

- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH –
KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 22 Aibreán, 2024 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

MONDAY, 22ND APRIL, 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, 25th March, 2024 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (ii) Minutes of Special Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 8th April, 2024 [*Minutes Attached*].
- (iii) Minutes of SPC 4: Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy held on 6th April, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (iv) Minutes of SPC 4: Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy held on 18th July, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (v) Minutes of SPC 4: Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy held on 22nd November, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (vi) Minutes of SPC 3: Housing held on 7th February, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (vii) Minutes of SPC 3: Housing held on 6th June, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (viii) Minutes of SPC 3: Housing held on 29th June, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (ix) Minutes of SPC 3: Housing held on 22nd September, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (x) Minutes of SPC 3: Housing held on 3rd October, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (xi) Minutes of SPC 3: Housing held on 8th December, 2023 [*Minutes Attached*]
- (xii) Minutes of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning and Development Policy held on 7th December, 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) **Pleanail - Planning**

- (i) Part 8: Lousybush Lane Access Road [*Report Attached*]
- (ii) Taking in Charge: Initiation - Lime Grove, Oakridge, Belmont, Ferrybank, Co. Kilkenny [*Attached*]

(b) **Timpeallacht- Environment**

- (i) Litter Management Plan [*Report Attached*]
- (ii) Amenity Grants – 2024 Allocations [*Report To Follow*]
- (iii) Graveyard Grant Scheme 2024 [*Report Attached*]

(c) **Bóithre- Roads**

- (i) Roads – N24 Waterford to Cahir Transport Solution – Update.

- (d) **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*]
 - (viii) Issue of Polling Information Cards
 - (ix) St. Patrick's Festival [*Presentation*]
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*].
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, 15th February, 2023 [*Report Attached*].
 - (ii) Report of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 12th April, 2023 [*Report Attached*].
 - (iii) Report of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 21st June, 2023 [*Report Attached*].
 - (iv) Report of SPC 5 Meeting: Community, Culture & Fire Services held on Wednesday, 19th October, 2023 [*Report Attached*].
 - (v) Report of SPC 4: Environmental Protection, Climate Action & Energy held on 6th April, 2023 [*Report Attached*]
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 - (xiii) Report of SPC 3: Housing held on 8th December, 2023 [*Report Attached*]
 - (xiv) Report of SPC 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Support, Tourism, Planning and Development Policy held on 7th December, 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 24th April, 2024.”

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."

03 (24) Westmeath County Council

"That Westmeath County Council supports the IFA "enough is enough" campaign, recognises the significant contribution that farming, and the Agri-sector make to the Irish and local economy and the farmers contribution to date on climate mitigation measures, and 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 supports 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) and that the Council calls on the EU and the Government to provide additional standalone funding, separate to the Common Agricultural Policy, to support farmers in undertaking climate action and biodiversity measures. Furthermore, the Council calls on the Government to introduce a Land Regulatory Authority to assist and protect the farming community."