

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH -

AGENDA FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday 16th October, 2017 at 3.00 p.m.

Council Chamber, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.

Clár do Ghuáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh le reachtáil ar deLuan 18 Deireadh Fómhair, 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 18th September, 2017 *[copy of Minutes attached]*.
 - (b) Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday 25th September, 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 Riin an Chomhairle.
 - (a) **Planning – Pleanail**
 - (i) Chief Executive’s Report on Variations to Development Plans for Vacant Site Levy. (Report to follow).
 - (ii) Chief Executive’s Report on Hebron Road Urban Design Strategy. (Report Attached).
 - (iii) TC 149 - Taking in Charge - Estate at The Steeples, Gowran. (Report Attached).
 - (iv) TC152 -Declaration of Road - House Nos. 1-4 Meadow Way Drive, Meadow Way, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny. (Report attached).
 - (v) TC44 - Taking in Charge - Lintown Hall, Johnswell Road, Kilkenny. (Report attached).
 - (vi) Proposed Part 8 – Brewhouse

 - (b) **Finance–Airgeadas**
 - (i) Approval for HFA Loan – Amount €4,500,000.
 - (ii) Approval for 2018 Bank Overdraft Facility.
 - (iii) Local Government Audit Service – Statutory Audit Report. (Report Attached).

- (c) **Environment - Comhshluaol**
 - (i) Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grants. (Report Attached).
- (d) **Community & Culture-PobolCultúr**
 - (i) Proposed New City Library. (Presentation)
- (e) **Roads -Boithre**
 - (i) Winter Maintenance. (Report Attached).
 - (ii) Street Lighting Pilot Project. (Presentation).
- (f) **Housing- Tithúocht**
 - (i) Update on Housing (Presentation).
- (g) **Corporate Affairs - Gnóthai Corparáideacha**
 - (i) Chief Executives Report [Report Attached]
- 3. **Urgent Correspondence - Comhfhreagras Práinneach**
- 4. **Business adjourned from a previous Meeting- Gnó ar athló ó chruinniúroimhe seo**
- 5. **Fix Dates and Times of Meetings - Dátaí agus Amanta do chruinnithe a shocrú:**
 - (i) Schedule of Meetings from October to December 2017
- 6. **Consideration of Reports and Recommendations of Committees of the Council-Plé ar Thuairiscí agus Moltaí ó Choistí an Comhairle:**
 - (i)
- 7. **Other Business set forth in the Notice convening the Meeting - Gnó Eile roimhainn i bhFógra reachtála an Chruinnithe**
- 8. **Education & Training- Oideachas agus Oilúint**
 - (i) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list [attached].
- 9. **Matters Arising from Minutes - Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí**

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:**34 (17) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty**

"That Kilkenny County Council support the call by the Restaurants Association of Ireland seeking of the Government to retain the 9% Vat Rate for the Tourism and Hospitality Industry."

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"

37 (17) Cllr. Melissa O'Neill

"That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Minister of Health Simon Harris, the Minister of Education Richard Bruton and the Minister for Social Protection Katherine Zappone to put into consideration collectively a compulsory training program of occupational first aid training for all teachers and SNAs that are physically capable to provide CPR, in both primary and secondary schools throughout Ireland. In consideration with recent statistics- 15 people a day die from sudden death syndrome and 125 people die a year from choking. We believe that this responsibility lies with all 3 Ministers as in education, health and putting children first."

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 and disadvantaged urban areas, most of which have been completely abandoned by the current banking model;*
- ensure that the provision of all over-the-counter services relating to Government departments 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 Office Network Business Development Group must be implemented;*

- establish a working group to identify the potential for local post offices to act as mobile facilitate other services such as health, transport, agriculture, etc., and to act as one-stop-shop for Government services as committed to in the Programme for a Partnership Government;
- strongly consider committing funds, while the above measures are being implemented, to ensure no more downward pay reviews to post offices which will make 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 being implemented or there will be no network left to salvage; and recommends that An Post be invited before the Committee of Public Accounts to outline their plan for the future of the post office network."

39 (17) Cllr. Fidelis Doherty.

"That Kilkenny County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris and the Minister for Education, Richard Bruton seeking of their departments to ensure that each primary and post primary school across the country have at least one, and preferably two dedicated and designated persons trained in the practice of first aid and the in use of a defibrillator "

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) Monaghan County 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."

