

COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

**Item
No. 9**

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10TH MARCH, 2022

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a). Email dated 11th February, 2022 from the office of the Minister of State Hildegard Naughton TD responding to letter re. Rescue 117.

2. CONFERENCES:

AILG Elected Members Training Webinar 2- “An overview of the Housing for All” - Friday 4th March 2022

AILG 2022 Annual Conference, 23rd & 24th March 2022 in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal

Approval Requested Cllr Pratt, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Cronin, Cllr Clune, Cllr Geoghegan. Cllr Tobin, Cllr O Leary, Cllr Conway, Cllr Barron and Cllr Nugent

IPI Annual Planning Conference 2022 – Planning for Climate Change on 7th April 2022:
Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel

LAMA Spring (Provisional) Annual Planning conference 2022- Hotel Kilkenny 11th & 12th April, 2022.

Approval Requested : Cllr Pratt, Cllr Cronin, Cllr. E. Quinlan, Cllr Phelan and Cllr Kelly.

Chairperson Training – For Attendees - Mayors, Cathaoirligh, Deputies and SPC Chairs which would give a max of 13 - Provisional Date : Tuesday 26th April from 9.30 to 13.00

Cost: €1,500 (No VAT)

Delivered via Teams Online

Note: This item was included in the 2022 Training and Development Plan

Summary of Conferences attended February 2022

Additional Attendees to previously Approved Events:

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

Additional Attendees not pre-approved Cllr Clune, Cllr Barron and Cllr Conway (8 Members approved last Month)

Celtic Conferences – Tourism & Digital Marketing – 4th – 6th March 2022 – The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.

Additional attendees: Cllr T Cronin- 2 approved last month

3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

Civic Reception – Ballygunner Team on winning the All Ireland Senior Club Championship.
Mayoral Reception – Henry Moloney Snr.

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Sligo County Council

At the Ordinary meeting of Sligo County Council held on the 7th February, 2022 the members adopted the following motion and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

"Given that building materials and labour has gone up by than 60% we call on the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to increase accordingly the maximum grant from €8,000 to €7 5,000 and from €30,000 to €45,000 for housing adaption grant for people with a disability"

"To call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the maximum grant under the older persons grant scheme by 50% to reflect building inflation and also to increase the overall a/location to the county a pro rata amount".

Tipperary County Council

At a Plenary meeting of Tipperary County Council held on 14th February, 2022, the members adopted the following motion and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

"That Tipperary County Council supports the "Women of Honour" campaign for a statutory Commission of Investigation into alleged issues within our Defence Forces surrounding dignity in the workplace, bullying, harassment, discrimination, assault, sexual harassment and sexual assault".

Clare County Council

At the February meeting of Clare County Council, the members adopted the following motions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities.

"We call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister for Transport to put in place a system of compensation and indemnity as a component of the licensing system for forestry. It is anticipated that this compensation fund will cover the cost of repairs and maintenance to damage caused to the public road network by forestry planting, maintenance and harvesting.

"We further call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Minister for Transport to make it a requirement that forestry license holders - prior to commencing licenced forestry activities - consult with the relevant local authority with a view to minimizing damage to the public road network".

"I am calling on the Minister for Finance to broaden the Household Benefits Package and include exemption from property tax for those people that are under extreme pressure to meet day to day expenses in light of the rising cost of living and their struggle to survive on a very low level of income."

Kerry County Council

At a recent meeting of Kerry County Council, the members adopted the following motions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for consideration.

"That Kerry County Council writes to Minister Eamon Ryan, Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications, objecting to the Bill brought forward by the Green Party in relation to the granting of planning permission for LNG infrastructure in Ireland"