

COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

**Item
No. 11**

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9TH JANUARY, 2020

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter of acknowledgement dated 4th November, 2019 from the office of the Taoiseach re. Motion No. 135.
- (b) Letter of acknowledgement dated 4th November, 2019 from the office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government re. Motion No. 145.
- (c) Letters of acknowledgement dated 5th November & 7th November, 2019 from the office of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade re. Motion No. 137.
- (d) Letter of acknowledgement dated 7th November, 2019 from the office of the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation re. Motion No. 137.
- (e) Letter of acknowledgement dated 8th November, 2019 from the office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government re. funding deficit as a result of Irish Water's formation.
- (f) Letters of acknowledgement dated 8th & 12th November, 2019 from the office of the Taoiseach re. funding deficit as a result of Irish Water's formation.
- (g) Email dated 14th November, 2019 from Raymond Moloney, Environment Department re. Motion No. 133
- (h) Email dated 14th November, 2019 from Raymond Moloney, Environment Department re. Motion No. 136.
- (i) Email dated 14th November, 2019 from Raymond Moloney, Environment Department re. Motion No. 139.
- (j) Email dated 15th November, 2019 from Paul Kelly, Planning Department re. Derelict Sites Register.
- (k) Email dated 15th November, 2019 from Mr. John Paul Phelan, Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform re. funding deficit as a result of Irish Water's formation.
- (l) Letter dated 26th November, 2019 from Mr. John Paul Phelan, Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform re. request for meeting and funding deficit as a result of Irish Water's formation.
- (m) Letter dated 27th November, 2019 from Senator Robbie Gallagher re. PQ for Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government.
- (n) Letter dated 29th November, 2019 from Mr. John Paul Phelan, Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform re. funding deficit as a result of Irish Water's formation.
- (o) Letter dated 11th December, 2019 from Mr. Paschal Donohoe, TD , Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform re. request for meeting and funding deficit as a result of Irish Water's formation.
- (p) Letter of acknowledgement dated 12th December, 2019 from the office of the Taoiseach.
- (q) Email dated 13th December, 2019 from Ms. Regina Doherty, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

- (r) Letter of acknowledgement dated 16th December, 2019 from the office of the Minister for Health re. Motion No. 147.

2. CONFERENCES:

- (a) Celtic Conferences –**The Finance Act 2019** – 10th to 12th January 2020 – The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.
- (b) Celtic Conferences –**Tackling Carbon Emissions & Fuel Poverty** – 24th to 26th January, 2020 – O’Donovan’s Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.
- (c) AILG Training Module 1 – **GDPR – An Update briefing for Elected Members on the operation and implications of GDPR** –Thursday 23rd January, 2020 - Hotel Kilkenny, College Road Kilkenny
- (d) AILG Training Module 2 – **The Development Plan making process** – Saturday 15th February, 2020 – Dooley’s Hotel, The Quay, Waterford.

3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

At a meeting on the 9th September of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

“That the Chief Executive, once again writes to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy TD and the Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe TD to express this Council’s complete dissatisfaction with the requirement for all Councils to decide on the variation of the Local Property Tax (LPT) basic rate in the absence of comprehensive budgetary information which is impossible to achieve within the existing timescale i.e. end of September each year. This Council calls on both Ministers to undertake to move the date required for that all local authorities to inform the Revenue Commissioners of the basic rate of LPT to no earlier than the end of October and that a copy of this motion is sent to all local authorities across Ireland”.

Clare County Council

At the November meeting of Clare County Council the following resolution was agreed.

“We Clare County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris and the HSE to support a call for the introduction of a National Screening Protocol of all neonates (newborn infants) to effectively screen for immune compromise, in advance of the commencement of the

administration of Live Virus Vaccines under the State Vaccination Programme, in line with HSE National Immunization Advisory Committee guidelines as revised February 2019”.

Donegal County Council

At a recent meeting of Donegal County Council the following resolution was agreed.

“That Donegal County Council calls on Government to recognize that Parental Alienation is “Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning” as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11.

Donegal County Council calls on the Irish Government Departments of Health, Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs to recognize that Parental Alienation is “Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning” as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11 and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019.”.

Laois County Council

At the November meeting of Laois County Council the following resolution was agreed.

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Communication, Climate Action and Environment, Mr. Richard Bruton, TD to stop the rollout of the 5G Fifth Generation Cellular Technology across the Country – we as a Council and public representatives have a moral and ethical responsibility to protect the health and wellbeing of our citizens – there is a reason why insurance companies will not issue 5G – this needs to be investigated further by an independent company with no prospect of financial gain”.

Monaghan County Council

At a recent meeting of Monaghan County Council the following resolution was agreed.

“Monaghan County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, Richard Bruton TD and Minister for Finance, Paschal Donohoe TD

- *Legislate for a deposit return scheme to be introduced on recyclable packaging*
- *Ensure that all local authorities in the state be funded to provide a climate action officer to incorporate energy efficiency in all aspects of Council work*
- *Introduce a carbon tax on aviation fuel”.*

Kerry County Council

At a recent meeting of Kerry County Council the following resolution was agreed.

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation to remove the cap on County Enterprise Boards which prevents them from dealing with enterprise that have more than ten employees and that this motion will be circulated to all Local Authorities in the country”.