

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL - COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH
Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council to be held on Monday
20th April, 2015 at 3.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.
Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh le reachtáil ar de Luan
20th Albrean ar a 3.00 i.n. i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Chontae, Sráid Eoin, Cill
Chainnigh.

1. Confirmation of Minutes - Dearbhú Miontuairiscí:

- (a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 23rd March 2015 (copy of minutes attached)
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 30th March, 2015 (copy of minutes attached)
- (c) Minutes of meeting of Planning & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture – SPC 3 Meeting held on 24th March, 2015 (copy of minutes attached)

2. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Council. -
Gnó forordaithe do réir Reachtaíochta, Orduithe Seasta, nó Rúin
an Chomhairle.

(a) Housing & Other Disposal - Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile

- (i) “That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of a dwelling at Glasshouse Lane, Belview, Co. Kilkenny, as identified on the attached map, to Ms. Yvonne Casserly, 19 Elm Park, Carrig An Ard, Butlerstown, Waterford for the sum of €50,000 (fifty thousand euro) with each party being responsible for their own legal costs associated with the sale. (Notification issued to members on 31st March, 2015)

(b) Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

- (i) Chief Executive Report (attached)
- (ii) Nomination on Kilkenny Water Safety Committee.
- (iii) Presentation – Watershed – Dermot Gaynor.

(c) Planning – Pleanail

- (i) Draft Development Contribution Scheme (report attached)

(d) Roads – Bóithre

- (i) Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council regarding N25 Ballyrahan Bridge (report attached)

(e) Environment – Timpeallacht

- (i)** Draft Kilkenny County Council Control of Horses Act 1996 Bye Laws 2015 – approval to go for public consultation
- (ii)** Overview of 1st Meeting of Consultative Committee on Dog Re-homing and Welfare.
- (iii)** Covenant of Mayors – developing a more sustainable energy future for Kilkenny. (information leaflet attached)

(f) Community – Pobail

Launch and Presentation of www.kilkennyheritage.ie

3. Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach

4. Business adjourned from a previous Meeting - Gnó ar athló ó chruinniú roimhe seo

5. Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:

- (i)** Schedule of meetings from April - June 2015 (attached)
- (iii)** Fix Date for Annual General Meeting

6. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the Council - Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle:

- (i)** Chairman's Report of Meeting of Planing & Development, Heritage, Community, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC3) Meeting held on 24th March, 2015. (copy of report attached)

7. Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting – Gnó Eile romhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe

8. Education & Training – Oideachas agus Oiliúint

- (i) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list.
(attached)

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
F. Doherty	10 th February	Public Affairs Workshop- Engaging with the Oireachtas
M. Doyle	20 th -22 nd March	Domestic Water

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

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

10 (15) - Cllr's Joe Malone, Michael McCarthy and Pat Fitzpatrick – 18th February, 2015

“As Lifebuoys in Kilkenny City and County are provided for by the local authority to assist in the saving of lives, Kilkenny County Council is calling on the Minister for Justice to introduce a system of significant penalties for people who are found to have stolen or vandalised critical lifesaving equipment such as lifebuoys.”

11 (15) - Cllr's Kathleen Funchion, David Kennedy and Melissa O'Neill – 20th February, 2015

“That this council, recognising the need for safety for children at play in the housing estates in which they live, calls on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015 commonly known as Jake's Law, in memory of Jake Brennan, in order to introduce a new mandatory speed limit of 20km specifically for housing estates. The council further commits to writing to the Minister on this issue and circulating this letter to all other local authorities in the state for their consideration.”

12 (15) - Cllr's Pat Fitzpatrick and Matt Doran – 25th February, 2015

“That Kilkenny County Council calls on both the Minister for Transport Paschal Donohue TD and Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Rural Affairs Ann Phelan TD, to protect the current bus route enjoyed by citizens of rural Ireland which runs between Dublin and Cork, via Kilkenny

and Clonmel (Route 7). In particular Kilkenny County Council calls on both Ministers to ensure that the service currently enjoyed by the people of North Kilkenny via stops at Castlecomer and Crettyard are protected and maintained."

13 (15) - Cllrs. Melissa. O' Neill, David. Kennedy & Kathleen. Funchion – 9th March, 2015

"That Kilkenny County Council calls on the Tánaiste & Minister of Social Protection to abandon the plan to phase out Lone Parents payments once children reach seven years of age. Some 11, 000 lone parent families have already been affected by these reductions. These further reductions will impact on 30,200 lone parent families in July this year, pushing families further into poverty and depression. With no suitable affordable child care program in place this plan will have devastating effects on the most vulnerable families of our society".

15(15) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty – 25th March, 2015

"That Kilkenny County Council write to the Minister for Transport to provide additional funding for future years, to the non-national low cost safety improvement scheme in order to allow the numerous locations and junctions across the county that meet the criteria to be considered for this scheme".

17(15) Cllrs. M. Shortall & T. Breathnach – 24th March, 2015

"That Kilkenny County Council supports the workers in Dunne's Stores who are seeking – The implementation of banded hour contracts which would give workers security of hours and earnings. – A review of excessive use of temporary contracts of employment. – Individual and collective representational rights for Dunne's workers. – This Council welcomes the commitment to legislate for an improved framework for workers who seek to better their terms and conditions where collective bargaining is not recognised by their employer.

Further this Council welcomes Government commitment to legislate so that workers can have confidence that they have an effective system that protects and promotes their rights. This legislation ensures they can advance claims about remuneration, terms and conditions and have these determined based on comparisons with similar companies- and not be victimised for doing so.

18(15) Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

"That the members of Kilkenny County Council oppose the imminent closure of the branch Library at Callan Co Kilkenny and demand that Kilkenny County Council and the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government address the issues of staff shortages, maternity and sick leave cover under the Workforce Plan and restrictions under public sector

recruitment to meet the requirements of a full provision of a library service to all branch libraries. We further demand that in the short term provisions are made to keep Callan branch library open until such a time as outstanding vacant staff grades are filled. This motion recognises the vital community service provided by all of our libraries and that a sustainable long term plan for a state of the art service is both attainable and essential”.

12. Notices of Motion from other local authorities seeking support of Kilkenny County Council - Fógraí i dtaobh Rúin ó Údaráis Áitiúla eile ag lorg tacaíochta ó Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh:

3 (15) – Fingal County Council – 20th February, 2015

“That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister of the Environment to ask him to remove the 15% limit on Local Property Tax reductions on the basis that it is expected that the valuation on property prices mandated to occur in 2016 is expected to reveal that valuations have increased far above 15% and as a result local councillors will be powerless to prevent what may be an unnecessary imposition of higher LPT rates. This motion also calls on the Chief Executive to write to all County and City Councils in Ireland to inform them of this potential issue for their consideration.”

4 (15) – Offaly County Council – 24th February, 2015

“As democrats elected by the people of Co. Offaly, today this council condemns targeting the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins for any protests or demonstrations. This is an attack on our constitution and if allowed to continue will lead to a breakdown of normal politics.”

5 (15) - The Municipal District of Carrickmacross – Castleblaney – 4th March,

“That this District calls on the Minister for Jobs, Richard Bruton, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland that any new factories that are opened are not sold to private commercial groups but are kept in the ownership of the State Agencies.”

6(15) Monaghan County Council – 12th March, 2015

“That Monaghan County Council request the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to create a newly funded co-ordinator post for the Public Participation Networks throughout each local authority, to enhance its potential for optimum outreach and success in building relations between local authorities and the communities they serve”.

7(15) Offaly County Council – 24th March, 2015

“At present Parking Fines issued by the council’s traffic wardens and subsequently not paid and which go to court and upheld the money accruing

from those is retained by the state. Offaly County Council calls for a change to allow councils to benefit from this revenue as all the work and expense is born by the Council”.

8(15) The Municipal Districts of Carrickmacross- Castleblayney – 8th April

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Paschal Donohue TD, and our local Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Heather Humphreys, TD to ensure that decisions regarding the removal of school bus services are not taken without a four week period of prior consultation with the Local Authority, local schools and Parents Associations. The four week consultation period will enable the Local Authority to undertake necessary road repairs considering we have now received our lowest amount of funding in the last twelve years”.