

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE
LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

July 22nd 2020

TO: **THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de Comhairle Chontae Laoise i Ionad Ealaíon & Amharclann Dunamais, Portlaoise **Dé Luain – 27iú Iúil 2020 ar 11.00 a.m.** chun an gnó seo leanas a chur i grich. Tá orm a iarraigh ort bheith i láthair.

You are requested to attend the July Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Dunamais Arts Centre & Theatre, Portlaoise on **Monday, July 27th 2020 at 11.00 a.m.** to consider the matters referred to on the Agenda hereunder.

Mise le meas,

Irene Delaney
Administrative Officer
Corporate Affairs Department

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- (1)
 - (i) Confirmation of Minutes of the June Meeting of Laois County Council held on the 29th of June 2020 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Laois County Council held on the 29th of June 2020 (documentation enclosed)
 - (iii) Report on CPG Meeting held on the 22nd of June 2020 (documentation enclosed)
 - (iv) Report on SPC Meetings held in March – July 2020 (documentation enclosed)

- (2) Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (documentation enclosed) in respect of the construction of:
 - (i) 67 voluntary housing units
 - (ii) Public Car Park, and
 - (iii) Associated site development works at Station Road, Portlaoise

- (3) **DISPOSAL OF LAND UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001** in respect of:
 - (i) Lease of the Laois Music Centre, formally Scoil Mhuire Building, Church Avenue, Portlaoise in the townland of Maryborough for a consideration of €25,000 per annum for a period of 3 years (documentation enclosed)

- (4) Ratification of the following to represent their nominating bodies on the Laois Local Community Development Committee
 - (i) Laois/Offaly Education & Training Board – Mr. Joe Thompson
 - (ii) Laois Public Participation Network – Mr. Vincent Booth
 - (iii) Youth Work Ireland – Mr. Clive Davis
 - (iv) Irish Farmers Association – Mr. Henry Burns

- (5) Ratification of the Cathaoirleach of Laois County Council as a Director to the Board of the Portlaoise Innovation Centre Designated Activity Company

- (6) Adoption of the Draft Laois County Council Annual Report 2019 (documentation enclosed)
- (7) Fix date in September for Local Property Tax Meeting - Notice of Consideration of setting a Local Adjustment Factor (proposed date the 4th of September 2020 at 11.00 a.m.)
- (8) Laois County Council Monthly Management Report – July 2020 (documentation enclosed)
- (9) Ratification of Conferences & Training Events
- (10) Correspondence
- (11) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 13/2020 – Councillor Willie Aird

“That Laois County Council be given the reason why hard plastics are being refused at the recycling centre as of Tuesday 9th June 2020”

Notice of Motion No: 14/2020 – Councillor Willie Aird

That Laois County Council review the Estate Management function within the Council having regard to the number of housing units already provided and to be provided over the coming years”

Notice of Motion No: 15/2020 – Councillor Willie Aird

“That Laois County Council request that the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government, Mr. Darragh O’Brien to meet a deputation from this Council to discuss income thresholds for housing qualification”

Notice of Motion No: 16/2020 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council call on the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government, Mr. Darragh O’ Brien, in light of the current increase in illegal dumping county wide to look at making property owners responsible for providing refuse collection to their tenants. This cost should be added to the monthly rent cost as it is a service similar to electricity / gas that should be the financial responsibility of the tenant. It may not alleviate illegal dumping completely, but should help with domestic dumping. Anyone found to be dumping illegally should have a substantial financial fine / custodial sentence imposed. We need to have a more severe deterrent in place, as the current deterrents are clearly not working”

Notice of Motion No: 17/2020 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council call on the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government, Mr. Darragh O’ Brien to put arrangements in place to review the thresholds and existing rent caps under the HAP Scheme”

Notice of Motion No: 18/2020 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That this Council call on the Minister for Climate Action, Communications Networks & Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan to address the issues with Airlines where customers that are unable to travel due to the current travel restrictions be afforded the opportunity of a refund in the form of a voucher that can be used in 2021”

Notice of Motion No: 19/2020 – Councillor James Kelly

“That this Council write to the Food Safety Authority of Ireland to express concern regarding the reduction in funding for the Laois Local Authority Veterinary Service which provides food safety controls including the inspection of all animals before and after slaughter”

Notice of Motion No: 20/2020 – Councillor Conor Bergin

“That Laois County Council contact the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government regarding the urgent need for funding to be allocated to the Council for the Disabled Persons Grants (DPG) scheme for 2020’

Notice of Motion No: 21/2020 – Councillor Tom Mulhall

“That this Council carry out an accurate assessment of the number of vacant properties both residential and commercial in County Laois”

Notice of Motion No: 22/2020 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley, Councillor Ben Brennan, Councillor Noel Tuohy, Councillor James Kelly & Councillor Aidan Mullins

“That this Council contact the new Minister for Health, Mr. Stephen Donnelly, T.D., to seek clarification regarding the future of the Emergency Department of Portlaoise Hospital”

Notice of Motion No: 23/2020 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

“This Council contact the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government, Mr. Darragh O’Brien to seek an increase immediately in funding for housing adaptation grants for local Authority Houses”

Notice of Motion No: 24/2020 – Councillor Thomasina Connell

“That this Council call on the Minister for Justice & Equality, Ms. Helen McEntee, T.D. to allocate special responsibility for domestic violence to the Minister of State and increase the allocation of resources to this issue”

Notice of Motion No: 25/2020 – Councillor Thomasina Connell

“That this Council undertake a county-wide review of our marketing strategy, social media plan and all of the various media platforms in order to create a master plan with a view to increasing business and tourism opportunities throughout Laois”

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