

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

November 20th 2024

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort freastal ar chruinniú míosúil mhí Samhain de Chomhairle Chontae Laoise a thionólfar in Áras an Chontae, Port Laoise Dé Luain, 25 Samhain 2024 ag 11.00 r.n. chun na hábhair dá dtagraítear sa Chlár thíos a bhreithniú.

You are requested to attend the November monthly meeting of Laois County Council to be held in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise on Monday, November 25th 2024 at 11.00 a.m. to consider the matters referred to on the agenda hereunder.

You can also join this meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Irene Delaney
Administrative Officer
Corporate Affairs Department

AGENDA CLÁR GNÓ

- (1)
 - (i) Confirmation of the Minutes of the October monthly meeting held on the 21st of October 2024 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Laois County Council held on the 14th of November 2024 & the Adjourned Special Meeting of Laois County Council held on the 18th of November 2024 (documentation enclosed)
 - (iii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Statutory Budget meeting held on the 18th of November 2024 (documentation enclosed)
- (2)
 - (i) Report on CPG Meeting held on the 14th of October 2024 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Reports on Municipal Districts held in October 2024 (documentation enclosed)
- (3) **DISPOSAL OF LAND UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 in respect of:**
 - (i) Disposal of land comprising 0.0375 hectares at Clonadadoran, Portlaoise in the townland of Clonadadoran for a consideration of €300.00 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Disposal of land comprising 0.19 hectares at Killinure, Mountrath in the townland of Mountrath for a consideration of €5,200.00 (documentation enclosed)

- (iii) Disposal of land comprising 0.144 hectares (Area 'A') and 0.041 hectares (Area 'B') at Clonagooden, Borris-in-Ossory in the townland of Clonagooden to Declan Hanrahan, Skeirke, Borris-in-Ossory, Co. Laois for a consideration of €300.00 (documentation enclosed)
- (iv) Disposal of land comprising 0.25 hectares at Shanboe, Borris-in-Ossory in the townland of Shanboe for a consideration of €300.00 (documentation enclosed)

- (4) Nomination of Mr. Michael Rainey, Chief Executive to the Local Community Development Committee (documentation enclosed)

- (5) Nomination of Ms. Mary Purcell representing the Department of Social Protection on the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) (documentation enclosed)

- (6) Consideration of the Chief Executive's Report and to seek the views of the Members in relation to an application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act (as amended) for the construction of a 110KV substation and underground grid connection within the townlands of Barranaghs, Garryhinch, Annamore in County Offaly and Forest Upper, Forest Lower, Coolnavarnoga, Coolaghy, Kilbride, Ballymorris, Cooltederry and Bracklone, Co. Laois. The purpose of this application is to connect the consented Dernacart Wind Farm (LCC Ref 20/78 & ABP310312-21) to the National Grid by connecting the proposed substation to the consented Bracklone 110kV substation (LCC ref-20638) (documentation enclosed)

- (7) Consideration of the Chief Executive's Report on Public Consultation and Adoption of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 (documentation previously circulated)

- (8) 11.30 a.m. - Presentation by Ms. Caroline Hofman, Managing Director of Portlaoise Innovation Centre (DAC) – The Cube

- (9) Monthly Management Report for November 2024 (documentation enclosed)

- (10) Training & Conferences

- (11) Correspondence

- (12) Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion No: 46/2024 – Councillor James Kelly

“That Laois County Council invite Eirgrid, the National Grid Operator to make a presentation to detail the capacity and grid details in Laois which will in turn determine the strategy for Invest in Laois moving forward and the creation of jobs in our County”

Notice of Motion No: 47/2024 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That Laois County Council calls on the Government to introduce urgent measures to help recruit and retain essential frontline staff such as nurses and Gardaí, who are currently leaving their positions in droves”

Notice of Motion No: 48/2024 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That Laois County Council calls on the Government to engage with SOLAS and other industry stakeholders such as the Construction Industry Federation (CIF) to initiate the upskilling and training of essential building trades so as to enable the sector to provide the requisite number of homes as set out in the Government’s own housing targets”

Notice of Motion No: 49/2024 – Councillor Marie Tuohy

“That this Council write to the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley, T.D., to request a review of its refusal to grant temporary accommodation to St. Francis School in view of the crisis for special school places in Laois”

Notice of Motion No: 50/2024 – Councillor Marie Tuohy

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Finance to introduce urgent measures to assist small and medium size businesses and the self-employed who are currently going to the wall in record numbers due to punitive costs, overheads, red tape and taxation”

Notice of Motion No: 51/2024 – Councillor Tommy Mulligan

“That Laois County Council implement a pro-rata system regarding Councillor discretionary funding during an election year”

Notice of Motion No: 52/2024 – Councillor Tommy Mulligan

“That Laois County Council call on Re-turn to offer the re-turn recycling scheme to all schools in the County. This would be an initiative to reduce waste and an opportunity for schools to raise funds”

Notice of Motion No: 53/2024 – Councillors Tommy Mulligan, Ben Brennan & Aisling Moran

“That Laois County Council call on the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley, T.D., the Minister of State at the Department of Education, Ms. Josepha Madigan, T.D. and the Department of Education to take immediate emergency action on the Autism Spectrum Disorder(ASD) Units provision right across the County of Laois”
