

COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8TH JUNE, 2023

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

2. CONFERENCES:

LAMA Spring Seminar “Apprenticeship and Future Building Initiatives Recruitment and Training”, 2nd-4th March, Westlodge Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork **(Event already approved)**

Cllr. Pat Nugent, Cllr. Tom Cronin

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

Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Thomas Phelan, Cllr. Pat Nugent, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. John O’ Leary

3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

1. Male Voice Choir – 21st Anniversary
2. Waterford Pool Association – Winning the All-Ireland Pool Shield Competition
3. Waterford Comhairle na nÓg – Winning the Senior Climate Change Award and the Young Environmentalist Awards for their App which resulted in 3,500 trees being planted.

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Kerry County Council

"That we as a Council would lead by example and change our correspondence with elected members to a paperless, electronic system for those who wish to avail of it, as it would greatly reduce our paper trail, and would also make it easier from a GDPR perspective as we would not have to worry about the disposal of said correspondence when it is no longer required."

Kerry County Council

"That Kerry County Council calls on the Government to immediately initiate a National Pension Scheme for the State. That this motion would be circulated to all Local Authorities."

Clare County Council

"That Clare County Council supports the recent Macra na Feirme campaign, entitled "The Rural Revival, Steps for our Future". This campaign was a march that departed Athy, Co. Kildare at 7pm on Tuesday, April 25th, marching through the night, physically carrying their message, before arriving at Government Buildings circa 1pm on Wednesday, April 27th. The message is simple, Macra Na Feirme members want to be able remain at home, working and living in their own communities and the key components of their message are as follows: Accessing affordable housing and cumbersome housing planning guidelines.

Disjointed and scarce healthcare services for rural communities.

The Government's definition of a family farm as 'average' and 'typical'.

No recognition or engagement by Government on a farming succession scheme. Lack of planning for the future of our rural communities informed by rural people. Imposition of quotas on young farmers availing of grant aid support.

Lack of public transport for rural Ireland. Proposals to rewet large areas of rural Ireland.

I am also requesting that this Notice of Motion be circulated to all other local authorities."

Mayo County Council

"I respectfully seek the support of my colleagues and Management of Mayo County Council to petition the Minister for the Housing, Local Government and Heritage to double the maximum grants for the Croí Cónaithe Scheme from €30,000 for a vacant property and €50,000 for a vacant property confirmed derelict to €60,000 and €100,000 respectively, given the recent unprecedented increases in the price of construction materials and the fact that these increases have not yet stabilised. In addition, I respectfully ask for your support to petition the Minister to expand the Croí Cónaithe Scheme to owners who wish to renovate vacant or vacant homes confirmed derelict, subject to conditions that the property is subsequently used for long term occupancy either through a sale or through a long-term lease. Furthermore, that those approved under the existing scheme be included when the changes have been implemented, if they have not yet drawn down their funding."