



Comhairle Cathrach
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1st September, 2021.

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Re: Visit to Huy, Belgium July 19-21, 2021 regarding the location, identification and repatriation of Patrick Sarsfield's remains to Ireland.

A Chomhairleor, a chara,

Dr. Pat Daly, Chief Executive and I visited Huy City Council, Belgium 19-21 July last regarding the possible location, identification and repatriation of Patrick Sarsfield's remains to Limerick.

Extensive research undertaken by Dr Loïc Guyon, French Honorary Council to Limerick and Mr. David O'Brien, CEO of the Civic Trust on General Patrick Sarsfield's life following the siege of Limerick has led to an ambitious project to locate and repatriate the remains of Patrick Sarsfield.

Patrick Sarsfield was fatally wounded at the battle of Neerwinden, near Huy, Belgium in July 1693 but his exact burial place has remained unknown since that time. Following extensive research supported by Limerick City and County Council, the French Ministry of Defence Archives and Huy City Historical Records, the possible location of Sarsfield's grave could be near the site of St Martin's church in Huy according to records.

The site of the Church and burial ground is now a residential area and has been purchased by Huy City Council. They have granted permission for an archeological dig to be conducted to secure DNA samples for genetic testing with descendants of Patrick Sarsfield to establish identification. If DNA sampling establishes the remains in Huy are those of Patrick Sarsfield then we could begin the process of repatriation of his remains to Limerick subject to Council agreement.

During the itinerary, meetings took place with the Mayor of Huy (Bourgmestre), Mr Eric Dosogne, Mayor (Bourgmestre) Gino Debroux of Landen (site of the battle of Neerwinden), and their officials. In addition meetings took place with Minister Christophe Collignon, Minister of Local Government and Housing of Wallonia. Official receptions were attended at Huy City Council & Landen City Council along with site visits to St Martin's Church, to the purported burial site and to the site of the battle of Neerwinden (Landen).

We now await the results of the archeological dig so as to progress DNA sampling after which we will be in a position to update Council further.

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17th September 2021

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Re: Attendance at the European Green Capital Award 2023 and European Green Leaf Award 2022 Ceremony in Lahti, Finland 8th to 11th September, 2021

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

I travelled as part of a delegation from Limerick City and County Council, to the European Green Capital 2023 and European Green Leaf 2022 Awards Ceremony in Lahti, Finland, 8th to 11th September, 2021.

I led the delegation that also included Nuala Gallagher, Director of Planning, Environment and Place-Making. The European Green Leaf Award is open to all towns and cities in Europe with a population of 20,000 - 100,000 people and following a competitive process, Limerick and Mechelen in Belgium were jointly awarded the title of The 2020 European Green Leaf City.

Over the course of the event the delegates participated in the following activities;

Wednesday 8th September, 2021

European Green Capital 2023 and European Green Leaf 2022 Awards Ceremony opening hosted by the Mayor of Lahti.

Thursday 9th September, 2021

Lahti Symposium 'Solutions Towards One-Planet Living' at Sibelius Hall, Concert Hall, Lahti. I represented Limerick City and County Council on Mayors Forum, 'Climate Actions of Forerunner Cities' hosted by Mayor Timonen. Other invited Mayors include Kimmo Jarva, Mayor, City of Lappeenranta (EU Green Leaf 2021); José Sá Fernandes, Deputy Mayor, Lisbon Municipality (EU Green Capital 2020); Maud Travel, Deputy Mayor, City of Grenoble (EU Green Capital 2022). The idea of the Mayor's Forum session was to have an open dialogue between the forerunner EU Green Capital and Green Leaf cities about climate targets and actions.

On-site project visits, guided tour to Lahti Green Capital 2021.

Official European Green Capital 2023 and European Green Leaf 2022 Awards Ceremony.

Friday 10th September, 2021

Meeting with Ruth Parkin, Irish Ambassador to Finland at Helsinki and walking tour of Helsinki.

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**Councillor Daniel Butler,
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COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SECTION 142(5) (f) and (fa) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Organiser of Conference: Jointly organised by Lisbon Municipality, the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) and the Empresa Municipal de Mobilidade e Estacionamento de Lisboa (EMEL).

Name of Conference: Velo- City 2021

Location of Conference: Online

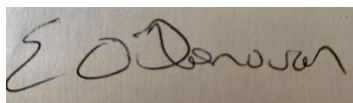
Date of Conference: 6-9th September

Summary of Conference

Velo-city is widely considered as the premier worldwide annual cycling summit, serving as a global knowledge exchange platform. It brings together all those who are involved in the policy, promotion and provision for cycling, active mobility and sustainable urban development. I attended VeloCity in Dublin in 2019 and found it excellent for up to date research to support planning for a more cycle friendly Limerick.

This conference was over 3 days online and so it was difficult to attend everything. It is great to be able to log back in to the presentations and watch them. The theme for the conference was diversity and a focus on cycling for people from all ages, genders, cultures and backgrounds. I particularly enjoyed the session on bridging the gender gap in cycling and pedalling for better health. There is lots of learning from the conference that could be easily implemented in Limerick

Signature:



Print Name: Elisa O'Donovan

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Organiser of Conference EUROPEAN CYCLISTS' FEDERATION

Name of Conference EUROVELO 2021 (online)

Location of Conference ONLINE

Date of Conference 6. - 9. SEPTEMBER, 2021

Summary of Conference Content

PROMOTION OF CYCLING
GOOD ACTIVE TRAVEL INFRASTRUCTURE
CYCLING TO WORK
CYCLING TO SCHOOL
EQUALITY IN CYCLING

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