

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

**Item
No. 13**

MOTIONS

1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Roche (Deferred from June & July Meetings)

“That Waterford City & County Council in light of current COVID 19 restrictions and improved technology agrees to investigate how Plenary Council meetings can be broadcast live in a cost effective manner and if such can be determined agrees to broadcast such meetings for a period of 12 months after which time Council will review the decision with a view to it's long term continuance or otherwise.”

Reg. No. 157 (dated 22nd May, 2020)

2. Motion in the names of Cllrs. Joe Kelly, Eddie Mulligan, Jim Griffin, Joe Conway, John Hearne, Lola O’Sullivan, Thomas Phelan, Seamus Ryan, Jason Murphy and Jody Power (Deferred from July Meeting)

*“That Waterford City & County Council creates a ‘Walk of Fame’ in Waterford City centre in an appropriate location, like the world famous one in Hollywood. Two name tiles / squares to be added each year to the ‘Walk’.
The names of chosen recipients (two) per year who are significantly associated with Waterford to be selected by the Metropolitan Mayor and Plenary Mayor (one each) early in their term of office every year and these to be added to the Walk of Fame.
The motion will be submitted to the Housing, Community, Culture, Sport & Recreation SPC and the procedures committee in order to develop further, a report to issue to council within 6 months”.*

Reg. No. 158 (dated 30th June, 2020)

3. Motion in the names of Cllrs. Joe Kelly, Breda Brennan and John Hearne.

“Considering the upsurge in the theft of companion animals such as dogs, and the immense and often traumatic effect on animal owners, Waterford City & County Council calls on the Minister for Justice to urgently do the following:

1) Make the theft of a companion animal a stand alone offence with a minimum punishment that serves as an adequate deterrent against this activity.

2) Make Amendments to the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015 (S.I. No. 63/2015) to

a) create an independent central database of microchips that serves as a register of ownership that is updated on transfer of ownership and yearly with licencing requirements. And

b) to initiate compulsory scanning of all pets straying or presented for treatment, to ensure pets are reunited with their owners swiftly, and pet theft is more easily detected.

3) Amend the Animal Health and Welfare (sale or supply of pet animals) regulation 2019, to make it a legal requirement for all ‘sale of pets platforms’ to integrate to the central database, to ensure every advertisement complies with the legal requirement of the microchip and registered ownership/supplier number details. This significantly reduces the market for illegal dog trading”.

Reg. No. 159 (dated 18th August, 2020)

4. Motion in the names of Cllrs. John Pratt, Ger. Barron, Seamus Ryan & Thomas Phelan.

“That this Council calls on the government to bring forward legislation requiring all employers by law to make provision for sick leave, i.e., paid time off from work for workers when they are ill.

Also to amend the Parental Leave Act 1998, (force majeure leave) with a new provision. In such a case an employee who is the parent or adoptive parent of a child shall be entitled to force majeure leave where and for so long as the child is unable to attend the school or pre-school, if the presence of the employee is required at his or her home in order to care for that child..”

Reg. No. 160 (dated 1st September, 2020)

5. Motion in the name of Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan

“Call on Waterford City and County council to ban the use of inflatable toys on our beaches.”

Reg. No. 161 (dated 4th September, 2020)