

Áras Chill Dara  
Páirc Devoy  
An Nás  
Co Kildare  
15 January 2016

**Do'n mhéara is gach ball de'n Chomhairle Chondae**

A Bhail Uile,

Tionólfar cruinniú míosúil de'n Chomhairle Chondae ar 2.00 tráthnóna dé Lúain, an 25 Eanáir 2016, 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 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 25 January 2016 in the council chamber, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, and you are invited to attend.

Le gach dea ghuí,

A. Aspell  
Meetings Administrator

**Clár  
(Agenda)**

1. Chun miontuairisci chruinnithe an 18 Nollaig 2015 a ghlacadh agus chun tuarascáil dul chun cinn a thabhairt faoi ndeara.  
To adopt minutes of monthly meeting of 18 December 2015 and to note progress report. (copy attached).

**Gnó Reachtúil  
(Statutory Business)**

**General**

2. To approve disposal of the following land:
  - 36.3 sq m Highfield Park, Kilcock, Co. Kildare  
(Statutory notices already circulated).
3. To fill casual vacancy in the membership of the council (report attached).
4. To fill committee vacancies and to appoint representatives to external bodies, arising from casual vacancy, as follows:
  - County Twinning Committee
  - Joint Policing Committee
  - Economic, Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee
5. To note monthly management report (report attached).

**Economic Development, Enterprise and Corporate Services**

6. To receive presentation on video representation of Kildare County Council's Corporate Plan 2015-2019
7. To receive presentation with regard to launch of rebranded kildare.ie website
8. To receive presentation from the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. **(2.40 pm)**

9. Gnó an Mhéara/Mayor's Business.

10. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.

11. Comhdhálacha agus Traenáil/Conferences and Training (report to follow)

## **Tairsceanna Curtha Siar (Feidhmeanna na Comhairle Contae) Adjourned Motions (Kildare County Council Functions)**

### **12. Councillor Reada Cronin**

To amend resolution of the council, taken at special meeting of Kildare County Council on 5 November 2015, to agree a rate of €10,000 per megawatt of capacity for wind turbines. (Standing order no. 13 refers):

In light of the lack of debate in which the Development Contribution Scheme for 2015-2022 was passed and further to an indication that further debate would follow, that this council requests that private commercial wind turbines built in the county are charged at a rate of €100,000 per megawatt of capacity and that we consider the current proposal of €10,000 far too low for developments that will create tens of millions of euro each over their lifetime. This will increase the council finances to invest in community projects and deliver for-profit wind turbine companies a strong message that if they wish to build industrial wind farms in our county, that they will be paying for this privilege.

### **13. Councillor Mark Lynch**

Ireland has the lowest level of forest cover in Europe at 11% vs the EU average of 20% and as a council we must do more to promote the planting of native sustainable forestry and to this effect this Council will take steps to reforest land within its possession that is currently lying idle on green or brown field sites. This will reduce the counties carbon footprint, increase water and air quality, increase public amenities and offer the council a new future revenue stream.

### **14. Councillor Thomas Redmond**

That this council review the SPC's associated with this Council and the amount of policy brought forward within the period so far of this Council. The Government reforms have

not provided Councillors with the tools to assess the efficiency of their particular SPCs. The reforms brought in have not extended the amount of SPCs even though there are over 30% more councillors than the last Kildare County Council.

### **15. Councillor James Lawless**

That this council establish a task force to review derelict buildings in the county and employ a mixture of carrot and stick approaches to move these sites into productive, maintained units including compulsory acquisition if necessary.

### **16. Councillor Fiona McLoughlin-Healy**

In the interests of transparency that we permit recording equipment in the chamber for public meetings. The cost of live-streaming has reduced significantly and can no longer be considered prohibitive. And in the event that live streaming be still considered too costly that other options be examined as soon as possible. The minimum requirement is to permit recording equipment in the Council Chamber for public meetings.

## **Tairsceanna Láithreach (Feidhmeanna na Comhairle Contae) Current Motions (Kildare County Council Functions)**

### **17. Councillor Martin Miley**

That the council give the members a detailed outline of the housing allocation policy; (i) directives made by national government to Kildare County Council on allocation of houses, (ii) the criteria used for allocating council houses, (iii) the criteria used for purchasing houses, (iv) does local need meet any criteria, (v) the role of the county councillor in the allocation of houses.

### **18. Councillor Suzanne Doyle**

That the Chief Executive report on policies and processes in place for the operation of sand and gravel pits in the County, having regard to recent developments in the Kildare Newbridge Municipal area, if he will outline the level of monitoring that takes place and if he will further indicate the extent to which the Council ensures that all planning conditions are complied with in so far as these developments are concerned, and to further ask if he will outline the plans in place to ensure the restoration of these quarries as conditioned by their planning permission including details of provisions for bonds to secure restoration.

### **19. Councillor Seamie Moore**

That members request our Chief Executive and Senior Planner to exhort the Minister for Community and Local Government, in the strongest possible terms, to desist and remove the classification usage by Strategic Planners of proposing lands for Community and Amenity Zoning in new Development Plans, unless the lands are already in public ownership or it is accompanied by a CPO commitment, as otherwise the official proposal is falsely misleading elected members and local communities into supporting local plans on the basis that the community will enjoy the facilities of such necessary lands.

### **20. Councillor John McGinley**

That a report be given to Council on the steps being taken to upgrade our Regional Roads now that the National Oversight & Audit Committee have state that Kildare has the highest levels of structural defects on Regional Roads in the country.

### **21. Councillor Mark Wall**

Given the recent flooding experienced in the county that Kildare County Council target a work plan on rivers and drains , specifically removing and targeting illegal dumping that caused so much problems, but also ensuring that drain and river outflows are maintained and checked on an agreed basis.

### **22. Councillor Mark Lynch**

That this council carries out a full review of its public consultation process and seeks to modify the process from being box ticking exercise, to becoming a more inclusive process whereby more broad interest is sought from the public. This should be done to make the consultation process more accessible through allowing short submissions alongside ceasing using excessive barriers within the process such as seeking insurance details, articles of associations etc just to express interest. All public consultations should be open to all groups and individuals and should in all cases allow emailed submissions from the group/person in regards to their ideas, opinion or observation on an initiative but without the need for excessive information such as above. This will ensure all public consultations are truly open and not overly prescriptive or challenging to those submitting.

### **23. Councillor Thomas Redmond**

That the Council provide members with a list containing full details of all consultant firms engaged by Kildare County Council, the projects they were hired for and the full amounts paid to each firm from January 2014 to December 2015.

### **24. Councillor Brendan Young**

Kildare County Council notes the recent flooding and flood risk along the Liffey in Kildare – from Ballymore Eustace to Leixlip; we also note that global warming is causing a continuous rise of sea levels and will restrict the facility to rapidly release water from flooding rivers, thus undermining the effectiveness of flood defenses along the river. We similarly note the effective refusal of the insurance industry to provide flood cover to householders in areas they regard as being at risk of repeated flooding and call on the Minister of Finance to use his powers of licensing to compel companies to provide cover – as is the case in many other European countries. Kildare County Council resolves to promptly review our flood defence plans in a context of rising sea levels; to review the Kildare County Development Plan with a view to excluding from development areas known to be flood plains or prone to flooding and to allow for river expansion in flood conditions (and to avoid any local repetition of the current controversy in Bettystown). Kildare County Council also resolves to invite the internationally recognised authority on global warming and climate change, Prof John Sweeney of NUIM, to address the Council and advise on likely weather patterns and climate change if current rates of greenhouse gas emissions persist; and advise on measures and policies to reduce the risk of destructive climate change.

### **25. Councillor Fiona McLoughlin-Healy**

That the Council provide a report on the €86m allocated to Kildare County Council for social housing, including details of breakdown between build and buy and between any other relevant categories including but not exclusive to open market purchase , NAMA and voluntary housing associations funding.

### **26. Councillor Fiona O'Loughlin**

That Kildare County Council examine all areas that flooded in the last few weeks and agree a plan of flood defence mechanisms where necessary and also develop a plan to deal with third parties whose actions have inadvertently caused flooding problems .

### **27. Councillor Mark Stafford**

That the Council conduct an investigation into the number of roads in the county that are not dedicated as public roads (or internal roads), the length and condition of these roads and the number of dwellings abutting private roads and that on completion of this database that the council will devise a specific policy in relation to the dedication of these roads as public roads on a phased basis.

### **28. Councillor Joanne Pender**

That Kildare County Council accepts that the Social Housing Strategy 2020 is inadequate, calls on the government to review housing policy to prioritise directly building good quality housing to passive standards and rejects the privatisation of social housing as the solution to the housing crisis. Kildare County Council should also outline to members a detailed breakdown of how the €86 million that was allocated to provide social housing will be spent.

## **Tairsceanna Curtha Siar(Nach feidhmeanna na Comhairle Contae iad) Adjourned Motions (Non-Kildare County Council Functions)**

### **29. Councillor Sorcha O'Neill**

That this council writes to the minister for children and youth affairs to ascertain how many of the newly recruited staff and extra budget allocation for Tusla will go to clear the backlog of 550 suspected cases of child abuse in Kildare and West Wicklow. That this letter also outlines that Kildare has the highest population of young people in the country and a higher demand for social services for children than both Tallaght and Ballyfermot combined but do not have the same resources as these areas. This letter should ask why Kildare has been both under resourced and over looked, how they plan to address this inequality and corresponding timeline.

### **30. Councillor Brendan Young**

Kildare Co Council notes the unacceptable situation at Naas Hospital where patients are regularly kept waiting on trolleys and staff have to deal with continuous overcrowding, which is putting patient safety at risk. The Council extends its support to the hospital staff who are taking industrial action in order to protect services and patient safety. We send our support to the staff and their organisations. We call for increased investment to

expand Naas hospital capacity over and above the current expansion proposals, which will not be sufficient to meet the needs of the growth in population. We note that Ireland's acute bed capacity is 2.8 / 1000 people while the OECD average is 4.8 and call for an increase of acute bed capacity in Naas. We call on the Government to acknowledge the underinvestment in health care and to increase spending in order to reinstate the 3000 beds eliminated in the 1980's and prevent a deeper crisis in our health care system.

### **Tairsceanna Láithreach (Nach feidhmeanna na Comhairle Contae iad) Current Motions (Non-Kildare County Council Functions)**

#### **31. Councillor Réada Cronin and Councillor Íde Cussen**

This Council calls on the Irish Government Minister for Heritage Heather Humphreys TD to intervene immediately to halt the current works on the historic Moore Street 1916 terrace which involve the virtual destruction of Number 18, the inappropriate encroachment on the National Monument 14-17 and the potential demolition of the remaining buildings on the terrace (10-25), based on the plan of the previous developer Chartered Land. We call on the Minister to work with the 1916 relatives and all relevant stakeholders to implement a new plan which would conserve and develop the terrace 10-25 and create an historic 1916 quarter, and not allow such shameful destruction in the Centenary of the Easter Rising to continue.

#### **32. Councillor Sorcha O'Neill**

That this council writes to the Government citing our dissatisfaction that Ireland has not ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Convention of 2007. It is a shameful reflection on Ireland in making people with disabilities wait over nine years for implementation of their human rights in this country. We ask that the legislation required is put in place without further delay and that it is ratified within the next 12 months.