

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **November 2021 Council Meeting**

- Letter received on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, from the Chief Executive, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to its continued opposition to the blockade of Cuba by the USA.
  - Letter received on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, from the Meetings Administrator, South Dublin County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on Irish supermarkets, and International supermarkets operating in Ireland, to join the boycott of all Israeli goods.
  - Letter received on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021, from the Meetings Administrator, Tipperary County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to the amalgamation and rationalisation of Group Water Schemes in Co. Tipperary.
  - Letter received on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021, from the Meetings Administrator, Kerry County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on Local Authorities and Government Services to fly the Palestinian Flag on 29<sup>th</sup> November, International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.
  - Letter received on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, from the Meetings Administrator, Sligo County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to the establishment of a safe refuge centre for victims and survivors (mainly women) of domestic violence in Sligo and surrounding area.
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Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Date: 20 September 2021

Email: Democratic.services@fermanaghmagh.com



Fermanagh & Omagh  
District Council

Comhairle Ceantair  
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Alison McCullagh  
Chief Executive

To: All Council Chief Executives on the island of Ireland

Dear Chief Executive,

**Re: Motion – Syringes for Cuba Campaign/End the Blockade**

At the Council meeting held on 7 September 2021, the following Motion was approved by the majority of votes cast: -

**That this council states its' continued opposition to the illegal and inhumane blockade of Cuba by the USA. Notes that, prior to the pandemic, this blockade has prevented essential supplies such as fuel entering the country which has far-reaching consequences. Further notes, with increased concern, the impact that this blockade is having during the Covid-19 pandemic whereby essential medical supplies, needed to save lives, are being restricted;**

**That this council sends its' solidarity to all those in our district who have loved ones in the country. Further, that this council sends our solidarity to Cuba through the Cuban Ambassador to Ireland, Hugo Ramos, and that we invite the Ambassador to meet with our council to express this directly and hear about how this blockade is affecting citizens in our district; That this council notes, despite the pressures caused by the imposition of unjust sanctions, the positive role that Cuba has played in providing practical solidarity and support to so many countries in the global struggle against Covid-19;**

**That this council praises the efforts of the Cuban Solidarity Forum Ireland, supports their 'Syringes for Cuba' campaign, and highlights this campaign to the people of our district using any means available to us. Further, that this council invites representatives from the Cuban Solidarity Forum Ireland to meet with council to update us on the campaign and ongoing situation;**

**That this council writes to both Health Ministers on the island to request that they explore ways in which assistance could be provided to assist in medical supply provision to Cuba. Further, that this council requests that,**

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**on behalf of the people of our district, both Health Ministers advocate for the inclusion of any successful medications and treatments, including those developed in Cuba, in the fight against Covid-19;**

**That this council notes the most recent vote on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 by the UN General Assembly, and every vote since 1992, to demand the end of the US blockade by the international community;**

**That this council, on behalf of those in our district with loved ones in Cuba as well as everyone in our district who would benefit from Cuban Covid-19 medications, calls on the US government, via the US Ambassador to Ireland, to bring this blockade to an end, particularly due to the devastating effect it is having during the Covid-19 pandemic;**

**Finally, that this motion is circulated to all councils on the island of Ireland and that they are requested to adopt a similar position.**

As outlined in the Motion, the Council requests that your Council adopts a similar position with regard to the Syringes for Cuba Campaign/End the Blockade.

The Council will also be making representations to the other relevant stakeholders as mentioned above in the Motion.

The Council looks forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely



**Alison McCullagh  
Chief Executive**

14/10/21

Dear Meetings Administrator,

**Our Ref: M04/1021**

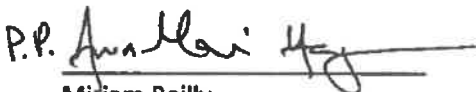
**Re: Motion Agreed at meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The following Motion was AGREED at the Council meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

That this Council agrees to write to the Department of the Taoiseach, all other Local Authorities in the state and Retail Ireland calling on the Irish and International Supermarkets operating here to join the Boycott of all Israeli Goods as a response to the current and never-ending Murderous Campaign against the Palestinian People including thousands of innocent Men, Women and Children.

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience. Please quote our reference no. M04/1021 on any correspondence.

Yours sincerely



Miriam Reilly  
Meetings Administrator  
Corporate Services Department



**Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann**  
**Tipperary County Council**

Date/ 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2021  
To/ Each Meetings Administrator

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a meeting of Tipperary County Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 the following motion was considered and approved by the members: -

**"The Council notes that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is proposing that Tipperary County Council procure consulting Engineering Services to assist in the process of amalgamation and rationalisation of Group Water Schemes in County Tipperary. We, the Chairman and Elected Members of the Council's Rural Water Monitoring Committee, are requesting that the Rural Water Unit of the Department engage proactively with the Rural Water Team of the Council's Water Services Section in preparing and finalising the contents of the Brief for the procurement of these services in a mutually satisfactory and complementary manner.**

**We are also requesting that, where a Group Water Scheme wishes to remain independent and not to be Taken in Charge by Irish Water, it will be so facilitated.**

**We are asking the Council to support this Notice of Motion so that it can be forwarded to the Rural Water Unit of the Department for attention".**

In consideration of this motion, members requested that the Motion be forwarded to all Local Authorities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Ger Walsh,  
Meetings Administrator.

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19 October 2021

### To/ Each Local Authority

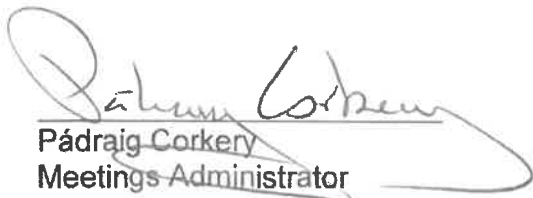
A Chairde,

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

"That this Council call on Local Authorities throughout the Country and all Government Services to fly the Palestine Flag on November 29<sup>th</sup> which is the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people."

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

Mise le meas,

  
Pádraig Corkery  
Meetings Administrator



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16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, the following resolution was agreed:

*"That this Council in conjunction with Tusla, Dept of Children and Equality and the Gardaí establish an appropriate and safe Refuge Centre for victims and survivors (mainly women) of domestic violence in Sligo and surrounding area."*

*It was also agreed to circulate this motion to all other local authorities for their support".*

  
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