

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

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in Council Chamber City Hall, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 5.00pm**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Joe Kelly

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

**Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:**

Votes of sympathy were expressed to the family of Denis Hayes, Lisduggan and Chris Curry, Tramore.

Congratulations to Trevor Walsh and Waterford AC Team on very successful half marathon event.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 proposed by Cllr. Conway seconded by Cllr. Bailey and agreed by all.

**2. Matters Arising,**

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired how the sluice valves in Woodstown are working.  
C. O’Neill, SEE, outlined the valves are operating perfectly and will continue to monitor.

**3. Reports**

Cllr. F. Quinlan requested a loading bay in Johns Street as currently no spaces for deliveries to the area.  
Cllr. Power enquired if Viking Triangle sculpture could be reviewed by members before it is put in place,  
enquired if provision for coin telescope and educational wildlife information board/signs on the Estuary

can be accommodated. Requested ecologic report regarding pollution incident in Faithlegg, if planning restriction could be put in place to maintain the trees in woods next to Japanese Gardens. Outlined presentation given to members from NTA Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, requested bus stop at Lismore Park as funding is provided by NTA and requested details of locations for provision of new bus shelters. Requested review of HGV signage coming into the city, drivers to be advised to use alternative route.

Cllr. Conway requested Seahorse Memorial on Doneraile be cleaned and restored, thanked roads department for redressing some of the housing estates in Tramore.

G. Hynes, SE, will review the request for loading bay at John Street, noted comments regarding bus stops/shelter will engage with NTA in process of reviewing shelters and will revert with new locations for future stops.

R. Moloney, SEO, will inspect and arrange appropriate works to be carried out at Doneraile memorial.

M. Quinn, DoS, regarding Cllr. Power query on Viking Triangle it is outlined in tender process and will bring proposals to members, noted request for information board and telescope on the Estuary and will discuss further offline.

H. O' Shea, SEP, will consider issue of trees adjoining the Japanese Gardens as part of any future planning application.

R. Moloney, SEO, water pollution incidents would be dealt with by Water Services and will revert.

N. Keating, SEE, will review HGV signage approaching the city.

Cllr. Barry supports Cllr. F. Quinlan's request for loading bay in John Street, enquired as to what are the immediate plans on the former men's hostel. Requested a handrail be put in place on Castle Street, enquired on plans for the future of the former An Post sorting office.

Cllr. Ryan noted a national review taking place at the moment by NTA on railways, enquired if the Council have made submission if not requested a submission be made to have direct rail line between Waterford and Cork reinstated. Requested signage be placed on the Mall informing public where Spanish Civil War Memorial is relocated and thanked the council and Eamon McEneaney for facilitating relocation, enquired if there is a schedule in place for street cleaning for the City and City South and could it be viewed by members.

Cllr. Bailey asked if could ensure street cleaning is scheduled at school areas, requested a workshop be provided for the members for Grants, Maintenance & Boilers, at present feels the process for obtaining grants are slow asked if it is possible to escalate the process noted cannot log issue on CRM. Enquired about the allocated spend for fixing and maintaining boilers, requested lights in medieval museum area could be looked at, sought clarification and review on the type of crossing at Ballybricken.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined new RDF projects which includes former mens hostel, clarified it is in very early stages and will be a number of years before refurbishment and the building is back in use, previous proposal for a tourist office for former An Post sorting office building was not successful and is being reviewed for a housing project. Will refer Spanish Civil War Memorial query to Eamonn McEneaney.

G. Hynes, SE, will review request for handrail on Castle Street. Will review Ballybricken crossing and revert, agreed to make submission regarding railway line although noted direct line from Waterford to Cork may not be viable.

N. Keating, SEE, will review the public lighting in area of medieval museum.

R. Moloney, SEO, confirmed there is a street cleaning schedule and will arrange for circulation.

C. Hartley, SEO, will arrange workshop in January covering GRM and housing maintenance.

Cllr. Roche, sought clarification on which buildings are owned by Council in Lady Lane, requested work to be carried out on the damaged wall at Moirs Estate, enquired if bollards on Manor Street will be continued on the entire street, requested update on yellow box near Polberry and fountain in Peoples Park. Requested the Tramore Coast Guard Memorial lights be replaced, and memorial be maintained. Following the WMaps presentation from TFI questioned if Metropolitan District could be considered and begin an appropriate process to redefining the area.

Cllr. Kiely requested approaching NTA in relation to extending the roll out of bus stop pilot scheme in Waterford. Queried if there is update on what the plans are for former Grand Hotel. Noted lower prom Tramore the age friendly space road markings are incorrect and could it be rectified, requested painting of Tramore lifeguard hut. Enquired if gritting could be carried out on prominent Active Travel routes. Cllr. Hearne, enquired if there are grants available for Templars Hall graveyard due to historical importance, requested repairs to be carried out on national monument on the Quay, request update on future plans for former Ballybeg pub.

G. Hynes, SE, will discuss issue at Moirs Estate with housing department, confirmed bollards will continue on Manor Street, noted yellow box is scheduled for road marking when weather permits. Will revert to members in relation to bus stops and will discuss further regarding pilot scheme. Outlined severe weather plan which sets out the priorities in relation to gritting plan, priority is given to national primary and secondary roads while resources allow other areas are covered.

R. Moloney, SEO, outlined two separate contracts were awarded for fountain in People's Park, civil works contract was awarded last week and due to commence early January. Will enquire with heritage and conservation officer if any grants available for Templars Hall graveyard.

H. O' Shea, SEP, outlined the developer for former Ryan's pub Ballybeg has five years to complete development with no enforcement until after five-year period, regarding WMaps NTA did seek submission on area and maps but no amendments made, clarified no further details on former Grand Hotel.

M. Quinn, DoS, clarified two buildings are owned by Council on Lady Lane, former hostel number of different proposals no final decision for use stressed it is slow process. Will review damaged monument on the Quay, lifeguard hut will be added to action list.

Cllr. Fitzgerald, requested inspection of damaged wall in public area onto grotto in Passage East, update and timescale on schedule for repair of water lines in Dunmore East and Cheekpoint Village. Supports councillors on raising issue of bus stops.

Cllr. Daniels seeking clarification on policy for cutting and maintenance of trees. Enquired if council owns a modern jet patcher.

Cllr. E. Quinlan requested update on provision of taxi rank in Tramore, requested report on inclusion playground in Tramore and current expenditure to date for the public realm in Tramore.

G. Hynes, SE, will inspect and review damaged wall in Passage East. Outlined three jet patchers in City and County modernised jet patchers allow for work to be carried out in urban areas.

C. O'Neill, SEE, will revert to Irish Water on Cllr. Fitzgeralds query regarding Dunmore East and Cheekpoint water lines.

N. Keating, SEE, will review provision of taxi rank in Tramore.

R. Moloney, SEO, will issue inclusion playground report, outlined extensive tree maintenance programme for housing estates, a risk assessment is carried out prioritising works to be carried out. Cllr. Daniels to refer particular areas to R. Moloney and will be reviewed.

M. Quinn, DoS, will issue expenditure report to date on public realm in Tramore.

Cllr. Griffin, raised concerns regarding council property at 36 Doyle Street as houses on both sides having ongoing problems with water pressure requested issue be investigated. Thanked roads department for gritting requested further discussion on winter management plan to consider community groups to grit their local areas. Requested engagement with Sweetbriar residents prior to Active Travel Part VIII for the area. Requested breakdown of issues reported regarding boilers.

Cllr. O' Sullivan, sought update on previous raised issue with bollard on Gallwey's Hill, requested update on Area Engineer replacement. Enquired if Tramore Failte Holiday Homes could be taken in charge as are homes to a lot of elderly people, expressed the importance of engagement with new owner of former Grand Hotel.

Cllr. Wyse, enquired on the timescale for completion of 49 social housing units and if all units will go on CBL. Requested updated Taking In Charge list.

C. Hartley, SEO, outlined majority of 49 units will be available on CBL. Will revert regarding boiler issues, at present three technicians working through the list, will refer issue at Doyle Street to delivery team.

H. O' Shea, SEP outlined TIC list was circulated in October and will be on Agenda for District meetings early next year.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted that Gallwey's Hill referred for Road Safety Audit.

G. Hynes, SE, agreed to discuss further offline suggestion regarding providing grit to community groups need to ensure group has suitable storage place, noted in process of going through panel to replace Area Engineer and would hope to be in place in January.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined Council do not have authority over holiday homes and would not have the funding to deal with them, will ensure engagement with Sweetbriar Lawn residents prior to Part VIII.

#### **4. Metropolitan District Council – Control of Parking Byelaws**

G. Hynes, SE, outlined proposal confirmed proposed amendment went through SPC, advising members of the commencement process.

Commencement of Process proposed by Cllr. Power, seconded by Cllr. E Quinlan and agreed by all.

#### **5. Correspondence**

Cllr. Ryan feels response received is not acceptable and service in Waterford should not be diluted between Dungarvan, requested further letter be issues to Breastcheck Unit requesting service be made available to women of all ages.

#### **6. Motions**

None

#### **7. AOB**

Cllr. Ryan paid tribute to all council staff, in particular to outdoor staff who were out in recent severe weather working extremely hard and wished all staff a Happy Christmas.

Cllr. Barry noted that it is fitting at this meeting to remember Private Sean Rooney who gave ultimate sacrifice in course of service as an Irish member of UN peacekeeping force and his comrades who were also injured, condolences to Rooney family and wished speedy recovery to injured parties.

Mayor Cllr. Jason Murphy took to opportunity to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_