

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Council Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.

- Letter received on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, from the Meetings Administrator, Kerry County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling for the award of medals which were recommended for those Irish Peacekeepers who participated in the Battle of Jadotville in 1961; and to give due recognition and award the MMG (Military Medal for Gallantry – equivalent to the Victoria Cross) to former Commandant, Pat Quinlan, of Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry.
- Letter received on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, from the Meetings Administrator, Meath County Council, outlining resolutions adopted by the Council (i) calling for details of confirmed COVID-19 cases to be made available weekly or bi-monthly on a townland basis; and (ii) calling for the introduction of a remunerated *Disposal of Unwanted Medicines Properly Scheme*, through Pharmacies, to promote the safe and appropriate disposal of animal and human medicines.
- Letter received on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, from the County Secretary and Communications Officer, Wexford County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling for the amendment of the remit of Irish Water to fund County Councils to allow them to deal with, increase capacity in, and manage rural waste water systems in rural villages with a population of less than 3,000, to protect the survival and growth of rural Ireland.
- E-Mail received on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020, from Mr. Leo Quinlan, former Army Officer (retired Commandant), expressing appreciation on behalf of his family and all veterans families for the Council's support that the eight Irish veterans still living, including Limerick men Lieutenant Noel Carey and Corporal Tadhg Quinn, should receive their long-awaited medals for bravery in action, as soon as possible.
- Letter received on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for confirmation that, under the provisions of the Programme for Government entitled 'A Green New Deal,' the status of reclaimed land on the Shannon Estuary, Deel, Magiue, Mulcair and Feale Rivers would remain unchanged and land users would continue to be able to farm their lands.

- E-Mail received on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, from the Office of the Minister for Finance in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for a review of the Local Property Tax process in order to include all properties completed and occupied since 2013.
  - Letter received on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, from the Meetings Administrator, Sligo County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to the future of the post office network.
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24 September 2020

## To/ Each Local Authority

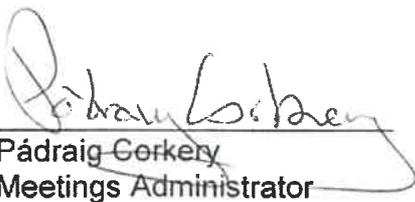
A Chairde,

I write to inform you that the members of Kerry County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution.

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Defence and the Government to award the medals which were recommended for those Irish Peacekeepers who participated in the Battle of Jadotville in 1961. To give due recognition and award the MMG to former Commandant Pat Quinlan of Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry. The inactivity around this issue is a stain on the reputation of the Nation. That this notice of motion also be sent to all Local Authorities."

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all local authorities for their attention and consideration.

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Pádraig Gorkery  
Meetings Administrator



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Corporate Services Department,  
October 7, 2020

### **Re: October 2020 Meeting, Meath County Council**

Dear Meeting Administrator

At its monthly meeting on October 5, 2020, members of Meath County Council adopted the following motions and requested that they also be forwarded to all other local authorities for information:

#### **Motion 9.7**

*"That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Health, the Department of Health and NPHET to make available weekly or bi-monthly, details of confirmed COVID-19 cases on a townland basis. This would ensure further compliance with COVID-19 measures and encourage the principle of "We are all in this together" bringing communities together to reduce the spread of the virus locally."*

#### **Motion 9.8**

*"Meath County Council calls upon the Departments of Communications, Climate Action and Environment & Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine & Health to introduce a remunerated DUMP [dispose of unwanted medicines properly] scheme, through pharmacies to promote the safe and appropriate disposal of animal & human medicines, to reduce pharmaceutical waste in the environment."*

Yours sincerely,

Robert Collins  
Meetings Administrator

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County Secretary

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9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**Re: September 2020 Meeting, Wexford County Council**

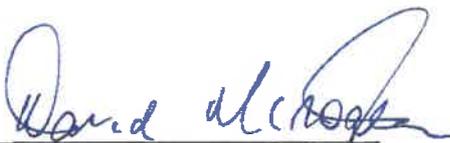
Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the September Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"That Wexford County Council call on the government to amend the remit of Irish Water to fund County Councils to allow them to deal with, increase capacity in and manage rural waste water systems in our rural villages with a population of less than 3,000, to protect the survival and growth of rural Ireland".

It was agreed to send a copy of this motion to all Councils for their support.

Yours sincerely,



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**County Secretary & Communications Officer.**  
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**From:** <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2020 1:21 PM  
**To:** James Clune <james.clune@limerick.ie>  
**Subject:** Jadotville Medals

Dear James,

Many thanks for this information and the support of Limerick City and County Council is much appreciated by the Quinlan Family and all veterans families.

Kind Regards,  
Leo Quinlan.

----- Original message -----

**From:** "James Clune" <james.clune@limerick.ie>  
**Date:** 23/10/2020 12:07 (GMT+00:00)  
**To:** <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>  
**Subject:** Jadotville Medals

**A Chara,**

I refer to your correspondence dated 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020, in relation to the above.

I wish to advise that your correspondence was considered by Limerick City and County Council at its Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, and also at a Meeting of the Metropolitan District on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. The Council was supportive of your request that the eight Irish veterans still living, including Limerick men Lieutenant Noel Carey, now living in Cork, and Corporal Tadhg Quinn, now living in Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick, should receive their long-awaited medals for bravery in action, as soon as possible.

The Council's support for your request has been forwarded to Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Defence.

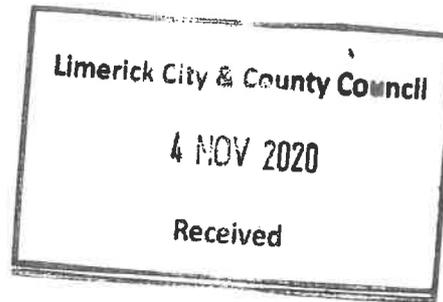
**Is mise le meas,**

**James Clune,**  
**Meetings Administrator.**



3 November 2020

Mr James Clune  
Meeting Administrator  
Limerick City & County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick



Our Ref: 2020/64359P /HV

Dear Mr Clune,

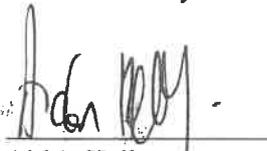
I refer to your recent correspondence to Minister Charlie McConalogue regarding the resolution made by Limerick City and County Council.

The EU Green Deal objectives affords the opportunity to promote biodiversity and agricultural practices in a more blended way on our journey towards a more sustainable future. The Deal is not designed to inhibit agricultural practices, but to support and enhance them in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner. This Department will actively engage and collaborate with landowners and farmers to achieve this goal.

Many of the adjoining lands associated with the Shannon Estuary, Deel, Maigne, Mulkear and Feale rivers are identified as part of the European designated Natura 2000 sites<sup>1</sup> network, under the EU Habitats<sup>2</sup> and Birds<sup>3</sup> Directives. With these Directives, certain proposed works intended to be carried out within the boundaries of such sites must undergo Screening for Appropriate Assessment and consultation be made with the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

In addition, proposed alterations of agricultural lands, within or outside such designated sites, must also be approved by this Department under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) Regulations (2011) (As Amended) screening thresholds. These established regulations create engagement with landowners to allow them and the relevant department to work together to ensure that any such activities carried out are compliant with the legislation.

Yours sincerely

  
Aiden Kelly  
Private Secretary



<sup>1</sup> Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs)

<sup>2</sup> Habitats Directive – Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (As Amended).

<sup>3</sup> Birds Directive – Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (As Amended).

<sup>4</sup><https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/ruralenvironment/environment/environmentalimpactassessment/SI407of2017020518.pdf>

**From:** Minister for Finance [<mailto:finance-mo-correspondence@cloud.gov.ie>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday 4 November 2020 09:26  
**To:** Customer Services <[customerservices@limerick.ie](mailto:customerservices@limerick.ie)>  
**Subject:** FIN-MO-05246-2020

Our Ref: FIN-MO-05346-2020

Mr James Clune  
Meetings Administrator  
Limerick City and County Council.

Dear Mr Clune

The Minister for Finance, Mr Paschal Donohoe TD, has asked me to refer to your letter of 14th October 2020 concerning a resolution adopted by Limerick City and County Council at its meeting on 28th September 2020 in relation to the Local Property Tax (LPT) and properties completed since 2013.

The Minister intends to bring forward proposals for primary legislation to implement the Programme for Government commitments regarding the LPT in early 2021. These proposals will be designed to ensure fairness and that most homeowners will face no increase in their LPT liabilities. Notably the Minister's proposals will be intended to bring homes built since 2013 which are currently outside of the tax into the taxation system.

In relation to a review of the tax, the Minister initiated a review of the LPT which was completed by the Department of Finance in conjunction with the Departments of the Taoiseach, Public Expenditure & Reform and Housing, Local Government & Heritage and the Revenue Commissioners. The report of the review was published on 2 April 2019 and is available at this link <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/1e5c76-review-of-local-property-tax/>.

I hope the foregoing is of assistance to the members of the Council.

Yours sincerely

Private Secretary  
to the Minister for Finance



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6<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020, the following resolution was agreed:

*"To call on Sligo County Council to write to the Taoiseach asking him to implement the recommendations of the Grant Thornton report on the future of the post office network."*

It was further agreed that a copy of this resolution would also be circulated to other Local Authorities.

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