

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR AN GCRUINIÚ IOMLÁNACH DE CHUID
CHOMHAIRLE CONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH TIONÓLTA AR AN LUAN, 18
SAMHAIN 2024 AG 3.00 I.N. I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, HALLA AN
CHONTAE & VIA FOIRNE MS**



**MINUTES OF PLENARY MEETING OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 2024 AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
COUNTY HALL & VIA MS TEAMS**

Attendance

Chair: Cllr. Michael McCarthy.

Elected Members: *Council Chamber*

Cllrs. Tomás Breathnach, Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Michael Delaney, Andrew McGuinness, John Coonan, Joe Malone, John Brennan, Jenny Catt Slattery, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Stephanie Doherty, Fidelis Doherty, Michael Doyle, Patrick Dunphy, Pat Fitzpatrick, Eugene McGuinness, Maria Dollard, Seán Ó hArgáin, Joe Sheridan & Maurice Shortall.

MS Teams

Cllrs. Deirdre Cullen, Joe Lyons, Michael Delaney and Ger Frisby.

Apologies: Cllr. David Fitzgerald.

Officials: Lar Power, Tim Butler, Martin Prendiville, Mary Mulholland, Fiona Deegan, Ian Gardner and Catherine Cooney.

1. Dearbhú Miontuairiscí - Confirmation of Minutes

Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Iomlánach mhí na Deireadh Fómhair - Minutes of October Plenary Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Fidelis Doherty, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed:

“That Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 21 October, 2024 as circulated with the Agenda be and are hereby approved”.

2. Fógraí - Announcements

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Michael McCarthy extended best wishes to:

Lisdowney and Freshford GAA Clubs who are still in the Leinster Championship.

All nominees in the Chamber Awards taking place on Saturday, 23rd November.

Congratulations:

- Malzards Pub, Stoneyford on winning Irish pub of the year.
- Tommy Phelan, Castletown, Crosspatrick who was awarded “Carer of the Year” in the County by Family Carers Ireland.

Vótaí Comhbhrón - Votes of Sympathy

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael McCarthy extended vote of sympathy to the following:

Larry Hogan, Water Services Caretaker on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Ann Hoban, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

Jim O'Donoghue (Retired Water Services Caretaker) on the passing of his wife Rose O'Donoghue, 11 St. Fiacre's Place, Kilkenny City.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Sheridan, seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and agreed:

“That, 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 to Michael Landy, Seskin, Windgap, co. Kilkenny, for the sum of €30,000 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.”

(b) Pleanail - Planning

(i) Glacadh i gCúram - Taking in Charge: TC172 Orchard Close, New Orchard Road, Kilkenny

It was proposed by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and resolved that:

“We, the County Council of the County of Kilkenny, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning and Development Act 2010, hereby declares the road listed in the Public Notice and listed below, to be a Public Road”.

Development: TC172 Orchard Close, New Orchard Road, Co. Kilkenny.

(iv) Glacadh i gCúram - Taking in Charge: Initiation TC192 Road at Danville, Kilkenny.

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and resolved that:

“We, the Members of Kilkenny County Council approve the initiation of proceedings for the taking in charge of the following development in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development Act 2010”.

Development: TC192 Road at Danville, Kilkenny.

(c) Gnóthaí Corparáideacha – Corporate Affairs

**(i) Tuarascáil Mhíosúil an Phríomhfheidhmeannaigh
Chief Executive’s Monthly Report**

Cllr. Michael McCarthy advised that the Chief Executive Report will be taken as read. Any questions can be taken up with the Chief Executive.

(ii) Dréachtphlean Corparáideach – Draft Corporate Plan

Mary Mulholland requested the approval of the Members to defer the Draft Corporate Plan for adoption at the December Plenary Meeting in order to allow time to consider all submissions received.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick

Seconded by: Cllr. Tomás Breathnach

And resolved that:

“the Draft Corporate Plan be deferred for consideration at the December Plenary Meeting.”

3. Comhfhreagras - Correspondence

Admháil ón Aire Darragh O'Brien - Acknowledgement from Minister Darragh O'Brien.

- (i)** Acknowledgement from Minister Darragh O'Brien in relation to the direction regarding the Kilkenny County Development Plan [Notice of Motion 09-2024] was taken as read and noted.
- (ii)** Acknowledgement from Minister Patrick O'Donovan in relation to the support of the Veterinary and Pharmacy Programmes in SETU [Notice of Motion 13-2024] was taken as read and noted.

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

None.

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

(i) Sceideal na gCruinnithe - Schedule of Meetings

It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. John Coonan and agreed.

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

None.

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

None.

8. Oideachas agus Oiliúint - Education & Training

Schedule of Conferences circulated with the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed.

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

None.

10. Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business

Queries were raised in relation to the following for the upcoming General Election:

- The closure of Castlewarren Hall for use as a Polling Station – Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick.
- Voting in the new Tipperary North West Constituency – Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh.
- Deletion of deceased people from the Register – Cllr. John Brennan.

Catherine Cooney responded to all queries raised.

11. Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion

None.

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone, seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and agreed by all that the following Notices of Motion numbered 10 (24), 11 (24) and 12 (24) received from other Local Authorities be taken as read and noted:

13 (24) Westmeath County Council

“That Westmeath County Council writes to Norma Foley, T.D., Minister for Education, to remove the mandatory aspect of secondary level Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) classes and that the entire SPHE curriculum would be reviewed”.

14 (24) Roscommon County Council

“That Roscommon County Council write to the Minister and Department of Transport to review the system, and to have notice of bus allocation at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the school year. The existing system, characterised by inadequacies and flaws, has resulted in significant stress and concern for parents and students, leaving crucial matters like school bus placements and ticket allocations uncertain well beyond the commencement of the school year. It is imperative that a comprehensive overhaul of the entire system is undertaken to guarantee that allocations are finalised a minimum of four weeks prior to students returning to school.

15 (24) Roscommon County Council

“That Roscommon County Council write to the Department seeking funding for a Roadside Tree Survey to identify dead, dangerous and infected trees, and that Roscommon be put forward as a pilot for a national scheme.”

16 (24) Fingal County Council

“That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister for Finance and all local Councils calling for the introduction of enabling legislation to allow County Councils’ to levy a

Transient Visitor Tax, on overnight stays in hotels, short-term rentals, such as Airbnb's, and other accommodations within the County.”

17 (24) Waterford City & County Council

“That Waterford City & County Council supports United Against Gender Apartheid and their campaign to have the crime of ‘gender apartheid’ incorporated into Article 2 of the draft Crimes Against Humanity Convention.”

That concluded the business of the meeting and Cllr. Michael McCarthy extended his best wishes to all Councillors running in the upcoming General Election.

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