

September 2021

**To: Each Member
Waterford Metropolitan District Council**

Re: Naming of Plaza at the Menapia Building, The Mall

Dear Councillor,

A proposal has been made to the Plenary Mayor regarding the naming of the public plaza area which is located to the front of the Waterford Crystal visitor centre and factory at Menapia Building on The Mall.

The proposal is to name the area the Charles Bacik Plaza in honour of Charles Bacik who was the co-founder of the modern Waterford Glass and later the Waterford Crystal company.

The power to name or rename a street or public place is a reserved function of the Metropolitan District Council and should it be decided to proceed with this proposal a resolution of the Council is required to commence the process.

There is a statutory procedure to name or rename a public place (which includes streets, squares, public realm areas etc) which is covered in Part 18 of the Local Government Act 2001 and as substituted by S.48 of the Environment (Misc Provisions) Act 2011.

Should the Council adopt a resolution to name the area the Charles Bacik Plaza, the proposal will be publically advertised and thereafter there is a statutory two month period to allow for public submissions.

Following the expiry of the public consultation period, a report on the process will be prepared and considered by Council before a final decision to proceed or otherwise is made by the Council.

Fergus Galvin
Director of Services