

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL
- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH -

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

Monday 20th November, 2017 at 3.00 p.m.

Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

Clár do Ghláth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh le reachtáil ar deLuan 20 Samhain, 2017 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 October, 2017 [*copy of Minutes attached*].
 - (b) Minutes of SPC 4: Housing held on Tuesday, 20th June, 2017 [*copy of Minutes attached*].
 - (c) Minutes of SPC 5: Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy held on Thursday, 9th February, 2017 [*copy of Minutes attached*].
 - (d) Minutes of SPC 5: Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy held on Thursday, 13th April, 2017 [*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) **Planning - Pleanail**
 - (i) Part 8: House at Blackstaff, Callan [*Report issued on 26th October, 2017*].
 - (ii) Part 8: 33 Units at Donaguile, Castlecomer [*Report Attached*].
 - (iii) Skate Park [*Presentation*].

 - (b) **Housing- Tithíocht**
 - (i) Update on Housing (Presentation).

 - (c) **Community & Culture-PobolCultúr**
 - (i) Yulefest [*Presentation*].

 - (d) **Corporate Affairs - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha**
 - (i) Chief Executives Report [*Report Attached*].
 - (ii) Fill vacancy on Education Training Board.
 - (iii) Fill vacancy on Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

3. **Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**
4. **Business adjourned from a previous Meeting- Gnó ar athló ó chruinniútoimhe seo**
5. **Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:**
 - (i) Schedule of Meetings from November, 2017 to January, 2018.
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 SPC 4: Housing held on 20th June, 2017 [copy of Report attached].
 - (ii) Chairman's Report of SPC 5: Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy held on Thursday, 9th February, 2017 [copy of Report attached].
 - (iii) Chairman's Report of SPC 5: Environmental Protection, Water Services & Energy held on Thursday, 13th April, 2017 [copy of Report attached].
7. **Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting - Gnó Eile roimhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe**
8. **Education & Training- Oideachas agus Oiliiúint**
 - (i) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list [attached].
9. **Matters Arising from Minutes - Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí**
10. **Any Other Business - Aon Glnó Eile**
11. **Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:**

34 (17): Withdrawn

35 (17) Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

"That Kilkenny County Council liaise with the Gardai to explore the idea of creating Horse Free Zones in the City & County and introduce a system of exemptions for special occasions such as funerals and weddings and necessary uses such as Garda Horse Patrols etc. This can be done within our existing bye laws."

36 (17) Cllr. Breda Gardner

"That Kilkenny County Council sets up an Animal Welfare Committee with cross agency support i.e. KSPCA, Gardai, members of travellers group, Council staff, Public community representation, Vet, and Cross party county councillors " in the interest of preventing further animal cruelty and raise the awareness of how to love and respect our animals"

38 (17) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

"That Kilkenny council calls on the Government to:

- *act on its commitment as outlined in the Programme for a Partnership Government;*
- *implement an action plan for the post office network within three months;*
- *implement a new community banking service operated by An Post to be made available in all post offices throughout the country; this post community bank could be based on either the New Zealand Kiwibank model or the German Sparkassenmodel, both of which have been found to be valid models;*
- *consider a once-off Capital Investment Fund for the further modernisation of the postoffice network to enable the widespread provision of banking services in rural anddisadvantaged urban areas, most of which have been completely abandoned by thecurrent banking model;*
- *ensure that the provision of all over-the-counter services relating to Governmentdepartments must be tendered for on the basis of both social and economic grounds,to include rural Ireland in any future growth;*
- *ensure that all business previously identified by Grant Thornton, the former Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications and the Post OfficeNetwork Business Development Group must be implemented;*
- *establish a working group to identify the potential for local post offices to act as hubsto facilitate other services such as health, transport, agriculture, etc., and to act as aone-stop-shop for Government services as committed to in the Programme for aPartnership Government;*
- *strongly consider committing funds, while the above measures are beingimplemented, to ensure no more downward pay reviews to post offices which willmake them uneconomical and have the effect of closure by a thousand cuts;*
- *ensure that a five-year holding plan will be put in place while these changes are beingimplemented or there will be no network left to salvage; andrecommends that An Post be invited before the Committee of Public Accounts to outline theirplan for the future of the post office network."*

39 (17): Withdrawn

40 (17) Cllr. Breda Gardner & Cllr. Joe Malone

"That elected members are privy to the same confidential and commercial sensitive information as the unelected Council Executives"

41 (17) Cllr. Maurice Shortall & Cllr. Tomás Breathnach

"That Kilkenny County Council would engage with Community Alert Schemes across the county with a view to include their data bases in the Register for Kilkenny Alerts."

42 (17) Cllrs. Eamon Aylward, Tomás Breathnach, Fidelis Doherty, Pat Dunphy, Ger Frisby & Melissa O'Neill,

"That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to seek the setting up, within the context of the National Planning Framework, a Regional Forum for Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford, and Wexford to promote the South East as a distinctive NUTS III region, which can facilitate the development and oversight of proposals for the South East under the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy and thus to enable the local authorities of the South East to work jointly on issues of common interest in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

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:

27 (17) MonaghanCounty Council

"That Monaghan County Council calls on the Government, in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders, to re-assess current legislation regarding school transport with a view to ensuring that the maximum level of primary and secondary students are facilitated."

28 (17) Leitrim County Council

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Department and Minister Mr. Eoghan Murphy, T.D., to review the terms and conditions of the Housing Grant Scheme to allow Local Authorities to use discretion in the awarding of housing repair grants for older people. In the case where an applicant has transferred ownership of their home over to one of their children, but they still continue to live in their home for the rest of their days, that they would be entitled to apply for and receive grant approval for works on the merits of their own income."

29 (17) Mayo County Council

"That Mayo County Council (Ballina Municipal District) calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of Agriculture to take immediate action to deal with the problems caused by the spread of ragwort and to implement the existing laws to deal with the problem and call on the Minister to put in place an incentive scheme to encourage farmers and other landowners to take action to deal with this very serious problem. Ballina Municipal District further calls on Mayo County Council who are in serious breach of the Noxious Weeds Act to take action to contain the prevent the spread of ragwort and other noxious weeds. The Council also calls on the Minister to update the Noxious Weeds Act 1936 to make it relevant in the present time. That this Motion is circulated to all local authorities for their support and also to the IFA and Irish Creamery Milk Association"

30 (17) Limerick City and County Council

"That the Government put in place one Agency with full responsibility for maintenance/repair/upkeep of all our rivers and streams."

31 (17) Offaly County Council

"That this Council calls for a complete overhaul of how our Social Housing Programme is administered by Department. We suggest that a Capital Housing Allocation (possible multi annual) be made available to each Council each year for the provision of suitable accommodation either to new build or purchase to meet the needs of our every growing waiting lists. The present system has failed as is evidence by the length of waiting lists in every Council area. We have successive Ministers blaming Councils for failing to provide houses, while their Department exert unbelievable bureaucratic control at every stage of building process from land purchase to approval of Tenders."

32 (17) Wexford County Council

"Wexford County Council calls on the government to immediately implement the Private Members Motion which was unanimously passed in November 2016 regarding rural post offices that will ensure a financially stable Post Office network and the protection of this vital service in our communities".

33 (17) Tipperary County Council

"I am calling on the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport to reintroduce the Urban Road Minor Improvement Grant as the loss of same has caused significant deterioration to the urban roads in towns in the County of Tipperary".

34 (17) Tipperary County Council

"That Monaghan County Council fully supports and endorses the SIPTU Big Start/Early Years Campaign objectives of adequate investment in the early years sector to deliver quality and affordable childcare with decent pay for highly qualified early years professionals, to secure quality early years care and education services for children 6 months - 5 years that are accessible, affordable and support parents/families to promote children's health, well being, learning and development in line with national quality standards."