

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL - COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH
Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council to be held on
Monday 20th of February 2012 at 3.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, County Hall, John
Street, Kilkenny.

Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh le reachtáil ar an
Luan 20th Feabhra 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 16th of January, 2012 (copy of minutes attached).
- (b)** Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting held on Monday the 16th of January, 2012 (copy of minutes attached).
- (c)** Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting held on Monday the 9th of January, 2012 (copy of minutes attached).
- (d)** Minutes of Forward Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC 1) Meeting held on the 22nd September, 2011. (Copy of minutes attached).
- (e)** Minutes of Internal Audit Committee Meeting held on the 7th November, 2011. (Copy attached).
- (f)** Minutes of Callan Electoral Area Meeting held on the 14th December, 2011. (Copy of minutes attached).
- (g)** Minutes of Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on the 19th December, 2011. (Copy of minutes attached).
- (h)** Minutes of Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on the 12th January, 2012. (Copy of minutes attached).
- (i)** Minutes of Kilkenny Electoral Area Special Meeting held on the 30th January, 2012. (copy of minutes attached).
- (j)** Minutes of Strategic Policy Committee (3) – Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning held on Monday 6th February, 2012. (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) Other Disposal - Díuscairt Eile

- (i)** “That Kilkenny County Council, hereby approves in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of lands, as indicated on the attached map, at Rathclogh, Co. Kilkenny to Ann Gibbons,

Kilree, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny for the sum of €100 with each party being responsible for their own legal costs in accordance with the terms specified in the notice. (Notification issued to members on the 11th January, 2012.)

(b) Housing Disposal – Díuscairt Tithíocht

(c) Roads – Boithre

- (i) Notification of Grants Allocations for National and Non-National Roads. (report attached).
- (ii) 2012 Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws – Recommendation for Resolution of Council for adoption following statutory consultation processes. (report attached).
- (iii) Abbeypark Bus Stop – Part 8 Report and Recommendation. (report attached).

(d) Planning - Pléanail

- (i) Managers Report on Submissions to Proposed Material Alteration to Amendment 1 to the Ferrybank/Belview Local Area Plan (2009). (Report attached)

(e) Finance – Airgeadais

- (i) Economic Development Policy – Invest Kilkenny update
- (ii) Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Suzhou Economic Development Zone.

(f) Water Services - Seirbhísí Uisce

- (i) Irish Water/Reform of the Water Sector in Ireland, Consultation Paper/January 2012
Presentation by Mr. Philip O’Neill, Director of Services

(g) Corporate – Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

- (i) Fáilte Ireland Briefing re: Destination Kilkenny Tourism Strategy
- (ii) Update on operation of the Watershed Sports and Leisure Complex – Presentation by Dermot Gaynor
- (iii) Internal Audit Committee Report 2011 and appointment of external member. (report attached).

(h) Community and Enterprise - Fiontar agus Pobail

- (i) - River Nore Heritage Audit
- Graveyard Recording Project
Presentation by Dearbhla Ledwidge, Heritage Officer

(i) Housing – Tithíocht

- (i) Annual Housing Report 2011 (report attached)

(j) Environment - Timpeallacht

- (i) Section 85 Agreement with Carlow County Council – FSAI/Veterinary Services. (report attached)

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 Feb – April 2012 (to be circulated at meeting).

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

(a) Report and recommendation of Strategic Policy Committee (1) – Forward Planning and Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 22nd September, 2011. (report attached).

(b) Report and recommendation of Kilkenny Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 14th November, 2011. (copy attached). *Deferred from January Meeting.*

(c) Report and recommendation of Callan Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 14th December, 2011. (report attached).

(d) Report and recommendation of Ballyragget Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 19th December, 2011. (report attached).

(e) Report and recommendation of Piltown Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on the 12th January, 2012. (report attached).

(f) Report and recommendation of Kilkenny Electoral Area Special Meeting held on 30th January, 2012. (report attached).

(g) Report and recommendation of Strategic Policy Committee (3) – Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning held on Monday 6th February, 2012. (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.
(to be circulated at meeting)

Summary of proceedings at Conferences have been received from

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
Cllr. Malcolm Noonan	4 th November, 2011	Douglas Hyde 2011 – Economy V's People
Cllr. Marie Fitzpatrick	18 th – 20 th November, 2011	Modern Alternatives to extinction of fossil fuels

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

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

1(12) - Cllr. Tomas Breathnach - Deferred from January Meeting

“That Kilkenny County Council includes insurance as an eligible expense the purpose of determining the amount paid to community groups under its grant scheme including Amenity, Conservation, and Graveyard.”

2(12) - Cllr Pat Dunphy - Deferred from January Meeting

“That Kilkenny County Council asks the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to complete the Mooncoin By Pass scheme as a priority due to safety implications for residents trying to exit and access their premises on the Carrick Road out of Mooncoin.”

3(12) - Cllr Pat Dunphy - Deferred from January Meeting

“That Kilkenny County Council reduce the speed limit on the Carrick Road out of Mooncoin from 80kph to 60kph as residents along this stretch of road cannot exit or access their premises without the risk of an accident due to many bends on this narrow stretch of road, where sightlines are very, very short, approx. 30 metres in some cases.”

4(12) - Cllr. Pat Dunphy

“That Kilkenny County Council take immediate remedial measures in Beline Vale in Piltown to;

- (1) Make the estate safe by filling the open holes and trenches, securing the fencing, levelling the manholes and fixing up the entrance
- (2) Requesting the bond immediately to finish off the estate,
- (3) To review the category the estate is placed in and
- (4) To solve the sewerage problem as a matter of urgency as it may be injurious to public health.”

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

1(12) - Clare County Council - Deferred from January Meeting

“That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment and Social Welfare for the option to transfer people on unemployment assistance to Local Authorities to enable them to work a 3 day week for their benefits plus possible incentives.”

2(12) – South Dublin County Council – Deferred from January Meeting

“That this Council, in the wake of recent commentary regarding the relationship between local elected representatives and our new communities, expresses its revulsion at any racist remarks or actions; that this Council recommits itself to the inclusive representation of all residents within this local authority; and that a copy of this motion be circulated to all local residents in Ireland.”

3(12) – Monaghan Town Council – Deferred from January Meeting

- (a) “That this Council deplores the withdrawal by this Government of the 6 week winter fuel allowance for those who most need it.”
- (b) “That this Council condemns the proposed cuts in funding for CE scheme participants.”
- (c) “That this Council, in the interests of members of the public who are finding it difficult to make ends meet at this time, would support and promote a move to accept payments by direct debit spread over 12 months for motor tax with no additional cost to the fixed annual fee.”

4(12) – Limerick County Council – Deferred from January Meeting

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Government to restore the Irish Ambassador to the Holy See. Ireland has had an 80 year old diplomatic association with the Vatican.”

5 (12) – Fingal County Council

“That this Council supports the Taoiseach’s call for clarity in relation to pensioner tax liability and calls on the Revenue Commissioners to be more considerate and respectful in communications with the public in future.”

6 (12) – Clare County Council

“That this Council commence the process to amend or vary the current Clare County Development Plan in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development, that all intrusive Fracking/shale gas extraction related activity be halted pending introduction regulatory National and European oversight that does not contravene existing European directives.

7 (12) – Clare County Council

“Based on the vast available evidence and the well documented international concerns on the detrimental effects of fracking on:-

- (i) The environment
- (ii) Its potential impacts on local communities
- (iii) The damage to all farming and tourism industries which are the backbone of the economy in County Clare with particular reference to the strong probability in the West Clare Area, of contamination to the ground water supply, due to the nature of the local geology. The Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to ban fracking.”

8 (12) – Monaghan Town Council

“That this Council calls on the FG/Labour Government to reverse immediately the cuts in the Home Insulation Grants in the interests of homeowners and the retention of jobs in the construction industry.”

9 (12) – Clare County Council

“This Council calls on the Government to rescind the jobs embargo in the public sector on front line staff as it is having a serious effect on the delivery of services to the general public at large.”

10 (12) – Wicklow County Council

“The Housing SPC requests that the Members of Wicklow County Council write to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government seeking the provision of 100% funding to local authorities under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme. This is because local authorities are finding it increasingly difficult to provide matching funding from their own resources due to a serious reduction in income from ICRS (Internal Capital Receipts). Also should this resolution be passed by the Members of Wicklow County Council that it be circulated to all other local authorities seeking their support for this motion.”