

Metropolitan District Meeting Actions 18.07.2022

| QUESTIONS | | ANSWERS |
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| Roads | | |
| Cllr. Fitzgerald | Timeline for removal of Graffiti in public toilets in Dunmore | The toilets were cleaned and recently upgraded further. |
| Cllr. Bailey | Looking for regular inspections of playgrounds, specifically a damaged bridge in Fenor Playground | The playgrounds are inspected regularly and any broken or damaged items are repaired as soon a possible. The bridge will be inspected with a view to getting a quotation for repairs. |
| Cllr. Kelly | Looking for chains and hook on the crane on the quay to be replaced | There is no specific budget in roads to carry out this work and the roads maintenance budget could not stretch to the cost of replacing these chains. A specific allocation could be proposed for 2023 for this work. |
| Cllr. Power | Update on removal of abandoned boat from the quayside in Cheekpoint | A notice has been served to the owner under the Harbour Bye Laws and a deadline set for the end of September. In the event that the owner does not remove the boat the Council will have to engage a Contractor to remove it and then reclaim the costs associated with this action from the owner. |
| Cllr. Kelly | Timeline on contractor commencing works on new railing and levelling of entrance from public footpath at St. Patrick's gateway. | The Contractor has promised to complete this work in the coming weeks but have issues in relation to getting enough staff to complete a busy schedule of works. We will endeavour to get this work completed by mid October at the latest. |
| Cllr. Mulligan | Details on timeline for painting of railings on the Poleberry Link Road | We are in the process of getting a Contractor to carry out this work and once we do we can give a more accurate timeline. The plan is to get this work complete by the end of October. |
| Cllr. Ryan | Deep cracks developing on the Poleberry Link Road (Railway Square side) | The property where the cracks are appearing is all within private property. |
| Cllr. Fitzgerald | Speed surveys to be carried out on Callaghan Road and Old Corbally Road - provide timeline for when these will be carried out | Speed survey was carried out at Callaghan Road. There does not appear to be an issue with speed at this location. Following discussion with Cllr Fitzgerald, no speed survey is required at Corbally. NK |
| Cllr. Fitzgerald | Timeline for relining of road markings on the Dunmore Road | Road markings in this area have been carried out during July and August. |
| Cllr. O'Sullivan | Update on review of traffic on lower prom as going against the one way system | I reviewed this. I propose an extra finger post sign and refresh an arrow road marking on the roundabout. The existing signage is quite clear as it is. There are no left turn signs at that junction on the prom. NK |
| Cllr. O'Sullivan | Hedge cutting required at R682 junction and at Coolnagoppoge - provide update on carrying out of the works | The hedges were trimmed back and SLOW road markings put on the road in July |
| Cllr. Barry | Update on provision of hand rail at top of Castle Street at junction with Browns Lane | Being reviewed by Economic Development as this Contract was under their control. |
| Cllr. Roche | Carlisle Bridge closed from Court house to the park, update needed on works that are to be carried out on the bridge | The bridge is closed when the courthouse is closed for security reasons. |
| Cllr. Ryan | Footpaths in Lismore Park to be reviewed, walkabout to be scheduled. | Councillor can contact Alan Kirwan or Conor O Neill directly and arrange a date and time for an inspection of this area. Some parts of Lismore Park area are already on the list of locations to be repaired. |
| Cllr. Mulligan | Timeline on reviewing of signage on John Roberts Square in relation to pedestrian and vehicular use | I have commenced this. It will take a few weeks to complete. NK |
| Cllr. Kelly | Issue with drivers taking right turn in Presentation Gardens when only left hand turn is allowed - update needed on timeline for reviewing this and possible new signage | To be reviewed at next roads conference with the Senior Engineer and examine if the left in and left out only option is warranted here. |

| Planning | | |
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| Cllr. Conway | Planning enforcement case on the Back Strand to be dealt with off line - contact to be made with Cllr. Conway | Email sent to Cllr Conway advising of current status of complaint |
| Cllr. Bailey | Details on planning permission for Templars Hall to be issued to all councillors | All Cllrs. are advised of decisions in their area |
| Cllr. Power | Need to look at replacing chains and hook on the Crane on the Quay | Crane in ownership of POW |

| Environment | | |
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| | Footpaths in people's Park | Small sections require repair, however we are finding it difficult to find contractors to undertake small jobs such as this. We will continue to try source contractors |
| Cllr. Mulligan | Staining of footpaths in the city centre | The footpaths are on a regular power wash programme to remove dirt and staining, however it can recur. We will examine the use of different detergents to improving this cleaning. |
| Cllr. Mulligan | People using the Rescue 111 monument for busking etc, can we put up a sign or something to discourage | "No Busking" sign to be erected on seawall. |
| Cllr. Ryan | Revert with update on plans for Ballybricken Green area (Slainte Healthy Communities Funding) | Tenders have been received back and are currently being evaluated. The aim is for by September |
| Cllr. Roche | Concerns regarding Anglo Beef Processing plant and their licence application to increase output. Agreed to issue letter to EPA | Letter sent to EPA by DoS |
| Cllr. Roche / Cllr Ryan | Looking for a drawing of the proposals for Railway Square Park. | Uploaded to Decision Time with meeting documents for 19th September |
| Cllr. Conway | Looking for a handrail at the entrance to the nature Park due to the steep nature of the entrance | A Kirwan to contact the councillor to identify exact location for examination |
| Cllr. Kiely | Need to look at planting of street trees | The inclusion of street trees are considered in any schemes carried out. Unfortunately due to space constraints on the street, or due to the presence of underground services, trees cannot always be accommodated. |
| Cllr. Kiely | Can consideration be given to providing a disabled toilet at the inclusion playground | not at present, there is a disabled toilet on the Lower Prom |
| Cllr. Power | Inclusion of issue with offal transport in rendering plant needs to be included in the draft litter byelaws | Litter byelaws are limited in their scope by the Litter Pollution Act 1997. The local authority cannot introduce by-laws related to animal by-products as these are governed by statute, the European Union (Animal By-Products) Regulations 2014. The competent authority for the enforcement of these regulations is the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. |
| Cllr. Power | Can a monthly update be provided on carbon neutrality plans | MQ Answered in the meeting that it was too early in the project to do this. It will be reviewed when the project team is in place. |
| Cllr E. Quinlan | Looking for a Review report on the inclusion playground after experience since opening. Reports of difficulties accessing areas with wheelchairs and buggies due to sand | The paths within and around the playground are gravel paths and there is sand beneath the play equipment for critical fall impact reduction, it is not intended for buggies and wheelchairs to traverse over it. |

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| Cllr. E. Quinlan | Review of Tramore Inclusion Park - timeline for this to be carried out | Will be carried out with next annual inspection due at the end of the year. |
| Cllr. Bailey | Review recent planting of trees in Cherrymount - issue with weeds and overgrowth around new trees | Chemical vegetation control was carried out in May. By and large the trees are doing well: survival is about 90% There has been no obvious vandalism. |
| Cllr. Kelly | Update on works on the fountain in People's Park | Tenders received back for fountain proposal greatly exceed budget available. review of proposals to find a solution in line with available funds |
| Cllr Daniels | Wants condition of goal mouths in Farronshoneen Park examined | New goalposts ordered and will be relocated to allow current goal mouth to recover |
| Cllr. F. Quinlan | Update requested on timeline for delivery of communication boards at out playgrounds | Tender for information, awaiting signoff from sports partnership on text for signage. |
| Cllr. F. Quinlan | Update on timeline for installation of outdoor gym equipment | Outdoor gym equipment in People's Park to be installed by mid September |
| Cllr. F. Quinlan | Requested option for hurling wall in our public open spaces to be investigated | The majority of GAA clubs now have hurling walls, this is not a priority for WCCC maintained parks and open spaces. |
| Cllr. Mulligan | Timeline on repairs to fountain in John Roberts Square | Work ongoing to resolve the issue |

Economic Development

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| Cllr. Conway | Contact to be made with Bus Eireann regarding refurbishment of the bus station, wall at front needs repair | Reviewed wall at Tramore bus station and no damage noted - recent evidence of repair noted |
| Cllr. Kiely | Timeline for erection of new signage for free car park in Tramore | New signage to be installed in October |
| Cllr. Griffin | Look at options to make companion bikes available on the Greenway for families to use | One tri-shaw bike purchased by WSP and managed by Deise Day Care Centre. No current plans to purchase additional bikes due to cost (approx. €7,000 each) and WCCC does not have the capacity to manage the operation of these. There are also issues with third parties taking on the management including insurance etc., Private operators do offer ebikes and tribikes. |
| Cllr. Mulligan | Rescue 111 memorial on prom in Tramore needs signage erected requesting that it is not use as a performance area | "No Busking" sign to be erected on seawall adjacent to memorial |
| Cllr. F. Quinlan | Waterford flags to support Senior Girls Camogie team who are playing in the semi finals. | Flags are put up for finals. |
| Cllr. Power | Update on motion in relation to Waterford City Retail Excellence and as a breast feeding friendly city with the Economic Development SPC | Issue will be discussed with the recently appointed Healthy Waterford Co-ordinator and Waterford City Centre Management Group. Adopting a policy would not be the most effective way to achieve the goal of Waterford as a breast feeding locations as the private sector needs to come on board to ensure their facilities are breast feeding friendly. |
| Cllr. Barry | Need to put up signage to inform tourists of the location of the tourist office | New signage scheme being delivered as part of the Failte Ireland Destination Towns project. |

Corporate

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| Cllr. Daniels | Mayor to write to Minister requesting a member of WCCC to sit on the new governing body similar to our positions on UCC | Letter issued |
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| Cllr. Daniels | Letter of Congratulations to be sent to Dan Mulhall on his retirement as Ambassador of Ireland to the United States | Letter issued |
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Property Management

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| Cllr. Hearne | Small area of land at Fairfield which is attracting ASB and seeking land swap. | Being reviewed |
| Cllr. Barry | Enquired why green area handed over to the developer in Templars Hall | No disposal of lands occurred, a letter of consent issued to enable planning permission to be lodged. |

Active Travel

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| Cllr. Kiely | Inclusion of Ferrybank in new bike rental scheme | The 2021 Consultants report commissioned by the NTA on the city bike scheme looked at this area and concluded - "Although desirable, due to the prevailing connectivity and the lack of cycle connectivity to the northern quayside at present, provision of an additional station or stations serving the Ferrybank/Plunkett Station areas is not considered feasible as part of the initial phase of the scheme. However, pending proposals to improve this connectivity (namely the proposed Sustainable Transport Bridge) will allow this to be revisited. Furthermore, the Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy will determine the strategic cycle network proposals for Waterford, which will inform the potential locations of additional stations." |
| Cllr. Daniels | Extension of Ballygunner / Knockboy to the new bike rental scheme | Similar to the above the Ballygunner area and the Knockboy area were looked at but not included in the original scheme. In time with improved infrastructure these areas will no doubt be added to the scheme. |

Housing

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| Cllr. Power | Update on Summerland Square delivery | Given the site location, items are being reviewed for the tender package with regard to health & safety. |
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