



# Waterford City & County Council

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

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOE KELLY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG TRAINING
CONFERENCE LOCATION	HOTEL KILKENNY
DATE OF CONFERENCE	20 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

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

The conference covered the Good Friday Agreement on Friday. Bertie Ahearn was interviewed by Mark Kennedy formerly of RTE and a questions and answers session followed.

Housing delivery and issues regarding urban and rural regeneration were also covered during the 2 day conference.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

I found the discussion around the Good Friday Agreement 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary interesting, how it came about, the main players and back channels. Also the huge benefits that have come with peace in the North and benefits in the republic too.

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 didn't receive any handouts but it was stated that the material would be forwarded by email.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	X			

Signed: Cllr. Joe Kelly Date: 5/7/23

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	CLLR. CONOR D. MCGUINNESS
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE LOCATION	HOTEL KILKENNY, KILKENNY
DATE OF CONFERENCE	20/04/2023

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

I attended the Thursday of the two-day conference, which covered the bulk of the sessions. There was an interesting presentation and discussion about housing delivery - topics such as cost rental, affordable and social schemes, as well as practicalities around planning, funding, engaging with Department, tendering etc. The topic also covered aspects of urban and rural regeneration with a number of case studies in the south east including the Castlecomer foot bridge, which was of particular interest to me regarding the need for additional pedestrian capacity crossing the Colligan in Dungarvan.

The second session looked at similar themes but in the context of climate action targets and included input from the acting coordinator of the Eastern and Midlands Climate Action Regional Office. There was discussion as to the role of her office and counterparts in other regions, and the engagement that councillors and the public can have with their work.

There was a discussion session on addressing threats, harassment and abuse of public representatives with input from An Garda Síochána crime prevention personnel.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Cost rental housing, issues and delays with the affordable housing scheme, funding sources for urban regeneration projects.

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

Conference brochure and own notes from various presentations and discussions.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	X			

Signed: Cllr.

Conor D. McGuinness

Date:

14/7/2023

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	CLLR. CONOR D. MCGUINNESS
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG TRAINING MODULE 1 - ELECTORAL REFORM ACT
CONFERENCE LOCATION	RADISSON BLU HOTEL, LIMERICK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25/02/2023

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

The module took the form of a briefing on the new Electoral Reform Act by officials from the Department. Petra Woods, principal officer at the Department gave a high level overview of the legislation, the rationale behind the update, the process to enact it, and the major provisions contained within it. There were a number of in-depth presentations on particular aspects of the new legislation including the practical application of the electoral register, and new processes for registering to vote, amending the register etc.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Step by step guidance on how to use [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie) and the new electoral registration forms, including for amending address and other details, applying to remove deceased relatives from the register etc.

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 copies of all the various new electoral registration forms in both Irish and English language versions.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	X			

Signed: Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness Date: 14/7/2023

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	CLLR. CONOR D. MCGUINNESS
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG TRAINING MODULE 3 - PLANNING LEGISLATION AND POLICY
CONFERENCE LOCATION	AVALON HOTEL, CASTLECOMER, CO. KILKENNY
DATE OF CONFERENCE	17/06/2023

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

The training workshop contained three distinct sessions.

Session 1 - The planning regulator Niall Cussin gave a dvery detailed presentation outlining his role in reviewing statutory plans, the rgulator's attitude and processes for doing this, and also trends and issues that are coming up regularly across different local authorities and different kinds of plans.

Session 2 involved officials from DHLGH go through the proposes Planning and Development Bill, which is still making its way through the legislative process. The objective of the bill plus it major provisions were outlined and there was a discussion on its probably implications for local authorities.

Session 3 also heard from Departmental officials and focused on the National Planning Framework which will come up for review shortly. There was a presentation on the framework itself, on the review process and a discussion about priorities for local authorities and councillors.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

The review of the NPF and the opportunity to address shortcomings

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

powerpoint presentations were circulated

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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Signed: Cllr. Conor D. McGuinness Date: 14/7/2023

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOE CONWAY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	ALG Training: Aligo
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Radisson Blu, Sligo.
DATE OF CONFERENCE	22/7/2023

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

Updating elected members on UE national asset investment and operational activity - in 2020/2024, amounting to €5.35bn capital investment. Also traversed was detail of water mains rehabilitation over 12-24 months to 2024.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Main issues raised by members were the challenges faced with communications between elected members and UE. The Business Ops. Manager and Head of Media Relations handled the widespread interchange.

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

Minimal handouts - but presentations up on ALG website presently. Available to all members.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good ✓	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Joe Conway

Date: 24th July, 2023.

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Cllr. Tom Cronin
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG "Overview of Existing Planning"
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Avalon Harb Hotel
DATE OF CONFERENCE	17 <sup>th</sup> June '23

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

Overview of Existing Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance

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

County Development Plan

**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**

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: 4<sup>th</sup> Aug '23

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Ger Barron
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	DILG TRAINING Modul 4
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Sligo
DATE OF CONFERENCE	22 July

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

Irish Water - A briefing for Councillors  
 A discussion on Visce Eireannas investment Programme.  
 Visce Eireannu Proposals to strengthen communication and engagement between Elected members

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

Communications ?

**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**

Yes

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good ✓	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Gerard Barron Date: 10/08

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Cllr. Tom Cronin
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG Eireann
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Radisson Blu Sligo
DATE OF CONFERENCE	22 <sup>nd</sup> July '23

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

Uisce Eireann

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Replacement of leaking water mains  
connection fees.

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

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: 4<sup>th</sup> August '23

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County Secretary

MD/ZP

21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023

Meetings Administrator,  
Waterford City and County Council,  
The Mall,  
Waterford.

**Re: July, 2023 Meeting Wexford County Council**

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the July Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion for your attention:

*"Now that we have a prospective opening date to work towards the reopening of the Accident and Emergency at Wexford General Hospital, this Council resolves to congratulate and express our gratitude and appreciation to all the Management, Staff, frontline staff, contractors and workers for their dedication, professionalism and outstanding efforts for completing the work done in a highly pressurised area.*

*Furthermore, we resolve to thank all patients and their families for their resilience and patience while the works were being carried out.*

*Upon passage, a copy of this motion is sent to the Minister of Health, CEO of the HSE, Waterford and Kilkenny County Councils for their attention."*

Yours sincerely,



**Michael Drea,**  
County Secretary & Communications Officer  
e-mail: [michael.drea@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:michael.drea@wexfordcoco.ie)  
Phone: 053 9196260





COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

11<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

**Our Ref: July23 - 20/AR/AC**

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the July meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

“That Clare County Council communicate with both the Taoiseach’s office and the office of the Minister for Arts and Culture, to lend support to the application made in July 2022 by Ennis and County Clare Soroptimist International, to have the stained-glass image of St Brigid created by a prominent County Clare female artist, Catherine O’Brien (copy attached), adopted as the official image of the saint in the context of our new St Brigid’s Day public holiday, which commenced 1st February 2023; that this Motion as adopted be communicated to all Local Authorities in Ireland.”.

The Council would appreciate a reply in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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

**An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach**  
**Stiúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Seirbhísí Tacaíochta**  
Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2

**Corporate Services Department**  
**Finance and Support Services Directorate**  
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2





Comhairle Contae Chorcaí  
Cork County Council

Mr. Brenda Gloster, CEO, HSE,  
Dr. Steevens Hospital,  
Steevans Lane,  
Dublin,  
D08 W2A8

5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

*Our Ref: FC/June2.23.Item7*

Dear Mr. Gloster,

*“That Cork County Council write to the HSE and Coillte to request a campaign to raise awareness of the possibility of contracting lyme disease at parks and walkways and to circulate correspondence to all other local authorities. It was also agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to all Local Authorities”.*

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mairead Lucey'.

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**MAIREAD LUCEY**  
**SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí  
Cork County Council

Ms. Imelda Hurley, CEO,  
Coillte,  
Dublin Road,  
Newtownmountkennedy,  
Co. Wicklow,  
A63 DN25

5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

*Our Ref: FC/June2.23.Item7*

Dear Ms. Hurley,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows: -

*“That Cork County Council write to the HSE and Coillte to request a campaign to raise awareness of the possibility of contracting lyme disease at parks and walkways and to circulate correspondence to all other local authorities. It was also agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to all Local Authorities”.*

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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**MAIREAD LUCEY**  
**SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*CC: Brendan Gloster, CEO, HSE*



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí  

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Cork County Council

Mr. Ken Norgrove, CEO,  
Road Safety Authority,  
Primrose Hill,  
Ballina,  
Co. Mayo

25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

*Our Ref: FC/July2.Item20*

Dear Mr. Norgrove,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows:-

*“This Council requests that the RSA and Department of Transport use every means possible to reduce the totally unacceptable waiting times for driving tests.”*

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter, and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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**JOHN O'REGAN**  
**S/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*CC: Mr. Eamon Ryan, TD, Minister for Transport*



# Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

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## Cork County Council

Mr. Eamon Ryan, TD  
Minister for Transport,  
29-31 Adelaide Road,  
Dublin 2  
D02 X285

25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

***Our Ref: FC/July2.Item20***

Dear Minister Ryan,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows:-

***“This Council requests that the RSA and Department of Transport use every means possible to reduce the totally unacceptable waiting times for driving tests.”***

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter, and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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**JOHN O'REGAN**  
**S/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

***CC: Mr. Ken Norgrove, CEO, Road Safety Authority***



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo  
Mayo County Council



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5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

To: All Councils

Re. Build Time for Croí Cónaithe Scheme

Dear Meeting Administrator,

Mayo County Council, at its meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, passed the following resolution:

"Calling on the Department of Housing to increase the build time requirement of the Croí Cónaithe Scheme from 13 months to 24 months. Currently the Scheme requires a derelict property to be brought back into use within 13 months which is, for the most part, unattainable given the works required on these properties."

I would be grateful if you could circulate to your members.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Hughes  
Meetings Administrator  
Mayo County Council

cc. Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.