

COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

**Item
No. 12**

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14TH JULY, 2022

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a). Email dated 13th June, 2022 from the office of the Minister for Education responding to letter re. Motion 211.
- b). Letter from EPA dated 28th June re. Waterford Proteins.
- c). Email dated 30th June from the office of the Minister for Housing acknowledging receipt of letter re. Motion No. 215.

2. CONFERENCES:

AILG 2022 Module 4 - "Government Legislation Policy Programme 2022- A Briefing for Elected Members" (In-person)- Saturday 23rd July (Northern and Western/ Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly) Allingham Arms Hotel – Bundoran –

Approval Requested *Cllr. Tom Cronin & Cllr. J. Pratt*

AILG 2022 Autumn Training Conference 2022 - "Celebrating Local Government", Wednesday 14th - Thursday 15th September, Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Westmeath –

Approval Requested Cllr. Joe Kelly

Additional Attendees to previously Approved Events:

AILG Module 2, - General Data Protection Regulation and the Elected Member Saturday 14th May, 2022 (Northern & Western/Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly) – The Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan

Approval Requested : Cllr. T. Cronin

3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

- Grace Malone & Annie Donnelly – Scouting Ireland – Achieved International Explorer Belt 2022
- Bim Connors – Singer

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Clare County Council

At the June meeting of Claire County Council the members adopted the following resolution and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

"That Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Transport to immediately initiate a review of National Aviation Policy including stakeholder consultation with a view to addressing the over concentration of passenger traffic through Dublin Airport by amending National Aviation Policy to ensure the use of spare capacity at Shannon Airport in the interest of Balanced Regional Development".

Sligo County Council

At the June meeting of Sligo County Council the members adopted the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

"In view of the huge increase in passport applications and consequent challenges and delays in the system that this Council call on the Government to open a public passport office in Sligo to serve communities and people in the West, North-West and North of Ireland. And that a delegation from Sligo County Council request a meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs Simon Coveney and TDs from this region to look for this service to be provided in these areas. And to seek the support of other Local Authorities on this."

"To ask that this Council write to the Ministers for Social Protection and Justice to ask that the national Abhaile Service (which is currently under review) be secured permanently for the future and that vital Dedicated Mortgage Advisor roles be continued and for the creation of more OMA roles throughout the country."

Cork City Council

At the June meeting of Cork City Council the members adopted the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

'That Cork City Council supports the City and County Managers Association in their clear view that the additional specialist staffing resources identified by them need to be in place in 2022 to ensure that local authorities realise our ambition to deliver transformative change and measurable climate action across our cities and counties; and that this message will be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Peter Burke TD, and to all local authorities in Ireland.'

'That Cork City Council reaffirms the motion of no confidence in the board of An Bord Pleanála passed by this Council on 13 July 2020; and that this message shall be forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Peter Burke TD, and to all other local authorities in Ireland.'

Kerry County Council

At a recent meeting of Kerry County Council the members adopted the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

"That Kerry County Council write to the Minister for Health, Mr. Stephen Donnelly, the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE, CEO Mr. Paul Reid, as well as our Regional Health Board and local hospitals, requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics are retained and expanded and that we acknowledge that thousands of people are suffering with adverse effects from Covid 19 for long periods of time. Unfortunately, the health supports that are needed for those suffering are not in abundance or widely available with the threat of some services which are in place being withdrawn"

Donegal County Council

At a recent meeting of Donegal City & County Council the members adopted the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

"That Donegal County Council write to Minister Heather Humphreys, Department of Social Protection, Rural and Community Development to request that recently arrived Ukrainian Nationals would qualify for the TUS scheme. There is currently a shortage of participants available on the scheme to assist various community groups and the inclusion of Ukrainian Nationals can have many benefits for both the community groups and the participants themselves".

"That we write to the Department and ask that they consider changing Culture Night in September to Culture Weekend for future years, and that we circulate the motion to the other councils"

Limerick City & County Council

At a recent meeting of Limerick City & County Council the members adopted the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

"I will move at the next Meeting that, having regard to the thousands of people who are suffering with adverse effects from Covid-19 for long periods of time, that the Metropolitan District of Limerick agrees the following:

- *to write to the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly, the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE CEO Paul Reid, requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics is retained and expanded;*
- *to raise it with our regional health board and/or local hospital;*
- *to circulate this motion to the rest of the Councils around the country asking them to consider doing the same."*

"That, Limerick City and County Council call on the Government and the Minister for Housing to declare a housing emergency and to use emergency powers to introduce a moratorium on evictions similar to Covid emergency measures until the Minister for Housing raises the income thresholds for social housing supports for a three month period with an option to review thereafter."