

**COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE**

**Item  
No. 9**

**WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022**

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

**1. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a). Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 from the office of the HSE acknowledging receipt of letter regarding restoring facilities at Brook House.
- b). Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 from the office of the HSE regarding restoring facilities at Brook House.
- c). Letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 from Mary Butler TD, Minister for Mental Health & Older People regarding restoring facilities at Brook House.

**2. CONFERENCES:**

**AILG Elected members Training Webinar 4-Active moderation and Connecting with constituents – how to build community and amplify your message”-Friday 27th May 10am.**

**AILG 2022 Module 3 - Finalising your development plan – key steps and requirements from the Development Plan Guidelines” (In-person) - Saturday 18th June, 2022 (Southern Region)- Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer.**

*Approval Requested : Cllr. Thomas Phelan & Cllr Declan Clune*

Summary of Conferences attended April 2022

**Additional Attendees to previously Approved Events:**

**AILG Elected members Training Webinar 3- Housing for All – Pathway 1 and 2”- Friday 6th May 2022 10.00 – 11.30am.**

*Approval Requested : Cllr. D McGuinness & Cllr Jody Power*

**AILG Module 2, - General Data Protection Regulation and the Elected Member Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 (Northern & Western/Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly) – The Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan**

*Approval Requested :Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Declan Clune, Cllr. James Tobin, Cllr. Jason Murphy & Cllr. John O’Leary.*

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

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June Town twinning visit with Tonsberg, Norway

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June Town twinning visit with Saint Herblain, France

#### **4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:**

##### **Galway County Council**

At the March Plenary meeting of Galway County Council the members adopted the following resolution and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

*"that Galway County Council call on all Banks to immediately assist in setting up cashless transaction and issue Debit cards at low-cost fees, to all OAP and Credit Unions, so that they are allowed to enter to a competitive Banking market and allowed to have current account so as to be able to issue Debit/ Credit cards to their account holders. This is in response to the huge amount burglaries many with violence been carried out across the Country on our senior citizens. I ask this motion be circulated to all local Authorities across the Country. I ask it be forward to our Finance ministers and our minister for Justice.,,*

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members. Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Jean Brann, County Secretary at [secretar@GalwayCoCo.ie](mailto:secretar@GalwayCoCo.ie)

##### **Kerry County Council**

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

*""To ask that Killarney Municipal District would write to the appropriate Ministers to obtain the proper answers to the happenings in the Stardust Fire. This fire happened 41 years ago and claimed 48 lives, the families of which need answers. We as a country must and will help them. If this motion is passed, please arrange to circulate to all Local Authorities in Ireland."*

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

At the March meeting of Limerick City & County Council the members adopted the following resolution and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

*"That, Limerick City and County Council put in place a working system for signing GDPR consent forms. The current system is not manageable in any event, especially emergencies; and that this Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to intervene; and that this Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities."*

##### **Westmeath County Council**

At the March meeting of Westmeath County Council the members adopted the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

*“That Westmeath County Council would write to Eamon Ryan, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications of Ireland, requesting permission for Bord na Móna to allow Contractors to harvest turf due to the urgent need for fuel, in light of the War in Ukraine.”*

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*“That Westmeath County Council corresponds to all relevant Government Departments requesting a further reduction of taxes on fuel as the escalating costs are having a serious impact on farming communities, industry and the public as they go about their daily lives, and that such reduction be passed on in full to the customer.”*

### **Clare County Council**

At the April meeting of Clare County Council the members adopted the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

*"In response to the call from Dmytro KUBELA, Ukrainian Minister for Foreign Affairs, that this Council call on the Minister for Justice to propose legislation forthwith to criminalise the use of the 'Z' symbol as a way to publicly support Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. 'Z' means Russian war crimes, bombed out cities, thousands of murdered Ukrainians. Public support of this barbarism must be forbidden."*

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*"Clare County Council request the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly to initiate an independent review of the grossly under resourcing of the National Ambulance Service, The suitability, effectiveness, efficiency of the current dynamic deployment system used by the NAS for deployment of services in Rural Ireland."*

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*"This week we became aware that Ennis General Hospital has the second highest wait time for gynaecology appointments in the country. Figures released to the Dail show the average wait time for an outpatient gynaecology appointment at the hospital is close to one year and five months and is second only to Tallaght Hospital nationwide. Waiting times at University Hospital Limerick are around half that number, averaging out at 291 days. 599 women are currently waiting for such appointments in Ennis, along with a further 1,455 at UHL. On foot of this information we request the Minister for Health, Mr. Stephen Donnelly to approve and allocate funding for both equipment and the recruitment of appropriate personnel for the Gynaecology Department in Ennis. This needs to be done as a matter of urgency."*

## **Wexford County Council**

At the April meeting of Clare County Council the members adopted the following resolutions and agreed to circulate to all Local Authorities for support.

*"In the interests of fairness, competition and value for money, this Council calls on the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications and the Commissioner for Energy Regulation to ensure a transparent, robust and thorough procurement process be applied to next Supervisory Body of Electrical Contractors agreement to ensure that all contractor's views are taken into account and that consideration for two bodies be considered to avoid monopolistic dominance of the market.*

*Upon passage this motion is circulated to al/ local authorities."*