

CORRESPONDENCE

MARCH 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

- Letter received on 19th January, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Tipperary County Council.
- Letter received on 19th January, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Waterford City and County Council.
- Letter received on 6th February, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Galway County Council.
- E-Mail received on 16th February, 2018, from the Chief Executive's Office, Leitrim County Council.
- Correspondence (2 letters) received on 20th February, 2018, from Senator Robbie Gallagher.
- Letter received on 21st February, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator/Administrative Officer, Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale.
- Letter received on 24th January, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for an extension to the slurry spreading season.
- Letter received on 31st January, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment in reply to resolution adopted by the Council urging the Government to implement in full the recommendations of the 2011 Government Review of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in particular the concerns raised over the low level of prosecutions, the immunity of the EPA from prosecution, and the need to make it accountable to the Ombudsman.

- Letter received on 9th February, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment in reply to correspondence sent to the Minister following the January Meeting expressing the Council's disappointment at the roads funds allocations for 2018 and concern at the current condition of some roads following recent adverse weather conditions and, furthermore, requesting additional road funding to carry out necessary essential roads maintenance.
 - Correspondence (4 letters) received on 13th March, 2018, from the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services Department, Finance and Support Services Directorate, Clare County Council.
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TO/

Each Local Authority

A Chara,



At a meeting of Tipperary County Council held on 11th December 2017 the following Notice of Motion was passed and it was agreed to circulate it to All Local Authorities:-

"We call on the Minister for Environment to amend the legislation with regard to collection of waste so as to allow small operators to provide a service to those who live in remote areas, areas where large vehicles cannot access or where householders have very limited amounts of waste and lack storage space for bins. Such small operators should be permitted to meet requirements in relation to pay by weight, by weighing their loads at the point of disposal. This would facilitate householders, allow the small operators to continue in business and also reduce the likelihood of illegal dumping of waste".

Mise, le meas,

Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

17th January 2018.



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council



Our Ref: HD/AOS

18th January, 2018

To: Each Local Authority

The following motion was adopted at the January meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 11th January, 2018.

“That Waterford City & County Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Mr Charlie Flanagan, to commence without further delay the Commission of Investigation into the alleged cover up of sex crimes by paedophile Bill Kenneally”

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council



Our Ref: Motion CC1.1C-Motions 2018/29

February 3rd 2018

To Each Local Authority

A chairde,

At a meeting of Galway County Council on January 29th 2018 the following Motion was agreed;

'This Local Authority calls on the Minister for Transport [Minister Shane Ross, T.D] and the Minister of Justice and Equality [Minister Charlie Flanagan TD] to provide each Local Authority with efficient laws [bye-laws] to deal with the illegal parking of caravans and camper vans on public and private roads, right of ways and non-designated camp sites. Sufficient powers should be given to each Authority to remove and impound illegally parked caravans and to confiscate unclaimed caravans in a timely fashion similar to unclaimed motor vehicles'

We request a reply from each Minister by July 1st 2018, so that this issue can become an agenda items for the July meetings of Local Authorities.'

I would be obliged if you could bring this to the attention of your Members for their consideration.

Míle Buíochas

Is mise,

Eimear Dolan

Meetings Administrator
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From: Kathleen McGovern Ellis <kellis@leitrimcoco.ie>

Sent: 16 February 2018 17:05

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Subject: Resolution passed by Leitrim County Council - Disabilities Tax Relief Scheme

A Chara,

Please find attached Resolution passed by Leitrim County Council in relation to the above.

Yours sincerely

Kathleen McGovern Ellis
Chief Executive's Office
Leitrim County Council.



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16th February 2018

Minister Paschal Donohue, TD
Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform,
Department of Finance, Public Expenditure & Reform,
Government Buildings
Upper Merrion Street
Dublin 2



Re: Disabilities Tax Relief Scheme

Dear Minister Donohue,

I wish to inform you that at the January meeting of Leitrim County Council the Members unanimously passed the following resolution:-

“That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister of State for Disabilities and the Minister for Finance with a view to seeking that the medical criteria for entry to the drivers and passengers with Disabilities Tax Relief Scheme be amended to include those without the use of one hand or arm”.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,


Joan Lowe
Meetings Administrator

Cc To All Local Authorities



Senator Robbie Gallagher

20/2/18

To all in Limerick City and County Council,

Congratulations on your recent successes in the LAMA Awards for Best Connected Council and Best Local Authority Innovation for Attracting Inward Investment. To win two prizes in the same Awards Ceremony is a fantastic and hard-earned achievement.

The Limerick 2030 Plan and Limerick's digital strategy are setting the standard for Local Authorities all over the country to try and match and surpass.

It is a great representation and reward for all the positive work going on in Limerick across all sectors of the community.

I would like to wish you all the best in your future endeavours moving forward and commend your hard work and dedication.

If I can ever be of any help or assistance in any matter please just get in touch,

Kind Regards,

Robbie

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20th February, 2018.

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the February meeting of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District of Limerick City and County Council, the following Notice of Motion was adopted by the members who are: –

“Calling on all Councillors and TD’s to lobby the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar and the Minister for Health, Simon Harris to reinstate the provision of Versatis pain relief patches on the Drug Payment and Medical Card Schemes for chronic pain.”

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities for support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Butler".

Karen Butler,
Administrative Officer,
Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District



An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála
agus Rialtais Áitiúil
Department of Housing, Planning
and Local Government



Oifig an Aire
Office of the Minister

22 January 2018

Ms. Tina Knox,
Limerick City and County Council,
Corporate Headquarters,
Merchant's Quay,
Limerick
V94 EH90



RE: REP1510/EM/17

Dear Ms Knox,

I refer to your letter of the 20 December 2017 to Minister Michael Creed regarding an extension to the dates for the spreading of Slurry.

The Nitrates Directive requires all member states to define set periods when the land application of fertiliser, including slurry, is not allowed and in Ireland the closed season commences each year on 15 October.

In 2017 Sustained heavy rainfall in parts of the country created difficulties for slurry spreading and prompted animal welfare concerns. The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), recognised this issue and asked farmers with concerns to contact the Nitrates Section of DAFM with details of the flooding / trafficability situation, their herd number and other relevant data in advance of the closed period. This arrangement was clearly communicated to farm organisations, advisers and local authorities and was reported on in the farming press.

Less than 600 farmers out of a total number of bovine farmers of 109,000 made contact with DAFM in this regard. Very limited flexibility was given to those farmers who registered to spread only the volume of slurry necessary to ensure adequate storage capacity for the remainder of the closed period. All other requirements of the Regulations were to be adhered to in availing of this flexibility.

Minister Murphy is satisfied that the concerns regarding farmers' inability to spread slurry within the required timeframe were adequately dealt with in a proportional and sensible manner.

Yours sincerely,

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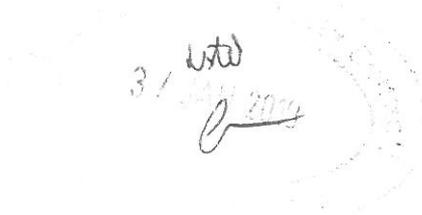
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Mr James Clune,
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30 January 2018

Dear Mr Clune,

On behalf of Mr Denis Naughten, TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26th January 2018 regarding the EPA.

I will ensure your letter is brought to Minister Naughten's attention.

Yours sincerely,

Marianne Brosnan

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Mr. Christy O'Connor,
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V94 EH90



07 February 2018

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

On behalf of Mr Denis Naughten, TD, Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 2nd February.

Your correspondence has been brought to the attention of the Minister. However, as the matter raised by you is relevant to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport I have forwarded your correspondence to Minister Shane Ross for his attention and direct reply.

Yours sincerely,

Marianne Brosnan

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CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

13th March, 2018.

Our Ref: March 18-22/CG/MMcI



To Each Local Authority.

A Chairde,

I set out below the terms of resolution adopted by the members of Clare County Council at their March monthly meeting:-

“That this Council supports the call for publicly-funded higher education and rejects income contingent loans.”

It was agreed that the terms of this resolution be circulated to each local authority and I would be obliged if you could bring this to the attention of your elected members for their consideration.

Is mise, le meas,

Carmel Greene,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

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13th March, 2018.

Our Ref: March 18-25/CG/MMcI

To Each Local Authority.

A Chairde,

I set out below the terms of resolution adopted by the members of Clare County Council at their March monthly meeting:-

“That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Environment and Local Government and the Minister for Finance to put in place a redress scheme to provide financial support to purchasers of houses and apartments who now find that their property was not properly constructed and is non-compliant with Building and Fire Regulations. These homeowners are victims of poor building methods and are now facing huge expense to address the necessary measures to bring their property up to a safe and compliant level. The purchasers of these properties followed due process in acquiring their property and trusted the legal, planning and regulatory measures in place to protect them, but now find they are exposed to costs they cannot afford and could in extreme cases face the possibility of being rendered homeless if necessary remedial safety works are not carried out.”

It was agreed that the terms of this resolution be circulated to each local authority and I would be obliged if you could bring this to the attention of your elected members for their consideration.

Is mise, le meas,

Carmel Greene,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

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13th March, 2018.



Our Ref: March 18-26/CG/MMcI

To Each Local Authority.

A Chairde,

I set out below the terms of resolution adopted by the members of Clare County Council at their March monthly meeting:-

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Trade and Employment to introduce financial incentives to companies who are prepared to employ apprentices.”

It was agreed that the terms of this resolution be circulated to each local authority and I would be obliged if you could bring this to the attention of your elected members for their consideration.

Is mise, le meas,

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13th March, 2018.

Our Ref: March 18-28/CG/MMcI



To Each Local Authority.

A Chairde,

I set out below the terms of resolution adopted by the members of Clare County Council at their March monthly meeting:-

“That Clare Council request the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment in view of the recent study findings issued by NUIG that 73% of deep water fish living in the North West Atlantic Ocean had ingested micro plastic, which is one of the highest recordings found worldwide; to tackle this ticking time bomb before it is too late.”

It was agreed that the terms of this resolution be circulated to each local authority and I would be obliged if you could bring this to the attention of your elected members for their consideration.

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Carmel Greene,
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Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.