

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING 9THSEPTEMBER, 2021

Item No.

MOTIONS

1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Eamon Quinlan (Deferred from June meeting)

“That WCCC writes to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to request legal powers for Local Authorities to attach fines to any tenants rent book who are engaged in anti social behaviour. The fines would be equal to the cost in Council staff hours salary devoted to dealing with the anti social behaviour at the specific premises. ”

Reg. No. 191 (dated, 28th May, 2021)

2. Motion in the names of Cllrs Conor D. McGuinness, Jim Griffin, Pat Fitzgerald, Joanne Bailey, John Hearne, Susan Gallagher, Mary Roche, Declan Clune, Donal Barry, Joe Conway, Thomas Phelan, Ger Barron, Seamus Ryan, John Pratt, Joe Kelly, Liam Brazil, Declan Doocey, Damien Geoghegan, Pat Nugent, Lola O'Sullivan, Seanie Power, Frank Quinlan, Jody Power, Davy Daniels, Seamus O'Donnell, Adam Wyse, Eamon Quinlan, Eddie Mulligan, Jason Murphy, James Tobin, Tom Cronin and John O'Leary. (Deferred from July meeting)

“That Waterford City & County Council:

- recognises the strong bonds of friendship and solidarity that exist between Ireland and Palestine;*
- commends Dáil Éireann for taking a strong and unanimous stand in support of the Palestinian people;*
- notes the existing links between civil society groups in Waterford and Ramallah, including amongst schools, religious congregations, sports clubs, youth groups and the trade union movement.*
- signals its desire that the Waterford Metropolitan District would twin with the Ramallah Municipality*
- undertakes to begin a high-level engagement with the Ramallah Municipal Authority to advance the process of twinning the Waterford Metropolitan District with the Ramallah Municipality. ”*

Reg. No. 192 (dated, 15th June, 2021)

3. Motion in the names of Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness, Joanne Bailey, Pat Fitzgerald, Jim Griffin & John Hearne. (Deferred from July meeting)

“That Waterford City and County Council:

- *acknowledges that every worker in the State makes a considerable tax contribution throughout their working life and should have the right to access the full pension rate of pay when they retire at 65;*
- *recognises that some workers want to retire at 65, while others want to remain at work, where they are able and willing to do so;*
- *notes the difference of €45.30 between the Jobseeker payments and the State Pension leading to an annual loss of €2,355.60;*
- *and calls on the Government*
 - *to restore the State Pension Transition payment for those retiring at 65 years of age;*
 - *to abolish mandatory retirement (with exceptions for security-related employment) to give workers the choice to work or retire so long as they are fit to do so;*
 - *to ensure that workers who choose to work on, do so on their own terms and conditions of employment and are not compelled to sign fixed term or short term contracts of employment;*
 - *to make provision for those who remain at work beyond 65 to have their Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contributions counted towards their State Pension; and*
 - *to commit not to further increase the State Pension age”*

Reg. No. 193 (dated, 21st June, 2021)

4. Motion in the name of Cllr. Joanne Bailey and John Hearne(Deferred from July meeting)

“That Waterford City and County Council

- *stands in solidarity with the LGBT+ community across Waterford City and County;*
- *notes that Pride exists to promote the dignity, equality and visibility of LGBT+ members of society;*
- *rejects and condemns the recent cowardly and insidious manifestations of homophobia and intolerance in Waterford City;*
- *recognises that these manifestations are not representative of the people of Waterford;*
- *states its desire that Waterford is a safe, tolerant and welcoming place for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender;*
- *undertakes to fly the Pride flag from Council buildings each June for the entirety of Pride month; and*
- *hereby declares Waterford City and County an LGBT+ Freedom Zone”*

Reg. No. 194 (dated, 24th June, 2021)

5. Motion in the names of Cllrs. Conor D McGuinness, Pat Fitzgerald and Jim Griffin

“That Waterford City and County Council

- commends all those that took part in the recent demonstration by fishing families and members of coastal communities that witnessed over 70 fishing vessels assemble on the River Liffey, including boats and crews from Co. Waterford*
- welcomes the unity of purpose and resolve within the fishing industry and welcomes the establishment this year of the Irish Fishing and Seafood Alliance;*
- recognises the value of Ireland’s fishing industry to the economic and social life of coastal communities and to the Nation;*
- regrets the disastrous situation faced by the Irish fishing industry as a result of inadequate quota; and*
- calls on the Government to intervene urgently to secure additional quota for the Irish fishing fleet, and to provide immediate support to Irish fishers”*

Reg. No. 195 (dated, 30th June, 2021)

6. Motion in the name of Cllr. Declan Clune

“That Waterford City & County Council agrees to employ the required number of additional beach lifeguards to provide this important life saving service for the months of June, July & August at Bonmahon, Kilmurrin & Annewstown beaches from 2022 onwards.”

Reg. No. 196 (dated, 14th July, 2021)