

# KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

## - COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH -

### AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 3.00 p.m.

Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh le reachtáil ar deLuan 16 Aibreán, 2018 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 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 [*copy of Minutes attached*].
- (a) Minutes of SPC1 Meeting: Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 [*copy of Minutes attached*].

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

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

"That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of a Plot of ground at The Quay, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny - which measures approx 136 m2 - and as outlined on the attached map - to Graiguenamanagh Scout Group, The Quay, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny by way of long term lease until September 2043 at an annual rent of €10. Each party to be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the lease."

(b) **Planning - Pleanail**

- (i) Taking in Charge - Aylesbury, Ferrybank
- (ii) Part 8 - 17 Houses at Piltown.
- (iii) Material Contravention - St. Kieran's College.
- (iv) Local Area Plan - Castlecomer.

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

- (i) Chief Executives Monthly/Quarterly Report [*Report Attached*].
- (ii) Performance Indicators 2016 [*Report Attached*].
- (iii) Service Delivery Plan 2018 [*Report Attached*].
- (iv) Annual Report 2017 [*Report Attached*].
- (v) Audit Committee Annual Report 2017 [*Report Attached*].

(d) **Roads - Boithre**

- (i) Road Works Programme 2018.

3. **Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**
4. **Business adjourned from a previous Meeting- Gnó ar athló ó chruinniúroimhe seo**
5. **Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:**
  - (i) Schedule of Meetings from April, 2018 to July, 2018 [Attached].
  - (ii) Fix Date for AGM.
  - (iii) Agree date for Workshop on NPF.
6. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the Council-Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle:**
  - (i) Report of SPC 4: Housing held on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 [copy of Report attached].
  - (ii) Report of SPC 5: Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 [copy of Report attached].
  - (iii) Report of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support & Tourism held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 [copy of 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:

01 (18) Withdrawn

04 (18) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

That Kilkenny Council start for 2018 the process and action towards working to make Kilkenny City and County Herbicide Free in public places. To be done through a phased reduction plan including reduced management plan, public education, all under the green flag initiative for all green areas, parks, play grounds and river walkways. As the EU ban on glyphosate commences in 2022, now is the time to start this process, allowing for the control of invasive plants such as Knotweed. Ireland has the second highest levels of Glyphosate in surface water a new report shows. A report research against cancer concluded it to be probably carcinogenic, also known to block proteins essential to soil and plant growth and well as destroying bee pollination.

05 (18) Cllr. David Kennedy

"That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Minister of Health to request the HSE to review the decision to restrict the use of Versatis pain relief patches to patients, in chronic pain, outside experiencing post herpetic neuralgia and to revert to pre December status while the review is being undertaken."

06 (18) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty

"I am seeking the support of Kilkenny County Council to call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed to urgently implement a 'Fodder Emergency Crisis Plan' in order to ensure that all livestock, cattle, cows, sheep, horses and other agricultural animals have fodder in this current very difficult fodder crisis"

07 (18) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach & Cllr. Maurice Shortall

"That Kilkenny County Council write to the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment to urge the introduction of a plastic bottle deposit scheme with a view to reducing the amount of indiscriminate dumping, littering of amenity areas, roads and countryside and the plastic pollution of our waterways and seas."

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

27 (17) Monaghan County Council

"That Monaghan County Council calls on the Government, in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders, to re-assess current legislation regarding school transport with a view to ensuring that the maximum level of primary and secondary students are facilitated."

28 (17) Leitrim County Council

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Department and Minister Mr. Eoghan Murphy, T.D., to review the terms and conditions of the Housing Grant Scheme to allow Local Authorities to use discretion in the awarding of housing repair grants for older people. In the case where an applicant has transferred ownership of their home over to one of their children, but they still continue to live in their home for the rest of their days, that they would be entitled to apply for and receive grant approval for works on the merits of their own income."

**29 (17) Mayo County Council**

"That Mayo County Council (Ballina Municipal District) calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of Agriculture to take immediate action to deal with the problems caused by the spread of ragwort and to implement the existing laws to deal with the problem and call on the Minister to put in place an incentive scheme to encourage farmers and other landowners to take action to deal with this very serious problem. Ballina Municipal District further calls on Mayo County Council who are in serious breach of the Noxious Weeds Act to take action to contain the prevent the spread of ragwort and other noxious weeds. The Council also calls on the Minister to update the Noxious Weeds Act 1936 to make it relevant in the present time. That this Motion is circulated to all local authorities for their support and also to the IFA and Irish Creamery Milk Association"

**30 (17) Limerick City and County Council**

"That the Government put in place one Agency with full responsibility for maintenance/repair/upkeep of all our rivers and streams."

**31 (17) Offaly County Council**

"That this Council calls for a complete overhaul of how our Social Housing Programme is administered by Department. We suggest that a Capital Housing Allocation (possible multi annual) be made available to each Council each year for the provision of suitable accommodation either to new build or purchase to meet the needs of our every growing waiting lists. The present system has failed as is evidence by the length of waiting lists in every Council area. We have successive Ministers blaming Councils for failing to provide houses, while their Department exert unbelievable bureaucratic control at every stage of building process from land purchase to approval of Tenders."

**32 (17) Wexford County Council**

"Wexford County Council calls on the government to immediately implement the Private Members Motion which was unanimously passed in November 2016 regarding rural post offices that will ensure a financially stable Post Office network and the protection of this vital service in our communities".

**33 (17) Tipperary County Council**

"I am calling on the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport to reintroduce the Urban Road Minor Improvement Grant as the loss of same has caused significant deterioration to the urban roads in towns in the County of Tipperary".

**34 (17) Tipperary County Council**

"That Monaghan County Council fully supports and endorses the SIPTU Big Start/Early Years Campaign objectives of adequate investment in the early years sector to deliver quality and affordable childcare with decent pay for highly qualified early years professionals, to secure quality early years care and education services for children 6 months - 5 years that are accessible, affordable and support parents/families to promote children's health, well being, learning and development in line with national quality standards."

**35 (17) Clare County Council**

"That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection to reverse the unfair and discriminatory policy of penalising home makers that took some time out to care for their family prior to 1994 and to address the Austerity measure that penalised approximately 35,000 people, mainly women, that was brought in by the Government on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 concerning Contributory Pension Entitlements and if the motion is agreed that the request be sent to the Minister and also circulated to all other Councils."

**36 (17) Clare County Council**

"In the backdrop of our national housing emergency and the stresses experienced by so many at risk of homelessness due to mortgage distress, that Clare County Council call on An Taoiseach to support enactment by the Oireachtas of the National Housing Co-op Bill 2017 to provide for the establishment of an Industrial & Provident Society to be called the National Housing co-operative Society with the mandate and powers to acquire, manage, rent or sell distressed mortgages so that the occupants of houses can move from the status of distressed mortgagor by means of "rent and mortgage" AND that this Clare County Council Motion once passed, be copied to all other local authorities encouraging their adoption of similar such motion."

**37 (17) Leitrim County Council**

"That Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Justice Frances Fitzgerald asking that her Department review the criteria for Community Based CCTV System Installation in towns and that she and her Department agree to increase the grant level from 40% to 75% and raise the ceiling to €75,000. The ceiling is currently €40,000. This change would increase the uptake, which is the aim of the Scheme."

**38 (17) Carlow County Council**

"That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to produce adequate information to ensure ease of access and understanding of complex requirements for persons with disabilities, who are required to comply with European and national certification and guidelines, particularly in the agricultural sector. The Minister is called upon to address and if need arise, legislate for the ongoing issues involving persons with disabilities in the interest of equality and paying particular attention to literacy issues among farmers, to also, put in place services and facilities in recognition of the many farmers and members of rural Ireland who have difficulty getting the appropriate certification to carry out day to day agricultural activity, in particular, the Council asks the Minister to consider the case concerning Edward "Ned" Deering who recently went before the European Parliaments Committee of petitions where the case remains open. Finally, This Council calls on the Minister to recognise that the role of "Access Officers" within the Department are not fit for purpose."

**39 (17) Galway City Council**

"That Galway City Council write to the Department of the Environment and request that they prepare legislation regarding the disposal of paint under the Producer Responsibility Initiative similar to the WEE Scheme where paint would be brought back to the suppliers and disposed of by the paint companies."

**40 (17) Clare County Council**

"That Clare County Council requests the Minister for Agriculture to put a plan in place to help Clare farmers through an imminent fodder crisis next year."



**41 (17) Sligo County Council**

"That Sligo County Council write to the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D. seeking extra funding for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in future health budgets, and that this proposal be circulated to all Local Authorities in Ireland".

**42 (17) Monaghan County Council**

"That Monaghan County Council fully supports and endorses the SIPTU Big Start/Early Years Campaign objectives of adequate investment in the early years sector to deliver quality and affordable childcare with decent pay for highly qualified

early years professionals, to secure quality early years care and education services for children 6 months - 5 years that are accessible affordable and support parents/families to promote children's health, well being, learning and development in line with national quality standards".

**01 (18) Waterford City & County Council**

"That Waterford City & County Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Mr Charlie Flanagan, to commence without further delay the Commission of Investigation into the alleged cover up of sex crimes by paedophile Bill Kenneally"

**02 (18) Tipperary County Council**

"We call on the Minister for Environment to amend the legislation with regard to collection of waste so as to allow small operators to provide a service to those who live in remote areas, areas where large vehicles cannot access or where householders have very limited amounts of waste and lack storage space for bins. Such small operators should be permitted to meet requirements in relation to pay by weight, by weighing their loads at the point of disposal. This would facilitate householders, allow the small operators to continue in business and also reduce the likelihood of illegal dumping of waste."

**03 (18) Wexford County Council**

"That this Council resolves that the guidance issued by the Data Protection commissioners should not supercede the public interest role of Councillors both to oversee the allocation of houses and to provide input based on local knowledge to assist in the allocation of housing and that a draft protocol to balance these competing interests be brought forward."

**04 (18) Galway County Council**

"This Local Authority calls on the Minister for Transport [Minister Shane Ross, T.D.] and the Minister of Justice & Equality [Minister Charlie Flanagan TD] to provide each Local Authority with efficient laws [bye-laws] to deal with the illegal parking of caravans and camper vans on public and private roads, right of ways and non-designated camp sites. Sufficient powers should be given to each Authority to remove and impound illegally parked caravans and to confiscate unclaimed caravans in a timely fashion similar to unclaimed motor vehicles."

**05 (18) Leitrim County Council**

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister of State for Disabilities and the Minister for Finance with a view to seeking that the medical criteria for entry to the drivers and passengers with Disabilities Tax Relief Scheme be amended to include those without the use of one hand or arm."

**06 (18) Clare County Council**

"That this Council supports the call for publicly funded higher education and rejects income contingent loans."

**07 (18) Clare County Council**

"That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Environment and Local Government and the Minister for Finance to put in place a redress scheme to provide financial support to purchasers of houses and apartments who now find that their property was not properly constructed and is non-compliant with Building and Fire Regulations. These homeowners are victims of poor building methods and are now facing huge expense to address the necessary measures to bring their property up to a safe and compliant level. The purchasers of these properties followed due process in acquiring their property and trusted the legal, planning and regulatory measures in place to protect them, but now find they are exposed to costs they cannot afford and could in extreme cases face the possibility of being rendered homeless if necessary remedial safety works are not carried out."

**08 (18) Clare County Council**

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Trade & Employment to introduce financial incentives to companies who are prepared to employ apprentices."

**08 (18) Sligo County Council**

That Sligo County Council hereby calls on the Gaelic Athletic Association to ensure any matches broadcast on channels requiring subscription fees are also made available on free to air television in order to allow access for everyone in the country to view matches. This should be done in order to reflect that the GAA is a unique part of Irish culture which belongs to the Irish people and has been built by their efforts along with significant State investment from taxpayers money."

**09 (18) Donegal County Council**

"That this Council call on the Government to review the way Community Employment Schemes are being negatively affected by changes introduced over the last few years."

