

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

14th February, 2025

TO: EACH MEMBER OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

A Chara,

Toghairtear leis seo thú chun freastal ar Chruinniú Míosúil mhí na Feabhra de Cheantar Bardasach Chathair Chill Chainnigh a thionólfar ar ordú ón gComhairleoir Andrew McGuinness a thionólfar i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Chontae, Dé hAoine, 14 Feabhra, 2025 ag 2.30 p.m. chun an gnó a dhéanamh mar atá leagtha amach anseo thíos.

You are hereby summoned to attend the December Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City convened by direction of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness to be held in Council Chamber, County Hall on **Friday, 14th February, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.** for the transaction of the business as set out hereunder.

Mise le meas,


Catherine Cooney,
Meeting Administrator.

CLÁR/AGENDA

1. *A Dhaingniú Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe - Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting.*
 - (a) Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 10th January, 2024 (copy enclosed).
2. *Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh Ordú ón Méara - Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.*
3. *County Heritage Strategy for Kilkenny - Regina Fitzpatrick*
4. *Boithre – Roads Monthly Update.*

5. Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion.

1 (25): Proposed by Cllr. John Coonan:

"That traffic calming measures be put in place as a matter of priority.

- Sycamore Drive / Woodbine Avenue

- Fr Hayden Road near to Castle Road."

2 (25): Proposed by Cllr. John Coonan:

"To prioritize safety, can the council take measures to ensure that uninhabited or unused commercial and residential buildings are properly maintained, especially considering recent storms."

3 (25): Proposed by Cllr. Seán Ó hArgáin

"Kilkenny Municipal District notes with concern the continuing decline in the standard and quality of signage on business premises in the city, with some particularly concerning examples in the very recent past. This runs contrary to the long-standing policies of the council, both the county council and the former Borough Council over many years.

Examples of poor practice include corriboard and plastic fascia signage, plastic and adhesive decal signage, neon lighting and upright corriboard signs on street bollards.

This policy is clearly stated in the current County Development Plan, which states:

13.24 Shopfronts

Shopfronts are one of the most important elements in determining the character, quality and of retail streets in urban areas. In order to conserve this distinctive character, the Planning AI will:

o Encourage the maintenance of original shopfronts.

o Encourage the reinstatement of traditional shopfronts where poor replacements have installed

o Promote modern design and high-quality materials where new shopfronts on new or r buildings are being proposed. Where existing shopfronts are of no special merit replacement with a contemporary design is acceptable and if sensitively handled can enhance the appearance of the street.

o Encourage the use of high-quality natural materials in shopfront design.

Notwithstanding some good examples in recent times, we support a return to the strict implementation of these policies including;

1. A clear set of guidelines for premises owners and our planning staff.

2. Adequate resources in our planning section and municipal office to ensure enforcement of these policies, as existed heretofore

3. An annual award system to highlight best practice."

6. Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business.