

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

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*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh  
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 25 Marta, 2024 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

**MONDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024 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, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (ii) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (iii) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (iv) Minutes of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (v) Minutes of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (vi) Minutes of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (vii) Minutes of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 [*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 Stonecarthy, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map – to Joseph Mullally, Stonecarthy, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny for the nominal sum of €10.00 and Kilkenny County Council will be responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 145.68 m<sup>2</sup> (0.036 acres). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”  
(*Notice sent to Members on the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024*).
- (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 Stonecarthy, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny – as identified on the attached map – to Colm Mullally, Stonecarthy, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny for the

nominal sum of €10.00 and Kilkenny County Council will be responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Combined area measures 2670.93 m<sup>2</sup> (0.66 acres) comprising of 245-Z1 (526.09m<sup>2</sup>), 245-Z2 (323.75m<sup>2</sup>) and 246-Z1 (1821.09m<sup>2</sup>). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”  
(Notice sent to Members on the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024).

- (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, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in a property at Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Health Services Executive HSE - South, Lacken, Dublin Road, Kilkenny for the sum of €115,000. The site extends to circa 650 sq.m (0.16 acres) and the floor area of the building extends to circa 117.62 sq. m. The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required. (Notice sent to members on the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024).
- (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, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in land at Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Liam Mullen, Pigeon Park, Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny Beneficiary of the Estate of the late Mrs Elizabeth O’Shea for the sum of €2,000 and Mr Mullen will be responsible for all legal costs associated with the sale. Area measures 849.84 m<sup>2</sup> (0.21 acres). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.”  
(Notice sent to Members on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024).
- (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 plot(s) of land at Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny - as identified on the attached map - to Westcourt Healthcare Limited for €142,000. Land area measures 2.18 acres (0.8819 ha). The Consent of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is not required.  
(Notice sent to members on the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024).

(b) **Pleanail - Planning**

- (i) Taking in Charge: Initiation - Hillview, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny
- (ii) Taking in Charge: Initiation - Harrowville, Leggettsrath West, Kilkenny
- (iii) Taking in Charge: Final - Greenoaks/Fairways, Ferrybank, Kilkenny.

(c) **Bóithre- Roads**

- (i) Road Works Programme 2024 [Report Attached]

- (d) **Airgeadas - Finance**
  - (i) Draft Annual Financial Statement
  - (ii) Approval to Over Expenditure
  - (iii) Draft Three Year Capital Programme
  
- (e) **Gnóthaí Corparáideacha - Corporate Affairs**
  - (i) Chief Executive's Monthly Report [Report Attached].
  - (ii) Annual Report 2023 [Report Attached]
  - (iii) Achievements 2019 to 2024 [Report Attached]
  - (iv) Audit Committee Annual Report 2023 [Attached]
  - (v) Audit Committee Charter 2024 [Attached]
  - (vi) Audit Committee Work Programme 2024
  - (vii) Naming of Infrastructure [Report Attached]
  
- 3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**
  - (i) Response from Minister Pippa Hackett in relation to community gardens and allotments [NOM 13-2023] [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].
  - (ii) Fix date for April Plenary Meeting.
  
- 6. **Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle Consideration of Reports & Recommendations of Committees of the Council**
  - (i) Report of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 [Report Attached].
  - (ii) Report of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 [Report Attached].
  - (iii) Report of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2023 [Report Attached].
  - (iv) Report of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 [Report 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**

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

10. *Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business*

11. *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion*

**03 (24) Cllr. Maria Dollard**

“That this Council calls on the Government to actively pursue, with like minded EU Member States, a policy to recognise a State of Palestine, and in that context to provide for a more meaningful discourse to happen, after the Gaza war has ended, towards a two state solution. In parallel the EU Council and/or EU Commission needs to review the policies and funding afforded to Israel under various bilateral arrangements including under the terms of the EU Israel Association Council that benefit a State that does not appear to genuinely share or cooperate in any way on the issue of a two state solution as understood by the EU and its Member States”

**04 (24) Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Andrew McGuinness & Tomás Breathnach**

“Kilkenny County Council resolves to write to the President of the EU Commission, the Taoiseach and the Minister for Agriculture advising them that the Council has passed the following resolution:

Kilkenny County Council supports the IFA ‘enough is enough’ campaign.

The Council recognises the significant contribution that farming, and the Agri-Sector makes to the Irish and local economy. The Council acknowledges the income challenge on Irish farmers arising from the significant increases in the cost of doing business, regulatory costs and cuts in Basic Income support for farmers.

The Council calls on the Government to introduce no further regulations on farmers or any measures that may increase costs on farms without full negotiation and agreement with the Irish Farmers Association (IFA). The Council calls on the European Union and the Irish Government to provide additional stand-alone funding, separate to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), to support farmers to undertake climate and biodiversity measures.”

**05 (24) Cllrs. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Tomás Breathnach & Pat Fitzpatrick**

“That Kilkenny County Council would write to the Minister for the Environment, Climate & Communications requesting that all proposed windfarm applications be suspended until the guidelines on wind energy are published.”

**06 (24) Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick**

“That Kilkenny Council write to the Minister for Housing asking that he would extend the present waiver on Development Contributions for Housing units which is due to expire on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.”

**07 (24) Cllr. David Fitzgerald**

“Kilkenny County Council undertakes to ensure that any and all applications for the provision of temporary accommodation for the Ukrainian response and international protection applicants are compliant with the Kilkenny City and County Development Plan and all statutory fire, environmental, health and safety provisions to ensure that all emergency facilities are safe, fit for purpose and integrate into the communities where the facilities are located.”

**08 (24) Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness & Michael Doyle**

“That this Council would write to Roderic O’Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, to express our deep concern and disappointment regarding the lack of consultation with local communities and the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council in relation to the accommodation of IPAS.

Also, to outline our opposition to accommodating large numbers of occupants in various areas in Kilkenny City & County with little regard for infrastructure, amenities, capacity, planning and the local area, potentially creating serious problems for proposed future occupants and local communities. “

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**

**01 (24) Louth County Council**

“Recognising the significance of the fact that the Joint Policing Committee represents one of the few useful reforms of Local Government in 2014 this Council opposes the proposed legislation to abolish the JPC’s and replace them with repackaged Local Community Safety Partnerships.

*Addendum: That this Motion be sent to all Local Authorities in the state, all JPC’s in County Louth and that a copy be sent to the Minister for Justice for comment.”*

**02 (24) Clare County Council**

"I propose that Clare County Council requests Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys, to consider and implement a policy change that allows participants in Community Employment Schemes (CES), Rural Social Scheme (RSS), and Tus Programme to continue their valuable contributions until the age of 70. This extension would not only acknowledge the dedication and skills of these individuals but also contribute to the overall well-being of our community and enhance the sustainability of these programs. These programmes play a crucial role in fostering community development, providing essential services, and supporting those who may face challenges in securing traditional employment. Currently, participants in these valuable community-based employment programs are required to retire at the age of 66 and considering the changing demographics and the desire of individuals to remain actively engaged in work programmes, I am asking you to make this important change to allow participants the opportunity to continue to contribute to their local communities."