

Áras Chill Dara  
Páirc Devoy  
An Nás  
Co Kildare  
16 January 2015

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

A Bhaill Uile,

Tionólfar cruinniú míosúil de'n Chomhairle Chondae ar 2.00 tráthnóna dé Lúain, an 26 Eanáir 2015, 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, 26 January 2015 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 20 Deireadh Fómhair 2014, 26 Samhain 2014 agus 22 Nollaig 2014 a ghlacadh agus chun tuarascáil dul chun cinn a thabhairt faoi ndeara.  
To adopt minutes of monthly meeting of 20 October 2014, 26 November 2014 and 22 December 2014 and to note progress report.  
(copy attached).

**Gnó Reachtúil  
(Statutory Business)  
General**

2. To approve disposal of the following land:
  - 0.0568 has of land at Blackwood, Robertstown, Co Kildare
  - Lease of building at Basin Street, Naas, Co Kildare(Statutory notices already circulated).
3. To fill casual vacancy in the membership of the council.
4. To fill committee vacancies and to appoint representative to external bodies, arising from casual vacancy, as follows:
  - Protocol Committee
  - Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)
  - Kildare Sports and Leisure Facilities Ltd
  - Strategic Policy Committee
5. To appoint a member to the Audit Committee (report attached).
6. To make appointments to Strategic Policy Committees (report attached).
7. To note monthly management report (report attached).

### **Planning and Economic Development**

8. To consider material contravention of the Kildare County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 in respect of planning reference number in Register 14/605.

The proposed development, if permitted, will consist of the erection a regional school of excellence for the training of hygienists and embalmers catering for the Funeral Directors Association together with staff offices and Chapel of Rest style funeral parlour for all types of funeral services totalling 220.0m<sup>2</sup> including car-parking, landscaping, connection to main foul sewer, and new site access as permitted under light industrial planning reference number 10/643 and all associated site development works at Allenwood, Naas. Applicant – Brendan Carroll.

The proposed development would contravene materially the zoning objective for the site, outlined in the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017, in particular, Chapter 17 - Allenwood Village Plan, is objective Q, Enterprise and Employment - "*to promote the development of employment generating uses*" (report to follow).

9. To receive presentation from Dr Philip Nolan regarding development plan for Maynooth University (3:00 p.m.).

### **Housing, Community and Cultural Services**

10. To receive briefing on the Kildare Integration Strategy (report attached).
11. To receive presentation on the Kildare Library Service Development Plan 2015-2019 (copy attached).

### **Financial Services**

12. To note Audit Report 2013 (copy attached).
13. Gnó an Mhéara/Mayor's Business.
14. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.

15. Comhdhálacha agus Traenáil/Conferences and Training

**Moltai o Choisti Curtha Siar**

**(Adjourned Committee Reports and Recommendations)**

16. **Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District**

That the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District call on the council to tell the Government to listen to the people of Kildare and scrap the water charges

17. **Energy Committee**

That the council provide an update on the progress for a County Kildare Wind Energy Strategy along with an outline of the steps to be taken to vary the County Development Plan.

**Tairsceanna Curtha Siar (Feidhmeanna na Comhairle Contae)**

**Adjourned Motions (Kildare County Council Functions)**

18. **Councillor Fiona O'Loughlin**

That the council explore all options and work with central government to ensure all areas of Kildare (and particularly areas of North West Kildare which is particularly badly served) have a good and efficient broadband service.

19. **Councillor Brendan Young**

In light of recent letters from Meath and Wicklow County Councils to RAS tenants saying that failure to pay water charges could put a tenancy in jeopardy, the council resolves to publicly declare that the council will not evict, threaten to evict, refuse or threaten to refuse to renew a tenancy or otherwise put RAS or other council tenants in fear of losing a tenancy should they choose to exercise their democratic right to civil disobedience in refusing to pay the water charge and resolves to request of the private landlords involved in the RAS scheme that they act in like manner.

20. **Councillor Suzanne Doyle**

That this council terminate contracts for public conveniences in the county and negotiate the most favourable penalties possible and that the residue of budget allocated for this

service be invested with local business organisations in exchange for accommodation by local business for public use of their conveniences, supported by a marketed campaign.

**21. Councillor Kevin Byrne**

Given the decision by the Government to provide €3.8 billion for the provision of social housing over the next number of years and in particular in 2015, that the housing director advise the council of what urgent actions have been taken to ensure County Kildare gets it's fair share of the funding for the areas that are in very urgent need, in particular the Celbridge area.

**22. Councillor Joe Neville**

That this council submit proposals for the increased use of 30 kilometres per hour speed limits and other measures in existing housing estates aimed at improving safety for the most vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and especially children.

**23. Councillor Mark Lynch**

This council calls on all voluntary housing associations within the county to nominate people to voluntary housing association homes solely on a linked basis, pro rata to funding (5% funding = 5% nomination rights) and that this council only works with voluntary housing associations that have signed up to or are in the process of signing up to the code of good governance as recommended by the Irish Council for Social Housing. We also call on the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government to draw up legislation linking nomination rights pro rata to funding.

**24. Councillor Fiona McLoughlin-Healy**

That the council outline its protocol and role with respect to freedom of information requests made officially by councillors both in general and in particular as it relates to the ongoing attempt to get information previously available to contractors or in the public domain (ie not commercially sensitive) regarding pay-parking contracts in Newbridge.

## **Tairsceanna Láithreach (Feidhmeanna na Comhairle Contae)**

### **Current Motions (Kildare County Council Functions)**

#### **25. Councillor Moore**

That the council introduce a two year 50% reduction of planning levies for houses that are roof completed before 31 December 2016 in existing zoned areas to;

- help immediately bring badly needed new housing to the market
- assist with stabilising and managing house costs after years of austerity
- allow people to have options on expensive renting or buying a new house.

#### **26. Councillor McLoughlin-Healy**

That the council give an update on the situation with regard to development levies over the last three years. This should include levies outstanding and levies due/raised but not spent in the same year.

#### **27. Councillor Crowley**

That the council conducts through an appropriate forum which would include elected representatives an audit and examination of Service Level Agreements with a view to establishing if the council is achieving efficiencies, value for money and maintaining mutually agreed standards with the selected partners.

#### **28. Councillor Young**

In light of letters from Meath and Wicklow County Councils to RAS tenants saying that failure to pay water charges could put a tenancy in jeopardy, that the council resolves to publicly declare that they will not evict, threaten to evict, or otherwise put council tenants in fear of losing a tenancy should they choose to exercise their democratic right to civil disobedience in refusing to pay the water charge and resolves to request of the private landlords involved in the RAS scheme that they act in like manner.

#### **29. Councillor Pender**

This council welcomes the decision in Budget 2015 to end the recruitment embargo in the public sector. That the council reports on what provisions are being made to meet staffing requirements to effectively deal with the housing crisis giving particular consideration to homelessness, HAP and the proposed social housing build programme.

**30. Councillor Lynch**

That this council calls for a freeze on all council land disposals and the sale of council land and a review be carried out to ensure that the council are receiving the best deal possible on all land disposals. In conjunction we call for increased information on each land disposal as current information provided does not detail circumstances, reasons or explanations as to why the land is being disposed or handed over and further details on who is receiving it.

**31. Councillor Ó Cearúil**

That this council carries out a comprehensive study on current social housing needs in the county. This will prepare the council for future funding from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. Most of this information is available in-house at present. As a housing authority, it is our duty to begin building substantial social housing units once again.

**32. Councillor Miley**

That this council approve that in times of extreme weather that the council give a commitment that we will have an out of hours service to deal with emergencies such as flooding, fallen trees and other road related issues.

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

**33. Councillor Cronin**

That this council writes to Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government requesting to bring Wind Turbine Regulation Bill 2014 to committee and remaining stages at the Oireachtas.

**34. Councillor Cussen**

As the motion requesting government and Irish Water to cease charging for water and concentrate on dealing with leaks was carried in November, that this council informs Irish Water of the motion and seeks clarification from them that they are dealing with the ongoing leakage in Kildare in this event.

**35. Councillors Redmond and O'Neill**

That this council calls for a delegation from the management of Naas General Hospital to meet with the council to explain the level of overcrowding noting that one nursing union has stated dangerous conditions for both staff and those receiving treatment. This council would like assurances from the management that all possible means are being used to rectify this situation for our constituents.