

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Áras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co. Laois.

March 20th 2024

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara,

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

You are requested to attend the March monthly meeting of Laois County Council to be held in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise on **Monday, March 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) Confirmation of the Minutes of the February monthly meeting held on the 26th of February 2024 (documentation enclosed)
- (2) (i) Report on CPG Meeting held on the 19th of February 2024 (documentation enclosed)
(ii) Report on Municipal District meetings held in February 2024 (documentation enclosed)
- (3) Part VIII of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in relation to:
 - (i) The construction of a shared, pedestrian and cycle route from The People's Park to Green Mill Lane [Triogue Way], Portlaoise, County Laois (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Site development and ancillary works at Canal Road Business Park [part of former Avon factory site], Canal Road, Portarlinton, County Laois (documentation enclosed)

- (4) DISPOSAL OF LAND UNDER SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 in respect of:**
- (i) Disposal of 0.0292 hectares of land at Townsparks, Mountmellick, Co. Laois in the townland of Townsparks for a consideration of €300.00 (documentation enclosed)
 - (ii) Lease of 0.2759 hectares of land and buildings at St. Mary's Hall, Borris Little, Portlaoise, Co. Laois in the townland of Borris Little for a period of eight years for a consideration of €100.00 per annum (documentation enclosed)
 - (iii) Disposal of 0.0714 hectares of land at J17 National Enterprise Park, Togher, Portlaoise in the townland of Togher for a consideration of €259,000 + VAT (documentation enclosed)
- (5) Two Year Progress (review) of the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027 (in accordance with Section 15(2) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended (documentation enclosed)
- (6) Proposed Material Contravention of the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027 to allow for the construction of a housing development at Summerhill/Aughnaharna, Portlaoise (documentation enclosed)
- (7) Agree a date for special meeting to discuss the Graiguecullen JULAP
- (8) Approval of the Laois Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 Framework Document
- (9) Adoption of the Social Housing Allocation Scheme 2024 (documentation enclosed)
- (10) Adoption of the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy (documentation enclosed)
- (11) Adoption of the Laois County Council Estate Management Policy (documentation enclosed)
- (12) Laois County Council Roadworks Scheme 2024 (documentation enclosed)
- (13) Approval of Arts Acts Grants 2024 (documentation enclosed)
- (14) Report on Official Trip to New York (documentation enclosed)
- (15) Proposed Civic Reception to Timahoe National School – Winners of the All-Ireland Mini-Scientist Exhibition as recommended by the Corporate Policy Group on the 19th of March 2024
- (16) Monthly Management Report for March 2024 (documentation enclosed)
- (17) Training & Conferences
- (18) Correspondence

(19) **Notice of Motions**

Notice of Motion No: 12/2024 – Councillors Thomasina Connell, Willie Aird, Barry Walsh, P.J. Kelly, Conor Bergin & John King

“That Laois County Council notes, that the Help to Buy Scheme has assisted 982 individuals and families in County Laois with up to €30,000 of their taxes back from the previous four years towards their deposit to either build or purchase their first home. Laois County Council further supports the Government’s extension of the Help to Buy Scheme to the end of 2025 and calls for the scheme to be extended to the end of 2026 in Budget 2025 to introduce certainty for prospective buyers or those seeking to build their first home”

Notice of Motion No: 13/2024 – Councillor James Kelly

“That Laois County Council clean and repair road signs across County Laois”

Notice of Motion No: 14/2024 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That Laois County Council clarify what protocol/s we rely on when valuing land purchased through the CPO process, to include an explanation of the protocol the Council relies on to ensure all persons from who land has been compulsorily purchased are treated equally and fairly whether in terms of financial remuneration and/ or by way of benefit in kind, or work completed on boundaries of land purchased through the CPO process”

Notice of Motion No: 15/2024 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That Laois County Council in line with good governance and best practice, call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Mr. Darragh O Brien, to bring all Local Authorities under the remit of the Comptroller and Auditor General, and by extension under the remit of the Public Accounts Committee”

Notice of Motion No: 16/2024 – Councillor Aisling Moran

“That Laois County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Mr. Darragh O Brien, T.D., that in the interest of transparency and accountability that this Council and all other Local Authorities Live stream and record all public meetings and that all in-committee meetings be at the very least recorded for the purpose of recording accurate minutes and also to have this in place to coincide with the new term of Local Government in June 2024”

Notice of Motion No: 17/2024 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

“This Council give an update on the progress made with the refurbishment of Laois Civil Defence building in Portlaoise”

Notice of Motion No: 18/2024 – Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley

“This Council take a lead in bringing together all relevant stakeholders, ie Sports Ireland and Basketball Ireland along with Laois County Council to make progress and advance a Sports Hall in the County”

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