



Áras Chill Dara
Páirc Devoy
An Nás
Co. Chill Dara

13 Feabhra 2026
13 February 2026

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach ball tofa de Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara

A Bhaill Uile,

Tionólfar cruinniú míosúil na Comhairle ar **3:00 i.n.** ar an **Luan, 23 Feabhra 2026 i Seomra na Comhairle, Áras Chill Dara, Páirc Devoy, An Nás**, agus iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair.

The monthly meeting of the council will be held at **3:00 p.m.** on **Monday, 23 February 2026 in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas**, and you are invited to attend.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Letitia Hanratty
Riarthóir Cruinnithe
Meetings Administrator



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Agenda

- 1. Dearbhuithe um (a) coinbhleachtaí leasa nó (b) leasanna airgid nó leasanna tairbhiúla faoi Alt 177 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil 2001, arna leasú.**
Declarations of (a) conflicts of interest or (b) pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.
- 2. Glacadh le miontuairiscí an chruinnithe pleanála speisialta agus an chruinnithe mhíosúil a reáchtáladh ar an 26 Eanáir 2026 (ceangailte) agus an tuarascáil ar dhul chun cinn a thabhairt faoi deara (leanfar leis seo).**
To adopt the minutes of the special meeting (planning) and the monthly meeting held on 26 January 2026 (attached) and to note progress report (to follow).

Gnó Reachtúil

Statutory Business

- 3.** To note the Chief Executive's monthly management report (copy attached).
- 4.** To consider nomination to the Housing and Regeneration Strategic Policy Committee (Social Inclusion Panel) (report to follow).
- 5.** To consider Audit Committee Charter (report to follow).
- 6.** To consider Audit Committee Work Programme 2026 (report to follow).
- 7.** To receive reports from members appointed to Other Bodies, pursuant to Section 141 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended (reports to follow).
- 8.** Cathaoirleach's Business.
- 9.** Correspondence (to follow).
- 10.** Conferences and Training (report to follow).



Tuarascáil agus Moltaí ó Choistí

Committee Reports and Recommendations

11. To receive an update from Historic Monuments Advisory Committee (to follow).

Rúin Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara

Motions Kildare County Council

12. **Na Comhairleoirí – Councillors Pádraig McEvoy, Angela Feeney, Rob Power, Peggy O'Dwyer, Chris Pender and Carmel Kelly**

That the council, recognising the increased complexity of managing flood risk linked to climate change in the ESB-controlled River Liffey catchment, engages with relevant stakeholders to install electronic water-level monitoring stations at key locations, including Clane and Newbridge, to improve understanding of hydrological response and support climate adaptation and flood preparedness, with data made publicly available through the OPW waterlevel.ie platform.

13. **Na Comhairleoirí – Councillors Evie Sammon, Kevin Duffy, William Durkan, Brendan Wyse, and Ivan Keatley**

Given the imminent cessation of APCOA's contract, that the council considers moving to a model of Community Wardens, where wardens would have broad enforcement powers in the areas of parking enforcement, litter fines and enforcement of responsible dog ownership; similar to the model in place in Cork City Council and Dublin City Council.

14. **Na Comhairleoirí – Councillors Brian O'Loughlin and Veralouise Behan**

That the council provides an update on the progress of the proposed pathway/camino connecting the St. Brigid sights around County Kildare.

15. **An Comhairleoir – Councillor Nuala Killeen**



That the council expands the successful Celbridge 'Access All Areas' initiative to all towns in County Kildare in 2026 contributing to Kildare's commitment to accessibility and inclusivity for all and that members support this campaign in reaching all businesses throughout the county to make Kildare accessible and inclusive for all; so that everyone can live, work, shop and travel safely in our community, feel valued and welcomed.

Access All Areas is an award-winning campaign developed by Celbridge Disability Access Group (CDAG), supporting local business in making Business Accessible to All. CDAG is working in partnership with Celbridge businesses to make people with disabilities feel valued and welcomed.

16. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Tom McDonnell

That the council, in recognition of the critical need to protect farmland for food production, food security and the equine industry, adopts a clear policy position on opposing large or small ground mounted solar panels on farmland and direct officials to have full regard to this position on relevant planning permission applications.

17. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Bill Clear

That the council reviews and clarifies its current policy and operational criteria for the installation, approval and enforcement of yellow box junction markings across the county.

18. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Peter Melrose

That the council expands its flag policy to include the council's practice in relation to the flying of flags at all council-owned land including the decision-making process for requests relating to the same.

19. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Suzanne Doyle

Recognising the success of Spirit of Brigid Festival and the momentum gathering behind this date in calendar, both Nationally & Internationally, that we host a SWOT workshop with key stakeholders in order to build on the momentum of this event and inform planning for successive years.



20. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Pat Balfe

That the Council outlines its current policy or position in respect of council-owned dwellings and the installation of solar PV systems where a tenant qualifies as medically vulnerable under national criteria and engages with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), and electricity suppliers to establish whether medically vulnerable council tenants can avail a suitable scheme on an equitable basis with Kildare County Council as landlord, and examines the legal, financial, and operational implications for the Council in facilitating or participating in this scheme for eligible council tenants.

21. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Brian Dooley

That this Council, in light of recent flood risks in this county and in neighbouring counties Laois and Carlow, writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning and An Coimisiún Pleanála to express concern about the overdue decision on Waterways Ireland's application for maintenance works on the River Barrow. To highlight the importance of these works for flood prevention and mitigation, and the negative impact of legislative changes that now prevent essential maintenance and remedial activities previously permitted, limiting Waterways Ireland and Inland Waterways Ireland in their ability to protect towns, villages and homes from flooding.

22. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Tim Durkan

That the council writes to the National Transport Authority requesting a full review of the active travel design specifications for adjoining footpath and cycle lanes given recent accidents across the county including Mill Street Maynooth, Louisa Bridge Leixlip, Naas, Kilcullen Road and Newbridge.

23. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Donna Phelan

That the council explores additional and more accessible ways of communicating how to fill out Housing Grants Applications including Housing Aid for Older People Grant, Housing Adaption Grant for Disabled People and Mobility Aids Grant similar to Clare County Councils video guide (<https://vimeo.com/1025157804>) and to compliment recent Kildare County Council You Tube video that explains Housing Aid Grants.



24. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Claire O'Rourke

That the council provides a webcast library of council meetings on our website. By providing a webcast library we would ensure transparency and openness and enable people who cannot attend or view live meetings due to work, caregiving responsibilities or other constraints, to stay informed about council decisions.

25. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Rupert Heather

That the council provides a breakdown by municipal district of the number and location of School Traffic Wardens currently deployed. The report should outline the policies and criteria used for approving placements and set out how the council plans to future-proof the service in light of population growth, increased traffic, and rising school enrolment.

26. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Noel Connolly

Go scríobhfaidh Comhairle Contae Chill Dara chuig an tAire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht ag iarraidh air na critéir maidir le hiarratas a dhéanamh ar dheontas uasghrádaithe umar séipteach a leathnú, chun go bhféadfadh úinéirí tí iarratas a dhéanamh ar bhonn riachtanais seachas na critéir sriantacha reatha.

That the council writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage asking him to expand the criteria for applying for a septic tank upgrade grant, to allow householders to apply on the basis of need rather than the current restrictive criteria.

27. An Comhairleoir – Councillor Mark Leigh

That the council introduces a Green Dog Walkers scheme to proactively change attitudes to dog fouling in Kildare.