Kildare County Council



Áras Chill Dara Páirc Devoy An Nás Co. Chill Dara

20 May 2022

Don Chathaoirleach is gach ball den Chomhairle Chondae

A Bhaill Uile,

Tionólfar cruinniú míosúil den Chomhairle Chondae ar 3.00 tráthnóna dé Lúain, an 30ú Bealtaine 2022 i Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, agus iarrtar ort bheith i láthair.

The monthly meeting of the council will be held at **3.00 p.m.** on **Monday, 30 May 2022 in Maynooth University**, and you are invited to attend.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Karen Keane

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Meetings Administrator



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Agenda

- Fógra um leasanna airgeadais nó leasanna tairbhúla faoin alt 177 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil 2001, arna leasú.
 - Declaration of pecuniary or beneficial interests under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.
- 2. Chun miontuairiscí cruinniú míosúil ar an 25ú Aibreán 2022 (cóip ceangailte) agus chun tuarascáil dul chun cinn a thabhairt faoi deara (tuarascáil le leanúint).
 To adopt the minutes of the monthly meeting on 25 April 2022 (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 consider pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended, the approval of a Section 85 Agreement with South Dublin County Council to facilitate the N4 Liffey Valley Bridge Remedial works (reports attached).
- **5.** To note the Audit Committee Annual Report 2021 (report attached).
- 6. To consider and adopt the 2021 Annual Report, including the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2021 progress report and the Corporate Plan progress report for 2021 (reports attached).
- 7. Gnó an Chathaoirleach/Cathaoirleachs Business.
- **8.** Comhfhreagras/Correspondence (copies to follow).
- **9.** Comhdhálacha agus Oiliúint/Conferences and training (report to follow).



Tuarascáil agus Moltaí ó Choistí Committee Reports and Recommendations

10. To receive a report from the Chair of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

11. Recommendation from the May meeting of the Kildare-Newbridge Municipal District Committee.

That Comhairle Contae Chill Dara liaise with Coillte, the OPW and other relevant bodies to erect signs to improve the awareness around ticks causing Lymes Disease at our scenic areas, public bogs, woodlands and other suitable areas in the county (report to follow).

Tairisceana na Comhairle Contae Motions Kildare County Council

12. Councillors Tracey O'Dwyer and Kevin Duffy

That the council take an approach to immediately allocate vacant council houses/units that only have minor works outstanding (excluding fire or electrical issues) given the critical housing needs and the excessive cost of materials and labour, and schedule these minor works post occupation with prior tenancy agreement.

13. Councillors Aoife Breslin and Ciara Galvin

That Kildare County Council undertakes to promote and deliver apprenticeships particularly in light of the shortage of tradespersons in the current climate and the need to deliver housing.

14. Councillor Suzanne Doyle

That having regard to the persistent housing crisis, an assessment of derelict/ unfinished/ abandoned houses in the county be considered by the relevant SPC/SPCs with a view to reviewing and addressing obstacles that may be preventing these properties from becoming part of the active housing stock of the county.



15. Councillor Bill Clear

That Kildare County Council provides a report on the empty and derelict houses in County Kildare that are in the ownership of the council, to include what stage each house is at in relation to the time required, and the issues involved to bring the property up to rental standards.

16. Councillor Brian Dooley

That having regard to Section RH13 of the rural housing criteria within the current County Development Plan, that Kildare County Council provides a report on planning permissions that have been granted under RH13 since the current Development Plan was adopted broken down by municipal district area, to include the number of houses permitted, the number of clusters permitted to include the number of houses in each cluster, and the dates on which the permissions were issued.

17. Councillor Angela Feeney

That the council initiates a public consultation on how best to make public spaces safer for all citizens, paying particular attention to the female perspective and to carry out a safety audit of all its public spaces with a view to re-designing these with safety needs in mind.

18. Councillor Mark Stafford

That the council provide an annual report/briefing to members on all relevant litigation matters in which the council is a party or a notice party to, to include without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, all relevant personal injury claims, judicial reviews, planning injunctions, breach of contract and enforcement matters.

19. Councillor Seamie Moore

That a strong re-statement of policy be made by the Directors of Roads,
Transportation and Public Safety, the Director of Environment, Water Services and
Climate Action and the Town Managers, that any refocus on improving the ecosystem
by reducing the cutting of grass areas, planting of wastelands with pollinator flower
seeds, eliminating toxic weed killer sprays or developing a bee friendly environment,
will not come at the unjustifiable neglect of allowing our town pavements, kerbs and



streets to freely become grass and weed-growing areas that do not require continuous removal.

20. Councillor Peter Hamilton

That the council prepares a creative dog waste awareness campaign to again reinforce better waste management in our communities and to reiterate how to properly dispose of dog waste.

21. Councillor Noel Connolly

That Comhairle Contae Chill Dara liaises with Cycling Without Age (https://cyclingwithoutage.ie/) or another suitable body with a view to procuring a number of Trishaws for community use by older people throughout the county.

22. Councillor Peggy O'Dwyer

That the council furnishes a detailed breakdown on the maintenance allocation and spend on local authority housing stock over the last five years, broken down by municipal district area.

23. Councillor Colm Kenny

That considering the Kildare Noise Action Plan 2019-23 states that "the implementation of the Action Plan will be reviewed and reported within the Fourth Round Noise Action Plan", that the council upload the relevant annual reports to the council's website for (1) 2019-20 and (2) 2021, for the information of the general public and if this is not possible, an explanation given why the information cannot be made available in this way.

24. Councillor Chris Pender

That further to my motion to the February 2020 council meeting, that Kildare County Council confirms the number of properties in Kildare that are currently available to rent under Airbnb; how many of these properties are being rented for less than 90 days and have registered for exemption with us, their local authority; how many of these are properties that are being rented 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 and therefore prohibited in Kildare due to our Rent-Pressure Zone status?

25. Councillor Vanessa Liston

That recognising the importance of active community engagement and empowerment in reaching our 2030 climate targets, the council starts a process to co-develop a strategy that will support, harness and engage with citizen science in the development of relevant policies and actions.

26. Councillor Nuala Killeen

That Kildare County Council considers the acquisition of a pop up pool in 2023 for the provision of interim swimming facilities that can accommodate up to 1400 persons in the community per week through, as per the SWIM Ireland innovative pop up pool solution and in the interim; considers a temporary rental for a period of 12 weeks as an initial starting point to resolve the long outstanding need for provision of swimming amenities for all communities in Kildare which will enable children to learn to swim and will offer all cohorts of the community an opportunity to swim for leisure.

27. Councillor Fiona McLoughlin Healy

That the council clarifies the process by which persons are proposed/recommended/ approved for Approved Housing Body homes and by whom, to include the detail and clarification of any change in the process - the application, review, interview, recommendation, approval process - including clarification as to whether potential tenants could in the past be recommended for units by the AHBs themselves, even where persons recommended were not on the councils housing list.