

- COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNIGH -
KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

*Clár do Ghnáth-Chruinniú Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
le reachtáil ar de Luan, 18 Deireadh Fómhair, 2021 ar a 3.00 i.n.*

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

MONDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 2021 AT 3.00 P.M.
Watergate Theatre, Parliament Street, Kilkenny

1. **Dearbhú Miontuairiscí - Confirmation of Minutes**
 - (i) Minutes of Plenary Meeting of Kilkenny County Council held on Monday, 20th September, 2021 [*copy of Minutes attached*].
 - (ii) Minutes of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Thursday 6th May, 2021 [*copy of Minutes attached*]
 - (ii) Minutes of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Thursday 15th July, 2021 [*copy of 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) Taking in Charge – Completion of Process
Whitescastle, Whitescastle Lower, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny (TC115)
[*Report Attached*].
 - (b) **Bóithre - Roads**
 - (i) Winter Maintenance Plan 2021/2022 [*Report Attached*]
 - (c) **Comhshaol - Environment**
 - (i) Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws for Municipal Districts of Castlecomer, Callan-Thomastown and Piltown [*Report Attached*]
 - (ii) Update on Draft River Basin Management Plan [*Presentation*].
 - (d) **Economic Development - Forbairt Eacnamaíoch**
 - (i) Update: Economic Monitor [*Presentation*]
 - (e) **Gnóthaí Corparáideacha - Corporate Affairs**
 - (i) Chief Executive's Monthly Report [*Report Attached*].

3. **Comhfhreagras - Correspondence**

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: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Thursday 6th May, 2021 [copy of Minutes attached]
 - (ii) Report of SPC 5: Community, Cultural & Fire Services held on Thursday 15th July, 2021 [copy of Minutes 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**
 - (i) Conferences – Request for approval to attend as per circulated list [Attached].
9. **Gnótha ag éirí as Miontuairiscí - Matters Arising from Minutes**
10. **Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business**
11. **Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion**

14 (21) Cllr. Pat Dunphy

“That Kilkenny County Council call on the Minister for Climate Action, Communications and Transport, Mr Eamon Ryan TD, to stop the roll out of 5th generation cellular technology across the country until the system can be vetted and proven safe. Apart from safety concerns, this system is giving rise to a lot of masts appearing in a lot of places without proper analysis of where the best positions are. They should be kept well away from populated areas.

The question has to be asked are providers following the guidelines in the Kilkenny County Development Plan which says that:

- (a) the alternative sites considered and why the alternatives were unsuitable;
- (b) the number of existing masts within a County;
- (c) the long-term plans of the developer in the County and the potential for further masts;
- (d) the plans of other promoters and any prior consultations which the developer may have had with other mast owners;
- (e) all technology shall comply with the strictest environmental quality requirements, including the latest International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines and mitigate adequately against the potential to impact negatively on human health and wellbeing.

It does seem that if a provider owns a site in a built up area then they apply for a mast on that site as they own the site without showing that alternative sites were looked at. Kilkenny County Council call on the Minister to include points A to E in legislation to ensure those steps are carried out by providers”.

15 (21) Cllr. Deirdre Cullen

“Kilkenny County Council supports the introduction of legislation to make 'Stalking' a standalone criminal offence in Irish law and supports the passage of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person (*Amendment*) (*Stalking*) Bill 2021 introduced by Fianna Fáil Senator Lisa Chambers in Seanad Éireann. Noting that the Irish Law Reform Commission recommended in their 2016 Report on Harmful Communications and Digital Safety that consideration should be given to the creation of a standalone offence of 'Stalking' citing evidence from other jurisdictions, in particular Scotland, England and Wales, where reporting and prosecution of such offences increased following the introduction of 'Stalking' as a standalone criminal offence.”

16 (21) Cllr. Maria Dollard

“That Kilkenny County Council agrees to place on the Agenda of Plenary and Municipal meetings, as a standing item: ‘*Climate Action*’ in order to provide a focus on the work of Kilkenny County Council and the wider community, as leaders for championing action.”

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***

67 (21) Leitrim County Council

“That Leitrim County Council write to the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and the Minister for Agriculture seeking to have our river drainage boards reinstated, in this County, in order to alleviate the serious water-logging of agricultural land and very serious flooding in many areas. Also, that this motion be forwarded to the Councils of all neighbouring counties, as they, too, are in the same predicament.”

68 (21) Leitrim County Council

“That Leitrim County Council call on the Government to introduce a comprehensive housing grant scheme for the renovation or reconstruction of old and derelict houses in rural areas and in towns and villages.”

69 (21) Clare County Council

"Re Streetscape Enhancement Grant Scheme 2021: That Clare County Council call on Heather Humphries, Minister of Rural and Community Development to extend the date for works to be completed from 5th November, 2021 to allow successful applicants sufficient time to complete same".

70 (21) Meath County Council

“That Meath County Council calls on the Department of Agriculture to put in place a policy to control Japanese Knot Weed on agricultural land and private property and to take responsibility for the eradication of this invasive species. Local Authorities across the country have already invested heavily to eradicate this weed from the sides of the roads.”