

- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH -
KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 15 Meán Fómhair, 2025 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

MONDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 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, 21st July, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (ii) Minutes of SPC 2: Transportation Policy/Mobility Management & Infrastructure held on Friday, 14th March, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (iii) Minutes of SPC 3: Housing held on Thursday, 12th June, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (iv) Minutes of SPC 4: Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy held on Thursday, 6th March, 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 a plot(s) of land at Danganbeg, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to John O'Farrell, Kilcurl, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny for a nominal sum of €1, with Kilkenny County Council being responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale/exchange. Plot(s) measures 0.75 acres (3035 m²)." *(Notice sent to Members on the 5th September, 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 land at Highrath, Maddoxtown, Co. Kilkenny (as identified 2z on the attached map) to Denis and Theresa Guilfoyle, Highrath, Maddoxtown, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10 (ten euro) with the purchaser being responsible for their own legal costs and the legal costs of Kilkenny County Council associated with the sale. Site area measures 0.0571 ha (571 m²). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required." *(Notice sent to Members on the 5th September, 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, to dispose of its interest in land at Ballylarkin, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny (as identified on the attached map) to Mr Gerard Doheny, Ballylarkin, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of ten euro (€10) with each party responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. The land area measures 1.71 acres (0.69 Ha). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required." *(Notice sent to Members on the 5th September, 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, to dispose of its interest in a house and site at Ballylarkin, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny (as identified on the attached map) to Patrick and Elizabeth Butler, Ballylarkin, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of ten euro (€10) with Kilkenny County Council responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. The land area measures 0.72 acres (0.29 Ha). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required. *(Notice sent to Members on the 5th September, 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 a plot of land at Main Street, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny (as identified on the attached map) to Ms Philomena Carroll for a nominal sum of €10 (ten euro) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”
(Notice sent to Members on the 5th September, 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, 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 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 5th September, 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 The Nite Cap, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (as identified on the attached map) to M & F Molloy Holdings Limited, 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 5th September, 2025).

Please note that this disposal was noted and approved in the name of Shane Molloy at the May 2025 Meeting of Kilkenny County Council. However, the Purchaser's Solicitor has asked that it be in the business name, M & F Molloy Holdings Limited. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

- (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 Property at Roscon, Windgap, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map – to Michael Gerard Landy, Seskin, Windgap, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €30,000.00 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the transfer. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”
(Notice sent to Members on the 5th September 2025).

(b) **Pleanail - Planning**

- (i) Part 8: External Signage for Thomastown Library [Report Attached].
(ii) Part 8: 18 & B 20 Upper Bridge Street, Callan, Co. Kilkenny [Report Attached].
(iii) Taking in Charge: (TC 167) Fiodh Mor & Leaca Ard, Ferrybank [Report Attached].

(c) **Boithre - Roads**

- (i) Update on N25 Glenmore to Luffany Speed Limit Review.

(d) **Pobal & Cultúr - Community & Culture**

- (i) Library Development Plan [Presentation]

(e) **Airgeadas - Finance**

- (i) Local Government Audit Report [Report to Follow]
(ii) Annual Financial Statement [Report to Follow]

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

- (i) Chief Executive’s Monthly Report [Attached].
(ii) Circular LG 06/2025 in connection with Increase in the Annual Remuneration of Elected Members [Attached].

3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**

- (i) Response from Minister’s Office in relation to Notice of Motion 03-2025 regarding increased funding for Uisce Éireann’s Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme [Attached].
(ii) Response from Minister’s Office in relation to Notice of Motion 13-2025 regarding Wind Energy Development Guidelines [Attached].
(iii) Response from Minister’s Office in relation to Notice of Motion 12-2025 regarding funding of heating under the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People Scheme [Attached].
(iv) Response from Minister’s Officer in relation to Notice of Motion 15-2025 regarding grant assistance for testing of radon gas [Attached].
(v) Acknowledgement received from Minister’s Office in relation to Notice of Motion 17-2025 regarding IPAS Centres [Attached].

- (vi) Amber Women's Refuge CLG Annual Report *[Attached]*
- (vii) Response from Minister's Office in relation to Notice of Motion 09-2025 regarding improving access to quality and affordable Early Learning and Care.
- (viii) Response from Minister's Office in relation to Notice of Motion 14-2025 regarding the situation in Gaza.

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]*
- (ii) Agree dates for Budget Workshops
 - Monday, 6th October, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.
 - Monday, 13th October, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, 21st October, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

Date for Statutory Budget Meeting

- Monday, 3rd November at 3.00 p.m.

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 & Infrastructure held on Friday, 14th March, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (ii) Report of SPC 3: Housing held on Thursday, 12th June, 2025 *[Attached]*.
- (iii) Report of SPC 4: Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy held on Thursday, 6th March, 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

"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

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."

20 (25) Cllrs. Pat Dunphy, Fidelis Doherty, Michael Doyle, Joe Lyons, David Fitzgerald, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, John Brennan & Tomás Breathnach

"To ask the Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, to provide the €15 million (*current annual funding is €10 million*) €5 million increase sought by the Irish Postmasters Union to safeguard the Post Office Network. This support is vital to keep Post Offices, key community and financial service hubs, open, as the current model is unsustainable. A recent Grant Thornton report warns that without this funding, up to one-third of rural post offices could close by 2026."

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**

17 (25) Waterford City & County Council

"Carers Allowance and Benefit Reform

That the Members of Waterford City and county Council call o the Minister for Social Protection Mr. Dara Calleary, to abolish means testing for Carers Allowance in Budget 2026. We further call on the Minister to introduce a fair and adequate payment for recipients of Carers Allowance and Carers Benefit one which truly reflects the time, dedication and compassionate care that carers provided everyday across Ireland."