

Metropolitan District Meeting Actions 26.09.2022

QUESTIONS		ANSWERS
Roads		
Cllr. Fitzgerald	Review of Hillside Drive, Dunmore Road and repair works to the central parking in the estate	It is the intention to carry out repairs to this area using the jet patching unit. When it is next in the City area and weather permitting repairs will be carried out.
Cllr. Fitzgerald	Details on when Knotweed contractor will be commencing spraying	The knotweed will be sprayed in the next few weeks by our Contractor.
Cllr. Power	Update on dealing with Hulk in Cheekpoint	A notice has been issued to remove the vessel. The Council will have to carry out an assessment of the vessel to determine if it can be moved. If the owner has not moved the vessel over the next few weeks the Council will look to remove it and recover costs.
Cllr. Barry	Timeline for when lighting for pedestrian crossing at the Odeon cinema will be resolved	Due to shallow underground services parts of this will require hand digging. Once duct is in place it is expected to be working in mid November.
Cllr. Roche	Area of footpath unfinished between the road leading from the roundabout at The Folly to Pearse Park road and is a trip hazard	The temporary reinstatement is part of the works being undertaken for the National Broadband Contract. The Contractor Gaeltech is required to come back to these within a few weeks to complete permanent reinstatement.
Cllr. Roche	Update on when the pedestrian bridge at the Gasworks car park will be reopened	There is no timeline for this at the moment. A Consultant Engineer is tasked with reporting on the bridge to establish if alterations can be made to make it safe to use.
Cllr. Roche	Review needed on provision of yellow box where the Poleberry Link Road meets with Bath Street, drivers unable to get across to the right hand lane	A yellow box was put in place at this junction a number of weeks ago.
Cllr. Conway	Update on provision of bus shelters in Tramore as per NTA report	A number of bus shelters are to be included as part of the Active Travel Contract works on the Ring Road in Tramore.
Cllr. Hearne	Lights not working in Larchville and need to be reviewed	There is one light not working at Larchville currently. The issue is that there is a problem with the cabling/ducting to this light. This is non routine works for which I have a limited budget. This budget is now exhausted for 2022. I will add this light to the list of repairs list for 2023. The expected cost to repair this one light is in the region of €7,500.
Cllr. Hearne	Request that open culvert at corner of Cork Road and Ballybeg Drive is reviewed, option to fill in and take away fencing as presentation of the area is poor	There is a damaged duct at this location which falls under non routine public lighting works. My budget for non routine works has been spent for 2022. I propose to add this to my non routine works list for 2023.
Cllr. Ryan	Requested addition of footpaths in Lismore Park, Cork road and Cherrymount to the footpath repair scheme	Cherrymount works have been completed and works in the Lismore Park and Cork Road area are on the list of locations to be upgrade.

Cllr. E. Quinlan	Requested reintroduction of annual parking passes in city centre, Tramore and Dungarvan	There were never annual passes in Waterford City. The matter of annual passes in Waterford, Dungarvan & Tramore have been previously referred to the SPC which did not recommend the passes. The matter was discussed at the Plenary meeting in October 2021 and it was agreed that these matters should be dealt with at District level.
Cllr. Kiely	Crossing at roundabout by Racecourse	As part of the new housing development in this area a new larger roundabout is to be constructed at the entrance. This will create a crossing point at the roundabout.
Cllr. Daniels	Loss of Suirway Bus service, contact Minister of Transport / NTA in relation to provision of service	I believe that the NTA is working on a solution to the loss of the Suirway Bus service and that an alternative will be put in place.
Cllr. Ryan	Extension of bus routes, requested copy of review report from Bus Eireann if received that was undertaken of the bus routes - Foxwood and Lacken	There has not been any review of the Kilbarry Bus Eireann Bus service that I am aware of but there is an intent by the NTA to bring forward a Bus Connects project for Waterford in 2023 which will review all bus services within the city, proposed alterations, additions, and lead in times to new routes etc. We don't have a timescale for this review.
Cllr. Roche	Update on painting of Carlisle Bridge	A full assessment of the bridge was carried out recently. Some repairs to the steel work are required and the bridge will then be repainted. Contract documents will be prepared for same and works will be carried out in 2023
Environment		
Cllr. F. Quinlan	Update on presentation plans for roundabout at RSC Kilbarry	The RSC roundabout is maintained under sponsorship, with the onset of autumn the wildflower meadow has died back and will be cut and lifted. We do not have resources for painting of kerbs on roundabouts.
Cllr. Bailey	Road Sweeper to be scheduled for Old Tramore Road leading down to Ursuline School	Operational staff requested to attend to this matter and to keep under regular review
Cllr. Power	Requested copy of report submitted to the EPA on implications of chlorine added to water at beaches	Report loaded to files.
Cllr. Roche	Copy of Railway Park design to be issued	Emailed to councillors 28.9.2022
Cllr. Bailey	Need to have Central Avenue cleaned	Operational staff requested to attend to this matter and to keep under regular review
Cllr. E. Quinlan	Contact with Kilkenny CoCo regarding the issue of rubbish in Ferrybank Park	Contact has been made with Kilkenny CoCo regarding this matter.
Cllr. Kiely	Removal of wheelbrakers in front of Skatepark in Tramore	These were installed to prevent longterm and overnight parking of camper vans.
Cllr. O'Sullivan	Requested public toilets at Guillamene to remain open until end October.	This toilet is maintained and opened by the swimming club.

Economic Development		
Cllr. Power	Update on Waterford as a retail excellence city and breast feeding friendly city	On agenda for City Centre Vibrancy group which is a sub group of the Economic SPC
Cllr. Roche	Request for copy of city centre regeneration plans as circulated to the Department to be issued to councillors	Document referred to in report is concept business plans to department. City Centre regeneration plans will be available to Councillors when that element of the project is
Cllr. Power	Request for memorial to the PhortLáirge tugboat to be provided for on the Quay	Addressed by Michael Walsh at Plenary Meeting - no budget available
Cllr. E. Quinlan	Requested contact is made with Dominican Order to see if the buildings can be used for an alternative use	Property is being handed over to the Bishop who is in negotiations with another religious order to take on the pastoral care of the church.
Cllr. Kiely	Update on feasibility of theatre in Tramore	An application for a feasibility study for a multi use cultural space has been made under T&V with a decision expected in Q4 2022
Corporate		
Cllr. Ryan	Update on letter to SETU regarding position on Governing Body	Follow up letter has issued to SETU
Cllr. Ryan	Provision of mobile library for district	This was considered by a sub group of the Cultural SPC, provision of a mobile unit would be dependent on funding becoming available from the library services section of the Department. No funding currently available.
Cllr. Roche	Letter to issue to Department regarding lack of Breast check facility in Waterford	D. Cullinane PQ emailed to members 26.9.2022 and letter issued to Department
Cllr. Kiely	Write to Bus Eireann regarding ongoing issues with poor service on the 360 route	Follow up letter has issued to Bus Eireann
Cllr. E. Quinlan	Requested update on provision of public Wi-Fi in Tramore town centre	IT will provide free Wi-Fi at the lower end of the prom and in the town centre before year end
Housing		
Cllr. Fitzgerald	Availability of sites in Coxtown under newly announced scheme for development	These sites were acquired under Part V and it is proposed to utilise them for social housing.
Cllr. Griffin	Clearing of scrub overgrowth by Bowfield to prevent fires occurring in the area	Works completed
Planning		
Cllr Conway	Query regarding ESB sub station and planning	Contacted Cllr Conway and sent details of exemptions