

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

March 23rd 2023

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tionólfar cruinniú de Comhairle Chontae Laoise i Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise **Dé Luain, 27 Marta 2023 ar 11.00 a.m.** (chun an gnó seo leanas a chur i grích) tá orm a iarraigh ort bheith i láthair.

You are requested to attend the March monthly meeting of Laois County Council to be held in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise on **Monday, March 27th 2023 at 11.00 a.m.** to consider the matters referred to on the Agenda hereunder.

You can also join this meeting via Microsoft Teams

Mise le meas,

Irene Delaney
Administrative Officer
Corporate Affairs Department

AGENDA **CLÁR GNÓ**

- (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the February monthly meeting held on the 27th of February 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (2)
 - (i) Report on CPG Meeting held on the 20th of February 2023 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Report on Municipal District meetings held in February 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (3) Nomination of Mr. Mark Clancy representing the Local Enterprise Office (Statutory Sector) to the LCDC (documentation enclosed)
- (4) Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in relation to the construction of a residential development of 4 units and the refurbishment of 3 existing terrace units at Iona, Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois (documentation enclosed)
- (5) Laois County Council Roadworks Scheme 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (6) Approval of Arts Acts Grants 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (7) Report on Official Trips to New York & Franklin (documentation enclosed)

- (8) Monthly Management Report for March 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (9) Training & Conferences
- (10) Correspondence
- (11) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 14/2023 – Councillor Willie Aird

“That Laois County Council confirm what roads and laneways can be included for improvement under the additional €12.5 million announced recently”

Notice of Motion No: 15/2023 – Councillor Willie Aird

“That Laois County Council request the Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works & the Gaeltacht, Mr. Patrick O’ Donovan to receive a delegation from Laois County Council in relation to the allocation of funding for a new Courthouse in Portlaoise”

Notice of Motion No: 16/2023 – Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, John Joe Fennelly, Paschal McEvoy, Paddy Bracken, Pdraig Fleming & Seamus McDonald

“That Laois County Council contact the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley, T.D., to request an urgent meeting with representatives from this Council to express our devastation that plans for the Kolbe School are put on hold. We do not accept that our special children from Laois should be treated in this manner and to prolong the much-needed facility is unthinkable”

Notice of Motion No: 17/2023 – Councillor Marie Tuohy

“That this Council urgently seek an unequivocal commitment from the Department of Education to proceed without delay with the planned development of the Kolbe Centre so as to allay genuine and understandable public concerns on this issue. If necessary I propose this Council send a delegation to meet the Minister for Education in person to underline the dismay and upset being caused throughout Laois by the latest confusion on this important issue”

Notice of Motion No: 18/2023 – Councillors Barry Walsh, Thomasina Connell, Conor Bergin, Willie Aird, P.J Kelly & John King

“That Laois County Council contact Ms. Josepha Madigan, T.D., Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion to express our concern at the latest announcement regarding the potential delay to school buildings and specifically the Kolbe Special School. The current conditions and facilities that these students of the Kolbe Special School are currently enduring are well below acceptable standards and any delay to the construction of a new facility for these students would be totally unacceptable and would deeply affect the morale and wellbeing of staff and students alike. As a consequence of above we demand that the tender process be expediated to prevent any further unnecessary delays and emotional strain to all concerned”

Notice of Motion No: 19/2023 – Councillors Caroline Dwane Stanley, Aidan Mullins, Marie Tuohy, James Kelly & Ben Brennan

“That this Council call on the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion, Ms. Josepha Madigan, T.D and the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley to re-instate the funding immediately for the new build for the Kolbe School and to give the green light for it to go to tender”

Notice of Motion No: 20/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council call on the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion, Josepha Madigan, to reinstate as a matter of urgency, the funding for the Kolbe School in Portlaoise and to move forward ASAP with the tendering process to build the new school”

Notice of Motion No: 21/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council give an update on the Regional Development Monitor (RDM) from AIRO to be used as a pilot project for Laois”

Notice of Motion No: 22/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council furnish the elected members with a copy of the original contract between Laois County Council and Glanbia for the sites at Junction 17”

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