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25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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**Your Ref:** HD/AOS/M212

Ms Honor Dunphy  
Meetings Administrator  
Waterford City & County Council  
City Hall  
The Mall  
Waterford

Dear Ms Dunphy,

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to Mr Paul Reid, CEO regarding restoring facilities in Brook House.

I wish to confirm that your correspondence has been referred to the HSE Parliamentary Affairs Division for their attention and processing through to the relevant management in the appropriate HSE section who will in turn issue a response directly to you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Suzanne Hannigan  
Office of the Chief Executive Officer



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Ms. Honor Dunphy  
Meetings Administrator  
Waterford City and County Council  
The Mall  
Waterford.

Your Ref: HD/AOS/M212  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**REPDR 22 02750**

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I refer to your representation on behalf of Waterford and City County Council, The Mall, Waterford.

*I have reviewed the matter and can advise the following:*

South East Community Healthcare Mental Health Services can confirm that Brook House Day Service has re-commenced operations on a phased basis from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

It is expected that it will take a number of days to become fully operational and all service users who have attended the Brook House service are being communicated with to advise them of the planned incremental re-opening.

The Brook House service similar to all services within the Mental Health Services is subject to on-going review to ensure that service delivery is in line with best practice and is designed to meet the presenting service user identified clinical care requirements.

Yours sincerely,

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**David Heffernan**  
Head of Mental Health Services,  
South East Community Healthcare

Our Ref: HEA-MoSB-00454-2022  
Your Ref: HD/AOS/M212

29 April 2022

Honor Murphy  
Meetings Administrator  
Waterford City and County Council

*by email only to: [hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie)*

Dear Ms Murphy

I write to you in relation to your correspondence of 21 April 2022 regarding Brook House in Waterford on behalf of Waterford City and County Council. Firstly, I would like to thank you for raising your concerns with me and assure the restoration of mental health services in Brook House has been a key priority for me in recent months.

I am pleased to inform you that Brook House Day Services have re-commenced operations on a phased basis since Monday 25th April. It will take some further time to become fully operational and all service users who have attended the Brook House service are being communicated with to advise them of the planned incremental re-opening.

I understand how important this matter is to the people who rely on services provided from Brook House. I will update the public and service users again as we move towards full restoration of services.

Thank you again for your letter, I do hope the above information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



Mary Butler TD  
Minister for Mental Health and Older People



# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR
CONFERENCE ATTENDED
CONFERENCE LOCATION
DATE OF CONFERENCE

John Pratt  
 LAMA  
 Hotel Kilkenny  
 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

The main topic was regarding Rural Development.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

- ① The CLO Process to take over derelict buildings Pros + Cons.
- ② Margaret Beraghty gave an indept overview of housing for All.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

These will be sent via email

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: Cllr. John Pratt

Date: 19/04/2022

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As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR
CONFERENCE ATTENDED
CONFERENCE LOCATION
DATE OF CONFERENCE

John Potts  
 ALG Training  
 Inishowen Gateway Hotel Buncrana  
 23/03/2022 - 25/03/2022

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Town Centre First - Local Authorities Championing the Local Economic Recovery Post Covid-19

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Emmaun Quinn Senior Planner Donegal County Council was very informative regarding initiatives they have taken to revive some town + villages

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

They will be sent by email

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. John Potts

Date: 3 28/03/2022

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Jason Lynch
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AICA Annual Conference
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Bunratty
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23 / 24 - March

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Role of Cllr in the 21st Century  
+ Local Economic recovery Post Covid

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Very informative speech by Peter Bourke TD  
Minister for local government re role of Cllr.  
+ in dept discussion re Economic recovery at local level

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

No handouts

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. [Signature]

Date: 4/4/22

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JASON MURPHY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA Springs Seminar
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny
DATE OF CONFERENCE	11/12 <sup>th</sup> of April 2022.

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Rural Development, Housing delivery

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Very informative talk on towns and village renewal by RCC chief exec. Collette Byrne + comprehensive update on housing for all by Minister Dewey

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

No

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. [Signature]

Date: 20/4/22

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOHN O'LEARY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILE TRAINING CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE LOCATION	INISHOWEN HOTEL DONGAL
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23 <sup>RD</sup> - 25 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Commitments, Remuneration  
TOWN CENTRE FIRST LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY. Presentation from Eunan Quinn Senior planner Dongal Council.  
Catherine Crean spoke on EU funding for Urban

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative . AREAS

Minister Peter Burke planning legislation involving Judicial Review.  
Ciaran Mulholy providing access to the Waterways in the Midlands for people with disabilities

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available .

All conference presentations e-mailed to me.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. John O'Leary Date: 1/4/22

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	John O'Leary
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA Training Seminar
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Hotel Wickenny
DATE OF CONFERENCE	12/4/22

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Benefits of Town and Villages Comms to Rural Towns and Villages, Minister for Housing detailing the Housing for all Plan 2022 - to 2030.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

It was very interesting to presentation given by CEO of Wickenny County Council on what the Town and Villages Comms done for a number of towns & villages in

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Wickenny

Conference Material to be e-mailed

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr. John O'Leary

Date: 14/4/22

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JAMES TOBIN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILE TRAINING CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE LOCATION	DUNCRANA
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> MARCH

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

PLANNING  
"TOWN GENTLE FIRST"  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY POST COVID 19

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Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

TOWN CENTRE FIRST  
MINISTER BANERJEE. OVERALL VIEW

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Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

HANDOUT FOR MY own use which I can SHARE

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr. JAMES TOBIN

Date: 25/3/22

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JAMES TOOMEY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA TRAINING
CONFERENCE LOCATION	KILKENNY
DATE OF CONFERENCE	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> APRIL

**General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)**

Town and Villages  
Housing for all  
Rural Regeneration  
Climate

**Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative**

Own Towns and Villages  
Housing for all  
Rural Regeneration

**Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available**

None

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent ✓	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. James Toomey

Date: 20/4/22

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Cllr. Tom Cronin
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG Training
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Silver Springs Hotel, Clayton
DATE OF CONFERENCE	Co. Cork. 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Elected Members Personal Safety and Risk Assessment.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

I found the speaker Brian Cronin very interesting, he spoke how councillors go about protecting themselves and their families.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

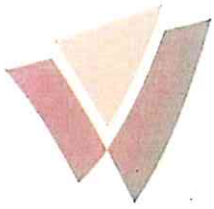
Handout leaflet enclosed.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Thomas Cronin Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	CLLR. TOM. CRONIN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG Training Conference
CONFERENCE LOCATION	The Inishowen Gateway Hotel 20.2 Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal.
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23 <sup>rd</sup> + 24 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Ciaran Mullen spoke very well at the conference.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

I was not impressed with Cllr. N. Crossan's opening speech. He spoke about the <sup>head</sup> Moore report and thanked the minister for implementing it. <sup>its my view</sup> councillor's got a bad deal from the Moore report.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Handout leaflet, AILG notepad, AILG report book, office equipment specialists offtech Limited leaflet.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair ✓	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Thomas Cronin Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Cllr. Tom Cronin
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA Spring Training Seminar
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Kilkenny, Hotel Kilkenny
DATE OF CONFERENCE	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Spring Training seminar + Rural Development.  
 Ghana speaker - Jim Bergin CEO - Rural economy's.  
 Minister Darragh O'Brien TD - Delivering on houses for all.  
 Tim Bulker - Active Travel  
 Sean McKeon - spoke about Environmental issues.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Collette Byrne CEO Kilkenny Co. Council spoke about derelict sites and derelict houses. She spoke about funding opportunities that Kilkenny Co. Council claimed to upgrade those buildings and derelict sites. URDF, RRDF, SMART A TRAVEL, FAILTE IRELAND, TOWN + VILLAGES, ORIS, CLAR, Climate fund. Housing for all.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Handouts I received I have enclosed.

some speakers at the seminar

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
✓				

Signed: Cllr. Thomas Cronin Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOE CONWAY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	ALG Elected Members' Training
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Silver Springs, Cork.
DATE OF CONFERENCE	19.02.2022

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)
<i>Councillors' Personal and On-line Security.</i>
Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative
<i>See attached sheets.</i>
Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available
<i>These were subsequently posted on-line as PP presentations.</i>

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr. *J Conway*

Date: *7th April, 2022.*

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Speaker: Brian Cremin of CRIME MANAGEMENT GROUP

1. THE PURPOSE of the training was to raise awareness among Councillors about their personal security. THE CONTEXT He cited a survey done by RTE in November, 2019, on TDs - which got a 54% response – and which confirmed that 52% of respondents had endured death threats, and 69% had threats of physical violence. And, NUIG in October, 2020, conducted a survey of *female* TDs, Senators and Councillors – wherein 71% had endured threats of violence in the last three years; 60% were through social media; 33% were face-to-face; 25% reported to Garda; 2% resulted in prosecutions; 42% involved an attempt to discredit; one in ten reported actual damage to their cars, and one in twenty reported actual assault. 62% self-reported as being worried/very worried with current trends, but one in three never made a report to the Garda.
2. It was evident from the surveys that the problem of dangerous or threatening behaviour was growing. Misogyny was on the increase, as was social media aggression – and these have psychological effects on PRs, lessening their effectiveness in doing their job and leading to some making the decision to pack the job in.
3. The speaker told the PRs present that they should not underestimate the lengths that social media platforms will go to in supporting PRs in this area. They will audit meticulously for what they term “HOSTILE ACTORS” engaging in negative threat indicators.
4. PRs were encouraged to AUDIT – ADAPT – and AMPLIFY. In other words, do a check on your security practice, if change is needed...do so, and increase security if it is merited.
5. He advised that voicemails can easily be hacked, and we should not put any sensitive details on them. Better to use – in your voicemail – a format requesting a call-back, or indicating a call-back will be undertaken.
6. He admonished Councillors not to “overshare” information on social media, e.g. details of family, inside of home, details of children’s schools, etc.
7. He spent some time dealing with the phenomenon of STALKING. These were a disparate group – are often resentful, querulous, incompetent suitor, previously rejected stalkers, and predatory.
8. These stalkers tend to be in one or other category – HUNTER or HOWLER, i.e. one who physically follows, or one who follows on-line. The former often have warrior/military/commando ideation.
9. This eventuality may require a risk assessment of your status – using a professional judgement to assess the technological know-how of perpetrators. One can begin with the principal search engine GOOGLE, entering your name, phone number, address/email address or any combination of above. Note: Spokeo, Bing and Yahoo may yield significantly different results.
10. Reverse images can be got from YANDEX.
11. Personal Information can be gleaned from the “internet of things” – e.g. Smart TV, Siri, Smart speaker, etc.
12. Data dumping and scraping: [www.haveibeenpawnd.com](http://www.haveibeenpawnd.com)

Any member wishing for amplification of the points above can ring me on 086/2838883. Joe Conway (Cllr.)





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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOE CONWAY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	ALG Spring Conference
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Inshowen Gateway Hotel, Suncrana.
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23/24 March, 2022.

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)
Post-Covid Re-adjustments. Sense of Place/ Placemaking Urban/Town Regeneration Rural Regeneration Economic development in LAs.
Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative
See attached Sheets
Handouts - I <del>received</del> / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr Joe Conway

Date: 7th April, 2022.

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AILG Elected Members' SPRING CONFERENCE: Buncrana – March 23/24<sup>th</sup> 2022

**REPORT: Cllr. Joe Conway**

Conference was opened on the Wednesday evening by the President of the AILG, Cllr. Nicholas Crossan, who welcomed all and introduced the CE of Donegal County Council, John McLoughlin.

He gave a resumé of how his LA was adjusting services and staff routines to a post-Covid milieu.

Next to be introduced was **Peter Burke, T.D., Minister of State.** He spoke informatively for about three-quarters of an hour, covering a wide range of topics.

He began with an up-to-date appraisal of the Government's response to the Moorhead Report, and the successes that had emanated from it. He adverted to the outstanding issues here, citing principally the pensions impasse – assuring councillors that he and his officials would move might and main to reach agreement with the AILG and the other representative body to conclude a solution.

He addressed the following – Town Centres First, the CPO Process, *Croí Cónaithe*, the updating and consolidation of the Planning and Development Acts, and the judicial review process of Planning Law.

He spoke at some length about the zoning of lands, averring that we should zone only what will deliver – in other words, “deliver it...or dezone it!”

He said the Rural Planning Guidelines were in the process of being updated – that the original was devised and published in 2005, and was now seriously out of date. The updating was work that “...is being done at pace”.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

The morning session began with a speaker from the IFA – one Kevin Comiskey, a farmer from County Leitrim, and Chairman of the IFA's National Sheep Committee.

The general theme of his address was RURAL REGENERATION, and he spoke about the importance of rural hubs for the future viability of rural economies. Footfall, he said, was the key in rural Ireland...lose that and you'll lose everything that connects a community. He reiterated how important it was for councillors – as community leaders – to keep themselves abreast of all streams of funding that come on flow from central (and, to a lesser extent, local) government.

His address was both informative and inspiring.

The next to address us was EUNAN QUINN, a Senior Planner in Donegal County Council. His talk was called “Thirty Years in Local Government in Donegal”.

He dwelt on “Town Centre First” and place-making. Placing emphasis on the unique need for a bespoke plan, he stressed that three things are fundamental to successful place-making/regeneration – viz. potential, agreed vision, and funding + delivery. The community itself

must never be minimised – successful projects will almost certainly need “Champions of their own Place”.

He spoke about the successes of the “Cathedral Quarter” in Letterkenny (analogous to our own Viking Triangle), and of the importance of the links between HOUSING – PUBLIC REALM – ENTERPRISE.

He went on to cite the URDF, the Dept. of Rural and Community Development, the Burtonport/Aranmore Development; and finished with this telling statement about the importance of the Local Authority in Place-Making:

*“Town Centre recovery will not be attained by the retail sector alone”.*

Next to address the Conference was ANNE MARIE CONLON, Head of Economic Development in Donegal County Council.

She spoke at length about the emerging strategy of DCC as it relates to Remote Working. This ties in with the county’s aim to grow the population to 200,000 by 2040 by focussing on – *talent, workspaces, promotion, supports, connectivity and infrastructure*. But she emphasized the point that – for international companies – by far their most prized desiderata was “TALENT...and where to source it.

As a county with 300k overseas visitors annually, and 350k domestic, there are 29k jobs supported directly or indirectly by tourism at the moment. To grow this needs a talent stream for the service industry, and there is massive uncertainty that we can come through on this scale.

**The afternoon was taken up** mainly with an exposition of the research commissioned by AILG in partnership with the Department of Social Research in the National University of Ireland Maynooth (NUIM).

The research is being led by Doctor Brendan O’Keeffe, and aims to equip the Association to base its interchange with Government on empirically established data. The peer research in the UK was done by the University of Birmingham, under the title of “The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Councillor”.

It will examine such aspects as –

- Leadership
- The link between citizens and politics
- Interconnectedness with the public
- Central Government’s range of techniques to shape and control Local Government

To date, no international research on Local Democracy/Government in Europe reports on the Irish Scene.

Topics initially to be investigated are: the role of the Councillors; challenges; implications of reform; possible 21<sup>st</sup> century innovations; the requisite skills to do the job well.

Around 4pm, the Conference devolved into Party Group Meetings and an Independents’ Group Meeting, all at different locations within the hotel. The proceedings of these are confidential to the groups.

The Conference Dinner was a convivial affair, enjoyed by all, with much bonding and interchange among the delegates from all over the land. There was a palpable sense of joy to be “back together” after COVID, and the level and extent of engagement by those attending was as good as I have



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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DAMIEN GEORGHIAN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA SPRING SEMINAR
CONFERENCE LOCATION	HOTEL KILKENNY, KILKENNY
DATE OF CONFERENCE	12/4/22

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)
Towns + Villages, Housing, Rural Regeneration + THE RURAL ECONOMY.
Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative
SIM BERGIN CEO OF GLANBIA spoke of the importance OF GLANBIA to the Rural Economy of the Southeast
Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available
I RECEIVED NO HANDOUTS.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good ✓	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Dam. Georghian Date: 20/4/21

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# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DAMIEN GEOWMEGAN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AHLA TRAINING
CONFERENCE LOCATION	CLAYTON HOTEL, CORK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	19/02/22

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF ELECTED MEMBERS

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

How to MANAGE SOCIAL MEDIA more effectively AND Securely.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Did Not Receive.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good ✓	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Dam. Geowmegan

Date: 20/4/22

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DECLAN CLUNE
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE LOCATION	BUNCRANA, CO. DONEGAL
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23/24 MARCH, 2022

<b>General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)</b>
Presentations from AILG staff and national and local experts. Items covered included new 'Town Centre First' policy, social enterprises and rural economic development.
<b>Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative</b>
The research project between Maynooth University and the AILD into 'The 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Councillor in Irish Local Government' as it will gain deep insights into a the changing role of a councillor and allow more tailored personal development programs to be created to match the demands of a modern councillor.
<b>Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available</b>
<b>AILG/MAYNOOTH SURVEY AVAILABLE ONLINE</b>

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	Yes			

Signed: Cllr. Declan Clune

Date: 25.03.22

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# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	EAMONN O'NEILL
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	Celtic Conference mental Health + Wellbeing
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Carlingford
DATE OF CONFERENCE	3RD to 5th December 2021

<b>General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)</b>
Covering the broad implications of negative mental health + wellbeing. How it can manifest from unexpected areas and then manifest in unexpected ways in ones life. What to watch out for when dealing with people suffering. good skills for councillors
<b>Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative</b>
How the greatest element often overlooked is Depressionally mental health with younger people. How other issues in society stem from this single problem.
<b>Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available</b>
I was given a brochure as per my welcome pack.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
		✓		

Signed: Cllr. Eamon O'Neill

Date: 06/04/22

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JODY POWER
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	TOURISM AND DIGITAL MARKETING
CONFERENCE LOCATION	CARLINGFORD, CO. LOUTH
DATE OF CONFERENCE	4 & 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)
Tourism and its marketing on social media.
Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative
The different Social Media platforms and the preferred platforms for targeted audiences.
Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available
Printed handout attached.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

CC1-1a-0025 – Mar. 22

JB/cw

6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

All Local Authorities

**RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – Low-Cost fees for OAP's**


A chara,

At the March Plenary meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

*“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)

Mise, le meas,

  
**Ms. J. Brann**  
**County Secretary**

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5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

All Local Authorities


**Please quote my Ref 1 Item 6 NoM 3 March 22 KLY on all correspondence**

Dear Minister McEntee

At a recent meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney, the following resolution was adopted by the Members:

*"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."*

Yours sincerely

  
Pádraig Gorkery  
Meetings Administrator



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11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

**To: Each Local Authority**

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the March Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it 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.”***

Yours sincerely,

Laura Flannery,  
Meetings Administrator.

13 April 2022

To: **All Local Authorities**

Re: **Resolution from the Members of Westmeath County Council**

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the March 2022 meeting of Westmeath County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it 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.”***

Yours sincerely



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13 April 2022

To: **All Local Authorities**

Re: **Resolution from the Members of Westmeath County Council**

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the March 2022 meeting of Westmeath County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support:

***“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.”***

Yours sincerely



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COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

**Our Ref: April 22-26/AR/MMcI**

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the April meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

“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.”

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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***Ann Reynolds,***  
***Senior Executive Officer,***  
***Corporate Services Department,***  
***Finance and Support Services Directorate.***

**An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach**  
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COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

**Our Ref: April 22-28/AR/MMcI**

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the April meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

“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.”

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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***Ann Reynolds,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
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COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

**Our Ref: April 22-31/AR/MMcI**

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the April meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"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 Dáil 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."

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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***Ann Reynolds,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services Department,  
Finance and Support Services Directorate.***

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County Secretary

DM/ZP

26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

**Re: April 2022 Meeting, Wexford County Council**

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the April Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

*"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 all local authorities."*

It was agreed to send a copy of this motion to all Councils for their support.

Yours sincerely,

**David Minogue,**  
**County Secretary & Communications Officer.**  
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