

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

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*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh  
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 20 Márta, 2023 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

**MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023 AT 3.00 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, JOHN STREET & MS TEAMS**

1. **Dearbhú Miontuairiscí - Confirmation of Minutes**
  - (i) Minutes of February Plenary Meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 [*copy of Minutes attached*].
  - (ii) Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 [*copy of Minutes attached*].
  - (iii) Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 [*copy of 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) **Pleanail - Planning**
    - (i) Taking in Charge: Ogenty, Gowran, Co. Kilkenny [*Report Attached*]
    - (ii) Loughmacask Masterplan [*Report Attached*]
    - (iii) Proposed Part 8: Lousybush Lane Access to CBS Link Road.
  
  - (b) **Airgeadas - Finance**
    - (i) AFS 2022 [*Report Attached*].
  
  - (c) **Pobol Cultúr - Community & Culture**
    - (i) 2023 Community Event Grant Scheme [*Report To Follow*]
    - (ii) LCDC Annual Report [*Report Attached*]
  
  - (d) **Seirbhísí Uisce - Water Services**
    - (i) Irish Water Leakage Reduction Plan for Kilkenny 2023 [*Presentation*]
  
  - (e) **Comhshaol - Environment**
    - (i) Climate Action Update [*Presentation*]
  
  - (f) **Gnóthaí Corparáideacha - Corporate Affairs**
    - (i) National Broadband Update [*Presentation*]
    - (ii) Chief Executive's Monthly Report [*Report Attached*]
    - (iii) Audit Committee Charter [*Report Attached*]
    - (iv) Audit Committee Annual Report 2022 [*Report Attached*]

3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**
  - (i) Response from Minister Norma Foley in relation to school transport [NOM 02-2023]
  
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].
  
6. **Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle 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) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list [Attached]
  
9. **Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí - Matters Arising from Minutes**
  
10. **Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business**
  
11. **Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion**

**03 (23) Cllr. Pat Dunphy**  
“That Irish Water replace the old pipes that are constantly leaking in the Grange, Clonmore, Clogga, Silverspring and Chapel Street areas of Mooncoin. Customers are having to deal with ongoing leaks resulting in no water on a regular basis. It is unfair on Community and Business, having to put up with this so often.

To ask Irish Water how many leaks have occurred in the areas mentioned above over the past 3 years and the full cost of repairing those leaks.”

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*

**11 (23) Wicklow County Council**

"That the Members of Wicklow County Council object strenuously to the Coillte decision to partner with a UK based Investment Fund, Gresham House, in the purchase by this Fund of thousands of hectares of Irish forestry lands depriving the Irish people of the profits accruing and at the same time driving up the price of agricultural land which could be bought by Irish Farmers. Furthermore, this Council calls on the Government to halt this arrangement immediately and ensure that the future ownership of Irish Forestry assets remains in the hands of the Irish People and that where local farmers who need more land to improve their viability would be able to buy back from this giant Coillte fund."

**12 (23) Sligo County Council**

"That this Council write to the Minister for Health, the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste to ask for an explanation as to why Sligo and the North-West has not been included as a surgical hub and for Sligo University Hospital to be added to the list as the 6th surgical hub catering for the people of Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal, North Mayo and North Roscommon. Can this motion be shared with all TDs and local authorities in all of the aforementioned counties."

**13 (23) Sligo County Council**

"Under the older and disability grants scheme, retired old age pensioners who have decided to put their affairs in order by transferring their homes to their next of kin while retaining their right to live in their homes for the rest of their lives, now find themselves unable to avail of those grants. They live on their own. Their next of kin does not live in the house with them. The next of kin have their own house with mortgages and families expenses. The household income of the applicant who resides there and the registered owner and their spouse is taken into account, so the two household incomes exclude the applicant from the grant. I propose that Sligo County Council writes to the Minister and the Department to address this anomaly and to amend the terms and conditions of the schemes to exclude the income of the registered owner and their spouse if they do not reside in the property."

**14 (23) Sligo County Council**

"That this council write to the Ministers for Communication and Justice seeking the introduction of legislation at an EU level so that social media accounts are traceable to people operating them. This would immediately stop anonymous abuse, online bullying and trolling."

**15 (23) Sligo County Council**

"To call on Sligo County Council to write to the Minister of Transport Eamon Ryan to introduce a scheme, to make funding available to our regional roads to address realignment and other safety issues."

**16 (23) Westmeath County Council**

"That Westmeath County Council would write to the Finance Minister to request immediate action using the expertise available to design and implement a comprehensive regional public banking system that makes full use of the remaining financial services infrastructure in local towns and other areas in this county to deliver an essential local banking service to local communities and businesses that would augment the work of post offices and credit unions and give local people and business real finance and borrowing options and keep local towns thriving."

**17 (23) Cork County Council**

"That rather than its apparent aims of limiting public participation and access to justice, the new Planning & Development Bill would take the opportunity to address identified concerns with regard to Ireland's need to meet the requirements of the Aarhus Convention, to which it is a signatory."

**18 (23) Kerry County Council**

"That this Council calls on the new Minister for Defence to award the medals ads recommended by Commandant Pat Quinlan to the veterans of Jadotville. Failure to do so is a stain on the reputation of the State."