



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Special Council Meeting - Online - Microsoft teams - Wednesday, 3rd April 2024 at 4:00pm

Gnó Reachtúil / Statutory Business

1.0 Requisition from An Cathaoirleach

2.0 To resolve all remaining Notices of Motion and Notices of Questions and Condolences

Fógraí Foriarratais / Notices of Motion

3.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Emma Cutlip

This council recognizes that a primary objective of the Port Access Northern Crossroute (PANCR) is to alleviate traffic congestion moving through the town to gain access to the port.

This council is aware of large volumes of commercial and heavy goods traffic utilizing local roads at great repair cost to the council - in particular the continued high volumes of heavy goods vehicle usage of the R152 Platin Road, R108 Duleek Street & Mary Street which cause significant damage to the road surface and present traffic congestion and road safety concerns.

Therefore, this council will develop a comprehensive strategic plan for road repair, traffic management, road safety, and traffic routing and calming, on all main routes into Drogheda and in particular the R152 and R108 and other routes relative to each phase of PANCR completion, for implementation on completion of each phase of the PANCR, and present it to the members for consultation and adoption.

4.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Maeve Yore

"That All current elected representatives and Election Candidates will adhere to the voluntary code of practice (from Tidy Town Groups) not to erect election posters for Local elections in 2024 and forthcoming election campaigns across Co Louth and agree a prime location across each Municipal & Borough District to display 1 poster per candidate to show commitment to the environment "

5.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. John Reilly

"That Louth County Council use all available resources to assist with the cooperation of Uisce Eireann to have all septic tank systems connected to mains sewerage in the urban area of Dundalk on environmental grounds".

6.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Conor Keelan

"That this Council reaffirms its support to the Good Friday Agreement as voted in by the elected suffrage of men and women in an All-Ireland vote held in 1998 which paved the way for changes in Bunreacht na hEireann to the constitutional status of this island, the re-establishment of Power-Sharing in Stormont, albeit for the first time, the creation of Cross-Border Bodies and recognition of Rialtas Na hEireann as a co-guarantour of the Good Friday Agreement.

That this motion be sent to each local authority, each local authority with a partnership/SLA with a cross-border county council area in the Ulster region and partnership organisations such as EBR and the North-South Ministerial Council for comment."

7.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Marianne Butler

That Louth County Council calls on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to extend the Temporary Development Contribution Waiver Scheme from the present 24th April 2024 cut off date for commencing permitted residential development by at least six months and also adding a corresponding six month extension for those permitted residential developments to be completed. If the motion is successful that with write to the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage requesting that he extends this waiver scheme.

8.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. James Byrne

"That Louth County Council enhances the way it seeks the views of the public with respect to future public consultations by placing a new emphasis on the inclusion of post primary students in the process"

9.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Conor Keelan

That Louth County Council commits after the 2024 Local Elections to commence and conduct a much needed review of the effectiveness of the Louth County Council Dog Fouling bye laws and enforcement of same in light of the public health issue of toxocoriosis and the prevalence of dog faeces in urban areas in particular.

Examination should be made of disposable receptacles currently in use in Carlingford provided by Carlingford Tidy Towns and campaigns available in other counties such as

<https://www.cavancoco.ie/sevices/environment-climate-change/litter-management/dog-fouling/>

<https://monaghan.ie/environment/dog-control/>

and <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/anti-dog-fouling-awareness>"

10.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Tomás Sharkey

"This Council affirms the standing orders of the Council.

This Council affirms the procedure as set out in standing orders to deal with situations where members or officials are requested to withdraw and/or apologise for comments.

This Council affirms that the Cathaoirleach of Louth County Council is required to uphold and follow standing orders as adopted".

11.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. Pío Smith

"Asking that Louth County Council immediately stop all present and future planning applications for wind farms and associated works until legal advice is obtained to clarify if the draft wind energy guidelines 2019 supercede the older guidelines".

12.0 Notice of Motion - Cllr. John Sheridan

"De réir miontuairiscí 84/20, go faigheann baill an Comhairle nuashonrú ar obair Comhairle Chondae Lú maidir le comhlíonadh rialacháin de chuid Acht an dTeangacha Oifigiúil 2003

As per minute 84/20, that members receive an update on the ongoing work of Louth County Council to comply with regulations of the Official Languages Act 2003"

Fógraí Ceistanna / Notices of Question

13.0 Notice of Questions - Cllr. Maeve Yore

"Following on from Motion 138/23 that was passed by Members of Louth County Council on 17 July 2023 please confirm letter was sent to Christian Brother Order, Date it was sent, and any replies received from Christian Brother Order?"

14.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. James Byrne

"Can Louth County Council set out what actions are being taken to ensure school warden staffing levels are managed and maintained throughout the county, including the need to have adequate relief warden cover?"

15.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. John Sheridan

"Are the planning department obliged by law to keep minutes of pre-planning meetings? What records are generally retained on file related to pre-planning meetings:"

Does the department compile or analyse data related to how many pre-planning meetings:

- a. result in successful planning applications
- b. result in unsuccessful planning applications and
- c. result in no subsequent application being received".

16.0 Notice of Question - Cllr. Pio Smith

'Asking that the Local Authority outline the amount of money collected from the vacant site levy for all vacant sites in Louth for the following years:

2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023,'

Míreanna / Items

17.0 Condolences