

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting of Council
held at 2:00 p.m.
Monday 25 May 2020
Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare.

Members Present: Councillor S Doyle (Cathaoirleach), Councillors A Breslin, F Brett, N Connolly, Í Cussen, K Duffy, A Farrelly, A Feeney, D Fitzpatrick, P Hamilton, N Heavey, I Keatley, C Kelly, N Killeen, VP Martin, J Neville and P Ward.

Apologies: Councillors V Behan, A Breen, B Caldwell, B Clear, M Coleman, A Connolly, B Dooley, T Durkan, C Galvin, V Liston, P McEvoy, F McLoughlin Healy, S Moore, N Ó Cearúil, P O'Dwyer, T O'Dwyer, C Pender, R Power, E Sammon, M Stafford, B Weld and B Wyse.

Also Present: Mr P Carey, Chief Executive, Ms A Aspell (Director of Service), Ms C O'Grady (Meetings Administrator) and Ms K Keane (Meetings Secretary).

01/0520

Cathaoirleach address

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting noting it was the first meeting of the council since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March. As a result of public health guidance and social distancing requirements, she confirmed it was only possible for 17 elected members to attend the meeting. Councillor Doyle thanked all the non-attending members for their co-operation in this regard. She thanked all those involved in putting arrangements in place to allow the meeting take place and noted that the council was currently examining the possibility of holding meetings in a co-location format, in Áras Chill Dara, to enable all members attend.

The Cathaoirleach asked for the members agreement to suspend items 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the agenda, and only deal with item No 5 - to agree an alternative location to hold meetings of council to enable all members to attend and item No 6 - to allow the Annual General Meeting to take place on the same date as the monthly meeting in June.

Resolved with the agreement of the members present to defer items 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the agenda

to the June meeting of full council.

02/0520

Bereavements

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the significant loss of life and suffering of the Irish people as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. She confirmed that the council would be arranging an event to acknowledge this loss at some point in the future, when circumstances allow. She expressed her deepest sympathy and those of the members and the staff of Kildare County Council to the families of all those bereaved during the pandemic.

She further extended her sympathy to the family of the late:

Derek Butler, father of Des Butler Environment.

Willie Burke, husband of Susan Bookle Community Department.

Margaret (Peggie) Smith, mother of Eibhlín Smith, Development Contributions Section, Finance Department.

Michael Dempsey, father of Patricia Penny, Maynooth Office and father in law of Anthony Penny, Waterworks.

Mrs. Kathleen (Kitty) Power, mother of former Councillor JJ Power, former Councillor Sean Power, Ger Power Finance Department, Patsy Power Finance Department, grandmother of Councillor Robert Power and mother-in-law of Catherine Power Housing Department.

Sean Farrell, father of Doreen Daly, Community Development.

Evelyn Connellan (nee Grier), mother of Brian Connellan, Athy Library.

Raymond McGee father of Earnán McGee, Environment

Former staff member Michael Duignan Building Control

Michael (Teddy) O'Neill, father of Louise O'Neill, Human Resources

Caroline (Carrie) Cribbin, mother of Pat Cribbin, Water Services and mother in law of Paul Coleman Water Services.

Betty Byrne mother of School Warden Geraldine Keane

Pat Garry brother of Jacqui McNabb, LEO

Peter O'Loughlin, father of Jennifer O'Loughlin, Kildare NRO

Councillor Martin informed the meeting of the recent passing of Mrs Mary Mulligan, proprietor of Butt Mullins restaurant in Naas and sister of former Councillor Sean English and asked that the council issue a letter of condolence to Mr English, to which the members agreed.

A minute's silence was observed.

03/0520

Alternative location for meetings

Ms Aspell outlined that due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the public health advice around social distancing, the members were being asked to suspend Standing Order No 6 to allow meetings of full council to be held in an alternative location to Áras Chill Dara. She confirmed that Newbridge Town Hall was suitable for this purpose and sought the members approval to same.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Keatley, seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed by the members present that Standing Order No 6 be suspended to allow meetings of full council to be held in Newbridge Town Hall.

04/0520

Annual General Meeting

Ms Aspell asked the members to consider suspending Standing Order No 2 to allow the annual general meeting to take place on the same day as the monthly meeting which was due to be held on Monday 29 June in Newbridge Town Hall. It was agreed that the annual meeting would take place directly after the monthly meeting and would commence at 4.15pm.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Killeen and agreed by the members present that Standing Order No 2 be suspended to allow the annual general meeting to take place on the same day as the monthly meeting on Monday 29 June in Newbridge Town Hall and that the annual meeting would take place directly after the monthly meeting and would commence at 4.15pm.

Councillor Killeen sought clarification on the motions and questions that had been submitted for the March Municipal District Committee meetings which did not take place due to the pandemic. The Meetings Administrator confirmed that agenda reports had issued on these items and if the members were not satisfied with the report, they could resubmit their items for the June meetings of the Municipal District Committees. The Cathaoirleach asked the members in attendance to make their groups aware of this clarification.

The meeting concluded.