

COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

**Item
No. 6**

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10TH JUNE, 2021

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a). Email dated 13th May, 2021 from the office of the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform responding to letter re. Motion No. 168.
- b). Letter dated 17th May, 2021 from the office of the Minister , Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications responding to letter re. Motion No. 183.
- c). Letter dated 18th May, 2021 from the office of the Tanaiste responding to letter re. Motion No. 179.
- d). Email dated 19th May, 2021 from the office of the Minister for Finance acknowledging receipt of letter re. Motion No. 186.
- e). Email dated 20th May 2021 from the office of the Minister for Transport acknowledging receipt of letter re. Motion No. 185.
- f). Email dated 24th May, 2021 from the office of the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform responding to letter re. Motion No. 186.
- g). Email dated 3rd June, 2021 from the office of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth responding to letter re. Motion No. 181.

2. CONFERENCES:

None

3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Meath County Council

At the May meeting of Meath County Council the members passed the following resolution and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities :

“That Meath County Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O’ Brien seeking to amend Circular LG 4/2019 “to recognise where a member loses an "immediate relative" should NOT in that instance be subjected to a financial penalty under the 80% attendance of meetings rule”.”

Limerick City & County Council

At a Special meeting of Limerick City & County Council held on the 22nd April, 2021 the following motion was adopted and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for their support :

"That, in light of the recent Government announcement on the Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 entitled 'Our Rural Future' and the lack of infrastructure such as sewerage in our local towns and villages, Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to maintain the status quo with regard to policy on one-off housing in our County and City Development Plan and that the phrase 'social and economic need' not be included"

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

At its meeting held on 4 May 2021, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council resolved that details of a Motion which it adopted at its April Council meeting, should be circulated to all Councils across the island of Ireland.

"Given Fermanagh & Omagh District Council's commitment to the All-Ireland Pollinator Scheme, and noting previous Council decisions taken in relation to reducing the use of harmful pesticides, reducing grass and hedge cutting and encouraging protection and promotion of natural habitats for our bee population, this Council calls on the British Government, and on the relevant Stormont & Dáil Ministers, to oppose the importation of Italian honeybees onto this island, and to move to completely ban such actions in future.

The recently publicised move by a Kent bee keeper to avoid the import ban by importing 15 million Italian bees into Britain, via the island of Ireland, poses a serious potential threat to thousands of hives, to our native bee population and to its future viability.

The Ulster Beekeepers Association and Low Country Native Irish Honeybee Association have expressed serious concern in relation to the small hive beetle and to the potential threat posed to native black Irish honeybees (which academic studies have established as the "best gene of black bees in Europe"). These worries have been echoed by beekeepers in Britain.

Mindful of such risks, FODC calls on the British & Irish Government, as well as on the relevant Ministers in Stormont, Dáil Éireann & Westminster, to stop the import of Italian bees into Britain via the North of Ireland, as well as onto the island of Ireland, North and South, with or without the intent of forward exportation".

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

At the May Meeting of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council the following motion was adopted and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities :

" This Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD and An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD calling for the immediate termination of the current Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Developments) Regulations 2017."