

- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH -  
**KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh  
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 19 Eanáir, 2026 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

**MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026 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, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 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 Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of its interest in property at Ballykeeffe Quarry (*Amphitheatre*), Ballykeeffe, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny - which measures approx 1.3339 ha and as outlined on the attached map - to Kilmanagh Ballycallan Killaloe Community Enterprise Group Ltd, The Old School House, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny by way of long term lease for a period of 15 years and at an annual rent of €52. Both parties will be responsible for their own legal costs associated with the lease. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required."  
(*Notice sent to Members on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026*).

- (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 a small plot of land at Ballygriffin, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (*as identified on the attached map*) to Colin Wemyss, Executor and son of the late Elizabeth Reddy, Ballygriffin, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of ten euro (€10) with Mr Wemyss responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. The site area measures 800m<sup>2</sup>. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required." (*Notice sent to Members on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2026*).

(b) **Pleanail - Planning**

- (i) Part 8: Housing Development, Ashgrove, Slieverue [Attached]  
(ii) "Chief Executive's Report on Submissions to Proposed Variation 7" [Attached]  
(iii) Taking in Charge: [TC 164] Westcourt Demense, Callan, Co. Kilkenny [Attached]  
(iv) Taking in Charge: [TC 200] Crokers Hill Kennyswell Rd Kilkenny [Attached]

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

- (i) Chief Executive's Monthly Report [Attached].  
(ii) St. Patrick's Day Travel Abroad.

3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**

- (i) Correspondence from Department of Culture, Communications & Sport regarding the Basic Income for Arts Pilot Research Scheme [Notice of Motion 21/2025 refers].
- (ii) Correspondence from Minister for Justice, Home Affairs & Migration regarding review and reform Ireland's laws [Notice of Motion 24/2025 refers].

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 date for meeting for presentation of Chief Executive Report to An Coimisiún Pleanála and for member's observations in relation to SID Ballyfasy Wind Farm.

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**

- (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**

**01 (26) Cllr. Tomás Breathnach**

That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to seek the publication of a new set of draft Wind Energy Guidelines and, pending their adoption following a public consultation process, a moratorium be placed on all applications for Wind Energy Farms.

**02 (26) Cllrs. Seán Ó hArgáin & Tomás Breathnach**

"That Kilkenny County Council supports the demands for an early morning train service on the Dublin to Waterford line, which would enable commuters to reach Waterford City in time for the beginning of the work and college days. Kilkenny County Council will write to Transport for Ireland, Iarnród Éireann and the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien to demand this service be put in place as soon as possible."

**03 (26) Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin & Cllr. Maria Dollard**

“Kilkenny County Council calls on the Irish Government and the houses of the Oireachtas to immediately pass the General Scheme of the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (*Prohibition of Importation of Goods*) Bill 2025, better known as the Occupied Territories Bill. That our Council will urgently write to Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD, Tánaiste, Simon Harris TD and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Helen McEntee TD seeking this outcome, as promised in the Programme for Government 2025.”

**04 (26) Cllr. Maria Dollard**

“That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Minister for Justice to urgently engage with and hold the social media platform X to account for the creation, generation, and distribution of photographic and photorealistic images of people and particularly vulnerable people produced by its artificial intelligence software, Grok, where such images may be harmful, exploitative, misleading, or in breach of Irish law.

This Council further requests that the Minister for Justice:

- (i) Investigate whether the operation and outputs of Grok comply with existing Irish and EU legislation, including but not limited to child protection laws, harassment and abuse legislation, data protection law, and the EU Digital Services Act.
- (ii) Ensure that robust safeguards, transparency measures, and effective oversight mechanisms are in place to prevent the misuse of AI-generated imagery, particularly where women and children are concerned.
- (iii) Take decisive action, including enforcement measures where necessary, to protect the public from the harms associated with non-consensual, sexualised, or otherwise damaging AI-generated images.

**05 (26) Cllrs. John Brennan & Mary Hilda Cavanagh**

“To request that Kilkenny County Council would run a campaign on local media and print media calling on people to notify the Local Authority where household members or loved ones still get a polling card even though they have passed away. Kilkenny County Council can use this information to update the Register of Electors.”

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*