

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Email dated 20th August, 2020 from Irish Environmental Network & Environmental Pillar re Report UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- (b) Letter dated 21st August, 2020 from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re. Care Homes.
- (c) Email dated 2nd September, 2020 from Leo Quinlan (Commandant – retired) re. issue of medals for bravery in action during the Battle of Jadotville in the Congo in 1961.
- (d) Email from CARO re webinar for Elected Members on ‘A Local Authority Support Model for Sustainable Energy Communities’ on October 8th at 10:00am.

2. CONFERENCES:

- (a) AILG–Training webinar for local authority elected members – 18th September, 2020 @ 10am - Guidance for Councillors on Initial Stages of Preparing Development Plans and their Core Strategies

3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

NONE

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Roscommon County Council

At a recent meeting of Roscommon County Council the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

“It was agreed that Roscommon County Council call on the present or incoming Government to financially support all Tidy Towns & Voluntary Groups in County Roscommon to ensure maintenance of all public areas not under the remit of the Local Authority. The future of ongoing support from Local business and fundraising will be seriously impacted due to COVID-19. In the interest of visual appearance and tourism after this pandemic, we need to attract additional visitors to the country to support our local business (ratepayers). The good work of many volunteers both in County Roscommon and Nationwide needs to be supported. At the request of the Council, I now forward you this resolution and would be obliged to have your reply at your earliest convenience.”

Limerick City & County Council

At the July meeting of Limerick City & County Council the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

"That, Limerick City & County Council support the National Small Business Recovery Plan in order to protect the thousands of jobs that SME's provide throughout County Limerick and that Limerick City & County Council write to the Government and in particular Mr. Leo Varadkar, TD, the new Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, to fund and immediately implement the findings and recommendations of the National Small Business Recovery Plan; and that Limerick City & County circulate this Motion to all other Councils."

Sligo County Council

At the July meeting of Sligo County Council the following resolutions were passed and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

"A huge proportion of the lands in Ireland have no registered rights of way. In the most recent book of Mr. Peter Bland SC on the area it appears there is an anomaly in the legislation regarding the registration of rights of way in The Property Registration.

At the moment you may assert a right of way by prescription in that the right of way has been used as of a right, without permission, without secrecy and without consideration for in excess of 12 years in an application form but you must declare that the right is not a right of way of necessity for them to be able to consider the application. This obviously precludes most applications.

I call on Sligo County Council to write to the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Justice to amend the legislation to permit the Property Registration Authority to include rights of way by necessity in their remit which are surely the simplest to adjudicate from map inspections and should be kept away from costly court proceedings in order to free up the courts or to set up an Independent adjudicator to deal with these matters quickly."

"That Sligo County Council bans the use at official and unofficial Bathing places and sale of at any location within the county of inflatable dinghies and all dangerous inflatable products, and that the Council write to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to seek a nationwide Ban on these dangerous products before more young lives are lost.

These products have consistently warned of the dangers of these products and have been described by Irish Water Safety as "Floating Killers."

Limerick City & County Council

At a recent meeting of Limerick City & County Council the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

“The Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee recommends that Limerick City and County Council request an urgent meeting with the Minister with responsibility for Planning to outline the Council's opposition to the National Planning Framework on Rural Housing Policy; the SPC also recommends that the request be circulated to all local authorities.”

"That, Limerick City and County Council totally reject the National Planning Framework policy regarding once-off rural housing based on social and economic need; {b} a meeting be arranged with the Minister responsible to highlight the issues around this policy; and {c} this Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities to discuss and support same."

Kerry County Council

At a recent meeting of Kerry County Council the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

“That Kerry County Council write to the Minister for Finance and request that a state pension public service fund be put in place for public service workers as a matter of urgency.”

Louth County Council

At the July meeting of Louth County Council the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

“That Louth County Council establishes a special taskforce with the relevant stakeholders and the local community in light of the impact COVID-19 is having and will continue to have on people’s mental health and well-being.”

Reply:

A group has been established and its work is reported on the Louth Children Young People Services Committee (CYPSC)