

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

September 20th 2023

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort freastal ar chruinniú míosúil mhí an Iúil de Chomhairle Chontae Laoise a thionólfar in Áras an Chontae, Port Laoise Dé Luain, 25 Mean Fomhair 2023 ag 11.00 r.n. chun na hábhair dá dtagraítear sa Chlár thíos a bhreithniú.

You are requested to attend the September monthly meeting of Laois County Council to be held in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise on **Monday, September 25th 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)
 - (i) Confirmation of the Minutes of the July monthly meeting held on the 31st of July 2023 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special monthly meeting held on the 6th of September 2023 (documentation enclosed)

- (2)
 - (i) Report on CPG Meeting held on the 24th of July 2023 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Report on Municipal District meetings held in June 2023 (documentation enclosed)
 - (iii) Report on Strategic Policy Committee Meetings held in March & June 2023 (documentation enclosed)

- (3) **DISPOSAL OF LAND UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 in respect of:**
 - (i) Lease of land comprising 2.1 hectares at Monure, Graiguecullen in the townland of Monure for a period of 25 years to St. Fiac's AFC, Graiguecullen, Co. Laois for a consideration of €100.00 per annum (documentation enclosed)

- (4) Seek the views of the Members in relation to Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Ref: 23/317809 – Coolglass Windfarm Limited – Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála – Chief Executive’s Report (documentation enclosed)
- (5) Nomination of Ms. Evelyn Reddin representing Laois Local Enterprise Office (Statutory Section) to the Laois Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) (documentation enclosed)
- (6) Local Property Tax – Notice of Consideration of setting a Local Adjustment Factor (documentation enclosed)
- (7) Approval of Overdraft Accommodation in respect of:
 - (i) €8 million for the year ending 31st December 2024 to finance working capital
 - (ii) €15 million for the year ending 31st December 2024 to facilitate any timing issues regarding the payment of payroll and pensions for My-Pay
- (8) 12.30 p.m. – Presentation by Ms. Patricia Frayne, Centre Co-Ordinator, Portlaoise Enterprise Centre
- (9) Fix date for:
 - (i) October Monthly Meeting – October 23rd 2023 at 11.00 a.m.
 - (ii) Budget Meeting in Committee – November 7th 2023 at 11.00 a.m.
 - (iii) Statutory Budget Meeting – November 13th 2023 at 11.00 a.m.
- (10) Monthly Management Report for August/September 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (11) Training & Conferences
- (12) Correspondence

(13) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 43/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That Laois County Council provide the following information on the New Library in Portlaoise:

- Cost of purchasing the old Shaw’s premises where the new library is now located.
- A detailed breakdown of all the costs for engaging all consultant/s before, during and after the construction stage.
- A detailed breakdown of all costs for engaging the design architect/s.
- A detailed breakdown of all costs for the construction & turnkey project works to date.
- A detailed breakdown of costs for all the fittings/furnishings in the new library.
- A detailed breakdown of all stocks including books, computers, electrical fittings and CCTV equipment.
- A detailed breakdown of all salaries paid to date for staff employed by LCC for work associated with the new Library.
- A detailed breakdown of all the information on all funds it received from Government Departments and Agencies, to date, towards the full cost of the project.
- A detailed breakdown of how much Laois County Council has spent on the new library from its own budgets, to date, since the project commenced.
- Also please provide a detailed list of all elements of sustainability and low carbon used on this building e.g solar panels, rainwater collection, air to water heating, LED lights and low energy radiators.
- What are the estimated annual running costs, upkeep and maintenance of the new library? and how will it be funded?
- Please provide a breakdown of all services that will be provided in the new Library.
- Will there be security during all opening hours?”

Notice of Motion No: 44/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council call on the Minister for Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan, T.D., & the Minister of State for Transport, Mr. Jack Chambers, T.D., to review the current procedure regarding NCT testing. The capacity for testing is not sufficient to meet the needs of road users. Can we look at extending the need for a cars first NCT test to be pushed out, so that the capacity is there to test the cars that really need it, also the NCT disc should be two years from the date of the test and not two years from the date the test should have been”

Notice of Motion No: 45/2023 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council calls on the HSE and Minister Roderic O’ Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth of Ireland to engage with the public representatives and the community in Stradbally, to allay any concerns around the safety measures of the Ukrainian refugees, in particular the safety of women and children on the site in Stradbally”

Notice of Motion No: 46/2023 – Councillor Thomasina Connell

“That this Council write to Ms. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Finance with responsibility for financial services, Credit Unions and Insurances seeking the enactment of legislation to allow cancer survivors the ‘right to be forgotten’ which at present is a voluntary code of practice agreed by Irish Life Insurance Companies”

Notice of Motion No: 47/2023 – Councillor Ollie Clooney

“That Laois County Council contact the Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael McGrath, for financial support for all rural pubs as they provide a vital outlet for rural people”

Notice of Motion No: 48/2023 – Councillor Ollie Clooney

“That Laois County Council contact Transport for Ireland to ask them to adjust the timetable so that it works better for students wishing to use the service. Consultation between TFI & local secondary & third level education facilities should take place prior to setting new timetables”

Notice of Motion No: 49/2023 – Councillors Catherine Fitzgerald, Caroline Dwane Stanley, Marie Tuohy, Thomasina Connell, John Joe Fennelly, Barry Walsh & Willie Aird

“That Laois County Council request Laois Leisure to provide one hour per week in the swimming pool to LOFFA (Laois Offaly Families for Autism)”

Notice of Motion No: 50/2023 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

“That this Council be given an update on the progress made with the building for Laois Civil Defence”

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