

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

Metropolitan District Meeting held in Council Chamber, City Hall on 17th April, 2023, at 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Jason Murphy (Mayor)	Cllr. Cristiona Kiely
Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Frank Quinlan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. Jody Power	Cllr. John Hearne
Cllr. Stephanie Keating	Cllr. Joe Conway
Cllr. David Daniels	

Apologies: Cllr. Seamus Ryan

Officials in attendance: Mr. M. Quinn, DoS, Economic Development
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. G. Hynes, SE, Roads
Mr. N. Kane, A/SEO, Environment
Ms. C. Hartley, SEO Housing
Ms. N. Keating, SEE, Roads
Ms. H. O’ Shea, SEP, Planning
Ms. M. Phelan, A/SEE Roads
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:

Votes of sympathy were expressed to Vickie Butler on death of her mother Anna Butler, to the family of Alan O’ Regan, Pauline O’ Mara nee Flanagan, Pauline Corcoran, Tom Lyons, Ms McAlpine and to family of Craig Breen following tragic accident.

Congratulations to Louise Grubb named Businesswoman of the Year, Craig McCarthy and Dylan Moran Inter Celtic boxing achievements, Joe Gough achieving additional two world title.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 20th March 2023 proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed by all.

2. Matters Arising,

Cllrs. Griffin highlighted the water pressure situation in Doyle Street feels it is not acceptable and appealed to council to help to speed up the process in any way.

Cllr. Roche enquired in relation to Roads grants if roads and footpaths in estates are calculated for the purposes of determining the roads allocation.

Cllr. Barry highlighted the issue of condition of the footpaths on St. Lawrence Terrace and Lacken Road.

Cllr. Kelly echoed Cllr. Griffin's concerns regarding Doyle Street adding residents are not able to use toilets and showers.

Cllr. Power spoke of Fennessy Oak in Sion Hill requested update on obtaining Fennessy Oak for replanting.

Cllr. Fitzgerald requested drawings for works at pier Cheekpoint and Passage East be available to public.

Cllr. Conway requested update on warning issued to Majestic Hotel Tramore.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined roads taking in charge are included in roads calculations and the length increases. Will direct Cllr. Barry's issue to Area Engineer. Will circulate drawings as requested.

H. O'Shea, SEP, noted not in position to discuss individual cases, confirmed have commenced enforcement proceedings.

N. Kane, A/SEO, outlined he was informed from Irish Water that contractor has been appointed to carry out works at Doyle Street, will speak to Cllr. Power directly regarding Fennessy Oak trees.

3. Reports

Cllr. F. Quinlan raised concerns of vandalism and graffiti in People Park, called for CCTV, feels it is the only way to stop antisocial behaviour, highlighted issue of missing bollards on Manor Street.

Cllr. Fitzgerald requested ramps or an alternative for speeding issue on Killea Road, enquired if pedestrian crossing will be marked out on Williamstown Road (Ballygunner Gaelscoil), enquired if housing estate at Coxtown Dunmore East could have assistance in cutting grass.

Cllr. Conway requested full engagement between NTA and council regarding provision for bus shelter in Tramore as public transport users still have no shelter in bad conditions.

G. Hynes, SE, acknowledged there is an issue on Manor Street regarding bollards being removed, outlined will be meeting with contractor to discuss solutions. Will review road markings and signage on Killea Road noted speeding is an enforcement issue. Outlined grass cutting outside urban areas would take away roads resources for other duties, will liaise Area Engineer regard to Cllr. Fitzgerald's query at Coxtown estate. Outlined meeting was held recently with NTA regarding Tramore bus shelter, anticipate works would be complete for next Winter.

N. Keating, SEE, will review crossing at Williamstown Road.

N. Kane, A/SEO expressed his disappointment at the graffiti in Peoples Park, no plans for CCTV noted any issues identified are acted upon immediately.

Mayor Murphy enquired if lighting is still on agenda for Peoples Park.

N. Kane, A/SEO, outlined low level lighting will be installed not security type lighting.

Cllr. Roche sought clarification on type of lighting her understanding is that security lighting would be installed.

N. Kane, A/SEO will clarify regards lighting and email members.

M. Quinn, DoS noted there are issues and difficulties in installing CCTV, the Peoples Park would not be priority location in regard to crime, will refer issues to gardai.

Cllr. Power highlighted issue to be addressed of injured and loss of horses due to sulky racing on inter ring road. Enquired if under Active Travel footpaths could be extended and installed at Gaultier GAA pitch and Dunmore East soccer pitch. Enquired if Frank Cassin Wharf will be used for berthing ships with North Quays project. Requested provision for roundabout at junction of Passage Cross and River Cottage.

Cllr. Wyse enquired regarding Somerville development and if there is provision for house viewings prior to agreeing to purchase, a number of people have contacted Cllr. Wyse seeking clarification regarding contractor providing structural guarantee, requested council to contact contractors regarding guarantee.

Cllr. Kiely requested options for council to access archive of Poole's Historical Photographic Collection, enquired where funding from Active Travel Section 38 Glor Na Mara will be relocated. Requested update

on Autism Friendly parking spaces, highlighted the lifeguard hut in Tramore is becoming derelict needs to be addressed, requested update on rainbow pedestrian crossings.

C. Hartley, SEO outlined open house is now open for viewing in Somerville, will discuss with LDA and will obtain independent legal advice regard query on structural guarantee.

G. Hynes, SE outlined sulky activities fall under Road Traffic Act, council do not have a role in this. Noted comments regarding extension footpath at pitches, will make submission for funding under Active Travel. Outlined installing roundabouts requires significant amount of land and funding not available in capital programme. Clarified Active Travel funding Cllr. Kiely refereed to falls back into grants in metropolitan area and additional schemes. Will liaise with Waterford Autism regarding hidden disability parking spaces and locations. Outlined reluctant to install rainbow pedestrian crossing as they don't comply with the regulations and may be a liability issue regarding an accident.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined Frank Cassin Wharf would continue to be used, Port of Waterford aspiration is to continue use. Will refer Poole's Photographic Collection query to Arts/Archives Officer .

H. Dunphy, AO, will arrange for facilities manager to review dereliction issue at lifeguard hut.

Cllr. Hearne requested letter be issued to the Department to change laws regarding sulky racing to have banned on roads. Enquired if anything can be done for families that have to go hostels or return to other family members following notice to quit.

Cllr. Keating requested update on schedule of works at Mount Suir apartments, supports Cllr. Fitzgerald request on Killea Road, requested road signs such as digital radar signs. Enquired if narrow footpaths on school routes in Dunmore East would fall under Active Travel programme.

Cllr. Roche enquired about marina which is closed to all visiting boats. Requested grass cutting for Ballybricken green. Highlighted some of the buildings on the Quays are in poor condition feels it would greatly improve area if businesses could paint building etc with new connection of Greenway Bilberry to Quay opening. Requested update on provision of Kilcarragh Playground and asked for it to be added to monthly reports. Seeking solution for problem on Wilkin Street. Requested update on entrance at Ballybeg side to nature park and fountain in Peoples Park.

C. Hartley, SEO, outlined the criteria regarding notice to quit, emergency accommodation and in situ scheme regarding Cllr. Hearne query. Outlined tender went to national framework for Mount Suir update for May meeting.

G. Hynes, SE, noted Cllr. Hearn's queries regarding sulky racing will write to department in relation to banning from all roads. Will install additional signage in Killea area, outlined digital signs loose effectiveness after short period. Noted Cllr. Roches comments on Wilkin Street and will review.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined Marina bridge creates an obstruction for current works, final outcome has yet to be resolved.

N. Keating, SEE, outlined that planning are actively working on some of the derelict properties on the Quay.

N. Kane, A/SEO, outlined Ballybricken green grass cutting is scheduled, no plans for playground park at Kilcarragh, no progress on entrance to nature park as there would be requirement to access private property. Will issue members design of fountain in Peoples Park.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined priority this year under Active Travel covers large urban centres the City, Tramore and Dungarvan.

Cllr. Daniels requested street name sign to be replaced at back wall on Wilkin Street, requested update on Michael Street development. Enquired if trees along the Quay could be trimmed as branches are low level causing a safety issue for pedestrian. Requested review of narrow path by vacant building at Manor Street. Cllr. Barry suggested a feasibility study to increase prom in Tramore to car park at lower end. Requested review on Poleberry link road at back of TK Maxx as severe structural damage, update on removal of construction railing and repair of wall at junction of Cork Road/Ballybeg, sought clarification on the route of the Waterford Tramore Greenway.

Cllr. E. Quinlan requested contact to be made regarding poor condition of prefabs on Christian Brothers site, suggested consideration be given to parking disability signage used in Sligo "take my space take my

disability". Requested update on Tramore playpark. Requested benches in Ballybricken green be turned around to face the green when reinstalling. Enquired if council had made submission regarding 14 wind farm application. Suggested further action of obtain legal opinion/suing Irish Water regarding issues at Doyle Street with loss of living standards and usability of homes.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined funding with be an issue regarding extension to lower prom, it is not in capital programme. Will review railings at Cork Road/Ballybeg, refer Cllr Barry's query on Waterford Tramore Greenway to Active Travel.

M. Quinn, DoS, will include update in next month's report for Michael Street development. Outlined funding for improvements to Tramore playground in early stages of design. Noted Cllr. Quinlan's comments regarding Doyle Street said suing Irish Water would be last resort, outlined Irish Water are undertaking works at the area.

N. Kane, A/SEO, will review low level branches of tree on the Quay.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined responsibility of developer regarding structure at Poleberry link road, will liaise with developer/owner. Noted comments on Wilkin Street, Noted comments regarding Manor Street no funding available at present. Will review signage Cllr. Quinlan referred to.

H. O'Shea, SEP, outlined offshore wind application companies seeking licence to investigate possibility of offshore winds, open for public consultation. Will review CB site.

Cllr. Bailey spoke of Southern Regional Assembly application for funding for implication of WAT maps, enquired if executive are concerned at delay with assistance been provide by the department. Enquired if specific criteria for properties at Frances Court be outlined on CBL. Requested update on Cheekpoint apartments. Requested sign to be replaced at Killoteran, requested update on works at Fenor Bog.

Cllr. O' Sullivan requested copy of Metropolitan Area Strategy Plan and copy of Road Safety Report for Gallways Hill, update on tree planting on Main Street Tramore, enquired if funding was applied for Adult Gym Equipment.

Cllr. Griffin requested grass cutting to be carried out on Ballybricken green and plants for the clay area. Requested review of leak at Bunkers Hill as footpath is extremely dangerous, requested jet patcher be scheduled for Ballykinsella to Pickardstown. Requested an alternative location from SAC areas for electric scramblers. Enquired if roundabout at Kings Meadow be reviewed with high level of traffic and is overgrowing.

Cllr. Kelly requested plaque be installed at Memorial Tree in Peoples Park. Enquired if there is a programme where ring buoys are replaced, noted missing buoy at St. Johns River. Requested the issue of restricted movement for wheelchair users and buggies at Apple Marked be addressed. Enquired if footpath programme make provision for dipping for mobility/buggy to access footpaths.

G. Hynes, SE, will arrange for sign Cllr. Bailey referred to, will circulate document to Cllr. O' Sullivan, will review leak and footpath on Bunkers Hill. Will schedule jet patcher as per Cllr. Griffin's request. Clarified footpath programme accommodates disability and mobility issues.

N. Kane, A/SEO, will review planting at Ballybricken green, review roundabout at Kings Meadow, review location for electric scramblers, will follow up on installation of plaque at Memorial Tree in Peoples Park.

M. Quinn, DoS, will circulate report regarding Gallways Hill noted additional signage is required. Final works on Main Street complete trees to be installed, outlined application submitted for gym equipment fund no indication if it is approved. Will follow up with southern regional regarding Cllr. Bailey's query.

H. O'Shea, SEP, outlined all outdoor seating is licenced under section 254 arrange further inspections to ensuring sufficient space is available noted if premises do not take responsibility withdrawal mentioned in licence conditions can be enforced.

C. Hartley, SEO, outlined apartments at Cheekpoint are not yet on CBL. Noted comments regarding Frances Court property specific criteria.

H. Dunphy, AO, outlined ring buoys have sensory attached which detect removal.

N. Kane, A/SEO, will deal directly with Cllr. Bailey regarding Fenor Bog.

7. Correspondence

Noted

8. Notice of Motions

Motion in the name of Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan

“That this Council resolves to name the road accessing the rear of Gaelscoil nan Deise in Carrickpherish ‘Bóithrín na nGael’. This would translate as the Small road of the Irish and is requested by the Gaelscoil in recognition of their presence in the area as well as its purpose as an access road for pupils of the school.”

Reg No. MA/2023/67 (dated 11th April, 2023)

Proposed by Cllr. Quinlan and seconded by Cllr. Wyse agreed by all.

Cllr. Kelly said it is a timely motion would fully support, Cllr Conwy concurred with Cllr. Kelly comment support motion.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined statutory process involved will commence.

9. AOB

Cllr. Roche enquired if council applied for extra funding for vacancy officer staff to deal with dereliction. Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired of time limit of CPO before it laps, enquired if Eoin Dullea Horticulturist replacement has been filled.

Cllr. Kiely outlined that the Urban Improvement Scheme Grant is available and could be used to enhance front of buildings along the Quay.

H. O’Shea, SEP, confirmed have applied for additional staff.

N. Kane, A/SEO, outlined Horticulturist position not filled direct queries to N. Kane.

Mayor Murphy outlined answer to Cllr Fitzgerald query is in action report.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____