

COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE

**Item
No.**

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9TH FEBRUARY, 2023

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

1. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

2. CONFERENCES:

AILG Training Module 1 “A Briefing on the Electoral Reform Act”, Saturday 25th February, location to be confirmed (Southern Region) (Event to be approved)

Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. John Pratt

LAMA Spring Seminar, 2nd-4th March, West Lodge Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork (Event to be approved)

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

Cllr. Declan Clune, Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Damien Geoghegan

IGS Research Conference 2023, “66th Irish Geological Research Meeting”, 3rd – 5th March 2023, Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast,

AILG Crime Prevention Training on Elected Member Personal Security (upcoming training, date and location details to follow)

Additional Attendees to previously Approved Events:

AILG 2022 Module 6 (In-person), “Data Protection – What Councillors Need to Know”, Saturday 26th November, The Newgrange Hotel, Navan, Co. Meath (Northern & Western / Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly) (Event already approved for 19th November but this date was postponed and changed to new location)

Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness

Celtic Conference – “The Finance Act 2022”, 6th-8th January, The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth (Event already approved)

Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. John O’ Leary, Cllr. Jason Murphy, Cllr. Declan Clune

Celtic Conference – “Modular Housing in Ireland”, 3rd-5th February, The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth (Event already approved)

Cllr. Damien Geoghegan

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

Cllr. Damien Geoghegan, Cllr. Jason Murphy, Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Tom Cronin

3. CIVIC/MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:

(approved at January CPG)

1. Maya Quinn - Rack 1 Kickboxing – WAKo Junior World Championships
2. Waterford Credit Union – 60th Anniversary
3. WLR – National IMRO Wards Local Station of the Year

(approved at February CPG)

1. Rinnashark Sea Angling Club
2. Waterford Kettlebell Club
3. Park Rangers AFC
4. An Garran Residents Association

4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Limerick City & County Council

"That, Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Transport to adopt a policy at National level to have bus shelters constructed where there is a bus stop and that this Motion, if adopted, be circulated to all local authorities."

Kerry County Council

"That we Killarney MD write to the relevant Ministers requesting that when the Ukrainian Refugees return home, when it's safe to do so, that we would retain their current accommodation for the homeless and those on our Local Authority Housing List where possible. If passed, I request this would be circulated to all other Local Authorities."

Cork County Council

"That Cork County Council would write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage of Ireland to express concern at the proposed Planning & Development Bill coming before cabinet this week which will limit local Councillors' powers. The proposed bill seeks to change the term of the County Development Plan to ten years which is far too long. Members also agreed to circulate the letter to all local authorities as well as LAMA and A/LG."

Cork County Council

"That Cork County Council would write to the Government and the Minister for Finance to reintroduce an income tax credit scheme to incentivize and encourage many more Irish people to take out personal health insurance cover while also preserving the existing rebate of up to €200 at the point of purchase"

Cork County Council

"That Cork County Council would write formally to the Minister for Transport requesting that the Department (Department of Transport) would contribute financially to the LIS Scheme (Local Improvement Scheme). Presently, all funding comes from the Department of Community & Rural Development. The anomalies in the scheme in which there must be two active farmers on the scheme and people have to reapply. It was also agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to the Minister for Community & Rural Affairs".

Monaghan County Council

That this Council calls on the Minister for Health, Department of Health and the HSE to put in place proper, sensitive procedures to avoid any future retention of a baby's organs, at post-mortem, without the express permission of the parent, to request that:

- *Clear, written communication on consent forms be discussed with families at the time of death/prior to post-mortem taking place*
- *Best practice models be examined from other countries to ensure the Irish system is fit-for-purpose & with proper oversight*
- *Communication of post-mortem results be respectful and delivered by meeting with assigned medical professional - clear definition of this process should immediately become standard procedure for all hospitals*
- *Post-mortem documentation should include a clear, concise and fully completed document for families*
- *In cases where organs need to be retained; reasons must be clearly explained and a swift timeframe for their return must be communicated to parents.*

Monaghan County Council demand that an investigation take place into the cases outlined by Primetime (RTE) on 3rd November 2022 and any other similar case that were not highlighted and that:

- *Families who have had organs from their baby retained, be informed of what was taken and why, and what happened to the organs. These families should be afforded an in-person meeting to be given details.*
- *An independent inquiry takes place to determine why Consultant A was continuously used as a private pathologist after being found to be negligent in his former public-sector pathology role. This inquiry should also find reason as to why earlier recommendations, made by independent reviews, were not implemented.*
- *Clarification is needed on whether Consultant A is still conducting perinatal post-mortems.*

Monaghan County Council also asks that in cases where Parental Consent is not requested (Coroner's post-mortem) that parents are still fully informed on organ retention and length of retention period.

Meath County Council

“Meath County Council calls on the Government to amend the Electricity Regulation Act and associated legislation to allow for the consideration and possible implementation of nuclear power generation in Ireland.”

Cork County Council

“That Cork County Council call on the Minister for Transport to consider that Uber be allowed to operate in this country. Due to the lack of taxi availability leading to isolation for members of rural communities, Uber could be a welcome resolution.”

Tipperary County Council

“I am looking for support from Tipperary County Council to strengthen the control of Dogs Act Legislation in Ireland. A complete reform of dog owner's responsibilities must take place immediately for public and animal safety. An immediate review of the Dangerous Dogs Act must also take place banning ownership of these dogs in the State. A proper public indemnity insurance requirement must also be enshrined in new legislation for all dog owners. I am asking this Local Authority to write to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Rural and Community Development and Minister for Housing on this issue”.

Cavan County Council

“To ask Cavan County Council, having regard to the thousands of people who are suffering with adverse effects from Covid-19 for long periods of time (long Covid)-

- To write to the Minister for Health Mr. Stephen Donnelly, T.D., the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE Chief Executive Officer requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics be retained and expanded.*
- To raise it with our Regional Health Board and/or local hospital and*
- To circulate this motion to the rest of the Councils around the Country asking them to consider doing the same”.*