

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

May 24th 2023

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de Comhairle Chontae Laoise i Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise **Dé Luain, 29 Bealtaine 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 May monthly meeting of Laois County Council to be held in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise on **Monday, May 29th 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 April monthly meeting held on the 24th of April 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (2)
 - (i) Report on CPG Meeting held on the 17th of April 2023 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Report on Municipal District meetings held in April 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (3) **DISPOSAL OF LAND UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 in respect of:**
 - (i) Disposal of 0.0423 hectares of land at The Tower, Avondale, Mountrath, Co. Laois in the townland of Mountrath for a consideration of €300.00 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Disposal of 0.14 hectares of land (rectification of boundary) at 1 The Swan in the townland of Slatt Lower, Co. Laois for a consideration of €300.00 (documentation enclosed)

- (4) Confirm date for the Annual General Meeting of Laois County Council, Monday, June 26th 2023 at 2.30 p.m. (in accordance with Section 3 (Schedule 10) of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended)
- (5) Nomination of Member – Building Europe with Local Councillors
- (6) Consideration of a Civic Reception to Mr. Seamus Dooley as recommended by the C.P.G. on the 22nd of May 2023
- (7) Annual Financial Statement 2022 including approval of over-expenditure and transfers to capital (documentation enclosed)
- (8) Report on Development Contributions (documentation enclosed)
- (9) Adoption of Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements (documentation enclosed)
- (10) Consideration of Sub-Committee’s Report on Live Streaming (documentation enclosed)
- (11) Monthly Management Report for May 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (12) Training & Conferences
- (13) Correspondence
- (14) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 23/2023 – Councillor Pdraig Fleming

“That Laois County Council ensure that all public parks have the appropriate signage on the awareness and dangers of Lyme disease”

Notice of Motion No: 24/2023 – Councillor Marie Tuohy

“That this Council call on the Minister for Health to urgently intervene and address the chronic staff shortages and waiting times which patients are having to endure at the A and E unit in Midlands Regional Hospital in Portlaoise”

Notice of Motion No: 25/2023 – Councillor Marie Tuohy

“That this Council support the call by the Dyslexia Association of Ireland to the State Examinations Commission to allow extra time to students with dyslexia who are sitting exams in the Junior and Leaving Certificates next month”

Notice of Motion No: 26/2023 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

“That this Council ensure that the proposed new Civil Defence building is refurbished and that the works commence as soon as it comes into Council ownership”

Notice of Motion No: 27/2023 – Councillor Barry Walsh

“That Laois County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage concerning the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) with a view to a clause being applied to the relevant Act that temporary exemption from taxation of lands within defined zones be applied where owners are actively trying to sell or develop the zoned areas. Encouraging engagement rather than penalising it would yield a more positive outcome. In addition, if lands are clearly actively used for agricultural purposes an exemption should be applied”

Notice of Motion No: 28/2023 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly

“That Laois County Council write to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage requesting that the requirement for those voters seeking a postal vote due to illness or disability to have their application form certified by a medical practitioner be replaced with an alternative means of approval which will not incur a fee”

Notice of Motion No: 29/2023 – Councillor Thomasina Connell & Councillor Conor Bergin

“That Laois County Council introduce a reusable nappy initiative to encourage the use of cloth nappies, in line with other local authorities”

Notice of Motion No: 30/2023 – Councillor P. J. Kelly

“That Laois County Council contact the Department of Education and Minister Norma Foley to make funds available to help supplement the high costs rural primary schools face in trying to provide transport to offsite activities such as swimming lessons, Cuman na mBunscoile matches, educational field trips etc.”

Notice of Motion No: 31/2023 – Councillor Thomasina Connell

“That Laois County Council calls on the Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mr. Neale Richmond T.D., to urgently engage with our large supermarket retailers specifically with regard to the rising cost of Infant Formula Milk”