



Áras Chill Dara

Páirc Devoy

An Nás

Co. Chill Dara

17 January 2025

Don Chathaoirleach is gach ball den Chomhairle Chondae

A Bhaill Uile,

Tionólfar cruinniú míosúil den Chomhairle Chondae ar 3.00 tráthnóna dé Lúain, an 27ú Eanáir 2025 i seomra na Chomhairle, Áras Chill Dara, Páirc Devoy, An Nás, agus iarrtar ort bheith i láthair.

The monthly meeting of the council will be held at **3.00 p.m. on Monday, 27 January 2025 in the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas**, and you are invited to attend.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Letitia Hanratty

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Meetings Administrator



Clár Agenda

1. Fógra um (a) leasanna coinbhleachtaí nó (b) leasanna airgeadais nó leasanna tairbhúla faoin 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. Chun miontuairiscí cruinniú míosúil ar an 16ú Nollaig 2024 (cóip ceangailte), miontuairiscí specialta an 19ú Nollaig 2024 (cóip ceangailte), agus chun tuarascáil dul chun cinn a thabhairt faoi deara (tuarascáil le leanúint).
To adopt the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 16 December 2024 (attached), the special meeting held on 19 December 2024 (attached) and to note progress report (to follow).

Gnó Reachtúil Statutory Business

3. To note the Chief Executives monthly management report (copy attached).
4. To fill casual vacancy in the office of Leas Chathaoirleach.
5. To fill vacancies on the following committees and other bodies following election of 4 members to Dáil Éireann
 - Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services SPC (2 vacancies)
 - Environmental Services and Water SPC
 - Local Community and Cultural SPC (Vacancy in Chair)
 - Audit Committee
 - Coiste Gaeilge (3 vacancies)
 - Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
 - Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance (IPBMI)
 - Kildare Town Heritage Company CLG
 - Local Authority Members association (LAMA)
 - Kildare-Meath Grid Upgrade Community Forum
 - Midlands Regional Transition Team (Cathaoirleach is representative on this)



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6. To nominate a member of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District to the Local Community Safety Partnership.
 7. To rescind the special speed limits of 60 km/h on rural local roads as adopted by by-law in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001, to comply with Section 10E of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (as amended) (copies of schedule of maps to follow).
 8. To receive the bi-annual update from Development Control Section on the taking in charge of estates (copy attached).
 9. To receive bi-annual update on Climate Action (report to follow).
 10. Gnó an Chathaoirleach/Cathaoirleachs Business.
 11. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence (copies to follow).
 12. Comhdhálacha agus Oiliúint/Conferences and training (report to follow).

Tairisceana na Comhairle Contae **Motions Kildare County Council**

13. **Councillors Tracey O Dwyer, William Durkin, Brendan Wyse, Evie Sammon, Peggy O Dwyer, Kevin Duffy, Fintan Brett, Paul Brooks, Lumi Panaite Fahey and Tim Durkan**
That Kildare County Council meets with the ESB for the purpose of agreeing a streamlined internal reporting, tracking and payment system to include an agreed turnaround timeline for repairs to public lighting.
14. **Councillors Suzanne Doyle, Rob Power, Daragh Fitzpatrick, Paul Ward, David Trost, Bernard Caldwell, Carmel Kelly and Veralouise Behan**
That the council reviews salting policies for the County, having regard to the potential of providing salt at appropriate locations for voluntary groups supporting community



and a needs analysis based on a growing County and that a system be devised that recognises new strategic developments that will impact selected routes.

15. Councillors Peter Melrose and Pat Balfe

That the council creates a salt bin purchase and fill scheme for residential housing including housing estates and urban/rural clusters of housing.

16. Councillor Brian O'Loughlin

That the council prioritises one main road in all small towns and villages in Co. Kildare for salting during freezing weather to allow access to emergency services, public transport and national roads.

17. Councillor Donna Phelan

That the council outlines what progress has been made to make Kildare an Autism Friendly County following a motion passed by Kildare County Council in November 2023.

18. Councillor Brian Dooley

That the council invites the CEO of Iarnród Éireann to a full council meeting to discuss future passenger and freight developments in the County.

19. Councillor Bill Clear

That the council provides details of the numbers on the housing list compared with the same time in 2024, broken down by the number on the medical priority list, details of whether they are Irish, EU or non-EU and how many on the list are in emergency accommodation.

20. Councillor Seamie Moore

That this council agree that a letter issue to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, requesting that they review their Guidelines regarding the Strategic Policy Committee Schemes, to include a provision that external representatives continue to occupy their positions on SPCs until such time as newly appointed representatives take up their appointment, regardless of the process of



making a new SPC Scheme. This will ensure the continuity of the business of SPCs, immediately following a local election.

21. Councillor Noel Connolly

Go dtabharfaidh Comhairle Contae Chill Dara tuairisc do na Comhaltaí ar an ngníomh atá á dhéanamh chun rialáil an mhargaidh cíosa ghearrthearma sa Chontae a fhiosrú agus a fhorghníomhú; líon na maoine i gCill Dara atá ar fáil faoi láthair ar cíós trí Airbnb agus/nó Booking.com a áireamh; líon na maoine sin atá á ligean ar cíós ar feadh níos lú ná 90 lá agus atá cláraithe le haghaidh díolúine; líon na réadmhaoine seo atá á ligean ar cíós ar feadh níos mó ná 90 lá agus a bhfuil iarratas déanta acu ar chead pleanála le haghaidh athrú úsáide; agus má tá aon áitribh i gCill Dara faoi láthair atá ar ligean gearrthéarmach ar feadh bliana.

That Kildare County Council reports to the Members on the action being taken to investigate and enforce the regulation of the short term rental market in the County; to include the number of properties in Kildare that are currently available to rent through Airbnb and/or Booking.com; the number of these properties that are being rented for less than 90 days and have registered for an exemption; the number of these properties that are being rented for more than 90 days and have applied for planning permission for a change of use; and if there are currently any properties in Kildare that are year-long short-term lets.

22. Councillor Claire O'Rourke

That the council agrees to form a special committee to progress the implementation of Jake's Law in County Kildare to protect pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable walkers in built up areas and near schools.

23. Councillor Noel Heavey

In the context of the impending national reduction of the speed limit on rural roads [from 80 to 60 km per hour] and the ever increasing volume of traffic on roads in our county, this council refers the matter of commissioning a pilot scheme of fixed and or variable positioned speed cameras and other technical advances used in other countries, to Transport SPC to interact with Road Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána a sustainable means of enforcing compliance to speed limits.



24. Councillor Nuala Killeen

That the council establishes a pilot to trial the High Street Rental Auctions in one commercial building which has been vacant for more than two years or up to 5 years, with the agreement of a landlord, and use the pilot to meet a 'Local Benefit Condition,' which would demonstrate an economic, social or environmental benefit to the area.

25. Councillor Chris Pender

That Kildare County Council acknowledges the critical role of Homeless HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) in addressing and preventing homelessness and recognises that its application in Kildare appears to differ significantly from other local authorities, where it is often used as a preventive tool. To address this, the council is requested to provide a comprehensive report detailing the current criteria and processes for awarding Homeless HAP, the rationale behind these criteria, and how they compare to other counties, alongside relevant statistics on its use and outcomes. Furthermore, the council is urged to immediately review the existing criteria with a view to expanding its use as a homelessness prevention measure, supporting individuals and families at risk of losing their homes, and aligning with national best practices.