



**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF  
KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: NOMINATION TO BOARD OF TRAIL KILKENNY**

Trail Kilkenny have made a request to Kilkenny County Council to nominate an elected member to their Board. Trail Kilkenny is a non-profit company, established in 2006 to develop a range of walking and cycling routes around County Kilkenny. Since then the company has been involved in developing and/or upgrading a total of 18 trails across the County, ranging from moderate looped walks to a hike up the highest peak in Kilkenny to a number of themed trails including award winning Food and Craft Trails.

Trail Kilkenny employs a Development Worker to liaise with and assist local landowners, local communities, angling groups and walking clubs that are all actively involved in the development and maintenance of the trails. The Development Worker reports to the Board of Trail Kilkenny. Kilkenny County Council provide an annual subvention to and works closely with to Trail Kilkenny to further develop and promote trails and the outdoor recreation assets of the County.

Trail Kilkenny is currently Chaired by Denis Drennan (who is also Chair of the Kilkenny Leader Partnership). The Board currently has 4 other Board Members as follows: Declan Rice, Chief Executive of KLP; Nicola Keeshan, Chief Executive of Kilkenny Sports Partnership; Gareth Alcorn, Kilkenny Tourism Rep; and Frank Stafford, Kilkenny County Council. The Board meet on average 5 times per year.

It is hereby recommended that the members nominate an elected member to the Board of Trail Kilkenny for the duration of the current Council term.

Signed:

**Sean McKeown**  
**Director of Services**

Dated:

13th OCTOBER, 2020.