

CORRESPONDENCE

JANUARY 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

- Letter received on 19th November, 2015, from the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Clare County Council.
- Letter received on 19th November, 2015, from the Meetings Administrator, Sligo County Council.
- Letter received on 9th December, 2015, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council.
- Letter received on 11th December, 2015, *from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister for Transport to review the taxation of commercial vehicles for agricultural use.*
- Letter received on 14th December, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for a *review of the taxation of commercial vehicles for agricultural use.*
- Letter received on 17th December, 2015, from the Meetings Administrator, Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District.
- Letter received on 17th December, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in reply to resolution adopted by the Council in relation to the unsatisfactory situation regarding the marketability of lands designated for the hen harrier.

- E-Mail received on 23rd December, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for Finance in reply to the following resolution adopted by the Council – *‘That, this Council, recognising the enormous generosity shown by Mr. J.P. McManus, welcome his decision to hold another Golf Classic, the proceeds of which go to worthy causes, and requests the Government not to deduct the considerable time he will have to spend organising the event from his tax residency allowance; and, further, that the Motion be circulated to all TDs in the Mid-West area.*
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CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

18th November, 2015.

Our Ref: November 15-17/MMcN/MMcI



Mr. Christy O'Connor,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services,
Limerick County Council,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick.

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

At the November monthly meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

“That Clare County Council collaborate with Limerick County Council to develop a tourist route on both sides of the Shannon Estuary similar to the very successful Wild Atlantic Way”.

The Council would appreciate a reply in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Michael McNamara,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services.

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5th November, 2015



To: **Each Local Authority (by e-mail).**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council, held on 2nd November, 2015, the Members agreed the following resolution and asked that it would be circulated to all Local Authorities:

"Sligo County Council welcomes the fact that the Irish League of Credit Unions has launched a Plan to lend enough money to build 35,000 Social Houses over the next six years.

This Council calls on Minister Kelly and the Department of Environment to engage with the I.L.C.U. as they are prepared to invest a significant amount of Money in Social Housing".

Kevin Colreavy
Meetings Administrator

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3rd December, 2015

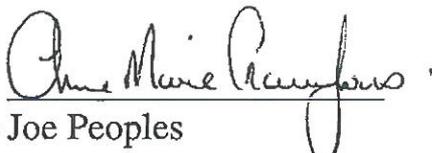
To: All Local Authorities

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that at a recent meeting of Donegal County Council, the following resolution was adopted, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support:-

"That this Council contact the Management of the other 30 Local Authorities to inform them of the intention to appeal global re-valuation of 6 utilities, and further ask that they join with Donegal County Council in this process, and that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities."

Is mise le meas,


For. Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator

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9 December 2015

Our Ref: PD/15/10916

Ms Tina Knox
Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
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Merchants Quay
Limerick



Dear Ms Knox

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, Paschal Donohoe, T.D., I wish to thank you for your letter regarding the taxation of commercial vehicles for agricultural use. As this is a matter under the remit of the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, I have forwarded your letter to the office of Minister Alan Kelly for their attention and direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely,

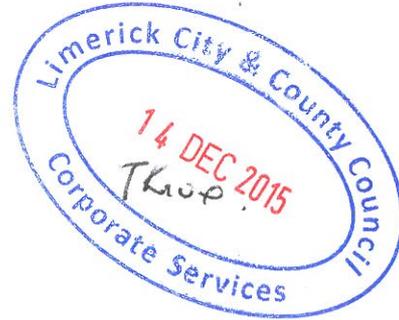
Chris Smith

Private Secretary to Minister Donohoe



Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government

Ms. Tina Knox,
Administrative Officer,
Corporate Services,
Limerick City and County Council,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick.



11th December 2015.

Dear Ms Knox,

I refer to your recent letter regarding motor tax which has been passed onto us by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

There are no plans at present to review the taxation of commercial vehicles for agricultural use.

A simplification of the rates of commercial motor tax was announced in Budget 2016 by replacing the twenty existing rates with just five rates, ranging from €92 per annum for electric goods vehicles to €900 per annum for the heaviest goods vehicles. The reductions apply to all commercial vehicles with an unladen weight exceeding 4,000 kilogrammes and will apply for vehicle licences taken out with a commencement date on or after the 1st of January 2016.

The reductions are tapered, from a reduction of €4,295 for the heaviest goods vehicle band to a reduction of €43 annually for vehicles weighing between 4,001 and 5,000 kg's. There are no changes to the lowest two bands, which remain at €333 and €420 respectively.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Fadian,

Motor Tax Policy Section,

Dept. of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

Custom House,

Dublin 1.

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that at the December meeting of the Carrick on Shannon Municipal District Meeting the Members unanimously passed the following resolution:

“That this Municipal Council write to the Board of Works, The Minister for Finance and to all County Councils along the River Shannon demanding that there be continuous dredging of the River Shannon to remove mud banks and bog silt, so that the river can be kept flowing freely and that further major flooding will become a thing of the past”.

I would appreciate if you could consider this proposal and revert back to us at an early date.

Mise le meas,

Joan Lowe
On behalf of Vincent Dwyer
Meetings Administrator
Carrick on Shannon Municipal District





Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dublin 2.

Oifig an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, Baile Átha Cliath 2.

14 December 2015

Mr. Christy O'Connor
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
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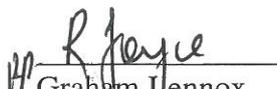
Our Ref: 2015/53730N/PF

Dear Mr O'Connor,

I refer again to your letter dated 27th August 2015 to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, TD concerning a resolution of Limerick City and County Council in relation to lands designated for Hen harrier.

The Minister has noted the resolution by the members of Limerick City & County Council.

Yours sincerely,


Graham Lennox
Private Secretary

From: Minister, <Minister@finance.gov.ie>
Sent: 23 December 2015 14:21
Subject: Reply to your letter

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Our Ref: 15/0190/MF

23 December 2015

Meetings Administrator
Limerick City and County Council

RE – Motion

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan TD, has asked me to reply to the letter from Mr Eugene Griffin, Meetings Administrator on behalf of Limerick City and County Council, regarding a resolution adopted in connection with Mr J. P. Mc Manus.

The Minister wishes to acknowledge the outstanding philanthropic contribution of Mr Mc Manus to life in Limerick and beyond to projects enhancing civic, social, community, education and sporting aspects of life for citizens.

The Minister has asked me to thank the members of Limerick City and County Council for informing him of the motion, the contents of which have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Lalor
Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance