

- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH -
KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 20 Deireadh Fómhair, 2025 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 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, 15th September, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (ii) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 22nd September, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (iii) Minutes of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy held on Thursday, 27th March, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (iv) Minutes of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy held on Thursday, 19th June, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (v) Minutes of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management & Infrastructure held on Friday, 6th June, 2025 *[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 Church Street, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny to Tom and Nicola Foley, Church Street, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €86,000 (*eighty-six thousand euro*) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. Site area measures 0.020ha. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required." (*Notice sent to Members on the 8th October, 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 the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in plot of ground to the rear of no.6 Edenvale Close, Nuncio Road, with the condition that no structure be built so close to the main foul sewer pipe at rear of property so as to cause a risk or interference with the structural integrity of or prevent access to the pipe for service/maintenance works in the future as outlined in Section 104 of the Water Services Act 2007 for the nominal sum of €10.00 (ten euro) together with payment of the Kilkenny County Council's legal fees. Plot of ground measures 67.5 m2 approx. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required." (*Notice sent to Members on the 8th October, 2025*).

(b) **Pleanail - Planning**

- (i) Taking in Charge: (TC 164) Westcourt Callan, Co. Kilkenny [Report Attached].

(c) **Bóithre- Roads**

- (i) Winter Maintenance Plan 2025 -2026 [Attached].

(d) **Airgeadas - Finance**

- (i) Approval of Overdraft Facility.

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

- (i) Chief Executive's Monthly Report [Attached].
(ii) Performance Indicators 2024 [Attached].

3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**

- (i) Response from Minister's Office in relation to Notice of Motion 10-2025 in relation to Waterford Airport [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 [Attached]

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

- (i) Report of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy held on Thursday, 27th March, 2025 [Attached].
(ii) Report of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning & Development Policy held on Thursday, 19th June, 2025 [Attached].
(iii) Report of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management & Infrastructure held on Friday, 6th June, 2025 [Attached].

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) Schedule of Conferences [Attached]

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

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

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

18 (25) Cllrs. Michael Doyle, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty, Joe Lyons, David Fitzgerald and John Brennan [Deferred from September Meeting]

"In the context of the lack of necessary municipal wastewater infrastructure in the vast majority of our towns and villages across the county we call on Kilkenny County Council to accept the principle of developer led modular wastewater plants in towns and villages where there is a demand, desire and need for development.

We further call on Minister for Housing, James Browne to direct Uisce Eireann to support the local authority in overseeing and ensuring the treatment systems are of acceptable standard, have acceptable maintenance plans and will be constructed in a manner whereby full connection will be possible to municipal plants when delivered."

19 (25) Cllr. Brian Cleere [Deferred from September Meeting]

"To introduce a 'Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme' to Kilkenny. This scheme will provide financial assistance to communities and local resident groups who wish to undertake overhanging trees and hedge cutting for safety reasons, and will also assist landowners to comply with their responsibilities under Section 70 of the 1993 Roads Act."

21 (25) Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness and Mary Hilda Cavanagh

"On behalf of the residents of [Kilmanagh, Ballycallan, Tullaroan, Castlewarren, Clara, Johnswell, Ballyhale, Dungarvan, Ballyduff, Gibbet Hill, Raheenroche, Castlegarden, Castlecomer, Ballinakill, Ballyragget, ballynalacken, tinalinton, Byrnesgrove; Commons; Ballymartin; Ballyouskill, Loughill, Old Leighlin, Coolcullen, Tinweir, Ballinaslee, Seskin, Seskin North, Ballyconra, Moatpark, Lisdowney, Archerstown, Castlebanny], the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council should write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to urgently request the publication of updated Wind Energy Development Guidelines, in light of the fact that the current guidelines, dating from 2006 remain in effect despite being widely acknowledged as outdated and no longer fit for purpose and noting the prolonged delay since the draft guidelines were issued in 2019.

Furthermore, in recognition of the uncertainty caused by the absence of an up-to-date national policy/regulation, this Council calls on the Minister to introduce a temporary pause on all large-scale onshore wind farm developments, pending the finalisation and adoption of revised Wind Energy guidelines/regulation.

This motion reflects the Councils commitment to ensuring that renewable energy development proceeds in a manner that is appropriately planned, environmentally sustainable, respects peoples rights and protects health and wellbeing of local communities and in light of the recent Wexford Court Cases the need for robust regulation is urgently required."

22 (25) Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

"Given the importance of the creative and artistic industry to our City and County, Kilkenny County Council fully supports the campaign by the National Campaign for the Arts for a substantial increase in funding for the national Basic Income for the Arts Scheme and its extension to a far larger number of artists of all genres."

23 (25) Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

"Kilkenny County Council notes with concern the findings of the Local Authority Performance Indicator Report 2024, issued by the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) in relation to local authority housing stock vacancy at the end of 2024. This indicated that 6.97% of our Council's housing stock was vacant at that time, amounting to approximately 198 housing units. This rate is considerably higher than the national average of 2.75%.

We seek a clear setting out of a strategy to ensure this vacancy rate is addressed and that the maximum number of local authority housing units are returned to the active housing stock as quickly as possible now and in the future."

24 (25) Cllr. David Fitzgerald

“That Kilkenny County Council fast track the delivery of a new road to connect the Ballycallan Road to the Tullaroan Bypass and reduce the volume of traffic on the Waterbarracks and Butts Roundabout in order to alleviate the traffic congestion in St. Canice’s Parish.”

25 (25) Cllr. Maurice Shortall

“That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Minister for Justice to review and reform Ireland’s laws relating to “one-punch” assaults where a single, unprovoked blow results in death, to ensure that such offences are treated with the seriousness they deserve. The Council notes the distress caused to victims’ families by inconsistent sentencing and believes current laws under the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 do not fully reflect the gravity of these incidents. The Council further urges the Minister to consider the approach taken in New Zealand, where stronger legal provisions and sentencing guidelines ensure accountability in one-punch fatality cases, and to introduce similar reforms in Ireland. The Council also supports the introduction of a national awareness campaign to highlight the dangers and legal consequences of one-punch violence, particularly in situations involving alcohol or late-night social activity, and requests that this motion be circulated to all local authorities and forwarded to the Minister for consideration.”

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*

18 (25) Kerry County Council

“That Kerry County Council write to the Minister for Health calling for the introduction of a ban on vaping in all workplaces, on the grounds of protecting public health and ensuring safe, aerosol-free working environments. This motion to be referred to all local authorities for their support.”