

# - COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH - KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh  
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 24 Márta, 2025 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

**MONDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 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, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 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 Crowbally, Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map - to Patrick Thomas Gaule, Crawn, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €1,000 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Plot areas combined measure 0.8 acre. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”  
(Notice sent to Members on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2025).
  - (b) **Pleanail - Planning**
    - (i) Part 8: Kilkenny Local Studies Hub and Public Realm Enhancements at John’s Quay, Kilkenny [*Report Attached*]
    - (ii) Chief Executive’s Report on Submissions to Proposed Variation 4 to the City and County Development Plan 2021 [*Report Attached*]
    - (iii) Taking in Charge [TC 158]: 9 Houses Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny [*Attached*].
  - (c) **Pobol Cultúr - Community & Culture**
    - (i) Public Art Scheme [*Report Attached*]
  - (d) **Timpeallacht - Environment**
    - (i) Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Plan Implementation Report (2024) [*Presentation*]
  - (e) **Airgeadas- Finance**
    - (i) Annual Financial Statement 2024
    - (ii) Approval for a lease Finance Facility of €2m.

- (f) **Gnóthaí Corparáideacha - Corporate Affairs**
- (i) Chief Executive's Monthly Report [Attached].
  - (ii) Service Delivery Plan [Attached]
  - (iii) Audit Committee Annual Report [Attached]
  - (iv) Audit Committee Charter & Work Programme [Attached]
  - (v) Review of Effectiveness of Kilkenny County Council's Audit Committee [Attached]
3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**
- (i) Acknowledgement from Minister in relation to N24 [Attached]
  - (ii) Acknowledgement from Minister in relation to N25 [Attached]
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 [Report Attached].
6. **Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle - 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**
- (i) List of Conferences
9. **Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí - Matters Arising from Minutes**
10. **Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business**
11. **Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion**

**02 (25) Cllr. Stephanie Doheny**

"The Council affirms that every endeavour is made to ensure that Kilkenny County Council's tender processes are consistent with protecting international humanitarian law and prohibiting the importation or sale of goods or services originating in occupied territories.

This Council resolves to adopt a rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy (EPP) that takes fully into account existing obligations and standards. The primary aim of the EPP is to ensure that human rights obligations are properly acknowledged, observed and respected at all stages of the procurement process."

**04 (25) Cllr. Eugene McGuinness**

To ask the Council to write to the Minister for Sport asking the Minister to clarify the Government current transgender policy particularly as it pertains to women's and girls' sport. We urge the Minister to engage in meaningful dialogue with female athletes, sports scientists and safeguarding experts to find the necessary wording and guidelines that respects both inclusion and fairness.

**05 (25) Cllr. Maria Dollard**

"That Kilkenny County Council review its policy in calculating differential rents for its tenants and adopt the recommendation of Family Carers Ireland in their pre-budget submission 2024. The recommendations are as follows:

- (i) Carer's Allowance will be disregarded at the basic Social Welfare rate in Kilkenny County Council Local Authority.
- (ii) Half-rate Carer's Allowance will be disregarded in full in this Local Authority.
- (iii) Disability Allowance received by children aged between 16 and 18 years will be disregarded in full, in line with the existing uniform disregard of Domiciliary Care Allowance received by children under 16 years."

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**

**06 (25) Limerick County Council**

"That, this Local Authority would call on the Government to put in place a financial support scheme within the grant aid for older people form to include people in medical need that they would be able to apply for financial aid to help them purchase a generator to allow them to power electric medical devices where loss of power occurs."

**07 (25) Limerick County Council**

"That, Limerick City and County Council expresses its fullest appreciation for all of the work done by the Council staff and staff of other agencies and volunteers who worked 24/7 to alleviate the hardships caused by the recent severe weather event. The Council now calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to (a) immediately release funds to replenish Local Authority financial resources used to manage the emergency and (b) provide additional adequate funds (or otherwise provide financial arrangements) for Local Authorities impacted to arrange a local scheme to compensate homeowners and businesses for property damage, lost stock or foods or other reasonable uninsured damages caused by snowfall or electricity cuts, and that this Notice of Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities."

**08 (25) Limerick County Council**

"That, given the recent weather events, Limerick City and County Council (a) calls on Uisce Eireann to install generators at every pumping station in the country (b) calls on the ESB to cut back/ cut down all trees and/ or branches that are in danger of damaging the infrastructure and (c) calls on the Government to set up a special emergency phone number which is activated prior to and manned during all orange and red weather alerts."

**09 (25) Roscommon County Council**

"In light of over 40 trees falling during Storm Darragh, damaging power lines and leaving homes and businesses without power for days, I propose this Council writes to Nicholas Tarrant, MD of ESB Networks, and Keith Leonard, Head of the National Emergency Coordination Group. They should ensure compliance with wayleaves and exclusion zones near overhead powerlines, requiring forestry owners to meet clearance standards. ESB Networks should take pre-emptive measures ahead of storms to prevent similar outages. Additionally, compliance with the DAFM Standards for Felling & Restoration near public roads must be enforced to prevent road safety hazards during extreme weather. Subsequent to the submission of this motion the events of Storm Éowyn have further highlighted the need for action on this matter. It was agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities."

**10 (25) Roscommon County Council**

"To write to the Department of Agriculture, Department of Transport, and Department of Environment, for an incentive to be put in place for landowners to move trees off the roadside. It was agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities."

**11 (25) Roscommon County Council**

"To write to the Minister for Communications that all emergency frontline services have access to the GOV NE system to use any network available in the major emergency events to ensure communication channels remain open. It was also agreed to circulate this to all Local Authorities."

**12 (25) Roscommon County Council**

"To write to the next Minister for Education requesting the introduction of extra time for students with Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and other learning difficulties sitting second level examinations. The lack of extra time is a severe disadvantage to such students at this crucial time in their lives. It was also agreed to circulate this to all Local Authorities."