

**KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL - COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH**  
**Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council to be held on Monday**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 at 3.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.**  
**Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh le reachtáil ar de Luan**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Marta ar a 3.00 i.n. i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Chontae, Sráid Eoin, Cill**  
**Chainnigh.**

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

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 (copy of minutes attached)
- (b) Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 5 (Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy) Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. (copy of minutes attached)
- (c) Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee 2 (Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services) Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015. (copy of minutes attached)
- (d) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 (copy of minutes attached)

**2. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council. - Gnó forordaithe do réir Reachtaíochta, Orduithe Seasta, nó Rúin an Chomhairle.**

**(a) Housing & Other Disposal - Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile**

- (i) That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of land at Ballybooden, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny which measures approx. 0.5 acre and as identified on the attached map, to Mr. James O'Keeffe, Ballybooden, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale/transfer." (Notification sent to members on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015)
- (ii) "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 Agha, Johnswell, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €166,000 to Mr. Garry Downing, Bawnmore, Clara, Co. Kilkenny with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale."  
(Notification issued to members on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015)
- (iii) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Riverside, New Ross, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)

- (iv) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 2 Robertshill, Circular Road, Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (v) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 3 Cedarwood Park, Loughboy, Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (vi) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 1 Churchview, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (vii) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Cloneen, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (viii) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Leugh, Threecastles, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (ix) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in Jenkinstown Park, Jenkinstown, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (x) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 12 Togher Lawns, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (xi) "That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in No. 72 Pocke Valley, Kilkenny in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002." (Notification issued to members on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.)
- (xii) Notice is hereby given that Resolution passed at monthly meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014 approving Kilkenny County Council's disposal of property at 18 Mill Road, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny to Ms. Maura Young, No. 6 The Paddocks, Rosbercon, New Ross, Co. Wexford is now null and void and resolution is therefore rescinded. Ms. Young withdrew from the process.

**(b) Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**

- (i) Chief Executive Report (report attached)
- (ii) Service Delivery Plans (report attached)
- (iii) Strategic Policy Committees – Ratification of External Members (attached)
- (iv) Sub-Committee – Irish Language – Nomination of four Elected Members
- (v) Allocation of Community Cultural Support Grants (attached)
- (vi) Allocation of Arts Act Grants (attached)
- (vii) Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Grant Scheme 2015-2017 (attached)

**(c) Housing - Tithíocht**

- (i) Housing Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017 (report to follow)

**(d) Roads – Bóithre**

- (i) 2015 Roadworks Scheme (report attached)
- (ii) Taking in Charge (reports attached)
  - Belline Vale, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny
  - Togher Way, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny
  - Togher Crescent, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny

**(e) Environment – Timpeallacht**

- (i) Fire and Emergency Operations Plan 2015-2020 (Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003 – (report attached) - Presentation by John Collins, A/CFO
- (ii) Composition of Consultative Committee on Dog Re-homing & Welfare (to be circulated at meeting)
- (iii) Draft Kilkenny County Council Control of Horses Act 1996 Bye Laws 2015 – approval to go for public consultation

3. **Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**
  
4. **Business adjourned from a previous Meeting - Gnó ar athló ó chruinniú roimhe seo**
  
5. **Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:**
  - (i) Schedule of meetings from March - April 2015 (attached)
  
  - (iii) Deputations from Lifeline – Agree Date
  
6. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the Council - Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle:**
  - (i) Chairperson's Report on SPC 5 - Environmental Protection, Water Services and Energy held on the 12th February, 2015 (report attached)
  
  - (ii) Chairperson's Report on SPC 2 - Infrastructure Policy, Transportation, Fire and Emergency Services held on the 27th February, 2015 (report attached)
  
7. **Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting – Gnó Eile romhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe**
  
8. **Education & Training – Oideachas agus Oiliúint**
  - (i) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list. (attached)
  
9. **Matters Arising from Minutes - Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí**
  
10. **Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile**

## **11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:**

### **9 (15) - Cllr's Melissa O'Neill, David Kennedy and Kathleen Funchion – 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

"That Kilkenny Council calls on the government to amend the Health (Fluoridation of Water) Act 1960 and subsequent Statutory Instrument (42/2007 Fluoridation of Water Supplies Regulations 2007) to ban the addition of fluoride to water supplies. Hydrofluoric acid is being used to add fluoride to our water at a cost of €4.8 million per annum. Fluoridation is banned in 98% of European countries. The Irish government continues to impose fluoride on the Irish people and on top of that it is now forcing us to pay for it through water charges."

### **10 (15) - Cllr's Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy and Pat Fitzpatrick – 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

"As Lifebuoys in Kilkenny City and County are provided for by the local authority to assist in the saving of lives, Kilkenny County Council is calling on the Minister for Justice to introduce a system of significant penalties for people who are found to have stolen or vandalised critical lifesaving equipment such as lifebuoys."

### **11 (15) - Cllr's Kathleen Funchion, David Kennedy and Melissa O'Neill – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

"That this council, recognising the need for safety for children at play in the housing estates in which they live, calls on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015 commonly known as Jake's Law, in memory of Jake Brennan, in order to introduce a new mandatory speed limit of 20km specifically for housing estates. The council further commits to writing to the Minister on this issue and circulating this letter to all other local authorities in the state for their consideration."

### **12 (15) - Cllr's Pat Fitzpatrick and Matt Doran – 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

"That Kilkenny County Council calls on both the Minister for Transport Paschal Donohue TD and Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Rural Affairs Ann Phelan TD, to protect the current bus route enjoyed by citizens of rural Ireland which runs between Dublin and Cork, via Kilkenny and Clonmel (Route 7). In particular Kilkenny County Council calls on both Ministers to ensure that the service currently enjoyed by the people of North Kilkenny via stops at Castlecomer and Crettyard are protected and maintained."

### **13 (15) - Deferred until April Meeting**

### **14 (15) - Piltown Municipal District Members – 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

“That Kilkenny County Council should write to the Minister for Transport to urge the full re-introduction of the Local Improvement Scheme with its own dedicated funding from the Department to local authorities.”

### **12. Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council - Fógraí i dtaobh Rúin ó Údaráis Áitiúla eile ag lorg tacaíochta ó Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh:**

#### **3 (15) – Fingal County Council – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

“That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of the Environment to ask him to remove the 15% limit on Local Property Tax reductions on the basis that it is expected that the valuation on property prices mandated to occur in 2016 is expected to reveal that valuations have increased far above 15% and as a result local councillors will be powerless to prevent what may be an unnecessary imposition of higher LPT rates. This motion also calls on the Chief Executive to write to all County and City Councils in Ireland to inform them of this potential issue for their consideration.”

#### **4 (15) – Offaly County Council – 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

“As democrats elected by the people of Co. Offaly, today this council condemns targeting the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins for any protests or demonstrations. This is an attack on our constitution and if allowed to continue will lead to a breakdown of normal politics.”

#### **5 (15) - The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblaney – 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

“That this District calls on the Minister for Jobs, Richard Bruton, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland that any new factories that are opened are not sold to private commercial groups but are kept in the ownership of the State Agencies.”