



Waterford City & County Council

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

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

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | CLLR. TOM. CRONIN |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | LAMA Autumn Seminar |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | Ard ri House, Hotel Co. Galway |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | Wed 25 th + Thurs 26 th Oct, 2023 |

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

Climate action, sustainable Businesses and Balanced Regional Development.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Alot of questions around Irish water. Notice given to residents in housing estates enough notice wasn't been given.

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 a handout

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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| Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair | Poor |
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Signed: Cllr. _____

Date: 20th NOV 23

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | JOE CONWAY |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | LAMA AUTUMN SEMINAR |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | TUAM |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 25 + 26/OCT/2023 |

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| General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning) |
| Climate Action, Sustainable Business, and Balanced Regional Development |
| Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative |
| Inherent conflicts in development and caring for the environment. Sustainable building models and advances in Europe. Tensions for our farming community with climate actions |
| 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 |
| Items discussed are available on LAMA.ie |

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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Signed: Cllr. 

Date: 22/11/2023

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | STEPHANIE KEATING |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | Celtic Conference - Irish Social Welfare System |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | Clonakilty |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 17 th / 13 th December |

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

Irish Social Welfare System.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

How to effectively ~~be~~ make representations for people.

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

Power Point Slides on history of SW system + various categories of payments

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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| Excellent | Very Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Good | Fair | Poor |
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Signed: Cllr.

Stephanie Keating

Date:

4/12/2023

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | DECLAN CLUNE |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | AILG MODULE 5 |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | ROSE HOTEL, TRALEE |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 21, 2023 |

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

Elected member personal security

Positive home, workplace and mobile security practices

Presentation on LG05/2023 – Councillor security allowance and advice on how to best protect both Home and personal security given the increase in threats and online misinformation/intimidation.

Items covered in depth included:

- Intruder Alarms
- Physical Security
- Lights
- CCTV

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Various options as described above.

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 did receive handouts and another presentation will be available on the AILG website.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

| Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair | Poor |
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Signed: Cllr.

Date:

Oct 21, 2023

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | EAMON QUINNAN |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | AirLB security Conference |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | Rose Hotel, Malee |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 21/10/23 |

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| General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning) |
| Security for cities + families changing nature of crime |
| Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative |
| What products are available to us What works we are now a high risk category |
| 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:

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Signed: Cllr. Eamon Quinnan Date: 27/10/23

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | JASON MURPHY |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | AILGA TRAINING |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | NOX HOTEL, TRALEE |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 21/10/23 |

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

Personal Security for public Reps
Best practice and personal
& Home Security advice

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Relevance of personal & Home
Security allowance

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

Available on AILGA website

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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Signed: Cllr.

Date: 23/10/23

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | DECLAN DOOLEY |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | AIG ANNUAL TRAINING 2023 |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | HOTEL KILKENNY |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 19/20 APRIL 2023 |

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

MALCOLM NOONAN TD OPENED CONFERENCE AS GUEST SPEAKER DELIVERING HOUSING AND URBAN RURAL REGENERATION + DELIVERING OUR CLIMATE ACTION'S AND TARGETS
 FORMER TAOISEACH BERTIE GHEARNE AND MART KENYOT HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT
 AND A DISCUSSION Q+A SESSION REGARDING CIVILITY AND PUBLIC LIFE ADDRESSING THREATS AND HARASSMENT AND ABUSE OF COUNCILLORS

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

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

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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Signed: Cllr Declan Dooley

Date: 30-10-2023

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | DECLAN DOOLEY |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | Airg TRAINING MODULE 3 |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | AVALON HOTEL CASTLECOMBER |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 17-6-2023 |

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

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING PLANNING LEGISLATION AND POLICY GUIDANCE

NEIL CUSSEN PLANNING REGULATOR
 MARY JONES PRINCIPAL OFFICER DEPT HOUSING PLANNING + LOCAL GOVT
 COLIN RYAN SENIOR PLANNING ADVISOR EU AND INTERNATIONAL PLANNING ALL MADE PRESENTATIONS

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

IT WAS EDUCATIONAL IN HIGHLIGHTING THE HIVE PROBLEM IT WILL BE TO SOLVE THE HOUSING CRISIS.

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

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Date: 30-10-2023

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | DECLAN DOOLEY |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | AILE AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR 2023 |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | SLIGO PARK HOTEL PEARSE RD SLIGO |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 13/14 SEPT |

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

THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE INTERESTING I.E. THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AN OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVE AND THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE
 SPEAKERS INCLUDED MARTIN LYDON C.E.O. SUEO CO. CO. MC CAROLINE CREAMER MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY DR SEAN O. RIORDAN & DR ANDERS LIJSTROM SWEDEN SEAN OROURKE JOURNALIST LISA CHAMBERS SENATOR REGINA O DOHERTY SENATOR DEPUTY DENISE MITCHELL SENATOR VICTOR BOYLAN SENATOR MARIE SHERLOCK DEPUTY JACK CHAMBERS WAS GUEST SPEAKER AT CONFERENCE QUINER

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

IT CONVINCED ME THAT COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBILITIES ARE BEING DILUTED DAILY.

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

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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Signed: Cllr. Declan Dooley

Date: 13-7-2023
~~30-10-2023~~

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | DECLAN DOUCEY |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | Airg Training Module 5 |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | ROSE HOTEL TRALEE |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 21 - 10 - 2023 |

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| General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning) |
| A discussion and examples of suitable house and workplace securities was explained by Peter McCannon former Garda Sgt Carlow Killenny Waterford Division |
| Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative |
| The difficulties experienced by some of my URBAN colleagues |
| 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 |
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On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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Signed: Cllr. Declan Doucey

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | JOE CONWAY |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | AILG AUTUMN SEMINAR |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | SLIGO |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 13 + 14/SEPT/2023 |

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

"The Future of Local Government in Ireland"

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

- Minister Kieran O'Donnell TD, Minister of State for Planning and Local Government will open the Autumn Seminar on Wednesday 13th September.
- Minister Jack Chambers TD, Minister of State for the Department of Transport will deliver a keynote address at the seminar dinner on Thursday 14th September.
- Séan O'Rourke - Irish Journalist and Broadcaster: With his extensive experience in journalism and broadcasting, Mr. O'Rourke will share his insights on the challenges and opportunities facing local government in Ireland and also act as a moderator for the Panel and Audience discussion with Oireachtas Spokespersons on the future of Local Government.
- Dr. Gary Murphy - Professor of Politics, School of Law and Government, DCU: A renowned expert in politics, Dr. Murphy will offer his expertise in evaluating the current system of local government in Ireland and exploring ways to align it with European norms.
- Dr. Bríd Quinn - academic and consultant. Formerly, a member of the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Limerick, she carries out consultancy work in Ireland and abroad for state bodies, development organisations, community groups and international organisations. She has a particular interest in local and regional governance, EU territorial policies and public management reform, topics on which she has published widely.
- Dr. Seán O'Riordáin - Chairman, Public Policy Advisors Network: Dr. O'Riordáin's vast knowledge in public policy will add valuable perspectives on the necessary steps to enhance our local government system.
- Dr. Anders Lidström (Sweden) - Member of the Congress of Local & Regional Authorities of Europe Monitoring Group: Dr. Lidström will provide an international perspective, drawing on



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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | JOE CONWAY |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | AILG TRAINING – MODULE 6 |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | TRALEE |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 21/OCT/2023 |

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| General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning) |
| Personal Security Concerns and Strategies for Councillors |
| Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative |
| Recent concerns re: personal security. Retd. Det Sgt McConnon – a crime prevention officer – outlines a series of strategies to make one's self less vulnerable. He also outlined an array of technologies that can be used around one's home and office. Secretary Tommy Moylan went through the provisions of the new circular on the €2,500 grant for councillors to avail of security measures. |
| 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 |
| Items discussed are available on AILG.ie |

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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| Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair | Poor |
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Signed: Cllr. 

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | CLLR. TOM. Cronin |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | ALLG Training Programme Module 5 |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | The Rose Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 21 st October, 2023 |

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| General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning) |
| <p>Elected member Personal security. Positive home, workplace and mobile security. Practice. speaker Michael Quirk, Garda Síochána</p> |
| Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative |
| <p>I found that we have to fit a proper alarm and camera security system into our homes. He also recommend that we get a door bell with a camera</p> |
| 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 received |

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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Signed: Cllr. _____

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| NAME OF COUNCILLOR | Liam Broz |
| CONFERENCE ATTENDED | Ails 2023 Autumn training Conf |
| CONFERENCE LOCATION | Sligo park Hotel |
| DATE OF CONFERENCE | 13/14 September |

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

The on Going Challenges for public Service
 Political Balance
 Population spread across the island of Ireland
 Cross border Corridor development in light of Brexit
 Civil Engagement and Participation

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Ireland in The Coming times
 Planning for the 4th Industrial Revolution the
 Internet of things and the advancing of 3D Printing
 Artificial intelligence Robotics and the interface Between

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 The two in public Service

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

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| Excellent | Very Good ✓ | Good | Fair | Poor |
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Signed: Cllr. Liam Broz

Date: 25/10/2023

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COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

14th November, 2023.

Our Ref: November23 - 21/AR/AC

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the November meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution and agreed that this request should issue to the Minister for Finance, Minister for Health and the Taoiseach and be circulated to Oireachtas Members and other Local Authorities:

“Today I want to encourage all of you to urge the Minister for Finance to take immediate action in introducing Primary Medical Certificates (PMCs) to all individuals with physical disabilities.

I also call upon the members of the Seanad to initiate a commencement debate emphasizing the critical necessity for the Minister for Finance to issue PMCs to all those with physical disabilities.

In recent weeks, I have received numerous heartfelt communications from individuals across our county. These messages have come from parents and family members who share a common belief with me - that the widespread issuance of PMCs to individuals with physical disabilities could significantly enhance the quality of life for these individuals and their families.

I understand this is not the first time this issue has been brought to the attention of the Minister, or the Ministers before him, and undoubtedly it will continue to be raised with the ministers who follow.

People born with physical disabilities often endure a multitude of health challenges, including heart problems, early onset arthritis, chronic pain, conditions such as Lupus, MS, Syringomyelia, visual and hearing impairments, bronchial issues, and a compromised immune system, to name just a few.

The introduction of PMCs for all those affected would go a long way in aiding families by providing improved access to transportation for hospital and doctor visits, granting individuals a modicum of independence necessary to maintain their spirits.

The current criteria for obtaining a Primary Medical Certificate is archaic and no longer applicable to the myriad of complex disabilities diagnosed on a daily and weekly basis. A Primary Medical Certificate should be a top priority, not an arduous and exasperating process.

We must recognise that individuals with disabilities deserve our unwavering support and assistance. They should not be treated as second-class citizens but should receive the necessary support to help them navigate each day with reduced pain and improved quality of life. A Primary Medical Certificate is a vital document that confirms severe and permanent disability.

**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

The existing criteria, defined in the Finance Act 2020, no longer suffice. We must advocate for a radical overhaul of the Finance Act in 2024 to adapt to the evolving needs of individuals with disabilities.

Our government must actively champion the rights of people with disabilities and provide more than mere table scraps in terms of support and recognition. It is crucial that we facilitate the application process for a Primary Medical Certificate through Local Health Offices.

In conclusion, let us unite in our resolve to make a difference in the lives of individuals with physical disabilities by pushing for the introduction of Primary Medical Certificates. Let us demonstrate our commitment to equality, compassion, and progress for all members of our society.”

The Council would appreciate a reply in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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