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**COMAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE**

**WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024**

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

**1. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Acknowledgement email from Minister Darragh O' Brien office dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 re: request for review of HAP regulations.
2. Acknowledgement email from Minister of State for Transport office dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 re: Driving Test backlog.
3. Acknowledgement email from Minister for Transport office dated 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 re: Motion from December Plenary Council meeting.

**2. CONFERENCES:**

**AILG Module 1 Training “Elected Members Briefing: Annual Declarations, Donations, Code of Conduct, and Local Representation Allowance Update”, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, The Fairways Hotel, Dundalk (Northern & Western and the Eastern and Midlands Region)**  
**(Event to be approved)**

**AILG Module 1 Training “Elected Members Briefing: Annual Declarations, Donations, Code of Conduct, and Local Representation Allowance Update”, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Greenhills Conference & Leisure Centre, Limerick (Southern Region)**  
**(Event to be approved)**

*Cllr. Declan Clune, Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Jason Murphy, Cllr. Ger Barron, Cllr. John O' Leary, Cllr. Pat Nugent, Cllr. Declan Doocey, Cllr. Tom Cronin*

**Celtic Conferences “The First Home Scheme – Helping Homeowners get on the property ladder”, 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February, McKeivitt's Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth**  
**(Event to be approved)**

**AILG 2024 Annual Training Conference, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Arklow Bay Hotel, Co. Wicklow**  
**(Event already approved)**  
*Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr Tom Cronin, Cllr. Jason Murphy*

**Housing Ireland Conference 2024 “A sustainable housing system for all”, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Croke Park Hotel, Dublin**  
**(Event to be approved) Cllr. Tom Cronin**

**Previously approved event**

**LAMA Spring Seminar** “Building for Success”, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town  
**(Event already approved)**

*Cllr Declan Clune, Cllr. John Pratt, Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Jason Murphy, Cllr. Ger Barron, Cllr. Joe Kelly, Cllr Pat Nugent, Cllr. John O’ Leary, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. Declan Doocey*

**The Association of Irish Regions’ Annual Training Seminar 2024 Regions in Focus** “Irish Regions Building Capacity to address the challenges of a changing Ireland”, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, The Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co, Limerick

**(Event already approved)**

*Cllr. Declan Clune, Cllr. Tom Cronin, Cllr. John O’ Leary, Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. John Pratt*

**Celtic Conferences** “The Finance Act 2023”, 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> January 2024, McKeivitt’s Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth

**(Event already approved)**

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

**3. MAYORAL/CATHAOIRLEACH RECEPTION/FUNCTIONS:**

**4. MOTIONS RECEIVED:**

**Carlow County Council**

*"That Carlow County Council affirms the great work done by sports clubs throughout the country and acknowledges the lack of funding opportunities for sports clubs in non-clár areas in terms of bringing their carparks up to a good standard in terms of*

*drainage, surfacing and Health & Safety compliance. We call on central government to provide such funding opportunities by either expansion of current schemes such as LIS or a new funding scheme."*

**Mayo County Council**

*"That all co-operation ceases immediately, between the staff of Mayo County Council and Department of children, equality disability integration and youth, until such time as an agreed strategy is put in place to properly co-ordinate the provision of additional services for the communities' hosting refugees and international protection applicants. Services should include medical, policing, accommodation, housing, education, transport, training etc. and that the delivery dates are set down for the roll out of these services.*

*This strategy should also reflect equality on the numbers of refugees across all national constituencies.*

*That Mayo County Council requests the Irish Government to revoke the European Union (Planning and Development) (Displaced Persons from Ukraine Temporary Protection) Regulations 2022*

*That Mayo County Council encourages government to utilise lands where planning permission has been granted but no works have taken place to erect modular or prefabricated housing for the*

*accommodation needs of refugees fleeing wars and Irish people requiring affordable accommodation.*

*That Mayo County Council requests the Irish Government to immediately cease leasing any property that is intended to be used in the future as tourist accommodation for the accommodation needs of refugees, asylum seekers or people seeking temporary protection.*

*Any contracts issued where residency has not been taken up to date that the contracts are paused until the strategy is agreed*

*That this motion is circulated to An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, Micheal Martin, T6naiste, Helen Mc Entee, Minister for Justice, Roderic O Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality Disability, integration and Youth, all local Oireachtas members and Councillors in all other Local Authorities."*

### **Wexford County Council**

*"This council notes that both the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste have suggested that Israel is committing war crimes in Gaza. Over 10,000 children have been killed in what Minister Simon Harris, has described as "a war on children."*

*Leo Varadkar has stated that the failure of Israel to observe humanitarian law 'can't be inconsequential'*

*War crimes also continue in the Occupied West Bank associated with settlements that are illegal under International Law. We note that hundreds of civilians have also been killed there (where Hamas doesn't exist), and a school funded by Irish money was demolished recently.*

*As an Irish local authority we acknowledge that we can no longer stand by as complacent witnesses to ongoing war crimes and constant breaches of International law.*

*There must be consequences and Ireland is best placed to lead the way, just as we did with Apartheid South Africa.*

*This council is requesting that Ireland should also exercise our right as a state party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to refer the actions in Palestine and Israel to the Prosecutor of the court for the purpose of requesting an investigation into any acts of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide that have occurred in Gaza over recent months.*

*We further support the growing call to invoke the Genocide Convention.*

*That Wexford County Council re-echoes the call of Dublin Local Authorities in formally supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BOS) against apartheid Israel, as a peaceful campaign for change.*

*We therefore call for the enactment of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 and the Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023 as a matter of urgency.*

*We request that this motion be circulated to all local authorities."*

### **Sligo County Council**

*"That this local authority calls on the Government to take a serious stance and introduce effective laws to prosecute those who wilfully break the law on bicycles, electric bicycles and electric scooters. A copy of this motion to be sent to every local authority within the State".*