

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Council
held at 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 07 June 2019 at
Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare**

Members Present: Councillor R Power (outgoing Deputy Mayor), Councillors V Behan, A Breen, A Breslin, F Brett, B Caldwell, B Clear, M Coleman, A Connolly, Í Cussen, B Dooley, S Doyle, K Duffy, T Durkan, A Farrelly, A Feeney, D Fitzpatrick, C Galvin, P Hamilton, N Heavey, I Keatley, C Kelly, N Killeen, V Liston, V P Martin, P McEvoy, F McLoughlin Healy, S Moore, J Neville, N Ó'Cearúil, P O'Dwyer, T O'Dwyer, C Pender, P Ryan, E Sammon, M Stafford, M Wall, P Ward, B Weld and B Wyse.

Also Present: Mr P Carey, Chief Executive, Messrs J Boland, T McDonnell, P Minnock and N Morrissey and Ms S Kavanagh (Director of Services), Ms F Millane (A/Head of Finance), Ms M McIvor (Meetings Administrator), Ms K Keane (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

01/0619AM

Declaration of election

The outgoing Deputy Mayor from the previous council, Councillor Rob Power opened the meeting by welcoming the new members and their guests and he asked the Meetings Administrator to report on the result of the election. The Meetings Administrator reported that the following had been elected following a poll held on 24 May 2019:

a. Athy Local Electoral Area

Mark Wall	The Labour Party	Castlerheban, Athy
Aoife Breslin	The Labour Party	18 The Hollands, Athy
Ivan Keatley	Fine Gael	Old Kilcullen, Kilcullen
Brian Dooley	Fianna Fail	Sonas, Gallowshill, Athy
Veralouise Behan	Fianna Fail	Bó Chill Road, Maganey, Athy

b. Celbridge Local Electoral Area

Michael Coleman	Fianna Fail	85 Thornhill Gardens, Celbridge
Vanessa Liston	Green Party	48 Rockfield Court, Maynooth
Íde Cussen	Non-Party	10 Priory Green, St Raphael's Manor, Celbridge
Ciara Galvin	The Labour Party	70 The Grove, Celbridge

c. Clane Local Electoral Area

Daragh Fitzpatrick	Fianna Fáil	Allenwood, Naas
Brendan Weld	Fine Gael	Painstown, Donadea, Naas
Pádraig McEvoy	Non-Party	Coiseanna Hill, College Road, Clane
Brendan Wyse	Fine Gael	Allenwood South, Naas
Aidan Farrelly	Social Democrats	Twin Gables, Prosperous, Naas

d. Kildare Local Electoral Area

Suzanne Doyle	Fianna Fáil	Drumcree, Tully, Kildare
Anne Connolly	Fianna Fáil	Mullintine, Rathangan
Kevin Duffy	Fine Gael	Hibernian House, West End, Monasterevin
Mark Stafford	Fine Gael	Sheane, Rathangan
Patricia Ryan	Sinn Féin	4 Ard Evan View, Monastervin

e. Leixlip Local Electoral Area

Joe Neville	Fine Gael	23 Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip
Bernard Caldwell	Fianna Fáil	596 St. Mary's Park, Leixlip
Nuala Killeen	Social Democrats	26 Churchfield, Clane

f. Naas Local Electoral Area

Vincent P Martin	Green Party	Honeywood, Mullacash, Naas
Evie Sammon	Fine Gael	Naas Road, Ballymore Eustace

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Fintan Brett	Fine Gael	5 Johnstown Gardens, Naas
Seamie Moore	Non-Party	1 Ashfield Park, Naas
Carmel Kelly	Fianna Fáil	162 Sallins Bridge, Sallins
Anne Breen	The Labour Party	8 The Paddocks, Naas
Bill Clear	Social Democrats	5 Maple Drive, Oldtown Demesne, Naas

g. Maynooth Local Electoral Area

Naoise Ó Cearúil	Fianna Fáil	7 Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth
Paul Ward	Fianna Fáil	65 Royal Meadows, Kilcock
Angela Feeney	The Labour Party	Straffan Road, Maynooth
Peter Hamilton	The Green Party	18 Parsons Hall, Maynooth
Tim Durkan	Fine Gael	Timard, Maynooth

h. Newbridge Local Electoral Area

Fiona McLoughlin Healy	Non-party	Crotanstown Grange, The Green Road, Newbridge
Peggy O'Dwyer	Fine Gael	Barrettstown Road, Newbridge
Tracey O'Dwyer	Fine Gael	Brannockstown, Kilcullen, Co Kildare
Chris Pender	Social Democrats	1928 St Dominic's Park, Newbridge
Robert Power	Fianna Fáil	Caragh, Newbridge
Noel Heavey	Fianna Fáil	Clongorey, Newbridge

Councillor Power congratulated all members on their election and welcomed them to Kildare County Council.

Councillor Power also noted the recent passing of former councillor and Mayor of the County Michael McWey. He stated he was a great servant to his constituents and to his county and would be sorely missed and extended the councils sympathies to his family.

Prior to the election of the new Cathaoirleach, Councillor Power thanked all previous Mayors, Chief Executives, Directors of Service and staff for their help and co-operation during the term of the last council. He also thanked all the members not returned in the recent election for their hard work and dedication and wished them all well for the future.

02/0619AM

Election of Cathaoirleach

Councillor Power called for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Suzanne Doyle was proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Stafford.

As there were no other nominations, Councillor Doyle was deemed elected.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Stafford Councillor Suzanne Doyle was deemed elected as Cathaoirleach of Kildare County Council and entered into office.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Councillor Fitzpatrick and Councillor Stafford and the members for the great honour. She acknowledged her original committee members Councillor Jim Keane, John O'Neill, Spike Nolan, Fiona O'Loughlin and Fionnuala Dukes stating they that had mentored her over the years and were instrumental in teaching her the political way. She also acknowledged the current Ceann Comhairle Sean O'Fearghail as she had taken his seat when he was first elected to the Dail and the dual mandate was introduced. She concluded by stating that due to the myriad of regulations councils are bound by and have to work under, success would be in delivering small projects through a unified purpose. For the council to be effective, she noted they had to deliver outputs and if they were bound by fairness, honesty and respect, they and the county would benefit in return. Members and the Chief Executive paid tribute to Councillor Doyle and congratulated her on her appointment. The Cathaoirleach expressed her thanks to all.

03/0619AM

Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Seamie Moore was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Councillor Keatley.

As there were no other nominations, Councillor Moore was deemed elected.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by all members Councillor Seamie Moore was deemed to be elected to the position of Leas-Cathaoirleach of Kildare County Council.

04/0619AM

To fix dates for the first meeting of each Municipal District

The Meetings Administrator referred to the schedule of suggested dates for the future meetings of each Municipal District detailed on the agenda. The following dates were agreed by the members:

Wednesday 12/06/2019	Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District at 10.00am
Friday 14/06/2019	Clane-Maynooth Municipal District at 10.00am
Friday 14/06/2019	Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District at 12 o'clock
Monday 17/06/2019	Athy Municipal District at 10.00am
Monday 17/06/2019	Naas Municipal District at 2.00pm

05/0619AM

Appointment to committees and other bodies

The Cathaoirleach stated that in order to ensure the efficient running of the meeting and to simplify matters, appointments would be proposed, seconded and agreed by majority. The Meetings Administrator confirmed a briefing note on each committee and other body had been circulated to the members along with a copy of the current Strategic Policy Committee Scheme. She further noted that members may avail of the grouping system as outlined in Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, details of which had been circulated both in the briefing note that had issued with the agenda and more recently had been circulated following receipt of Circular LG02 2019. Ms McIvor confirmed that if the members intended to form a group, they must advise the Meetings Administrator in advance of the nomination. She also confirmed that if there was only one position to be filled, the group system did not apply and appointment was by majority vote.

The Meetings Administrator reminded the members of the requirement to have equity and gender balance when making appointments.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy stated she appreciated there had been a lot of information circulated in advance of the annual meeting and noted the requirement for formal training as soon as possible after the local election as referred to by the Department. She also noted that the council, by agreement, can agree to introduce rules in relation to the nominations process.

Mr McDonnell confirmed that the briefing notes that were circulated on the 28 May with the annual meeting agenda included information related to the grouping system. He also noted that further information had been issued to the members immediately following receipt of Circular LG02 2019. Mr McDonnell reiterated that the grouping system could only be used when there were two or more positions to be filled.

The Cathaoirleach called for nominations for positions on committees and other bodies as listed on the agenda. She asked that where there was more than one nomination and where possible, nominations be made in bulk rather than singular nominations, with one proposer and seconder and the approval of the meeting based on a majority vote, would then be sought to the list of nominees.

Committees of the Council

1. Strategic Policy Committees (5)

- (i) Appointment of a Chairperson to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC

Councillor Ivan Keatley was proposed by Councillor Brett and seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members.

Resolved that Councillor Ivan Keatley be appointed as the Chairperson to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC.

- (ii) Appointment of a Chairperson to the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC

Councillor Joe Neville was proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by the members.

Resolved that Councillor Joe Neville be appointed as the Chairperson to the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC

- (iii) Appointment of a Chairperson to the Environment Services and Water SPC
Councillor Vincent P Martin was proposed by Councillor Dooley, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members.
Resolved that Councillor Vincent P Martin be appointed as the Chairperson to the Environment Services SPC.
- (iv) Appointment of a Chairperson to the Housing SPC
Councillor Mark Wall was proposed by Councillor Breslin, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by the members.
Resolved that Councillor Mark Wall be appointed as the Chairperson to the Housing SPC.
- (v) Appointment of a Chairperson to the Local Community and Culture SPC
Councillor Aoife Breslin was proposed by Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and agreed by the members.
Resolved that Councillor Aoife Breslin be appointed as the Chairperson to the Local Community and Cultural SPC.
- (vi) Appointment of 7 members to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC
Councillors Breen, McEvoy, Moore, Duffy, Power, Coleman and P O'Dwyer were proposed by Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by the members.
Resolved that Councillors Breen, McEvoy, Moore, Duffy, Power, Coleman and P O'Dwyer be appointed to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC.
- (vii) Appointment of 7 members to the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC
Councillors Feeney, Connolly, Dooley, Stafford, Hamilton, Kileen and Ward were proposed by Councillor Neville, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members.
Resolved that Councillors Feeney, Connolly, Dooley, Stafford, Hamilton, Kileen and Ward be appointed to the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC.

(viii) Appointment of 7 members to the Environmental Services and Water SPC
Councillors Clear, Wyse, Galvin, McLoughlin Healy, Cussen, Brett and Ó'Cearúil were proposed by Councillor Vincent P Martin, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed by the members.

Resolved that Councillors Clear, Wyse, Galvin, McLoughlin Healy, Cussen, Brett and Ó'Cearúil be appointed to the Environmental Services and Water SPC.

(ix) Appointment of 7 members to the Housing SPC
Councillors Weld, Pender, Fitzpatrick, Ryan, Doyle, Behan and Durkan were proposed by Councillor Wall, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members.

Resolved that Councillors Weld, Pender, Fitzpatrick, Ryan, Doyle, Behan and Durkan be appointed to the Housing SPC.

(x) Appointment of 7 members to the Local Community and Culture SPC
Councillors Farrelly, Caldwell, Kelly, Sammon, Heavey, T O'Dwyer and Liston were proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members.

Resolved that Councillors Farrelly, Caldwell, Kelly, Sammon, Heavey, T O'Dwyer and Liston be appointed to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC.

2. Corporate Policy Group

Resolved: That the Chairs of the Strategic Policy Committees and the Cathaoirleach are members of the Corporate Policy Group and where a Municipal District does not have an SPC Chair, that Municipal District may appoint a representative to the Corporate Policy Group.

3. Protocol and Procedures Committee

Councillors Breslin, Liston, McEvoy, Pender, Brett, Behan, Coleman, Durkan, Stafford and Kelly were proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breslin, Liston, McEvoy, Pender, Brett, Behan, Coleman, Durkan, Stafford and Kelly be appointed to the Protocol and Procedures Committee.

4. Audit Committee

3 members to be appointed.

Councillors Killeen, Stafford and Moore were proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Wall and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Killeen, Stafford and Moore be appointed to the Audit Committee.

5. Finance Committee

5 members to be appointed, one from each Municipal District.

Councillors Keatley, Neville, Feeney, Duffy and Kelly were nominated by Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed by the members,

Resolved: That Councillors Keatley, Neville, Feeney, Duffy and Kelly be appointed to the Finance Committee.

6. County Kildare Twinning Committee

5 members to be appointed – one from each Municipal District.

Councillors Breslin, Caldwell, Weld, Heavey and Brett were proposed by Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Ó'Cearúil and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breslin, Caldwell, Weld, Heavey and Brett be appointed to the County Kildare Twinning Committee.

7. Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

5 members to be appointed – one from each Municipal District.

Councillors Breslin, Killeen, Fitzpatrick, P O'Dwyer and Breen were proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breslin, Killeen, Fitzpatrick, P O'Dwyer and Breen be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

8. Local Rural Water Monitoring Committee

5 members to be appointed – one from each Municipal District.

Councillors Wall, Liston, Wyse, Ryan and Brett were proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Wall, Liston, Wyse, Ryan and Brett be appointed to the Local Rural Water Monitoring Committee.

9. Coiste na Gaeilge Committee

5 members to be appointed – one from each Municipal District.

Councillors Breslin, Cussen, Ó'Cearúil, Heavey and Breen were proposed by Councillor Ó'Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breslin, Cussen, Ó'Cearúil, Heavey and Breen be appointed to the Coiste na Gaeilge Committee.

10. Decade of Commemoration Committee

7 members to be appointed

Councillors Galvin, Killeen, Weld, P O'Dwyer, Behan, Caldwell and McEvoy were proposed by Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Galvin, Killeen, Weld, P O'Dwyer, Behan, Caldwell and McEvoy be appointed to the Decade of Commemoration Committee.

11. Twinning Liaison Committee

5 members to be appointed – one from each Municipal District

Councillors Breslin, Liston, Feeney, T O'Dwyer and Kelly were proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Wall and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breslin, Liston, Feeney, T O'Dwyer and Kelly be appointed to the Twinning Liaison Committee.

Other Bodies

1. Nominations to the Association of Irish Local Government

3 members to be appointed

Councillor Clear, Brett and Kelly were proposed by Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Clear, Brett and Kelly be appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.

2. Athy Heritage Company Ltd

3 members to be appointed

Councillors Breslin, Keatley and Dooley were proposed by Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breslin, Keatley and Dooley be appointed to the Athy Heritage Company Ltd.

3. Athy Community Enterprise Company CLG

1 member to be appointed

Councillor Dooley was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillor Dooley be appointed to the Athy Community Enterprise Company CLG.

4. County Joint Policing Committee

15 members to be appointed – 3 members from each Municipal District

Councillors Breslin, Keatley, Dooley, Galvin, Killeen, Caldwell, McEvoy, Durkan, Ó'Cearúil, Pender, McLoughlin Healy, Connolly, Clear, Martin and Brett were proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breslin, Keatley, Dooley, Galvin, Killeen, Caldwell, McEvoy, Durkan, Ó'Cearúil, Pender, McLoughlin Healy, Connolly, Clear, Martin and Brett be appointed to the Joint Policing Committee.

5. County Kildare Failte

1 member to be appointed

Councillor Suzanne Doyle was proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillor Suzanne Doyle be appointed to County Kildare Failte.

6. County Kildare Leadership Partnership

4 members to be appointed

Councillors Breen, Sammon, Connolly and McLoughlin Healy were proposed by Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breen, Sammon, Connolly and McLoughlin Healy be appointed to County Kildare Failte.

7. Drehid Community Liaison Committee

2 members to be appointed from the Clane- Maynooth Municipal District

Councillors Fitzpatrick and Wyse were proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Fitzpatrick and Wyse be appointed to the Drehid Community Liaison Committee

8. Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly

3 members to be appointed

Councillors McEvoy, Brett and Power were proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors McEvoy, Brett and Power be appointed to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly.

9. Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance

1 member to be appointed

Councillor O’Cearúil was proposed by Councillor Ó’Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Neville and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillor Ó’Cearúil be appointed to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance.

10. Kildare Community Network Company CLG

3 members to be appointed

Councillors Power, Wyse and Moore were proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Moore and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Power, Wyse and Moore be appointed to the Kildare Community Network Company CLG.

11. Kildare Heritage Forum

3 members to be appointed

Councillors Martin, Heavey and Kelly were proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor McEvoy and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Martin, Heavey and Kelly be appointed to the Kildare Heritage Forum.

12. Kildare Town Heritage Company Ltd

The Meetings Administrator advised that there were 3 members on this committee, not 2 as as stated on the agenda.

3 members to be appointed

Councillors Doyle, Stafford and Ryan were proposed by Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Cussen and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Doyle, Stafford and Ryan be appointed to the Kildare Town Heritage Company Ltd.

13. Kildare Sports and Leisure Facilities Ltd

2 members to be appointed – one from the Athy Municipal District and one from the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District.

Councillors Breen and Dooley were proposed by Councillor Brett, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Breen and Dooley be appointed to the Kildare Sports and Leisure Facilities Ltd.

14. Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board

7 members to be elected

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that the Education and Training Board Act 2013, the Local Authority Members Regulations 2019 and Statutory Instrument 142 of 2019 referred to the nomination process to the Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board. She confirmed that Section 4 of the Act requires the local authority to establish a panel of female and male members and the Minister has determined that Kildare would have 7 members nominated to the Board of which at least 40% must be female and 40% male. Councillors Feeney, Sammon, Duffy, Fitzpatrick, Caldwell, Hamilton and Cussen were proposed by Councillor McEvoy and seconded by Councillor Power.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy stated that visibility to all councillors should have been given regarding the proposed nominees for today's meeting noting she had not been included in this process.

Councillor McLoughlin Healy proposed herself to the Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board.

There was no seconder to Councillor McLoughlin Healy's proposal.

Resolved: That Councillors Feeney, Sammon, Duffy, Fitzpatick, Caldwell, Hamilton and Cussen be appointed to the Kildare Wicklow Education Training Board.

15. Leixlip Amenities Centre

2 members to be appointed

Councillors Caldwell and Neville were proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Weld and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Caldwell and Neville be appointed to the Leixlip Amenities Centre.

16. Local Authorities Members Association

1 member to be appointed

Councillor Neville was proposed by Councillor Ó'Cearúil, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillor Neville be appointed to the Local Authorities Members Association.

17. Local Community Development Committee

3 members to be appointed

Councillors Farrelly, Doyle and T O'Dwyer were proposed by Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Farrelly and agreed by the members.

Resolved: Councillors Farrelly, Doyle and T O'Dwyer be appointed to the Local Community Development Committee.

18. Monread Community Centre

2 members to be appointed – from the Naas Municipal District

Councillors Martin and Moore were proposed by Moore, seconded by Councillor Hamilton and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Martin and Moore be appointed to the Monready Community Centre.

19. South Western Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force

1 member to be appointed

Councillor Pender was proposed by Councillor McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Power and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillor Pender be appointed to the South Western Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

20. Regional Health Forum – Dublin Mid-Leinster

5 members to be appointed – one from each Municipal District.

Councillors Wall, Liston, Hamilton, P O'Dwyer and Breen were proposed by Councillor Power, seconded by Councillor Keatley and agreed by the members.

Resolved: That Councillors Wall, Liston, Hamilton, P O'Dwyer and Breen be appointed to the Regional Health Forum – Dublin Mid-Leinster.

06/0619AM

To nominate members to witness affixing of the council seal

That all members be appointed to witness affixing of the council seal was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brett and agreed by all members.

Resolved: That all members be appointed to witness affixing of the council seal.

07/0619AM

Induction Training for councillors

The Meetings Administrator confirmed induction training for councillors would take place on Thursday 13 June at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday 20 June at 10:00a.m. in Áras Chill Dara.

The Cathaoirleach also confirmed that it was intended to hold a workshop for councillors to gather information in relation to issues that were important to them with a view to agreeing a list of 3 to 5 items by common purpose to be delivered during the term of this council.

Resolved: That induction training for councillors would take place on Thursday 13 June at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday 20 June at 10:00 a.m. in Áras Chill Dara.

08/0619AM

Schedule of Meetings 2019

The Meetings Administrator confirmed the dates for the plenary meetings for the remainder of 2019.

Resolved: That the members agreed to the dates of the plenary meeting as outlined, for the remainder of 2019.

09/06AM

Any Other Business

Councillor Power asked that the council consider changing the start time of the plenary meeting to 4:00 p.m. to facilitate members who were working. The Cathaoirleach stated that with the member's approval, this item could be referred to the Protocol and Procedures Committee for consideration

Resolved with the agreement of the members that changing the start time of the plenary council meeting to 4:00 p.m. be referred to the Protocol and Procedures Committee for consideration.

The Meetings Administrator advised the members that they had all received their Guidance Manual for Elected Members pack and hoped that the information contained therein would prove useful to them.

The meeting concluded.
