

- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH –
KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 19 Bealtaine, 2025 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

MONDAY, 19TH MAY, 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, 28th April, 2025 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (ii) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Tuesday, 6th May, 2025 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (iii) Minutes of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Tuesday, 14th March, 2024 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (iv) Minutes of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Tuesday, 16th May, 2024 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (v) Minutes of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Tuesday, 10th December, 2024 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (vi) Minutes of SPC 5: Community, Integration, Cultural, Gaeilge, Heritage & Fire Services held on Tuesday, 28^h January, 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**

“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 The Nite Cap, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (*as identified on the map*) to Shane Molloy, Wildflower Cottage, Boley Hill, Fethard On Sea, Co. Wexford for the sum of €153,000 (*one hundred and fifty-three thousand euro*) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Site area measures 0.28ha. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”
[*Notice sent to Members on the 8th May, 2025*].

(b) **Pleanail - Planning**

- (i) Part 8: Development of a Cultural Hub at the Abbey Quarter Squash Courts, Kilkenny 01/25 [*Report Attached*]

- (c) **Bithéagsúlacht- Biodiversity**
 - (i) The Biodiversity Action Plan [Report Attached]
- (d) **Pobol - Community**
 - (i) Draft Age Friendly Strategy 2025 – 2028 [Report Attached]
- (e) **Boithre - Roads**
 - (i) N24 Waterford To Cahir and N25 Waterford To Glenmore.
- (f) **Gnóthaí Corparáideacha - Corporate Affairs**
 - (i) Chief Executive's Monthly Report [Attached].
 - (ii) Appoint Nominees [7] to Local Community Safety Partnership.
- 3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**
- 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**
 - (i) Report of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management and Water Services held on Thursday, 9th May, 2024 [Report Attached].
 - (ii) Report of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management and Infrastructure held on Friday, 13th December, 2024 [Report Attached].
 - (iii) Report of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Tuesday, 14th March, 2024 [Report Attached].
 - (iv) Report of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Tuesday, 16th May, 2024 [Report Attached].
 - (v) Report of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Tuesday, 10th December, 2024 [Report Attached].
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- 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**

06 (25) Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

"Recognising the importance of Local Government to the lives of our local citizens and the importance of communicating the excellent work done by our Council, both Executive and Elected Representatives, our Council should follow the excellent example of other Local Authorities and facilitate the live streaming of all Plenary Meetings of the County Council and to consider the same facilities for Municipal District and Strategic Policy Committee Meetings. To this end, that the Executive would be asked to prepare a report on this matter and report to the Council within three months."

07 (25) Cllr. Maria Dollard

"That Kilkenny County Council working in partnership with award winning Social Enterprise Property Marking Ireland and An Garda Síochána support the acquisition of a property marking machine so as to encourage people to mark their property to prevent theft."

08 (25) Cllr. Maurice Shortall

"That Kilkenny County Council ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne to publish updating of the planning guidelines for wind turbine development. This has been held in reserve since 2006 and has been a divisive matter in communities across the country and needs to be published now not only for the benefit of Kilkenny but for the benefit of the entire Country."

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

"That this Council write to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, expressing our deep concern over the critical shortage of community-based childcare services in the Kilkenny-Carlow area. Families are struggling with unaffordable private childcare costs, highlighting the urgent need for a publicly funded Early Years Education System. We call on the Government to prioritise investment in affordable, high-quality, community-based childcare to establish sustainable early years and after-school care services. This measure would support working families who are finding it difficult to meet the expense of childcare services."

10 (25) Cllrs. Ger Frisby, Jenny Cat Slattery, Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty & Tomás Breathnach

"That the Members write to the Minister for Transport in support of Waterford Airport in its endeavours to secure funding from the Department to further develop the airport given its strategic importance to the economic development of the Southeast Region and in particular to enable business and tourism growth and development in County Kilkenny."

11 (25) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach

"That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to seek increased funding, to at least €500m to Uisce Éireann, to speed up the delivery of wastewater schemes under the Small Town & Villages Programme included in its Capital Investment Plan 2025 – 2029."

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*

13 (25) Donegal County Council

"I am asking this Council to take a stand on road safety in relation to the non-wearing of high vis vests, arm bands etc. or indeed proper lighting on bicycles given that these are causing issues for road users, late night walkers, cyclists etc. Furthermore, Electric Scooters have become a major problem for motorists. Given the number of motorists and pedestrians having accidents and the increasing number of fatalities we need to work with An Garda Síochána, the Minister for Transport, Schools, Youth Clubs etc to highlight these issues."

14 (25) Sligo County Council

"Noting that a home is a moral human right, this local authority calls on the Government to start the process to have the right to housing enshrined in the constitution. A copy of this motion to be sent to all local authorities within the state."

15 (25) Kerry County Council

"That Kerry County Council call for a defined calendar for grant applications with a view to providing volunteer led organisations with a degree of certainty for planning and preparing for applications. The ad hoc nature of opening dates and numbers of calls is making it confusing and off putting for many organisations doing excellent work."