

Áras Chill Dara
Páirc Devoy,
An Nás,
Co. Kildare
17 July 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 27 Iúil 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, 27 July 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 29 Meitheamh 2015 a ghlacadh agus chun tuarascáil dul chun cinn a thabhairt faoi ndeara.

To adopt minutes of monthly meeting of 29 June 2015 and to note progress report (copy attached).

**Gnó Reachtúil
(Statutory Business)**

General

2. To note monthly management report (report attached).
3. Gnó an Mhéara/Mayor's Business.
4. Comhfhreagras/Correspondence.
5. Comhdhálacha agus Traenáil/Conferences and Training

Planning, Community and Culture

6. To receive presentation from the North Kildare Chamber of Commerce (2:15 p.m.)
7. To consider issuing an invitation to Kildare County Council's Sister City, Lexington, Kentucky, to attend Sister City Summit in Dublin in April 2016 and to attend a local event to complement the Summit.
8. To receive an update from the Decade of Commemoration Committee on the Kildare 2016 Commemoration Programme.

**Moltai o Choisti
(Committee Reports and Recommendations)**

9. Protocol Committee

To consider revised protocol and procedures for Hosting of Ceremonial Functions and Conferring of Civic Honours (report attached).

Tairsceanna Láithreach (Feidhmeanna na Comhairle Contae)

Current Motions (Kildare County Council Functions)

10. Councillor Fiona O'Loughlin

That the council's housing section establish a new protocol with An Garda Síochána and the HSE in respect of the sharing of relevant and appropriate information between the three bodies in a more timely, proactive and structured manner than is currently the case.

11. Councillor Willie Crowley

That the council requests an Bord Uisce/Irish Water to take over the current contract with JC deCaux for the provision of public toilets in all Kildare Municipal Districts.

12. Councillor Mark Wall

That the council immediately develop a policy on the provision of rural public lighting, including how a person or community may qualify for the provision of lights and on the type of lighting that can be provided.

13. Councillor Fiona McLoughlin-Healy

That the council outline and review its public consultation model specifically as it relates to informing people affected by council decisions/planning. Time and again, constituents, significantly and sometimes detrimentally affected by council decisions, complain that they were not informed and were unaware that those decisions were being taken. It is not sufficient to argue that the public must be aware of public consultation notices in local newspapers at all times to ensure that they are not affected by planning decisions. There is a responsibility on the council to ensure that where constituents are significantly affected by a planning decision, especially financially, that reasonable attempts are taken to inform them.

14. Councillor Mark Lynch

That this council does not accept that we should be promoting sustainable and alternative technologies to reduce carbon footprints and conserve energy on buildings and seeking alternatives fuels for housing projects without taking the lead on this as a county council first. In line with this we seek expressions of interest from providers and installers of alternative energy sources; such as biomass, solar, waste to energy or any other form of

progressive sustainable energy which could fuel main buildings controlled by the council to reduce energy costs over the long term, in an environmentally friendly manner.

15. Councillor Réada Cronin and Íde Cussen

That this council resolves that any Local Property Tax allocation will not be used to purchase a Chain of Office for any municipal district. 80% of Local Property Tax is retained locally to fund public services.

16. Councillor Sorcha O'Neill

That this council budgets for next year to provide a fund to ease the rates burden on the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector. This initiative has been adopted in both South Dublin and Louth County Council. In order to be eligible for the fund, applicants must pay their commercial rates (including arrears) in full by the required date. The applicants must also participate in and complete an Economic Profiling Survey to be conducted by the council.

17. Councillor James Lawless

That the council outline for each of the former town councils within the county council area, where are the corresponding equipment, resources, and storage depots/service centres now located and have any of these towns experienced reduction in service as a result of the new structures.

18. Councillor Joanne Pender

That prior to the implementation of the new Housing Assistance Payment scheme, the council will seek an increase in the maximum rent limits that will apply to Housing Assistant Payments in line with the reality of the market value of rental properties in Kildare and calls on the Government to impose rent controls to avoid deepening the crisis in housing and homelessness.

19. Councillor Rob Power

In an effort to assist small businesses in the local economy, that this council seeks to eliminate annual charges on tables and chairs placed outside of shops, hotels and restaurants which are subject to approval under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act.

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

20. Councillor Thomas Redmond

That this council immediately calls on the Minister to abolish domestic water charges and withdraw his support for Irish Water as Irish Water is deemed unfit for purpose by this council. The Government's new moves for bill collection will definitely penalise ordinary, hardworking families and vulnerable citizens and set a dangerous precedent as it raises the question as to whether utility and other bills can in future now be directly deducted from people's earnings.

21. Councillor Brendan Young

In the month of the first anniversary of the Israeli attack on Gaza in July 2014, the council notes that the United Nations Human Rights Council is gravely concerned by reports regarding serious human rights violations and grave breaches of international humanitarian law, including possible war crimes, committed in the Israeli military operations in the occupied Palestinian territory in 2008/2009 and in 2014, particularly in the Gaza Strip, which resulted in the killing of 1,462 Palestinian civilians, including 551 children and 299 women, and six Israeli civilians. These reports include the findings of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict, of the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict, and of the Boards of Inquiry convened by the Secretary-General. The council also notes that the United Nations Human Rights Council deplores the non-cooperation by Israel with the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict; the lack of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict of 2009; and the long-standing systemic impunity for international law violations that has allowed for the recurrence of grave violations without consequence for Israel.

In the light of these matters, and in a context where the Department of Defence has a significant presence in County Kildare, the council calls upon the Minister for Defence and Department of Defence to stop buying military equipment from Israeli military companies, that profit from the continued blockade of Gaza and the denial of human and civil rights to Palestinians and to support United Nations Human Rights Council steps to force Israel to comply with international human rights law.