



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

13th March, 2024.

Our Ref: March24 - 31/AR/AC

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the March meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

“I propose that Clare County Council requests Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys, to consider and implement a policy change that allows participants in Community Employment Schemes (CES), Rural Social Scheme (RSS), and Tús Programme to continue their valuable contributions until the age of 70. This extension would not only acknowledge the dedication and skills of these individuals but also contribute to the overall well-being of our community and enhance the sustainability of these programs. These programmes play a crucial role in fostering community development, providing essential services, and supporting those who may face challenges in securing traditional employment. Currently, participants in these valuable community-based employment programs are required to retire at the age of 66 and considering the changing demographics and the desire of individuals to remain actively engaged in work programmes, I am asking you to make this important change to allow participants the opportunity to continue to contribute to their local communities.”

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Rural Development Directorate.

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