

- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH -
KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 21 Iúil, 2025 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

MONDAY, 21ST JULY, 2025 AT 3.00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, JOHN STREET & MS TEAMS

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

- (i) Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 16th June, 2025 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (ii) Minutes of Annual Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Friday, 27th June, 2025 [*Minutes Attached*].

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

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

- (i) “Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, 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 land at Tower Road, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny (as identified on the attached map) to Shane and Selena Bourke, 1 Railway Close, Fiddown, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €185,000 (one hundred and eighty-five thousand euro) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Site area measures 0.420 ha. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required” (*Notice sent to Members on the 27th June, 2025*).
- (ii) “Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, that, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of its interest in two derelict properties being sold as one at Dunkitt, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (as identified on the attached map) to John McNicholas & Joe Culleton, CULMC Construction, Bridgefield, Tramore, Co. Waterford for the sum of two hundred and thirty five thousand euro (€235,000) with each party responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. The combined site area measures 1.01 acres (0.41 Ha). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required” (*Notice sent to Members on the 10th July, 2025*).
- (iii) “Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, 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 plot(s) of land at Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Westcourt Healthcare Limited for €142,000 (*One hundred and forty two thousand euro*). Land area measures 2.30 acres (0.931 ha). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required” (*Notice sent to members on the 10th July, 2025*).

- (iv) “Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, 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 land at Longfordpass North, Twomileborris, Co. Tipperary Plots 217.Z1 and 217.Z2 – as identified on the attached map – to Bord na Mona, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare for a nominal sum of €10 (ten euro) and each party will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Area combined measures 0.209 Ha (0.5 acre). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.” *(Notice sent to Members on the 10th July, 2025).*
- (v) “Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, 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 land at Coolmore, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny Plots 202Z.1 to 4 inclusive – as identified on the attached map – to Mary Naim, Ballyda, Kilmacow and Moshe Naim, Totam 23, Timrat, Israel. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required. The land area measures 0.026 Ha/0.064 acre.”
(Notice sent to Members on the 10th July, 2025).
- (vi) “Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, 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 land at Coolmore, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny Plots 206z.1 and 206z.3 – as identified on the attached map – to Thomas Coogan, Coolmore, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required. The land area measures 0.04 Ha/0.1 acre.” *(Notice sent to Members on the 10th July, 2025).*
- (vii) “Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, 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 land at Coolmore, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny Plot 206z.2– as identified on the attached map – to William Coogan, Ballynooney, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny and Mairead Coogan, Cappagh House, Cappagh, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required. The land area measures 0.035 ha/0.086 acre.” *(Notice sent to Members on the 10th July, 2025).*

(b) **Pleanail - Planning**

- (i) Part 8: Site works at 18 Skeaugh, Callan, Co. Kilkenny, R95 A9X8 *[Report Attached]*.
- (ii) Proposed Variation 5 to City & County Development Plan - Castlecomer Settlement Plan.
- (iii) Taking in Charge: *[TC 184]* Cnoc Baun, Ballyfoyle Road, Kilkenny *[Report Attached]*.
- (iv) Taking in Charge: *[TC 181]* Rathullord Phase 3, Kilkenny *[Report Attached]*.

(c) **Boithre - Roads**

- (i) Update on Graiguenamanagh – Tinnahinch Flood Relief Scheme *[Presentation]*
- (ii) N25 Glenmore to Luffany Speed Limit Review *[Presentation]*

(d) **Timpeallacht - Environment**

- (i) Section 85 – Carlow/Kilkenny Dog Shelter at Paulstown (*Report Attached*)

(e) **Airgeadas - Finance**

- (i) Capital Programme 2025 - 2030

(f) **Forbairt Eacnamaíoch - Economic Development**

- (i) Community & Cultural Facilities Capital (CCFCS) Grant Scheme [*Report To Follow*].

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

- (i) Chief Executive's Monthly Report [*Attached*].
(ii) Appointment of Member to Watergate Theatre Company.
(iii) Appointment of Chairperson to SPC 1

3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**

- (i) Acknowledgement from Mr. Simon Harris, Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to Notice of Motion 14-2025 regarding ongoing conflict in all areas experiencing war.
(ii) Response from Mr. John Cummins, TD, Minister for State in relation to Notice of Motion 08-2025 regarding updating Planning Guidelines for Wind Turbine Development.
(iii) Response from office of Minister for State for Sport & Postal Policy in relation to Notice of Motion 04-2025 regarding current transgender policy.

4. **Gnó ar athló ó Chruinniúroimhe seo - Business Adjourned from a Previous Meeting**

5. **Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú - Fix Dates & Times of Meetings**

- (i) Schedule of Meetings

6. **Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Chomhairle - Consideration of Reports & Recommendations of Committees of the Council**

7. **Gnó Eile romhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe - Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting**

8. **Oideachas agus Oiliúint - Education & Training**

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

10. **Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business**

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

15 (25) Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, David Fitzgerald, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Joe Lyons, Michael Doyle, Fidelis Doherty and John Brennan.

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy, Minister Darragh O'Brien to urgently consider the introduction of a grant scheme to support homeowners in testing their homes for Radon Gas and safeguarding against the impacts. Radon is a colourless, odourless radioactive gas and is recognised as the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking. Despite its dangers, its presence is entirely preventable through proper testing and mitigation.

Given the serious public health risks associated with prolonged exposure, it is essential that the Department provides financial assistance to encourage widespread testing.

We urge the Minister to respond positively and act swiftly in making such supports available to homeowners.”

16 (25) Cllr. John Coonan & Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

“Kilkenny County Council recognises the excellent work being done to promote cycling as a leisure activity and as a means of travel for commuting and tourism purposes in our City and County. Recognising the growing demand for cycling as a leisure activity, particularly off-road cycling, this Council commits to investigating the provision of and give positive consideration to a BMX and pump track at Kilkenny Countryside Park Dunmore or another suitable location, which would also incorporate a safe space for beginner cyclists.”

17 (25) Cllr Maurice Shortall

“To write to Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O' Callaghan to withdraw all planning exemptions for properties accommodating International Protection Applicants. This will ensure that all properties go through the normal planning process. Also to request that the Community Engagement Team communicate with communities prior to signing of contracts for International Protection accommodation which will allow for full community engagement.”

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

16 (25) Waterford City & County Council

“Waterford City & County Council calls upon the Central Bank to take all possible steps to discontinue facilitating the sale of Israeli bonds”