

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE

## LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Áras an Chontae,  
Portlaoise,  
Co. Laois.

July 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 31 Iúil 2023 ag 11.00 r.n. chun na hábhair dá dtagraítear sa Chlár thíos a bhreithniú.

You are requested to attend the July monthly meeting of Laois County Council to be held in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise on **Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 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 June monthly meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 (documentation enclosed)
  - (ii) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (2) Report on CPG Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (3) **Taking in Charge of :-**
  - (i) Meadows Way (Part), Graiguecullen (documentation enclosed)
  - (ii) Marian Grove, Mountmellick (documentation enclosed)
  - (iii) Featherbed Lane, Borris-in-Ossory (documentation enclosed)
- (4) Nomination of Ms. Rosemary Kunene representing Youth Work Ireland to the Laois Local Community Development Committee (documentation enclosed)

- (5) Nomination of Ms. Yvonne McKeon to replace Mr. Bobby Fitzpatrick on the Housing, Regeneration and Planning Strategic Policy Committee (documentation enclosed)
- (6) Agree a date for the consideration and adoption of the Development Contribution scheme before the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- (7) Monthly Management Report for July 2023 (documentation enclosed)
- (8) Training & Conferences
- (9) Correspondence
- (10) Notice of Motions

#### **Notice of Motion No: 37/2023 – Councillor Thomasina Connell**

“That Laois County Council write to Minister Darragh O’ Brien T.D. at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage seeking that both the thresholds and the amount of the grant be increased for both the Housing Adaptation Grant for Older and People with a Disability”

#### **Notice of Motion No: 38/2023 – Councillor Marie Tuohy**

“That this Council commend the ongoing effort of the Management Team and affiliated bodies such as the Laois Chamber Alliance on the ongoing promotion of Laois as a tourist destination and request an update on the current Laois Tourism Strategy and status report on tourism related infrastructure projects such as the facilities at the Rock of Dunamaise and Glenbarrow in the Slieve Blooms”

#### **Notice of Motion No: 39/2023 – 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: 40/2023 – Councillor Barry Walsh**

“That Laois County Council engage with the ESB requesting a central point of contact for Councillors. Currently parts of the Ballyroan area and other areas within the Portlaoise MD are experiencing intermittent power outages for short periods which can have a negative impact on people working from home and plant and equipment commercially and domestically”

**Notice of Motion No: 41/2023 – Councillor Barry Walsh**

“That Laois County Council consider using an alert app such as Map Alerter to communicate with local residents about service disruptions, public safety messages and important updates”

**Notice of Motion No: 42/2023 – Councillor Conor Bergin**

“That Laois County Council hold a workshop to help local clubs and organisers who wish to apply for the Sports Capital Programme 2023”

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