# COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

Item No. 8

## WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

### MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a). Email dated 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the office of Brendan Howlin, TD acknowledging receipt of email re. Rescue 117.
- b). Email dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the office of the Minister for Transport acknowledging receipt of letter re. Rescue 117.
- c). Email dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the office of the Minister for Health acknowledging receipt of letter re. waiting lists for Scoliosis and Spina Bifida treatment.
- d). Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the office of the Taoiseach acknowledging receipt of letter re. Rescue 117.
- e). Email dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the office of the Tánaiste acknowledging receipt of letter re. Rescue 117.
- e). Email dated 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the office of the Minister for Health responding to letter re. waiting lists for Scoliosis and Spina Bifida treatment.
- f). Email dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the office of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth acknowledging receipt of letter re. waiting lists for Scoliosis and Spina Bifida treatment.
- g). Email dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the Chair of South East First Citizen Forum with correspondence sent to Minister Naughton re. Rescue 117.
- h). Email dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 from the Chair of South East First Citizen Forum with correspondence sent to Minister Ryan re. funding for the N24 & N25

#### 2. CONFERENCES:

AILG Training Module 1 – 'Elected Member's Personal Safety & Audit Risk Assessment' –  $17^{th}$  February, 2022 – The Mullingar Park Hotel, Westmeath (for Northern & Western Region & Eastern & Midland Region).

AILG Training Module 1 – 'Elected Member's Personal Safety & Audit Risk Assessment' – 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 – The Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Cork (for Southern Region)

Attendees: Cllr Geoghegan, Cllr Tobin, Cllr O Leary, Cllr Pratt, Cllr Cronin, Cllr Nugent and Cllr Murphy.

AILG– Planning Webinar –Local Authority Planning Functions and Water Services Investment: Ensuring a Co-ordinated Approach  $25^{th}$  February,  $2022 \ (10-11:30 am)$ 

Celtic Conferences – Tourism & Digital Marketing –  $4^{th}$  –  $6^{th}$  March 2022 – The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth. Attendees: Cllr J Power and Cllr Pratt.

Summary of Conferences attended December 2021

#### 3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

None

### 4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

#### **Sligo County Council**

At the Ordinary meeting of Sligo County Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 the members adopted the following motion and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

"To call on the HSE and the Department of Health to end the practice of pursuing patients, including cancer patients with private commercial debt collection agencies and to review exemptions to the inpatient charge by the Department of Health, and for this be shared with all other local authorities around the country."

The Meeting also asked that the Department of Health review the practice of withdrawing medical cards from terminally ill patients.

#### **Galway County Council**

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

"That Galway County Council supports the campaign of Epilepsy Ireland to address long-standing issues that continue to impact on people with epilepsy and their families in Ireland today, namely:

- 1. Access to Free Travel.
- 2. Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for State Examinations for students with epilepsy."
  The Motion, if agreed, to be then sent to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD,
  Minister for State for Disabilities, Anne Rabbitte, T.D. Minister for Social Protection, Heather
  Humphreys TD, Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, Michael Moynihan TD (Chair,
  Oireachtas Committee on Disability Matters) and to other local authorities for correspondence
  purposes."