

**COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE**

**Item  
No. 9**

**WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021**

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

**1. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a). Letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 from Senator Robbie Gallagher in relation to service level agreement with Irish Water.
- b). Email dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 from the office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs responding to letter re. Motion No. 190.
- c). Email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 from the office of the Minister for Transport responding to letter re. Motion No. 186.
- d). Email dated 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) responding to letter re. Motion No. 186.
- e). Email dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 from the office of the Minister for State Peter Burke responding to letter re. Motion No. 166.

**2. CONFERENCES:**

NONE

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

- Mayoral Reception – Michael Quinlan, City of Waterford Brass
- Attendance of Mayor at 10<sup>th</sup> European Greenways Award on 30<sup>th</sup> September in Valencia Spain.

**4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:**

**Donegal County Council**

At a recent meeting of Donegal County Council the members resolved the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for their consideration.

*“I propose that Donegal County Council write to the Minister of Health, Stephen Donnelly, Chief Clinical Officer, Co/m Henry and HSE Director General Paul Reid, calling on them, as a matter of urgency, to make Patisiran available to everyone in the 26 Counties who require this life-changing drug. Furthermore, I ask Donegal County Council to circulate this motion to all other County Councils in the 26 Counties to ask them for their support in this matter”.*

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*"Go n-iarrfaidh Comhairle Contae Dhun na nGa/I ar Ria/fas Bhaile Atha Cliath ambasad6ir agus foireann /osrael in Ambasaid /osrael a dhfbirt d'fhonn naire mhuintir na hEireann a leiriu maidir le maru sibhialtaigh agus leanaf neamhchiontach i nGaza agus sa Bhruach Thiar ata faoi fhorghabhail.*

*Go dtacaimid mar Chomhairle go hiomlán le feachtas idirnáisiúnta BOS (Baghcatáil, Dífheistiú agus Smachtbhannaí).*

*Tugann an Chomhairle seo cuireadh d'Ambasadóir na Palaistine go hÉirinn, an Dr Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid ionnas gur féidir leis cur síos cruinn a dhéanamh dúinn mar bhailI tofa an rialtais áitiúil i gContae Dhún na nGall ar chúrsaí i nGaza agus sna críocha gafa".*

*"That Donegal County Council calls upon the Dublin Government to expel the Israeli Ambassador and staff in the Israeli Embassy in order to demonstrate the Irish people's disgust at the slaughter of innocent civilians and children in Gaza and the occupied West Bank and that we as a Council:-*

*Fully support the international campaign of BOS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions).*

*And that this Council invites the Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland, Dr Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, to address this chamber so that we, the elected local government representatives in County Donegal may learn at first hand of the situation in Gaza and the occupied territories".*

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*"That this Council make serious representation to An Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs as regards the treatment of the families and friends of the Ballymurphy 10, who were shot dead by the parachute regiment. After 50 years waiting for justice, let the British Government treat these people with humanity and dignity and apologise to the family and friends of the innocent lives that they took".*

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*“"With the support of the members I am demanding that Donegal County Council stop immediately (a) the collection of the LPT from the victims that have been destroyed by Mica, Pyrite and Pyrrhotite and that they refund all monies back to the victims since the establishment of the Local Property Tax. (b) That the council stop immediately the collection of commercial rates from property and business owners that have been destroyed by Mica, Pyrite and Pyrrhotite and that all commercial rates be re-funded to these victims from the date of completion of their properties when they became commercially rateable".*

## **Wicklow County Council**

*At ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 5th July 2021 the Elected Members passed the following motion and requested that it be forwarded to all Local Authorities for consideration:*

*"That this Council writes to the minister responsible for Local Government & Planning with the following proposal;*

*That as part of the conditions for a planning applications for new housing estates, developers must install Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). We are also calling on the minister to instigate a review in order to install AED's in all existing residential developments across Ireland. 70% of cardiac arrests happen at home, every minute that there is a delay in acting reduces the person's chance of survival by 10%. Having the AED close at hand provides a vital link in the chain of survival and offers the person, adult, baby, or child the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest".*

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*At special meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Tuesday 27th July, 2021 via zoom, the Elected Members passed the following motion and requested that it be forwarded to your Department for consideration:*

*"Wicklow County Council acknowledges the need for a new national maternity hospital (NMH) to provide healthcare in the Greater Dublin Area, including County Wicklow.*

*Wicklow County Council notes the lack of legal clarity regarding ownership and management of the hospital and also acknowledges the concerns regarding the employment rights for those who will work in the hospital many of whom live in Wicklow.*

*Wicklow County Council calls for the proposed new publicly funded NMH to be constructed on land owned and governed by the state."*

## **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council**

I wish to advise you that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at their meeting held on 14 June 2021 adopted the following resolution which was agreed to be circulated to all Local Authorities:

*"To ask the Council to suspend standing orders to consider the following motion:*

*It is the policy of this Council not to purchase goods or services, produced or provided, in whole or in part (as practicable), from illegally occupied territories<sup>1</sup> by illegal settlers<sup>2</sup> and that any such contracts should cease as soon as allowed.*

*We ask that a copy of this motion if successful is sent to each Local Authority.*

Footnotes:-

1. *Occupied Territories: a territory which is occupied within the meaning of the 4th Geneva convention and confirmed as such by the International Court of Justice, International Criminal court or International Tribunal.*
2. *Illegal Settlers: a member of the civilian population of an occupying power whose presence within the relevant occupied territory is being facilitated by the occupying power.*
3. *Occupying Power: as defined by fourth Geneva convention."*

### **Clare County Council**

At the July meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolutions and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities :

*"Now that we have an efficient and effective Covid Vaccination Programme, Clare County Council appeals to Minister for Health Mr Stephen Donnelly to seriously consider using our vaccination centres along with our vaccinators and pharmacists to administer the HPV vaccine.*

*We appeal to the Minister to use the centres as part of a "catch-up" programme as the HPV Vaccination Programme was not completed in some counties. We are requesting the Minister to offer the HPV Vaccine free of charge to ALL secondary school students."*

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*"Due to recent events, that the Department of Health provide funding to all communities throughout County Clare for defibrillators and training. There needs to be more than one covering each area."*

### **Limerick City & County Council**

At the July meeting of Limerick City & County Council the members passed the following resolution and it was agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support :

*"That, Limerick City and County Council support the campaign of Epilepsy Ireland to address longstanding issues that continue to impact on people with epilepsy and their families in Limerick today, namely: (1) Access to Free Travel; and (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 Social Protection, Heather Humphries TD, Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, Michael Moynihan TD (Chair, Oireachtas Committee on Disability Matters) and to other Local Authorities for correspondence purposes."*