

PORTLAOISE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

September 8th 2023

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF PORTLAOISE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort freastal ar Chruinniú Míosúil mhí na Meitheamh de Cheantar Bardasach Phort Laoise a thionólfar i Seomra na Comhairle, Áras an Chontae, Port Laoise (nó mar mhalairt air sin ag Foirne Microsoft) **Dé Céadaoin, 13 Meán Fómhair 2023 ag 11.00 a.m. chun na hábhair dá dtagraítear ar an gComhairle a bhreithniú.** Clár oibre thíos.

You are requested to attend the September Monthly Meeting of Portlaoise Municipal District to be held in the **Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise** (or alternatively by Microsoft Teams) on **Wednesday, September 13th 2023 at 11.00 a.m.** to consider the matters referred to on the Agenda hereunder.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on the 21st of June 2023 (documentation enclosed)
2. Matters arising from meeting held on the 21st of June 2023
3. Railway Street Car Park
4. Presentation by Ms. Breda Murray, Chairperson of LOFFA (Laois Offaly Families for Autism)
5. Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Ref: 23/317809 - Coolglass Windfarm Limited - Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála – Construction of 13 No. wind turbines within two clusters with overall ground to blade tip height of 180m. The wind turbines will have a rotordiameter ranging from 155m to 162m inclusive & a hub height ranging from 99 to 102.5m inclusive. Construct permanent turbine hardstands & turbine foundations. Construct 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation including 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, gates, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank, & all ancillary structures & works. Construct a 33kV collector cable circuit connecting the wind farm two clusters along the L3851/Knocklead Road. Construct 2 temporary construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas & security fencing. Develop 1 on-site borrow pit. Construct new permanent internal site access roads, upgrade existing internal site access roads, including passing bays & all associated drainage infrastructure .Develop an internal site drainage network & sediment control systems. All associated underground electrical & communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the wind farm substation. All associated site development works

including berms, landscaping, & soil excavation. Improve site entrance to an existing access off the L3851/Knocklead local road to include localised widening of the road and creation of asplayed entrance to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads & turbine component deliveries. Improvements include; removal of existing vegetation for visibility splays to facilitate use of the access for delivery of construction materials to site. A new site entrance slip road from L3851 / Knocklead local road to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads & turbine component deliveries. Works at this location require removal of existing forestry to facilitate the use of the access for the delivery of construction materials to site & for use during the operational phase. Construct related temporary upgrade works on the turbine delivery route to facilitate, delivery of turbine components to include the use of temporary road surfaces at roundabout at southern exit of Junction 16 of M7, the R425/N80 roundabout & the R426-L3851 junction. Erection of a permanent meteorological mast 102.5m in height. A 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire proposed development. This application is accompanied by EIAR & NIS - At Fossy Upper, Aghoney, Gorreelagh, Knocklead, Scotland, Brennanshill, Monamantry, Coolglass, Crissard, Kylenebehy, Monamanry, Brennanshill, Knocklead, Aghoney, Timahoe, Carrigeen, Ballygormill South, Money Upper, Hophall, Rathleague, Ballymooney, , Rathbrennan, Co. Laois - Submissions/observations must be made to An Bord Pleanála by 5.30 pm on the 09th October 2023 - A standalone website containing all the particulars can be viewed at the following link www.coolglasswindfarm.ie - The application is also on view at the Planning Office Laois County Council **(for noting and further discussion at the September Council Meeting – 25/09/2023)**

6. Notice of Motions
7. Correspondence
8. Fix Date for Next Meeting

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Simon Walton
Director of Services

Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 92/2023 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

"That this Council be given an update on when the recommendations on the road safety Audit at Scoil Bhríde Knockmay will be implemented, and the Council to install extra car parking spaces in Parnell Crescent, Knockmay"

Notice of Motion No: 93/2023 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

"That this Council be given an update on the upgrade of the Mountmellick Road, the 3 ramps that are needed at junctions Ballyfin Road, Dunnes Stores & Harpurs Lane Knockmay"

Notice of Motion No: 94/2023 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

"That this Council give an update on the Domestic Abuse Centre for Portlaoise"

Notice of Motion No: 95/2023 – Councillor Thomasina Connell

"That Laois County Council remove the large steel structure at the front of Esker Hills which was previously an advertising post for the development"

Notice of Motion No: 96/2023 – Councillor Thomasina Connell

"That this Council arrange for the installation of 2 ramps at Heathfield Estate on Dublin Road, Portlaoise to encourage vehicles to slow down"

Notice of Motion No: 97/2023 – Councillor Thomasina Connell

"That this Council arrange for trees to be trimmed back at Higgins Park, Fairgreen"

Notice of Motion No: 98/2023 – Councillor Barry Walsh

"That Laois County Council install a controlled pedestrian crossing at Millbrook Portlaoise near the exit from the war memorial"

Notice of Motion No: 99/2023 – Councillor Barry Walsh

"That Laois County Council add and continue re-surfacing works at Cloncullane and Upper Crubeen, Ballyroan as part of the roads programme 2024"

Notice of Motion No: 100/2023 – Councillor Barry Walsh

"That Laois County Council re-instate road markings and a larger stop sign at the V Junction where the L1656 splits into two roads in Tonduff, Abbeyleix. Coordinates 52°55'47.5"N 7°21'34.8"W"

Notice of Motion No: 101/2023 – Councillor Marie Tuohy

"That this Council assists in whatever way possible to see the Meals on Wheels service is reinstated in Portlaoise"

Notice of Motion No: 102/2023 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald

"That this Council instal a Yellow Box at Ashton Manor"

Notice of Motion No: 103/2023 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald

"That this Council install a disability car space outside 147 St. Brigids"

Notice of Motion No: 104/2023 – Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald

"That this Council look at traffic management at the Library/ Church Avenue"

Notice of Motion No: 105/2023 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly

"That this Council install traffic calming measures at the Old Town Rd. Abbeyleix"

Notice of Motion No: 106/2023 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly

"That this Council improve drainage at Knapton Rd., Abbeyleix to avoid surface water at entrances to houses"

Notice of Motion No: 107/2023 – Councillor John Joe Fennelly

"That this Council extend the double yellow lines on the entrance to the Church car park Abbeyleix from the Main Street"

Notice of Motion No: 108/2023 – Councillor Willie Aird

"That this Council give a date as to when work will commence on the two vacant houses in Lakeglen, Portlaoise as this is a huge concern to the residents in the estate"

Notice of Motion No: 109/2023 – Councillor Willie Aird

"That this Council be commended on the work to date on the section of the road on Green Mill Lane to the junction of the Ridge Road and will a walkway across the river be included together with a pedestrian crossing on the Ridge Road"

Notice of Motion No: 110/2023 – Councillor Willie Aird

"That this Council be given an update as a matter of urgency repair the bridge at Knocknagrove/Cooltoran"

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