

CORRESPONDENCE

November 2022 Council Meeting

- Email received on 27th September, 2022, from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in reply to resolution adopted by the Council ‘that, due to the ongoing war in Ukraine and the global grain shortage, the Minister for Agriculture should, as a matter of urgency, establish an Expert National Review Group on Horticulture to include the main stakeholders and to report back in six months - the purpose of the Group being to review all food industries under the headings: Food Security; Import Substitution; Employment Opportunities; and areas to include – Protected Crops, Fruit Production – Top Fruits (apples), Soft Fruits and the Seed Potato Sector, and the Motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities.’
- Letter received on 7th October, 2022, from the Meetings Administrator, Monaghan County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to Citizens’ Assemblies and calling on the Government to establish an all-Ireland Citizens’ Assembly to debate and discuss Ireland’s constitutional future.
- Letter received on 11th October, 2022, from the Chief Executive, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council supporting fully the ‘Justice for Noah Donohoe’ campaign, calling for a rigorous, open and transparent police investigation, and also calling on the Secretary of State to withdraw the Public Interest Immunity Certificate.
- Letter received on 24th October, 2022, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Mr. Eamon Ryan, TD, to abandon his policy on turf-cutting.
- Letter received on 26th October, 2022, from the Meetings Administrator, Offaly County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council highlighting the difficulties faced by emergency medical technicians, including low salary and poor working conditions, resulting in a number of technicians leaving the service; and also highlighting the unsatisfactory issue of ambulance coverage.

- Letter received on 2nd November, 2022, from the Senior Executive Officer, Cork County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to put in place a full suite of end-of-waste criteria to support the circular economy and climate action, with the criteria to allow for an efficient means to move materials out of the waste streams in all areas, including those outlined.
- E-Mail received on 6th November, 2022, from Mr. Éamonn Ballance, Director, Infrastructure Manager, Iarnród Éireann, in reply to resolution adopted by the Council requesting that Irish Rail secure its infrastructure, namely bridges and tracks, to prevent access which is currently causing dangerous unlawful activity.
- Letter received on 9th November, 2022, from the Senior Executive Officer, Cork County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council regarding the reduction of power of Elected Members of Local Authorities in the adoption of statutory plans under the Planning Acts.
- Letter received on 9th November, 2022, from the Meetings Administrator, Wicklow County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to recognise the European Commission's confirmation that the Government could exceptionally address the case of C.J. Gaffney and the fishing vessel, the MV Mary Kate, through the European Maritime Fisheries Fund.
- Letters received on 14th November, 2022, from the A/Meetings Administrator, Sligo County Council outlining resolutions adopted by the Council –
 - (i) Calling on the Minister for Health to undertake a review of the numbers of doctors and nurses being trained annually within the Health Service with a view to doubling capacity within the system; and calling for the implementation of a workforce strategy for their retention.
 - (ii) That Sligo County Council ensures that all new buildings have a changing place facility for people with disability
 - (iii) Calling on the Minister for Social Protection to carry out a full review of the criteria for individuals to qualify for a Social Employment Scheme.
- Letters received on 14th November, 2022, from the Meetings Administrator, Monaghan County Council, outlining resolutions adopted by the Council –
 - (i) Calling on the Ministers for the Environment and Finance to initiate a scheme, similar to the Fair Deal Scheme, whereby the homes of pensioners and retired people would have solar panels fitted to their homes, thereby reducing energy costs.

- (ii) Calling on the Government to defer the introduction of a concrete block levy for the foreseeable future.

 - Letter received on 16th November, 2022, from the CEO, Ryanair DAC, in reply to resolution adopted by the Council inviting the CEO of both Ryanair and Aer Lingus to meetings to discuss their future air route destinations from Shannon and how Regional Councils can assist with new route destinations.
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From: Minister McConalogue
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Customer Services
Subject: Acknowledgement

Ms. Laura Flannery

Limerick City and County Council

27th September 2022

Reference No: DAFM-MMO-02178-2022

Dear Ms. Flannery,

I would like to acknowledge your recent correspondence dated 22/09/2022 to Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding an Expert National Review Group on Horticulture.

I will bring your correspondence to the Minister's attention as soon as possible. In the interim I have forwarded your correspondence for the attention of relevant Department officials.

Yours sincerely,

Monaghan, Peggy
Minister's Office



Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin Monaghan County Council

Our Ref: October 2022/09

Acmhainní Daonna
Human Resources
047 30586

06 October 2022

Airgeadas
Finance
047 30588

Private Secretary to
An Taoiseach,
Mr. Michéal Martin, T.D.,
Department of An Taoiseach,
Government Buildings,
Upper Merrion Street,
Dublin 2

Na Bóithre
Roads
047 30597



Clár na dToghthóirí
Register of Electors
047 30551

A Chara,

Comhshaol
Environment
042 9661240

At the October meeting of Monaghan County Council the members passed the following resolution and I was directed to forward same to you for attention.

Na hEalaíona
Arts
047 38162

That Monaghan County Council notes that Citizens' Assemblies are powerful democratic exercises that inform citizens, allowing them to debate specifics, develop positions and inform policy. They have operated effectively in many jurisdictions across the world. This Council calls on the Irish Government to establish an all-Ireland Citizens' Assembly to debate and discuss our constitutional future. The debate on Irish Unity is live and growing, and we must plan for constitutional change, in the context of the Good Friday Agreement provision for a Unity referendum.

Iasachtaí /Deontais Tithíochta
Housing Loans/Grants
047 30527

Leabharlann an Chontae
County Library
047 74700

That Monaghan County Council also invites officials from the Taoiseach's Shared Island Unit to present to Council and provide an update on activity and plans for the future.

Mótarcháin
Motor Tax
047 81175

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Minister's attention and let me have a reply for the Council members in due course.

Músaem an Chontae
County Museum
047 82928

Mise, le meas,

Pleanáil
Planning
047 30532

Pobal
Community
047 73719

Mary McGarvey
Meetings Administrator

Rialú Dóiteáin/Foirgnimh
Fire/Building Control
047 30521

c.c. All Local Authorities

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office
047 71818

Seirbhís Uisce
Water Services
047 30504/30671

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Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive

Our Ref: Democratic Services

Date: 10 October 2022

Email: democratic.services@fermanaghomagh.com

Chief Executive
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Limerick
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Dear Chief Executive,

Re: Motion - Justice for Noah Donohoe

At the Council meeting held on 4 October 2022, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council adopted the following substantive Motion:

“That Fermanagh and Omagh District Council supports fully the Justice for Noah campaign.

This Council requests that there should be a rigorous, open and transparent police investigation, where every avenue is explored, to get justice for Noah and his family.

This Council also calls on the Secretary of State to withdraw the PII (Public interest immunity) Certificate in this case.

Finally, we request that this motion is sent in writing to all other Councils on the island of Ireland as well as the relevant leaders of the political parties that are members of the Policing Board.”

The Council looks forward to receiving your response on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Alison McCullagh
Chief Executive



20th October, 2022

To: All Local Authorities

Re: Turf Cutting Policy



A chara,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting resolved to adopt the following resolution:

"That this Council call on Minister Ryan to abandon his criminalisation policy of our turf cutting population."

I would be grateful if you could consider same and reply as appropriate.

Mise, le meas,

P.F. 
Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator



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Mr. Robert Norton, Director
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Rivers Building
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26th October 2022

RE: Resolution from Offaly County Council

Dear Mr. Norton

At the October meeting of Offaly County Council, the Members passed a resolution highlighting the difficulties faced by emergency medical technicians including low salary and poor working conditions resulting in a number of technicians leaving the service. They further highlighted the issue of the ambulances covering countrywide, often leaving none available for Offaly and surrounding areas.

The members would welcome your comments on this resolution.

Members requested that all local authorities receive notice of this passed motion requesting support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Gerard Bruton
Meeting Administrator

CC Mr. Stephen Donnelly, Minister for Health



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24th October 2022

Our Ref: FC/October2.Item 6

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Mayor and Members resolved as follows:-

“Cork County Council calls on the EPA to put in place a full suite of end of waste criteria to support the circular economy and climate action. These criteria must allow for an efficient means to move materials out of the waste streams in all areas including

- ***construction and demolition waste materials such as concrete, topsoil, concrete products such as blocks and kerbs, timber, etc to reduce the demand for virgin materials and it must allow for materials from smaller projects coming to locations such as civic amenity sites.***
- ***re-use schemes such as paint, bicycles, etc coming to locations such as civic amenity sites.***
- ***Items such as furniture, toys, tools, equipment and schoolbooks coming to locations such as civic amenity sites to extend their useful life or for parts to extend the life of other items.***

Members agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to the EPA and the Southern Regional Assembly”.

I would be obliged if you would circulate this to your Elected Members.

Yours sincerely,

MAIREAD LUCEY
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

From: Éamonn Ballance

Sent: Sunday, November 6, 2022 2:19 PM

To: Customer Services

Cc: Cathal Mangan; Niall Lynch;

Subject: [EXTERNAL]September resolution of Limerick and City and County Council regarding Irish Rail fencing and bridges.

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Laura

In response to your letter of 24th October to Iarnród Éireann's CEO that was also copied to me (copy attached to this email for your convenience)

Iarnród Éireann has over 2000 rail route kilometres throughout Ireland, with many areas of fencing as well as over 5200 bridges. We have an ongoing programme of fencing renewals and maintenance financed from our annual budgets. These fencing renewal and maintenance programmes are based on priorities determined by risk assessments as well as age related degradation of these assets .

In order to fully address the resolution in relation Iarnród Éireann that the City and County Council has adopted, we would need a list of the specific locations that are giving rise to concerns. This list would enable us assess if specific allocation of fencing budgets for the Limerick City and County region are warranted.

With that in mind , it would assist if local contact was made with Niall Lynch (copied in this email) , our infrastructure manager for the Limerick region.

Kind regards

Éamonn Ballance

Director, Infrastructure Manager.

*Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, cuideachta ghníomhaíochta ainmnithe, faoi theorainn scáireanna, cúlaithe in Éirinn ag Stáisiún Uí Chonghaile, Baile Átha Cliath 1, Uir. 119571 Uir. CBL: IE 4812851 O,
Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, a designated activity company, limited by shares, registered in Ireland at Connolly Station, Dublin 1, No. 119571 VAT No. IE 4812851 O*

*In Iarnród Éireann, creideann muid in obair sholúbtha a éascú, agus mar sin, cé go n-oireann sé dom ríomhphost a sheoladh anois, níl mé ag súil le freagra ná gníomh iasmuigh de d'uaireanta oibre.
At Iarnród Éireann we believe in facilitating flexible working, so while it suits me to email now, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours.*

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10th October, 2022

Our Ref: FC/October1.NOM3

Dear Cathaoirleach,

I am writing to you as Mayor of the County of Cork with respect to the reduction of power of Elected Members of Local Authorities in relation to the adopting of statutory plans under the Planning Acts.

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Mayor and Members resolved as follows:-

“That Cork County Council would write to the Cathaoirleach of each Local Authority to gain support to address the undermining of Elected Members power in relation to the adoption of Statutory Plans made under the Planning Acts. The County Development Plan process is being unduly influenced by outside sources and unelected bodies. Interference from outside sources such as the Office of the Planning Regulator and Department Officials is undermining the role and power of Elected Members.”

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter, and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

ENDA O'HALLORAN
S/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER



We are Cork.



From: Teresa Byrne

Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 2:13 PM

Attached please find copy of Resolution passed at the 7th November 2022 at the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council.

It was requested that copies be sent to all Local Authorities for their information.

Letters were sent to the following:

An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD
Tanaisie Leo Varadkar TD
Minister Charlie McConalogue TD
Minister Eamonn Ryan TD
Minister Stephen Donnelly TD
Minister Simon Harris TD
Deputy Jennifer Whitmore TD
Deputy Steven Matthews TD
Deputy John Brady TD

Regards

Teresa

Teresa Byrne
Assistant Staff Officer
Enterprise & Corporate Services Directorate
Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96



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8th November 2022



An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, T.D.,
Department of the Taoiseach,
Government Buildings,
Merrion Street Upper,
Dublin 2.

Dear Taoiseach,

At the ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 7th November 2022 the Elected Members passed the following motion and requested that it be forwarded to your offices for consideration:

'That Wicklow County Council asks the Government to recognise the European Commission's confirmation that the Government could exceptionally address the case of C.J. Gaffney and the MV Mary Kate through the European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF).'

Yours sincerely,

HELEN PURCELL
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
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Our Ref: 11/2022-39

11th November 2022

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on Monday, 7th November 2022, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"In light of the huge staffing issues our health service is now facing that Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Health to undertake a review of the numbers of doctors and nurses being trained annually with a view of doubling capacity within the system as is required.

Furthermore, that the Minister for Health instructs the Department of Health and the Health Service Executive to implement a workforce strategy for the retention of nurses and doctors to stay working within our health service instead of paying millions for recruitment campaigns overseas.

That this Motion be relayed to the Minister for Health, the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and every Local Authority."

It was further agreed to write to the Minister for Further & Higher Education in support of the motion.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Burns
A/Meetings Administrator



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Our Ref: 11/2022-30

11th November 2022

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on Monday, 7th November 2022, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"That SCC ensure that all new buildings have a changing place facility for people with Disability."

It was further agreed to write to the Minister for Further & Higher Education in support of the motion.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Burns
A/Meetings Administrator



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Our Ref: 11/2022-25

11th November 2022

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on Monday, 11th November 2022, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"That Sligo County Council write to the Minister for Social Protection to ask for a complete review of the criteria for individuals to qualify for a Social Employment Scheme;

- (i) *To reduce the time required to be on Jobseekers Allowance.*
- (ii) *To increase the payment on Schemes from €20 to €100 over the Jobseekers Allowance.*
- (iii) *In cases where individuals want to continue their employment when time has elapsed, that their contract should be significantly extended if their position can't be filled by others."*

It was also agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities in support of the motion.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Burns
A/Meetings Administrator



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Our Ref: November 2022/05

09 November 2022

**Private Secretary to
Minister Eamonn Ryan TD
Minister for Environment, Climate Action & Communication
29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin
D02 X285**

A Chara,

At the November meeting of Monaghan County Council the members passed the following resolution and I was directed to forward same to you for attention.

That this Council call on the Ministers for Environment and Finance to initiate a scheme, similar to the 'Fair Deal' scheme, whereby pensioners and retired people's homes would have solar panels fitted to their homes, thereby greatly reducing their energy costs.

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Minister's attention and let me have a reply for the Council members in due course.

Mise, le meas,

**Mary McGarvey
Meetings Administrator**

c.c Minister for Finance, Paschal Donohoe TD
c.c All Local Authorities



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Our Ref: November 2022/07

09 November 2022

Private Secretary to
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Government Buildings,
Upper Merrion Street,
Dublin 2
D02 R583



A Chara,

At the November meeting of Monaghan County Council the members passed the following resolution and I was directed to forward same to you for attention.

That this Council call on the Government to defer the introduction of a 'concrete/block levy' for the foreseeable future.

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Minister's attention and let me have a reply for the Council members in due course.

Mise, le meas,

Mary McGarvey
Meetings Administrator

c.c All Local Authorities

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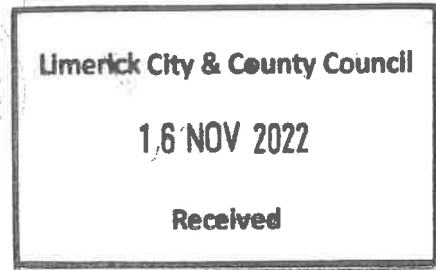
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11th November 2022

**Laura Flannery,
Corporate Services,
Limerick City and County Council,
Corporate Headquarters,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick**



Dear Laura,

Thank you for your letter of October 21st last. We appreciate your invitation to the next Council meeting to discuss Ryanair's future plans at Shannon; however, as we continue to ramp up our post-Covid recovery, unfortunately we will not be able to attend.

Ryanair remains committed to developing and expanding our network at Shannon as evidenced by the following:

- Ryanair will deliver 1.2m seats to Shannon this fiscal year, representing 33% growth compared with pre-Covid.
- This Winter, Ryanair will operate 19 routes and 58 weekly frequencies at Shannon versus 12 routes & 37 weekly frequencies pre-Covid.
- Ryanair has added two new Winter routes from Shannon, Malta and Marseille, both two weekly frequencies.
- Ryanair will have two based aircraft in Shannon for Winter 2022, increasing to three based aircraft in Shannon for Summer 2023, representing a €200 million and €300 million investment respectively, creating 260 crew and ground staff jobs.
- Ryanair has announced a new heavy maintenance facility at Shannon, creating a further 200 jobs and delivering an investment of €10 million.

Ryanair recognises the importance of regional airports, connectivity and working with the people of Shannon, we hope to continue to develop jobs and connectivity for the mid-West.

If there is anything I can help you with then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



**Eddie Wilson
CEO – Ryanair DAC**