

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

**Metropolitan District Meeting held in Council Chamber, City Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, at 5.00pm**

**Present:**

Cllr. Jason Murphy (Mayor)	Cllr. Cristiona Kiely
Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Joe Kelly	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. Joe Conway

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Jody Power

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr. M. Quinn, DoS, Economic Development  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. G. Hynes, SE, Roads  
Mr. N. Kane, A/SEO, Environment  
Ms. O. O’ Reilly, AO Housing  
Mr. A. Kirwan, EE, Roads  
Ms. N. Keating, SEE, Roads  
Ms. H. O’ Shea, SEP, Planning  
Ms. M. Phelan, A/SEE Roads  
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

**Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:**

Votes of sympathy were expressed to the family of former councillor Geoff Power, Ronan O’ Connor, Dick Conway, Seamie Kiely, Rena Kennedy and Cllr. Roche’s uncle John.

Congratulations and best wishes to Carrie Crowley on the nomination of An Cailín Cúin for the Oscars.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 proposed by Cllr. Roche seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed by all.

**2. Matters Arising,**

Cllr. Ryan requested update on previous query on Mount Suir apartments and update on Michael Street development.

Cllr. Conway requested an update report for derelict sites.

Cllr. Roche enquired if a response was received from Minister regarding former Waterford crystal site.

Cllr. Kelly queried when members will receive contracts relating to Mount Suir apartment.

Cllr. Barry asked if fire safety inspection was carried out at Mount Suir apartment if report was issued.

O. O'Reilly, AO, said full details regarding Mount Suir apartment will be issued to the members once surveys and inspections are completed within the next 4-6 weeks, resolution will be reached but need to wait for conclusion of inspections and surveys, fire safety inspection was referred to fire services.

H. O'Shea, SEP, outlined Michael Street development is at pre planning discussion and proposals stage. Full detailed breakdown of derelict sites will be given at workshop which is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **3. Reports**

Cllr. E. Quinlan requested repair of Gracedieu speed ramps as parts are damaged, noted following survey carried out for people to take bins in in Doyle Street Barrack Street notice was issued to residents but no further action taken requested follow up from Environment Department, asked if signage could be put in place for no dumping at corner of Barrett Place. Cllr. Quinlan was contacted by Ballymacaw resident regarding public lighting and footpaths in church graveyard area. Enquired if there will be security on North Quay development. Requested dates be inserted on TIC document.

Cllr. Roche requested update on Waterford Walls, enquired if electronic trail which was recently launch included city walls. Requested workshop will take place for capital projects and requested update from homeless services. Queried if an objection or appeal will be submitted regarding the EPA increased rendering licence at the AIBP premises. Enquired if it is possible to have gate access from Ballybeg side to nature park and if there is provision for footpath works from city side to Faithlegg.

Cllr. Griffin requested update on the water pressure effecting houses in 35-37 Doyle Street, expressed issue needs to be dealt with as matter of urgency. Sought clarification regarding Briar Rose planning impact on the historical right of way and who will maintain it. Spoke of an unauthorised car sales being carried out in a Tramore council estate which is affecting access for a disabled resident.

O. O'Reilly, AO, will speak offline with Cllr. Griffin regarding unauthorised business operating by council tenant. Will revert with date for capital programme workshop. Will revert to homeless service regarding report.

M. Quinn, DoS, will revert regarding Waterford Walls project and include report for next month. Noted security of North Quay development is a matter for contractors.

N. Kane, A/SEO, will revert to Irish Water regarding the water pressure issue in Doyle Street. Noted objection has not been submitted regarding extension of licence granted by EPA. Outlined there is currently no access to nature park from the Ballybeg side and reviewing options. Will investigate bin issue in Doyle Street, Barrett Street.

G. Hynes, SE, will review Gracedieu speech ramps and repair. Ballymacaw will be included for discussion at upcoming workshop along with full programme of works.

H. O'Shea, SEP, outlined the process of TIC and the difficulty with attributing dates. Will revert regarding the planning submission at the Briar Rose.

Cllr. Hearne asked if main road off Ballybeg could be considered for upgrade works. Supports Cllr. Roches request on the entrance for nature park from Ballybeg suggested entrance at Templars Graveyard be considered. Asked if worked carried out in St Johns Park could be reviewed as they do not appear to be up to standard, enquired if a traffic survey could be considered in that area. Ask if the leak in Manor St John hall could be investigated.

Cllr. Kiely enquired as to the procedure involving repairs to cats eyes that are missing on Tramore Road. Requested replacement of light at bus stop in Ballykinsella. Enquired if speech ramps could be considered for Sweetbriar and Newtown Glen. Requested assurance that the protected trees in Bookie Woods Tramore are protected during development works, update on works to area adjoined to Japanese Gardens. Enquired if there is a city and town tree plan and if there is a traffic management plan for North Quays.

Cllr. Ryan noted there were 21 new tenancy applications in January enquiring how many currently on housing list and the current waiting period. Welcomed the 2023 roads work programme and if it will include footpaths. Requested road markings on the Bridge be redone, enquired when the Community Climate Action fund commences and if there will be consultation with members. Requested a bus stop on Cleaboy Road.

G. Hynes, SE noted Cllr. Hearn's queries on Ballybeg which will be covered in workshop, will arrange survey for St. Johns Park, will review cats eyes subject to available funding. Noted replacement light needed at Ballykinsella bus stop. Outlined policy regarding speed ramps in housing estate would be signage rather than installation of speed ramps, will review signs in the areas Cllr. Kiely referred to. Will review road markings on the Bridge. Will revert regarding bus stop on Cleaboy Road.

N. Kane, A/SEO, outlined council try to incorporate street trees with new development where possible. Climate Action fund has not yet issued will revert to members once issued. Will investigate further access to nature park.

O. O'Reilly, AO, noted SSA report is due to publish next month will arrange circulation to members, outlined the different factors regarding the housing list period.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined schedule of works being discussed with contractor regarding North Quay, noted there is a requirement for traffic management plan, will refer issue in Manor St. John to property management.

H.O' Shea, SEP, will arrange for district planner to carry out site inspection at Bookie Woods ensuring the developer is in compliance with conditions.

Cllr. Keating spoke of concerns regarding new housing applicants if trends continue asked are resources available to deal with capacity or will time frame slow down and waiting times increase. Requested clarification on HAP standards of accommodation asked if smaller landlords can be assisted to meeting standards.

Cllr. F. Quinlan welcomed Maura Phelan to her new role in place of Conor O' Neill. Enquired if Waterside bridge can be reopened. Requested disabled parking bays by Peoples Park be relined as they are not recognised as disabled parking. Asked if dumping of household waste in Doyle Street be investigated. Requested yellow box at Millar Mash and update on all road markings.

Cllr. Conway requested update on works on Tramore Pier, enquired if there is progress on replacing boiler in community centre at Beech Park. Highlighted illegal roadway in use across from former Majesty Hotel, notice was to be served over three months ago but area still been used illegally.

O. O' Reilly, AO, would anticipate that February applications figures would be similar to January's figures it may affect the waiting time, resources are available to deal with increase applications. Clarified that all HAP properties must meet with private renting standards there would be no provision for council to assist private landlords with improving or meeting property standards, if there was to be a scheme it would have to be a nationally directed scheme not something local authority could carry out themselves.

G. Hynes, SE, clarified the bridge at Waterside is not under ownership of the council and would expect it will remain closed. Weather permitting road marking/relining should commence soon, requested members record areas on CRM or contact Engineer directly. Tramore pier will be covered in scheduled workshop regarding programme of works.

N. Kane, A/SEO, will review dumping issue in Doyle Street.

M. Quinn, DoS, will refer the broken boiler issue in community centre at Beech Park to Property Management.

H. O'Shea, SEP, regarding former Majesty Hotel access given for construction access only, will follow up with district engineer and reassess.

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired if road at Callaghan's cross could be considered for upgrading. Enquired who is responsible for park wall in Dunmore East. Asked if there is a time limit on CPOs. Enquired how work at the block of apartments in Pebble Beach under repair and lease will be carried out while HAP tenants occupy them.

Cllr. Bailey enquired if more signs could be installed on the Anne Valley walk, requested signage be replaced on city walls and review to see what maintenance needs to be carried out. Noted a new fence was put in at St. Johns Riverwalk asked if area at Cherrymount bridge could be reviewed. Requested the borrow box be put back at the top of strand in Tramore.

Cllr. Wyse sought an update on the cleaning of Apple Market Roof. Sought clarification on TIC of The Village, Knockboy asked what other steps are required if any. Requested an update on Ballygunner Park area. Request report on TFI scheme, which is running almost a year, asked if there will be additional stations installed.

H. O'Shea, SEP, outlining the decision for the installation of additional bike station comes from NTA, will revert with report. Will follow up on Cllr. Wyse query on The Village Knockboy with roads department and revert.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined that contractor appointed for the cleaning of Apple Market Roof and currently waiting on safety plan to be submitted. Outlined the CPO process. Will arrange a review of City Walls.

G. Hynes, SE, clarified work already carried out at Callaghan road will discuss further at workshop, regarding park wall in Dunmore East the responsibility would be with property owner. Will arrange additional signage on Anne Valley walk regarding dog fouling.

N. Kane, A/SEO, outlined the borrow box will be returned at bathing session.

O. O'Reilly, AO, will revert to delivery team regarding repair and lease at Pebble Beach, HAP tenants would have to be notified by the landlords before entering property to carry out works.

Cllr. Kelly enquired if tender documents have issued following the feasibility study for Tramore. Enquired if the Cleaboy Road bus stop is a temporary stop. Welcomed the progress of works on fountain in Peoples Park asked if harmful weed spray is in use. Asked if the grass will be replanted in Ballybricken following the works, asked if footpath (by Carroll's Chemist) be repaired.

Cllr. O' Sullivan, asked could consideration be given to looking at different charges for camper van park suggesting a trial of €10 during May/June after 5pm. Supports Cllr. Kiely regarding Bookie Woods. Requested contact be made with Irish Water regarding wastewater overflow during bad weather at lower pier Tramore as this is a swimming area. Requested a review of bike parking at lower prom Tramore as area is not being used for purposed intended. Support Cllr. Bailey regarding borrow box noting that the one at the Ladies Slip needs to be repaired as it was damaged during bad weather.

Cllr. Barry would urge council to consider purchasing Waterford Sports Centre and adjoining car park as investment. Enquired if there is a get out clause regarding the 24 Apartment Clarendon Court. Enquired if safety audit of roundabouts in city could be conducted regarding better signage, sought clarification on when toilet in Peoples Park will be back in operation.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined the safety issue of roundabouts would be examined by Active Travel over a period of time together with pedestrian crossings. In relation to camper van parking outlined the parking bye laws are for members consideration there is provision for overnight charging in Tramore at location that may arise in the future, commented that facilities should be provided by private investors. Regarding wastewater at lower pier would encourage people to swim in other locations in Tramore with good quality bathing waters, will revert to Irish Water and will review the bike parking on the prom.

A. Kirwan, EE, outlined contractor is appointed for works in Ballybricken.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted purchase of the Waterford Crystal Sport Centre is not included in capital plan and noted that the tender will not yet issue for feasibility study until confirmation letter is received.

O. O'Reilly, AO, will revert with update regarding management company of 24 apartment in Clarendon Court noting that the property has a number of owners.

N. Kane, A/SEO, will revert regarding weed spray and opening of toilet in people park.

#### **4. Draft Metropolitan District Council Control of Parking Bye-Laws 2023 - Completion of the Process**

G. Hynes, SE, briefly outlined the summary of changes of the bye-laws as circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. O' Sullivan noted her disagreement with an additional change of two extra months for parking fees.

Cllr. Roche enquired if long stay car parks can still issue ticket to cover parking after 6pm until 12pm the following day, also asked if Bolton Street, Gasworks car parks are low-rate charges. Regarding loading bays if no signage in place can all be treated the same with parking after 12pm.

Cllr. Griffin does not agree with the extra two months additional parking charges in Tramore feels it would have a knock-on effect.

Cllr. Kiely supported comments of Cllr. Griffin and Cllr. O' Sullivan, would also oppose the additional charge for April/May.

Cllr. Conway agreed with previous councillors, feels it would not be good for local economic, suggested proposal for removal of additional charge.

Cllr. F. Quinlan also supports previous councillors, it would discourage people visiting area with adding two more months of parking charges.

Cllr. Kelly opposed the additional charges, it would be counterproductive would agree with removal of that section of the proposal.

N. Keating, SEE, outlined tickets are issued to cover parking after hours to following day at machines, there is a review of this with parking app company as it is currently unable to carry out this function. Signage will be reviewed at loading bays some are required to be in use for entire day.

G. Hynes, SE, clarified the parking charges per day in Tramore are the cheapest in the country the reasons for considering additional two-months charges is to ensure spaces are available.

It was proposed by Cllr. Conway and seconded by Cllr. Kelly that the proposal to add an additional two months to the parking charges is removed from the proposed Byelaw, agreed by all. The Byelaws passed by all with this amendment.

## 5. Correspondence

None

## 6. Motions

### 1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Ryan

*“That Waterford Metropolitan Council calls on the National Transport Authority and/or Transport for Ireland to expand City bus services to include Carriganard, Kilbarry and Foxwood and to also run a bus service from Paddy Brown’s Road to UHW”*

**Reg. No. MJ/2023/65** (dated, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 **Deferred from January meeting**)

Proposed by Cllr. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Hearne and agreed by all to write to NTA as outlined.

Cllrs. Hearne, Bailey, Barry, Griffin, F. Quinlan commented on their support for the motion.

Cllr. Roche requested a letter be issued to Minister for Transport to devolve responsibility for locations of bus shelters/stops to Local Authorities, seconded by Cllr. Kiely and agreed by all.

Cllr. Keating noted that SETU would benefit from accessibility to expanded bus routes.

### 2. Motion in the name of Cllr. Lola O' Sullivan

*“Calling on Waterford Council to acknowledge the 200 years the Metalman has stood on Newtown Head saving many lives. By having him structurally surveyed, painted and celebrated, this year”*

**Reg. No MJ/2023/66** (dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2023)

Proposed by Cllr O' Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Hearne and agreed by all.

Cllr. Hearne commended Cllr. O' Sullivan for proposing motion adding it is fantastic historical place which he feels should be a tourist attraction. Cllr. Conway supports motion saying it is timely, understands there is difficulty around accessing the area. Cllr. Kelly commended Cllr. O' Sullivan for proposing motion adding similar works were carried out in 2006.

<b>7. AOB</b>
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Cllr. Fitzgerald requested contact details for new Active Travel Engineer.

Cllr. Roche took opportunity to pass on her best wishes to Raymond Moloney on his retirement.

G. Hynes, SE, noted the newly appointed Engineer in Active Travel will be attending workshop and will share his contact details.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge  
Waterford City & County Council

**Resolution of the Elected Members  
Waterford City and County Council, Metropolitan District  
20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023  
Ref: 2023/04**

In accordance with the requirements by Section 131A of the Local Government Acts 1925 to 2014, Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (No. 7 of 1994) as amended and by Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 (No. 24 of 1961) as amended, and having consulted with the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Metropolitan District of Waterford City & County Council that the Metropolitan District Council Parking Byelaws 2023 as presented and after consideration of submissions and with agreed amendment to exclude the proposed extension of parking charges by two months (April/May), proposed by Cllr. Conway seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed unanimously THAT THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONTROL OF PARKING BYE LAWS 2023 WITH AMENDMENT PROCEEDS.

**Signed:**

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**Councillor Jason Murphy  
Metropolitan District Mayor**

**Witnessed:**

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**Honor Dunphy  
Meetings Administrator**