



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

9th May, 2023.

Our Ref: May 23 - 29/AR/AC

Mr Michael Curran,
Chief Executive,
Macra na Feirme,
Irish Farm Centre,
Bluebell,
Dublin 12.

Dear Mr Curran,

At the May meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution and requested that their message of support be forwarded to you:

"That Clare County Council supports the recent Macra na Feirme campaign, entitled "The Rural Revival, Steps for our Future". This campaign was a march that departed Athy, Co. Kildare at 7pm on Tuesday, April 25th, marching through the night, physically carrying their message, before arriving at Government Buildings circa 1pm on Wednesday, April 27th. The message is simple, Macra Na Feirme members want to be able remain at home, working and living in their own communities and the key components of their message are as follows:

Accessing affordable housing and cumbersome housing planning guidelines.

Disjointed and scarce healthcare services for rural communities.

The Government's definition of a family farm as 'average' and 'typical'.

No recognition or engagement by Government on a farming succession scheme.

Lack of planning for the future of our rural communities informed by rural people.

Imposition of quotas on young farmers availing of grant aid support.

Lack of public transport for rural Ireland.

Proposals to rewet large areas of rural Ireland.

I am also requesting that this Notice of Motion be circulated to all other local authorities."

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

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