

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL - COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH
Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council to be held on Monday 15th
March, 2010 at 3 p.m. in Council Chamber, County Hall,
John Street, Kilkenny.

Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh le reachtáil ar an Luan 15th
Márta 2010 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 Friday 15th of February, 2010 (copy of minutes attached)
- (b)** Minutes of Special Meeting of Forward Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC1) held on 8th February, 2010 (copy of minutes attached)
- (c)** Minutes of SPC 5 Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Education Meeting held on 11th February, 2010 (copy of minutes attached)
- (d)** Minutes of Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 24th February, 2010 (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.

Housing & Other Disposal - Tithíocht & Díuscairt Eile

(a) Housing Disposal – Tithíocht Díuscairt

- (i)** “That Kilkenny County Council hereby approves of the disposal of its interest in property at Kells Village, Co. Kilkenny to Carmel Reid in accordance with the terms of the Housing Acts 1966 to 2002” (Notification issued to members on 3rd March, 2010)

(b) Economic Development Policy Update

(c) Community & Enterprise - Pobal agus Fiontar

- (i)** Five Year County Library Development Plan – Deferred from January. (report already circulated)
- (ii)** To consider and if thought fit to initiate the procurement of Design for a new County Library & Headquarters and additional Council Offices, if required, at the former Meubles site, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny.
- (iii)** Age Friendly County Initiative
- (iv)** Report from the Arts Office

(d) Roads – Bóithre

- (i)** Extinguishment of Public Right of Way – LT10313 at Garryricken, Callan.
(report attached)
- (ii)** Commencement of Part 8 Public Consultation for Salt Barn Infrastructure.(report to follow)
- (iii)** Taking in Charge of Housing Estates & Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads – section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – “Thorngrove”, Rathclough, Danesfort 6 Houses and Lawcus Fields, Stoneyford 54 houses. (report attached)
- (iv)** Notification of Non National Road Grants for 2010. (report to follow)

(e) Corporate - Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Authorisation of attendance of Party Whips at CPG Meeting – Under Section 133 of the Local Government Act 2001.

(f) Planning - Pleanail

Report on Unfinished Housing Estates (report to follow)

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:

- (a)** Schedule of meetings from March – May 2010 (attached)

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

- (a)** Report on Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 19th November, 2009 (Deferred from February Meeting)
- (b)** Report on Ballyragget Electoral Area Meeting held on Monday 21st December, 2009 (Deferred from February Meeting)
- (c)** Report on SPC 3 Environmental Policy, Fire Services and Emergency Planning meeting held on 3rd February, 2010 (Deferred from February Meeting)
- (d)** Report on Piltown Electoral Area Meeting held on 5th February, 2010 (Deferred from February Meeting)

(e) Report on Special Meeting of Forward Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee SPC 1 held on 8th February, 2010 (copy of report attached)

(f) Report of SPC 5 Arts, Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Education Meeting held on 11th February, 2010 (copy of report attached)

(g) Report on Thomastown Electoral Area Meeting held on 24th February, 2010 (copy of report attached)

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

8. Education & Training

Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list.

Summary of Proceedings at Conferences have been received from

Councillor	Date of Conference	Title of Conference
Cllr. Matt Doran	29 th -30 January	Planning Seminar
Cllr. Fidelis Doherty	9 th February	Renewable Energy Seminar
Cllr. Ann Phelan	16 th February	Report on Media 2010 Training & Communication
Cllr. John Coonan	19-21 st February	Change Management in Local Government
Cllr. Fidelis Doherty	25 th February	Atlantic Conference 2010 on Science Technology Engineering in Maths
Cllr. John Coonan	26 th -28 th February	Role of Small Enterprises in overcoming the recession
Cllr. Ann Phelan	26 th February	Atlantic Conference
Cllr. M. H. Cavanagh	4 th -5 th March	The ACCC Annual Conference

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

10. Any Other Business - Aon Ghnó Eile

11. Notices of Motion - Fógraí Rúin:

1(10) Cllr. Catherine Connery – Deferred from February

“That additional funds be made available by the Department of Transport to Kilkenny County Council to deal with the consequences of the damage done to roads arising from recent severe winter weather in North Kilkenny”.

2(10) Cllr. Catherine Connery – Deferred from February

“That the National Roads Authority include road improvements between Durrow and Kilkenny as part of its road investment programme”.

3(10) Cllr. John Coonan – Deferred from February

“That Kilkenny County Council extend an invitation to Mr. Liam Keane National Planning Specialist for Addiction Services with the HSE to address the Local Authority”.

4(10) Cllrs. Cora Long & Eamon Aylward – Deferred from February

“That the Minister for Communications Eamon Ryan, would examine introducing the option of making it possible to pay television licences on a quarterly or half yearly basis similar to the situation that pertains for car tax as the licence fee is now €180 for the year which is causing financial hardship for people”.

5(10) Cllrs. Patrick Crowley & Mary Hilda Cavanagh

“That this Council supports the idea of a Universal Health Care System to be introduced shortly to improve services for all our people, reduce costs, prevent unnecessary duplication and bring us in line with EU Norms.

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(10) Monaghan Town Council – 12th January, 2010

“In light of the continuing decrease in monthly residential rents in the private sector, that this Council write to the Minister John Gormley, Department of Environment and Local Government seeking similar decreases to rents imposed by Local Authorities to their tenants and that the reduction in revenue to the Council is subvented through the Local Government Fund allocation to each Council”.

2(10) Limerick Council Council – 13th January, 2010

“That, Limerick County Council requests the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to reverse the decision to give the National Roads Authority the management of regional and local roads investment”.

3(10) Killarney Town Council – 15th January, 2010

“That Killarney Town Council calls on the Minister for Enterprise and Employment to ensure the retention of the minimum wage”

4(10) Limerick County Council – 19th January, 2010

“That Limerick County Council calls upon the Government to allow persons in co. Limerick flooded in August 2008 become eligible for consideration for compensation in the recently allowed scheme; that the Government establish under statute a single competent authority to manage and maintain the country’s waterways; that an adequate maintenance schedule for every river and stream in the country be developed; and that the State revoke planning permissions granted for developments not yet commenced on flood plains”.

5(10) Limerick County Council – 19th January, 2010

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to nominate one agency to take control of our rivers nationally; that the agency would identify a time of the year for local authorities, landowners, communities and other organisations to clean and dredge the river banks, beds, and bridges; and that this motion be circulated to all other authorities for support”.

6(10) Limerick County Council – 19th January, 2010

“That, Limerick County Council requests the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to lift the embargo on the employment of outdoor staff in order to protect the investment in the county road network”.

7(10) Galway County Council – 28th January, 2010

“That Galway County Council initiates an alliance of all Local Authorities to lobby the Minister for Transport for additional funding to properly address the condition of our roads”.

8(10) Limerick County Council – 3rd February, 2010

“That Limerick County Council calls upon the Government to establish a Shannon River Basin Authority”.

9(10) Wicklow Town Council – 3rd February, 2010

“Wicklow Town Council write to the following Ministers, requesting that they immediately review the legislation and bring forward proposals to ban “Head Candy Shops”. There are serious concerns with regard to the potential effects of the product sold in these shops. This is an issue of national concern and one that has serious consequences for families all over the country. Further, that we circulate this resolution to all Town Councils and request that they also write to the relevant Ministers on this very important matter”.

10(10) Carrick on Suir Town Council – 10th February, 2010

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Justice to introduce as a matter of urgency legislation to regulate the “Head Shop” industry in Ireland and to make provisions to control all products being sold by these outlets”.

11(10) Donegal County Council – 15th February, 2010

That the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government be requested to review and revise current arrangements for the funding and operation of the Coroner's Services".

12(10) Carlow County Council – 17th February, 2010

"That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Environment and Local Government to change the basis on which commercial rates are calculated so that location of premises, size of premises and most importantly ability to pay are factors used when calculating the amount of money owing".

13(10) Tipperary Town Council – 25th February, 2010

"That this Council call on Transport Minister Noel Dempsey and Environment Minister John Gormley to reverse their decision not to provide emergency funding to repair roads damaged by recent bad weather. That this motion be circulated to all town and County Council".

14(10) Ennis Town Council – 25th February, 2010

"That Ennis Town Council request Health Minister Mary Harney and Justice Minister Dermot Aherne immediately put a framework in place to regulate the operation of Headshops".

15(10) Tipperary Town Council – 1st March, 2010

"That this Council, write to the Minister for Health calling on her to instruct the H.S.E not to proceed with the downgrading and possible closure of South Tipperary General Hospital as this decision will have a huge effect on people's health and peace of mind in the County of Tipperary".

16(10) Sligo Borough Council – 2nd March, 2010

"That Sligo Borough Council support the measures contained in the proposals forwarded to the Minister for Finance Mr. Brian Lenihan in August 2009 to prevent any unwarranted repossessions of family homes in the state by Financial Institutions. It is important that legislative changes are made as soon as possible in advance of the full impact of the decline in the Irish Economy on individual family homeowners and mortgagees".

17(10) Sligo Borough Council – 2nd March, 2010

"That Sligo Borough Council calls on the Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan to introduce a NAMA Style Scheme for the 44,000 plus households facing serious arrears in meeting their mortgage payments. This scheme to include a provision for writing off or forgiving borrowers a slice of their home loans, to bring them more in line with current market values of their homes. This motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities".

18(10) Kildare County Council – 4th March, 2010

"This Council calls on the Government to abandon the policy of leasing houses for social housing rather than buying them and that where the Council is buying a number of homes in a development that they be scattered randomly throughout the development rather than clustered together".

19(10) South Tipperary County Council – 5th March, 2010

“That South Tipperary County Council requests the Minister for Health and Children, Ms. Mary Harney, T.D., to reverse the H.S.E.’s decision to centralise all medical card processing to the PCRS Offices in Dublin”.