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| Report on | Conferences, Seminars & Training |
| Date of Meeting | 23 January 2020 |
| Reporting Officer | Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services |
| Contact Officer | Eileen Forde, Member Support Officer |

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| Is this report restricted for confidential business? | Yes | |
| If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon | No | x |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
| 1.1 | Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals. |
| 2.0 | Background |
| 2.1 | Costs associated will be set against 2019-20 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members There are occasions when it is beneficial to Members to attend training, conferences and seminars to better equip them in their role as elected representatives. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix A to this report is sought. |
| 3.2 | Officer Approvals There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought. |
| 4.0 | Other Considerations |
| 4.1 | Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2019/20 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member |

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| | Human: not applicable |
| | Risk Management: not applicable |
| 4.2 | Screening & Impact Assessments |
| | Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable |
| | Rural Needs Implications: not applicable |
| 5.0 | Recommendation(s) |
| 5.1 | Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required. |
| 6.0 | Documents Attached & References |
| | Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training Appendix B Officers Approvals |

Appendix A

Member Training

| Provider/Course | Date & Time | Location | Costs | Attendee Requests |
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Conferences

| Provider/Course | Date & Time | Location | Costs | Attendee Requests |
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| National Association of Councillors | 24th-26th January 2020 | The Ripon Spa Best Western Hotel, Ripon (North Yorkshire) | Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils plus travel and subsistence | |
| 31st Colmcille Winter School 2020 | 28 and 29 th February 2020 | Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Church Hill, Co. Donegal | €130 per delegate plus travel, accommodation and subsistence | |



15/12/2019

Environment / Climate Change.

The Ripon Spa Best Western Hotel, Ripon
(North Yorkshire)
24th-26th January 2020

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to invite you to our Conference at The Ripon Spa Hotel. The venue has great facilities it is located a few minutes walk from Ripon town centre and comes well recommended.

As the new government has promised to reduce carbon emissions throughout the United Kingdom we all strive to reduce damage to the Environment in various ways. Local Authorities are driving ahead with innovative projects both to protect the environment and give good value for money schemes to the public.

This weekend we will have a range of speakers who are heavily involved in award winning schemes. We will be discussing how they are working and what the practicalities are including the political advantages.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions to all of the speakers. The conference will be of use to members from all local authorities including members of police and fire committees.

To book your places at this important Conference please complete the form attached and return it to me by email or post.

Yours Faithfully

B. Nelson

Councillor Brian Nelson

General Secretary

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Environment & Climate Change

The Ripon Spa Hotel, Ripon

24th-26th January 2020

Delegate Booking Form

Name of Delegate.....

Organisation

Delegate's Email

Telephone Number.....

Authorising Signature.....Order No if reqd.....

Printed Name.....

Position.....Organisation.....

INVOICE, email address for invoice.....

To Register – Complete the delegate details above, and either:-Email a copy of this form to Cllr Brian Nelson
Generalsecretary@nationalassociationofcouncillors.org

or Post form to NAC Bookings, 16 Frederick St North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 7NB

Delegate Fees: £350 plus VAT – Metropolitan, County, Unitary, Borough & District Councils

£295 plus VAT - Town, Parish and Community Councils

Accommodation is available for delegates at the Conference Hotel at the special NAC Conference Delegate rate of £60 plus VAT per night. The accommodation fee is payable by delegate on departure from the hotel unless otherwise indicated on the booking form.

Delegate Accommodation Friday & Saturdays nights YES / NO

Local Authority to be billed direct for accommodation YES / NO

Please note that double and family rooms are also available (prices available on request)

Booking Condition: Please note that a charge is payable on any bookings cancelled. These charges will be kept to a minimum and will be in accordance with cost incurred by the NAC.

National Association of Councillors

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Agenda

Friday 24th January 2020

5 – 6pm Registration

6pm Session One

Chairman's Welcome, Cllr. Brian Stephens

1st Speaker TBC

Questions

7.15pm Dinner

Saturday 23rd November 2019

10.00am 2nd Speaker TBC

Questions to the speaker

10.45am 3rd Speaker TBC

Questions to the speaker

11.30am Coffee Break

11.45am 4th Speaker

Questions to the speaker

12.30pm Lunch

2.00pm Regional Management Meeting

7-00pm Conference Dinner

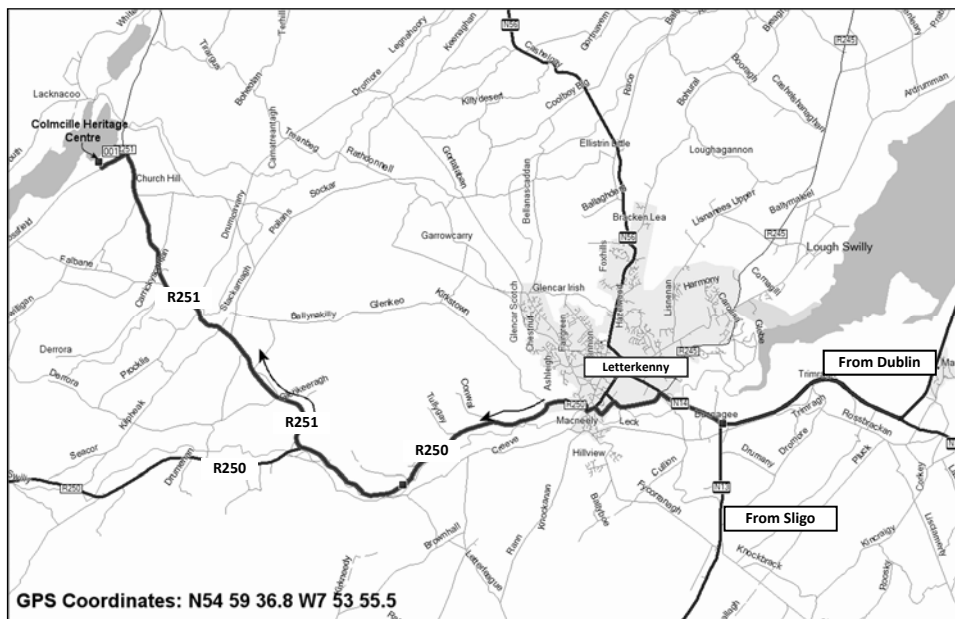
Sunday 24th November 2019

10-00am Cllr Brian Nelson, NAC General Secretary

Interactive Workshops

12-30pm Lunch & end of event

Directions from Letterkenny



Directions: At Letterkenny; take the R250. Continue on the R250 for ~ 6km and then take the R251 to Church Hill. After Church Hill follow the signs for the Colmcille Heritage Centre.

Sat. Navigation GPS Coordinates for Colmcille Heritage Centre are:
N54 59 36.8, W7 53 55.5

See www.colmcilleheritagecentre.ie for more details.

31st Colmcille Winter School 31^ú Scoil Gheimhridh Cholmcille

28th and 29th February 2020



**The Contribution of Irish Christianity to Irish, European and
World Civilisation**

**Tionchar an Chríostaíocht Éireannch ar Shibhialtacht
Éireann, Eorapa agus Dhomhanda**



**Organised by the Colmcille Heritage Trust with the co-operation of
Donegal Education and Training Board**

31^ú Scoil Gheimhridh Cholmcille
Clár an Deiridh Seachtaine

Venue: Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Church Hill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Friday, 28th February 2020

Dé hAoine 28^ú Feabhra 2020

Oíche Ghaelach

Seisiún 1

5.00 p.m. **Clárú** – Registration Tae/Café

7.00 p.m. **Fáiltiú** – Reception *Ceol Ghaelach*

7.30 p.m. **Cathaoirleach: Gráinne Duggan**, príomh oide s.n. rathdomhnaill

Oscailt Oifigiúil : Sár-Oirmhinneach Alan Guckian Uas,
Easpag Ráth Bhoth

Téama: ‘Colmcille agus an Bealoideas áitiúil’

Dr. Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh Uas., Starai, údar, oide scoile

8.40 p.m. *Béile*

Saturday, 29th February 2020

Session 2:

9.00 a.m. **Registration** Tea/Coffee

9.30 a.m. **Chair: Cllr. Liam Blaney**, Member Donegal Co. Co.

Topic: ‘Colmcille: national and international influence’

Dr Brian Lacey, Historian, Archaeologist, Author

Topic: ‘Irish Scribes at home and abroad: aspects of a long tradition’

Prof Tim O'Neill, Historian, Calligrapher, Adjunct professor UCC

Discussion

11:15 a.m. *Tea/Coffee*

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Weekend Programme

Contd. Saturday, 29th February 2020

Session 3:

11:45 a.m. **Chair: Margaret Noel Alcorn**, Member of Colmcille Heritage Trust.

Topic: ‘The importance of Iona as a centre of literary and historical studies in the period c.563 to c.704 A.D.’

Prof Dáibhí Ó Cróinín, MRIA, FSA, Professor Emeritus of History NUIG.

Discussion

12:45 p.m. Lunch

Session 4

1:45 p.m. **Chair: Brian Smeaton**, Retired canon C.I.

Topic: ‘The Irish influence in the Christianities of North America’

Rev. Dr Neil Xavier O'Donoghue, Lecturer, St Patrick's College, NUI Maynooth.

Topic: ‘The Church in a Changing World – A Church of Ireland Perspective’

Rt. Rev. Andrew Forster, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe

3:15pm Tea/Coffee

3:30 p.m. *Open Forum on the Future of Christianity*

4:30 p.m. **Close of Conference**

Programme available to download from: www.colmcilleheritagecentre.ie

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BOOKING FORM



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The 31st Colmcille Winter School
 28th & 29th February 2020

BED & BREAKFAST:
Mrs. Sophia Boyle, Bridgeburn Hse, Trentagh
Mrs. Theresa Farrell, Corderry, Church Hill

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Tel: (074) 9137839

Tel: (074) 9137032
(9:30 – 5pm)

Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny
McGettigan's Hotel, Letterkenny
Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny
Dillon's Hotel, Letterkenny
Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny
Station House Hotel, Letterkenny

Tel: (074) 9122066

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An 31st Scoil Gheimhridh Cholmcille
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APPLICATION FORM

**Conference Fees: €130 per delegate
(Incl. VAT)**

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(Incl. VAT)**

Accommodation Is Not Included – See Attached List

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No. _____

Name of Sponsoring Organization:

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please Return To:

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Appendix B Approval Sought –JANUARY COUNCIL

Retrospective Approval

| Conference & Seminar | Date | No. of Attendees | Location | Attendance Fee (Yes/ No) |
|----------------------|---------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Celtic Connections | 22/1/20 | 1 | Glasgow | £315 |

Approval

| Conference & Seminar | Date | No. of Attendees | Location | Attendance Fee (Yes/ No) |
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| American Conference for Irish Studies in Houston | 4/4/20 | 1 | Houston, Texas | No |
| NILGA Annual Conference | | 2 | | |
| Nilga Conference, Exhibit & Gala Awards Dinner | 20 th February 2020, | 2 | Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast | yes |