

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

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in Large Room, City Hall, Waterford on 20th July, 2020 @
5.00pm**

Present:

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| Cllr. Donal Barry |
| Cllr. Joe Conway |
| Cllr. Davy Daniels (Mayor) |
| Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald |
| Cllr. Susan Gallagher |
| Cllr. Jim Griffin |
| Cllr. John Hearne |
| Cllr. Joe Kelly |
| Cllr. Eddie Mulligan |
| Cllr. Jason Murphy |
| Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan |
| Cllr. Jody Power |
| Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan |
| Cllr. Frank Quinlan |
| Cllr. Seamus Ryan |
| Cllr. Mary Roche |
| Cllr. Adam Gary Wyse |

Apologies:

Cllr. Breda Brennan

Officials in attendance:

Mr. Fergus Galvin, DOS Roads & Environment
Mr. I. Grimes, DOS Housing
Mr. Billy Duggan, SEO, Economic
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Ms. B. Stosic, A/SEE, Roads
Mr. J. Gallagher, EE Roads
Ms. A. O’Shea, Corporate Department

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| Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations: |
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A vote of sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Michael Quinn a prayer was said for him.

A vote of congratulations was extended to the team at Nearform on developing the COVID 19 contact tracing app.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 25th June, 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald and agreed.

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2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Mulligan looked for an update on the Weekly Parking Ticket and replacing the Tricolour on the Mall. F. Galvin, DoS said he will be reviewing the Weekly Parking Ticket at end of August and Economic Development will replace the tricolour on 35 The Mall.

Cllr. Kelly looked for update on the rubbish/dog fouling bins on the Cleaboy Road. F. Galvin DoS said he will revert with update.

3. Planning

- a) Planning Lists already circulated by email – noted

4. Reports

Cllr. Roche asked are the developers of the North Quays working with business in the City Centre, has the parking promotion been extended, looked for update on the Applemarket and is the Development Plan pre-consultation in the public domain yet.

Cllr. Barry stated that a floodgate is missing at Poleberry, there is still water running down Manor Hill and asked for something to be done, the advertising sign at Ardkeen Roundabout needs to be update or removed, the markings in the carpark in the Gullamene are worn away and need repainting, the roundabout at Apple Green in Tramore needs fixing and the flashing lights in Cliff Road, Tramore are broken..

Cllr. Ryan looked for update on Richardsons Meadow Remedial Scheme, extension of Bus Eireann route to Kilbarry, asked could Council contact JJ Kavanagh to restore bus services to Ferrybank , asked that car parking spaces be considered in the traffic calming scheme in Barrack Street, stated that advertisement of the Development Plan consultation should appear in all newspapers, would welcome a sub group on the Housing SPC dealing with Choice Base Letting and looked for an update on the Michael Street development.

F. Galvin, DoS stated that a review meeting will take place with all parties involved in the parking initiative he is looking at alternative plans for the Apple Market as opposition was unanimous to initial plans. He will talk to Irish Water re water issue on Manor Hill, will check out sign at Ardkeen roundabout , the car park at the Gullamene is private and he is looking at resolving ownership and getting licence/lease. The roundabout at Applegreen was damaged and claim has been settled, there is a Contractor on site at present, will check work on flood gates. Bus Eireann have an application pending with NTA for reviewed services and will follow up. He is looking at design for Barrack Street, will bring to the September meeting and will make an enquiry with JJ Kavanagh re bus route to Ferrybank..

Ivan Grimes, DoS stated retrofit works have commenced in Richardson's Meadow and will follow up with the Housing SPC members re. sub groups.

B. Duggan stated the Development Plan process commenced today and people can have access online or to meetings and stated that advertisement was in accordance with legislation

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked that the toilets at the Pier be opened, could the bins be emptied 3 times a day due to the number of visitors to Tramore, camper van signs need to be erected on the Prom and Lower Prom, the

ladder at the Gullamene is broken and needs to be reinstated, planters are needed on the Lower Prom and she is disappointed that people are not wearing face coverings at meeting stating we should lead by example. Cllr. Hearne stated the cameras are not working at the playground in Manor St John, also a ramp is needed at entrance to crèche. The junction at city entrance to Ballybeg needs to be fixed and states that an Anti-Social Behaviour Workshop is urgently needed.

Cllr. Murphy stated Medical 1 applicants need to be prioritised and asked how many were on the list in relation to new builds, he stated the Plaza is underutilised and could we look at a café/wine bar for the area, the pigeons in John Roberts square are a nuisance and could we bring in Byelaws to prevent people feeding the pigeons.

F. Galvin, DoS will ask the Engineer to get costings for the toilets at the Pier, will review the emptying of bins, will replace camper van signs on Prom and will repair the ladder at the Guillamene. Planters have been ordered for the Lower Prom and should be in place in the next few weeks. He stated we are following public health guidance re face masks further legislation coming out. He will look at provisions of ramps at Manor Saint John and is talking to consultants re culverting the stream at junction to Ballybeg. He would be open to ideas for Plaza and would be happy to engage with commercial proposals. He could take action under the Litter Management Act against the person feeding the pigeons once the person is identified.

I. Grimes, DoS will organise workshop on Anti social behaviour but reiterated there are 4 JPC meetings held every year involving all the stakeholders. There are currently over 40 Medical 1 applicants on the books and he will talk to the Capital team to look at ways for provision.

Cllr. Mulligan stated the City Centre is struggling and asked for the developers of the North Quays to have planning meeting re. Michael Street site. Could the Apple market car park in BOI have a Farmers market and stated the Kingsmeadow roundabout needs to be tidied and the Thomas Frances Maher statue needs to be presented better. He asked is the playground in Railway Square being moved and looked for update on the provision of social housing in Checkpoint, Passage and Dunmore East.

Cllr. Power congratulated the Council on the wildflowers planted on the Kingsmeadow roundabout stating it was good for the environment and biodiversity. He looked for funding to support the work of the river plastics volunteer group, asked was there a dedicated number for citizens to ring if someone was burning smokey coal, has an application been made for funding for the Checkpoint Pier and asked why funding was granted to Lismore Castle under the Historic Structures fund stating that it was a private enterprise.

Cllr. Kelly congratulated staff on finding a suitable premises for the Rogue Gallery, he received a complaint from a tourist about the parking machines in Tramore stating they do not take notes or credit cards and do not have sanitising systems. He looked for update on the roadworks in Hillview and referred to Summer West Ltd. who are proposing to build 200-300 units in Gracedieu stating residents are worried about the density of the project and asked is it a public or private development .

F. Galvin, DoS said the carpark in the applemarket is privately owned but if owner would come forward with proposal for quality operators for farmers market.he would be open to discuss. He is getting positive feedback to the wild flower meadow on the Kingsmeadow roundabout. There is an issue with the slabs on the Thomas Frances Maher monument and new fasteners are on order. The Railway Square playground has been vandalised and a large section of the equipment has been removed he is looking at more sturdy equipment for all users to be erected there., He will continue to support the river plastics group in seeking funding, the smokey coal ban refers to sale or distribution of smokey coal from Oct to April and our Enforcement Officers carry out spot checks on delivery trucks. A funding application has been re-submitted for funding for Checkpoint Pier overslabbing works. The majority of our Parking machines are coin operated and putting sanitizer on machines would not be practical stating there is a degree of personal responsibility. The Road Works Programme is due to commence in Metropolitan area in the next week.

I. Grimes, DoS stated there are no current plans for social housing in the Checkpoint-Dunmore area but will consult with team. The Housing Application in Carrickphierish is by a private company and the Council would be entitled to 10% of total units, the planning has to go to An Bord Pleanala because of the number of units.

A Workshop is planned for 29th July where the Chief Executive will brief council on the Michael Street development and B. Duggan will revert re. the Historical Structures grant to Lismore Castle..

Cllr. Griffin support request to contact JJ Kavanagh re. bus route to Ferrybank. He also stressed the urgency to hold an Anti-social Behaviour Workshop stating the council estates all over Waterford City are experiencing anti-social behaviour.

Cllr. Fitzgerald asked if the Council could come up with plans to alleviate the traffic situation in Dunmore East, could the grass verges be cut for road safety, stated the ongoing problem with water supply to Cheekpoint and the ladder in the middle pier of Passage East harbour is broken and needs to be replaced for health and safety.

Cllr. F. Quinlan looked for update on the lack of dog fouling bins on the Outer Ring Road, Dunmore Road and the Prom, asked is there a grant initiative for vacant commercial premises in the City to make them presentable stating the city needs to look good. He asked could there be a bus route from City centre to Carriganore Greenway for people living in the city and damaged paving in the Applemarket has been replaced with tarmac which is not level and is dangerous causing a trip hazard.

F. Galvin, DoS will get engineers to look at options for traffic congestion in Dunmore East. The maintenance of the verges is a matter for landowners and will only be cut by Council for traffic safety obligations. He will talk to Irish Water re. water supply for Cheekpoint. J. Gallagher, EE will look at ladder in Passage East. He will check the situation with dog fouling bins in the City and Tramore , a licence from the NTA is required to run a bus to Carriganore and paving in the Applemarket will be reinstated.

I. Grimes, DoS stated there is a procedure to record anti social behaviour which would result in a criminal conviction all calls need to be logged and are treated confidentially. There has been an increase of anti-social behaviour but it not all as result of council tenants.

Cllr. E. Quinlan is looking to re-establish the community outreach offices in the City, there is a lack of bins in Ballybricken and O'Connell Street and Flynn's pub in Ferrybank needs to be secured due to anti-social behaviour.

Cllr. Conway asked could the Council look at providing an outdoor gym in the inclusion park with minimal costs involved. Looked for update on legal proceedings on owner of the Grand Hotel stating it was due in court on 20th July but was deferred until 7th September and asked who looked for adjournment. He asked when were the Council going to review the speed limits as speed limits in Tramore are causing problems , when was work starting on 15 Tramore Heights and could fruit trees be planted in the 2 fallow beds in the People's Park.

Cllr. Gallagher asked are there plans in place for safer forms of transport following the Waterford Cycling campaign. Extra seating is required on the Prom in Tramore for people with less mobility and could some parking spaces be provided.. A pilot scheme for Rain box planters was successful as a trial in Dublin and asked could we trial some boxes in Waterford and positive feedback for the wildflower planting on the Kingsmeadow roundabout and verges in Tramore has been received.

F. Galvin, DoS will do survey of bins in Ballybricken, a speed limits review is held every 5 years and the process is due to commence early 2021, will talk to horticulturist re. planting in People's Park and added that 2 gardeners are being recruited which will have significant improvement in the Park. He will talk to café owners to provide seating for people with mobility issues and rainbox planters sounds interesting and will ask horticulturist to pilot scheme next year.

I. Grimes stated he is looking at re-establishing the outreach offices, will secure the premises in Ferrybank and long term social housing is being developed on site and the contractor will be on site for property in Tramore Heights within the next 2 weeks .

B. Duggan, SEO will follow up on why the court proceeding did not proceed re. the Grand Hotel. He is not aware of any proposal for outdoor gym and stated the budget is tight but would assist if anyone has any proposals for outdoor gym.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Notice of Motions

Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Roche

“That Waterford Forward Planning Unit will undertake an examination of the Municipal Golf Club with a view to establishing a Public Park and playground in the grounds”

Reg. No. 46 (dated 26th June, 2020)

Councillor Roche proposed the motion and outlined her reasons and it was seconded by Cllr. Gallagher. The majority of the Councillors stated that whilst they agreed with the spirit of the motion they could not support it. After a lengthy debate Cllr. Roche withdrew the motion.

2. Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Roche

“That a plan to highlight the Ancient Walls of Waterford City be developed and implemented.”

Reg. No. 47 (dated 26th June, 2020)

Motion No. 47 deferred to September meeting.

7. AOB

None

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____