old School Masters House, Smithstown, Castlecomer  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-06 The Thatch, Baurnafea, Castlewarren  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- 17-07 Kilkenny Street, Freshford  
*It was decided not add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures because of concerns regarding future development of area.*
- Add 17-08 Whitehouse, Co. Kilkenny  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-09 Kilrush House, Freshford  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-10 Kilrush House, Freshford  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-11 Main Street, Fiddown  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-12 Woodstock Gardens, Inistioge  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-13 Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-14 6, John's Quay, Kilkenny  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*

- Add 17-15 5, John's Quay, Kilkenny  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-16 The Home Rule Club, 3, Johns Quay  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-17 2, John's Quay, Kilkenny  
*It was agreed as per recommendation in Report not to add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures because it no longer contains original form/fabric. This building is protected by inclusion in ACA.*
- Add 17-18 John's Quay, Kilkenny  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-19 Ormonde Brick, Ardra, Castlecomer  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-20 Smithstown House, Smithstown, Castlecomer  
*It was decided not add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures because of concerns regarding financial burden at this stage.*
- Add 17-21 The Mall, Thomastown  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-22 Dungarvan Glebe House, Dungarvan  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-23 Farm House, McCarthy's Stud Farm, Dungarvan  
*It was decided not add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures because it was considered that submission was adequate for not including.*
- Add 17-24 Townland of Belline & Rogerstown  
*Add to Record of Protected Structures as per Report.*
- Add 17-25 Bramblestown House, Dungarvan  
*It was decided not add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures because it was considered that submission was adequate for not including.*
- Add 17-26 Sheestown House, Sheestown  
*It was decided not add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures.*
- Add 17-27 Sheestown House, Sheestown  
*It was decided not add this structure to the Record of Protected Structures.*

There is one structure proposed for deletion from the Record of Protected Structures.

17-01 Kilkenny Road, Gowran.

*It was agreed by majority vote that the structure would be deleted from the Record of Protected Structures.*

- (c) (i) Update on LEO Enterprise Activity in 2017.  
Deferred to March Meeting.

- (ii) **LCDC Annual Report 2017**  
LCDC Annual Report was circulated for Members information. The Report was adopted by the LCDC at their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh seconded by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell and agreed that the LCDC Annual Report for 2017 be noted as read.

- (d) (i) **Arts Act Grants**  
Ms. Mary Mulholland advised that the Report on Applications received for funding under the Arts Act 2003 was circulated with the Agenda. 35 applications were received, an assessment panel has recommended approval of funding to 26 projects to the value of €21,378. It is recommended that the Council approve these grants.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed that:

*"That Kilkenny County Council approves the allocation of €21,378 to the 26 applicants approved under the Arts Grants 2018".*

- (e) **Litter Management Plan 2018-2020**  
Draft Litter Management Plan 2018-2020 was circulated with Agenda. The Draft Plan has been discussed at the Municipal District Meetings and the SPC. The Chief Executive recommend the Draft Plan for consideration and adoption.

It was proposed by Cllr. Maurice Shortall seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill and agreed:

*"That in accordance with the Litter Pollution Act, 1997 the Litter Management Plan 2018 - 2020 as circulated, be and is hereby adopted".*

- (f) (i) **Chief Executives Monthly Report**  
Deferred.

- (ii) **Appointment of Chairperson for SPC 5: Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh seconded by Cllr. Pat Dunphy and agreed:

*"That Kilkenny County Council hereby appoints Cllr. Tomás Breathnach as Chairman of SPC 5 Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy".*

Cllr. Shortall thanked all the Members, Chief Executive and staff for their co-operation while he was Chair of SPC 5.

- (iii) **Civic Honours**

It was proposed by Cllr. Maurice Shortall that the Cathaoirleach would host an event to recognise the Community & Voluntary Service given by Moneenroe Development Association who are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This was seconded by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick and agreed.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald agreed to host the event on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

(i) **St. Patrick's Day Festivities Presentation**

Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Marian Flannery to the meeting to give a presentation on the forthcoming St. Patrick's Day Festivities. Ms. Flannery gave a PowerPoint presentation on the events organised to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and weekend. She advised the Members that €20,000 will be spent on the event programmes. Sponsorship has also been received from the OPW and MacDonagh Junction. The Local Authority funds the cost of providing barriers on the streets. This is a significant investment and is required for Health & Safety purposes.

In her presentation she outlined the events for each day from Thursday to Monday.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Joe Malone, Michael Doyle, Breda Gardner, Malcolm Noonan and Peter Cleere. Members complimented the St. Patrick's Day Committee on the list of events organised. Members requested that the Parades organised around the County be also included in the published programme. Cllr. Michael Doyle advised that a delegation from Formigine in Italy will walk in the Parade. The Official twinning with Formigine will also take place on St. Patrick's Day.

Ms. Flannery advised the meeting that she will include all the other parades on the website and that they will be included in the programme from next year.

Mr. Tim Butler thanked Ms. Flannery for the presentation and thanked the current committee and the previous committee for their work in creating a festival around St. Patrick's Day. He advised that this is now a civic event and a budget has been provided for it.

3. **Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**

None.

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

None.

5. (i) **Schedule of Meetings from February, 2018 to May, 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty seconded by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill and agreed.

(ii) **Agree date for Ordinary Monthly Meeting March.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill and agreed that the March Monthly Meeting be held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 3.00 p.m.

6. **Chairman's Report of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism**

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr. John Brennan and agreed.

7. Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting -  
None

8. Education & Training- Oideachas agus Oiluúint

(i) Conferences - Request for approval to attend as per circulated list.

It was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill and agreed.

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

None.

10. Any Other Business - Aon Glinó Eile

None.

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Ráin:

35 (17) Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy and agreed:

*"That Kilkenny County Council liaise with the Gardai to explore the idea of creating Horse Free Zones in the City & County and introduce a system of exemptions for special occasions such as funerals and weddings and necessary uses such as Garda Horse Patrols etc. This can be done within our existing bye laws."*

Contributions to this motion were received from Cllrs. A. McGuinness, D. Kennedy, M. O'Neill, B. Gardner, MH Cavanagh, S. Tyrrell, M. Shortall, M. Doyle and E. Aylward.

The issues raised related to:

- safety of children leading horses across the road.
- enforcing the bye-laws.
- provision of safe location for sulky racing, responsibility of owners to provide their own land.
- concerns regarding welfare of horses.

Mr. Sean McKeown responded to the issues raised by Members. He advised that he is liaising with the Gardaí and our Solicitor in relation to the bye-laws and for specific horse exclusion areas in the City. It is intended to draft bye-laws and present these to the SPC for consideration.

36 (17) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

Withdrawn

38 (17) Cllr. Breda Gardner & Cllr. Joe Malone

It was proposed by Cllr. Breda Gardner, seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone:

*"That elected members are privy to the same confidential and commercial sensitive information as the unelected Council Executives."*



Cllr. Breda Gardner stated that Councillors should have access to confidential information. She acknowledged that there are things that can't be discussed but there should not be a problem with sharing this information and that it can be treated as confidential. The Council should be open and transparent.

Contributions to this motion were also received from Cllrs. J. Malone, S. Tyrrell and M. Shortall. Members expressed concerns about the motion. They stated that there is information that is commercially sensitive and other information which must be treated as sensitive. Members have reserved functions and the Executive are always available to meet the Elected Members.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that the Reserved/Executive functions are set out in the Local Government Act 2001. Staff are delegated by the Chief Executive to approve on certain functions. There will always be commercially sensitive information with regard to Tenders, Contracts and Purchases. Full information is given to the Elected Members when negotiations are complete.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald asked for a show of hands from the Elected Members in relation to the Notion of Motion.

Those in Favour 3 Breda Gardner, Joe Malone & Melissa O'Neill

Those Against 15 D. Fitzgerald, J. Brennan, M. Noonan, S. Tyrrell, M. Shortall, P. Millea, P. Cleere, M. McCarthy, A McGuinness, T. Breathnach, MH Cavanagh, P. Fitzpatrick, D. Kennedy, P. O'Neill & G. Frisby.

Motion was defeated and not carried.

#### **40 (17) Cllr. Maurice Shortall & Cllr. Tomás Breathnach**

It was proposed by Cllr. Maurice Shortall, seconded by Cllr. T. Breathnach:

*"That Kilkenny County Council would engage with Community Alert Schemes across the county with a view to include their data bases in the Register for Kilkenny Alerts."*

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that under Data Protection legislation that Kilkenny County Council would be the Data Controller of all data bases from Community Alert Schemes that were included in the Register for Kilkenny Alerts. It would not be advisable to place this responsibility on the Local Authority.

The proposer and seconder of the Motion stated that they are now withdrawing the motion.

#### **41 (17) Cllrs. Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy & Ger Frisby**

It was proposed by Cllr. Tomás Breathnach, seconded by Cllr. Eamon Aylward and agreed:

*"That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to seek the setting up, within the context of the National Planning Framework, a Regional Forum for Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford, and Wexford to promote the South East as a distinctive NUTS III region, which can facilitate the development and oversight of proposals for the South East under the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy and thus to enable the local authorities of the South East to work jointly on issues of common interest in a cooperative and collaborative manner."*

Contributions to this Motion were made by Cllrs. T. Breathnach, E. Aylward, F. Doherty, M. O'Neill, P. Dunphy, P. Fitzpatrick & B. Gardner. Members supported the call for a Regional Forum for the South East - 5 counties. The Southern Regional Assembly is too big. Mr. Sean McKeown advised that a submission is being made by Kilkenny County Council to the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy calling for a Regional Forum. The National Planning Framework has been published and Waterford City is the economic driver for the Region and a Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan will have to be prepared.

**42 (17) Cllr. Andrew McGuinness**

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner and agreed:

*"That the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council be presented with a Progress Report with their Agendas and Minutes of each Council Meeting. The Progress Report would outline steps taken and progress made on each Notice of Motion passed by Council Members. The same should apply to motions passed at Municipal level also."*

Contributions were received from Cllrs. A. McGuinness, B. Gardner, M. O'Neill, P. Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that Corporate Services will keep a spreadsheet on the Notices of Motion.

**43 (17) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill**

It was proposed by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner and agreed that:

*"That Kilkenny Council write to those mentioned below on behalf of the 35, ISPCC Volunteer Workers in the Southeast we are calling on Government Bodies and Ministers i.e. HSE, Tulsa, Minister for Justice & Equality, Charlie Flanagan and Minister for Children & Youth Affairs to intervene on the disappointing news that has unfolded, that ISPCC Facility and service which mentor up to 20 families a year, receive up to 30,000 calls a year through Childline in the only premises in the Southeast region will be closed down fully by 1<sup>st</sup> of December due to lack of Government funding and new regulations been brought in by Government on voluntary organisations. Governance is needed but at what cost and to whom? As Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wexford and now Waterford will not have this vital service the region and our children are again been left behind."*

Cllrs. M. O'Neill and B. Gardner spoke on this Motion.

As the time was 5.55 p.m. it was proposed by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to complete Item No. 11.

**01 (18) Cllr. Sean Tyrrell**

Deferred to March.

**02 (18) Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh**

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

*"That Kilkenny County Council request funds from TII to complete the Kilkenny Ring Road especially the stretch from the Castlecomer Road to the Freshford Road to alleviate the serious traffic congestion and delays to road users at morning "rush hour" on the Freshford Road area where two hospitals and several schools are located."*

Contributions were received from Cllrs. M. O'Neill, A. McGuinness, D. Kennedy, MH Cavanagh, P. Fitzpatrick, M. Shortall in relation to this Notice of Motion.

Members spoke about the necessary requirement to seek funds to complete the Ring Road to free up traffic and alleviate congestion in Kilkenny City.

Mr. Tim Butler advised on the present status of this project. While Planning was granted by An Bord Pleanala, this permission was subject to High Court appeal. The High Court has referred a number of matters to the European Court for determination. He advised that the improvement of a number of roads and the combination of roads will remove congestion and this is a priority for Kilkenny County Council. Funding for this proposed road will be sought from Department of Transport & Tourism as it is a Non National road.

### 03 (18) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

It was proposed by Cllr. Melissa O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner:

*"That Kilkenny County Council ban the use of Glyphosate in public areas, Ireland has the second highest levels of Glyposatein in surfacewater as new report shows. A report for research against cancer [IARC] in 2015 concluded Gluphosate to be probably carcinogenic to humans. Glyposatein also known as roundup blocks proteins essential to plant growth. Our health and environment must be protected."*

Contributions were received from Cllrs. M. O'Neill, B. Gardner, P. O'Neill, D. Kennedy on this Motion.

The issues raised related to:

- Medical effects
- What are the alternatives for use.
- Toxic to nature.
- Phased reduction of Glyphosate.

Cllr. Melissa O'Neill requested an amendment to her Notice of Motion. She advised of the new wording of the Motion. Ms. Byrne, Chief Executive advised that this is a completely different Motion and requested Cllr. Melissa O'Neill to put it on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Sean McKeown advised that the EU has approved the use for another five years. There is no ban. From Reports reviewed by the Council it is unlikely to pose a carcinogenic hazard to adults. It is a category 2 probably carcinogenic which also includes coffee and cell phones. The Council's Parks Department use herbicides in accordance with thue sustainable guidelines issued by the Department. There is no evidence in groundwater that thresholds have been exceeding for these substances.

Cathaoirleach requested the proposer and the seconder to allow the Executive time to consider the Reports referred to and to consider the wording of the amended motion.

Ms. Colette Byrne requested Cllr. Melissa O'Neill to place her amended Notice of Motion on the Agenda for March.

Cllr. Melissa O'Neill agreed to this.

The Meeting then concluded.

