

COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

**Item
No. 8.**

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14TH NOVEMBER, 2019

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Letter of acknowledgement dated 4th November, 2019 from the office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport re. Motion No. 138.
- (b) Email of acknowledgement and response dated 4th November, 2019 from John Halligan T.D., Minister for Training, Skills, Innovation, Research and Development re. Motion No. 138.
- (c) Letter of acknowledgement dated 4th November, 2019 from the office of the Minister for Education and Skills re. Motion No. 142.

2. CONFERENCES:

- (a) Association of Irish Local Government – ‘**Climate Change- Local Authorities in the Front Line**’ – 21st November, 2019 – Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone and 23rd November, 2019 – Radisson Blu Hotel, Little Island, Cork.
- (b) Celtic Conferences –**Irish Social Welfare System** – 8th to 10th December, 2019 – O’Donovan’s Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.
- (c) Celtic Conferences –**First-time Home Buyers Incentives** – 13th to 15th December 2019 – The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.

3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

- (i) INMO (Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation)
- (ii) Waterford FC under 19s proposed
- (iii) Sacred Heart Family Resource Centre (Metropolitan Mayor)
- (iv) Carer’s Association (Metropolitan Mayor)
- (v) Waterford Disability Network/Cheshire House Older Persons Council (Metropolitan Mayor)

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Monaghan County Council

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

“That this Council supports the ongoing campaign by the National Ambulance Services Representative Association in their efforts to have Trade Union representation rights advocated on their behalf through the Psychiatric Nurses Association and further calls on Health Minister Simon Harris to instruct the HSE to resolve this issue through Workplace Relations Commission and negotiation”.

Sligo County Council

At the October meeting of Sligo County Council the following resolution was agreed.

“To request, in consultation with Coillte, for signage to be placed at local woodland areas and forest recreation walks in order to increase awareness of Lyme Disease, to advise the public of the dangers of contracting Lyme disease from ticks and how to protect yourself when visiting the outdoors. Also to request for this motion to be forwarded to all Local Authorities for consideration”.

Donegal County Council

At a recent meeting of Donegal County Council the following motion was adopted.

“That this Council supports a vote of no confidence in the Mercosur Trade Deal”.

Monaghan County Council

At a recent meeting of Monaghan County Council the following resolution was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

“That Monaghan County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, Richard Bruton TD, to legislate for the banning of all non-recyclable materials used in food/drinks packaging by the end of 2021 and ensure that only recyclable and biodegradable packaging be used”.

Westmeath County Council

At the October meeting of Westmeath County Council the following resolution was passed and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities:

“For Westmeath County Council to call on the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence, Leo Varadkar TD to establish without delay a Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces in Ireland and also to establish a Permanent and Independent Defence Forces Pay Body”.

Fingal County Council

At the October meeting of Fingal County Council the following resolution was passed and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities with presentation.

“That this Council congratulates the Community Development Office for their presentation to representatives from 27 Local Authorities at the recent “Developing and Implementing Local Migrant Integration Strategies” and asks that copies of the presentation be forwarded to all Elected Representatives in Ireland in the hope it will prevent future discriminatory comments being made by politicians similar to the offensive comments made recently in Oughterard”.

Carlow County Council

At the October meeting of Carlow County Council the following resolution was passed by the members.

“Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Health to immediately reinstate the Rehabilitative Training Bonus for people with disabilities”.