

COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9TH MARCH, 2023

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

2. CONFERENCES:

AILG Training Module 2 “CARO – Climate Action Plans”, Thursday 23rd March, Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford (Southern Region)

AILG Training Module 2 “CARO – Climate Actions Plans”, Saturday 25th March, Fairways Hotel, Dundalk (Eastern & Midland/Northern & Western)
Cllr. Joe Conway

AILG Training Module 3 “OPR – Climate Action Plan 2023: Implications for City and County Development Plans”, Thursday 15th June, Mullingar Park Hotel, Westmeath (Eastern & Midland/Northern & Western)

AILG Training Module 3 “OPR – Climate Action Plan 2023: Implications for City and County Development Plans”, Saturday 17th June, Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer, Kilkenny (Southern Region)
Cllr. Joe Conway

AILG Module 4 Training “Uisce Éireann (Irish Water)”, Thursday 20th July, Radisson Hotel, Cork (Southern Region)

AILG Training Module 4 “Uisce Éireann (Irish Water)”, Saturday 22nd July, Sligo Park, Sligo (Eastern & Midland/Northern & Western)
Cllr. Joe Conway

AILG Training Module 5 “Councillor Security”, Thursday 19th October, Hotel Kilmore, Cavan (Eastern & Midland/Northern & Western)

AILG Training Module 5 “Councillor Security”, Saturday 21st October, The Rose Hotel, Tralee (Southern Region)
Cllr. Joe Conway

AILG Training Module 6 “Government Legislation Policy Programme 2023 – A Briefing for Elected Members”, Thursday 16th November, The Tower Hotel, Waterford (Southern Region)
Cllr. Joe Conway

AILG Training Module 6 “Government Legislation Policy Programme 2023 – A Briefing for Elected Members”, Saturday 18th November, The Clayton Hotel, Galway (Eastern & Midland/Northern & Western)

Additional Attendees to previously Approved Events:

Regional Assembly – AIR 2023 Regional Seminar and Training Event, 7th-9th February, Four Seasons Hotel, Co. Monaghan **(Event already approved)**
Cllr. Declan Clune

AILG Training Module 1 “A Briefing on the Electoral Reform Act”, Saturday 25th February, Radisson Hotel, Limerick (Southern Region) **(Event already approved)**
Cllr. Stephanie Keating, Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness, Cllr. Jason Murphy, Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. John O’ Leary, Cllr. Pat Nugent, Cllr. Declan Doocey

LAMA Spring Seminar “Apprenticeship and Future Building Initiatives Recruitment and Training”, 2nd-4th March, Westlodge Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork **(Event already approved)**
Cllr. Declan Clune, Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Jason Murphy, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, Cllr. Ger Barron

AILG Annual Conference 2023, 19th & 20th April, Hotel Kilkenny, College Rd, Sugarloafhill, Kilkenny **(Event already approved)**
Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness

3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

1. St. Declan’s Community College
2. St. Josephs Football Club
3. Water Safety Ireland Waterford
4. Waterford Helping Hand
5. Waterford Freewheelers Motorcycle Club
6. Twinning Visit Märkischer Kreis (Mayor and 3 councillors)

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Sligo County Council

“That this Council write to the Minister for Health, the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste to ask for an explanation as to why Sligo and the North-West has not been included as a surgical hub and for Sligo University Hospital to be added to the list as the 6th surgical hub catering for the people of Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal, North Mayo and North Roscommon. Can this motion be shared with all TDs and local authorities in all of the aforementioned counties.”

Sligo County Council

“Under the older and disability grants scheme, retired old age pensioners who have decided to put their affairs in order by transferring their homes to their next of kin while retaining their right to

live in their homes for the rest of their lives, now find themselves unable to avail of those grants. They live on their own. Their next of kin does not live in the house with them. The next of kin have their own house with mortgages and families expenses. The household income of the applicant who resides there and the registered owner and their spouse is taken into account, so the two household incomes exclude the applicant from the grant. I propose that Sligo County Council writes to the Minister and the Department to address this anomaly and to amend the terms and conditions of the schemes to exclude the income of the registered owner and their spouse if they do not reside in the property."

Sligo County Council

"That this council write to the Ministers for Communication and Justice seeking the introduction of legislation at an EU level so that social media accounts are traceable to people operating them. This would immediately stop anonymous abuse, online bullying and trolling.

Sligo County Council

"To call on Sligo County Council to write to the Minister of Transport Eamon Ryan to introduce a scheme, to make funding available to our regional roads to address realignment and other safety issues."

Sligo County Council

"That this local authority calls on the Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, The Greens and the Independents in Government to make provisions ASAP to include those on Working Family Payment to avail of the Fuel Allowance Payment Scheme. A copy of this motion to be sent to all local authority within the state."

Kerry County Council

"That this Council calls on the new Minister for Defence to award the medals as recommended by Commandant Pat Quinlan to the veterans of Jadotville. Failure to do so is a stain on the reputation of the state."

Cavan County Council

- (i) That Cavan County Council request further protections for family farms by writing to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine demanding him to urgently intervene and prevent Semi-State body Coillte from entering into joint venture arrangements with the Gresham House Fund.*
- (ii) That we write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue and Minister of State Pippa Hackett to outline that the forestry deal between Coillte and Gresham House and selling Irish lands to an outside fund is not in the best interest of the people of Ireland and that we should circulate to all Councils in Ireland.*

- (iii) *That Cavan County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review the relationship between Coillte and Gresham House and the proper control of commercial afforestation.*