

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

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 15th July 2019 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Breda Brennan Mayor
Cllr. Donal Barry
Cllr. Joe Conway
Cllr. Davy Daniels
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. John Hearne
Cllr. Joe Kelly
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Marc O’Cathasaigh
Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan
Cllr. Seamus Ryan
Cllr. Matt Shanahan
Cllr. Adam Gary Wyse

Apologies:

Cllr. John Cummins

Officials in attendance:

Mr. F. Galvin, District Manager
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO Economic Development
Mr. J Sullivan, SEO Housing
Ms. H. O’Shea, SEP, Planning
Mr. A. O’Shea EE, Roads
Mr. J. Gallagher, EE Roads
Ms. A. O’Shea, ASO

Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:

A vote of sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Garda David Hearne.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 20th May 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald

seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed.

Minutes from the Metropolitan AGM held on 10th June 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Kelly seconded by Cllr. O’Cathasaigh and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Murphy congratulated the residents of Alexander Street on qualifying for the Pride of Place awards. Cllr. Mulligan asked for an update on maintenance of the Thomas Frances Maher monument, on the introduction of a weekly parking ticket and providing a bicycle park on the Quay. Cllr. Kelly complimented the Greenway development and looked for an update on the Coady’s Pond junction. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that he will prioritise the cleaning of TF Maher monument, a new provider for our Parking Ticket system is being tendered and he is looking extensively at Coady’s Pond junction but is unsuccessful acquiring land. Cllr. Griffin asked if the Quarry Road project doesn’t go ahead how will it be made safer. H. O’Shea SEP said she would look at requirements to providing a bicycle park

3. Planning

- a) Planning Lists already circulated by email – noted
- b). Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 –Proposed new footpath, public lighting & pedestrian crossing at Knockanduff Road L4059, Tramore, Co. Waterford was outlined by A. O’Shea, EE. Cllr. Griffin welcomes the development but says the residents have concerns with type of fencing planned, Cllr. Conway agrees. Cllr. Kelly stated there is an issue with speed of traffic and asked that the replacement planting remains in the area. Cllr. O’Cathasaigh had concerns re biodiversity and the pedestrian crossing. Cllr. O’Sullivan said the speed limit needs to be looked at. A. O’Shea, EE. said they will consult with residents regarding fencing, changes will be made to street lighting and speed reduction measures. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that he will look at reduction of speed to 50K, pedestrian crossing is best compromise, cost is €14,000 we are going to tender with timeframe of current year. The Completion of the Process was proposed by Cllr. Kelly seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed.
- c). Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 – Bilberry to Waterford City Centre Greenway Link – Completion of Process
- Deferred
- d) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 – Development of Coastal Walking Trail works from Portally Cove to Brownstown Head – Commencement of Process
- Deferred

4. Reports

Cllr. O’Sullivan said Lodges Lane/Newtown Hill junction sightline is poor and asked could there be a traffic report done, 3 horses were loose on the beach in Tramore and a danger to all and asked that a meeting be set up with the NTACC to discuss. Cllr. Fitzgerald asked can the Council advise the public re. submissions for the Housing Development Strategy, traffic calming at Killea and Crook schools, looked

for roundabout at Horse Quarter and could road sweeper come to Passage East during the summer months. Cllr. Quinlan said the Iron bridge needs to be secured, horse in Carrickphierish are a danger to traffic and Flynn's pub in Ferrybank needs to be secured. A. O'Shea EE agrees junction at Lodge's Lane is dangerous and will look at street lighting to help. J. Gallagher, EE said traffic calming has gone to tender, agrees Horse Quarter dangerous junction and needs to be made safer, will ask for road sweeper to go to Passage for next summer. F. Galvin, District Manager said Bye Laws are in place and Gardai have to deal with horses on beach and we have contractors for collecting of loose horses. The Iron Bridge is owned by CIE and it is their responsibility to secure. H. O'Shea SEP said Housing Development is in the public domain and it's up to individuals to make submissions. J. Sullivan, SEO will follow up on securing site in Ferrybank.

Cllr. Wyse asked what was the National Policy on tenants not paying rent in HAP, do we have an Environment SPC Pollination Action Plan, what is the cost of cutting grass, what would be the cost to build a wall to secure the Williamstown Sports Complex and is the pathway survey still available and what is the budget for it. Cllr. Daniels asked could we have a copy of the Irish Water survey when it is completed, could Arundle Square be opened one-way, said there is a need for a 3rd river crossing and gave credit to the presentation staff for the upkeep of the Peoples Park but that the fountain needs to be sorted. Cllr. Ryan enquired about the Road Improvement Grants 2020 and how it was divided, what is the update on Ryan's pub, roads in Foxwood Estate full of earth from construction lorries, Vincent White Road needs to be re-surfaced and will we be changing to LED public lighting. F. Galvin, District Manager said the Environment SPC already have a Pollinator Action Plan in place on the Outer Ring Road there is no net saving, the Footpath Survey is due and the cost is €50,000 approx. He will talk to Irish Water, there is no immediate plans to change Arundle Square there is a long term plan for a 3rd river crossing, developers in Foxwood Estate are responsible for clearing the roads, he will look at Vincent White Road and all public lighting will be changed by mid 2020. H. O'Shea SEP said that the owners of Ryan's pub have come in for a pre-planning meeting and a planning application is imminent. J. Sullivan SEO said differential rent is income related and must be paid in order to stay in the HAP system, damage to the Williamstown Sports Centre is a matter for the Gardai and he will look at the cost of building a wall.

Cllr. Griffin praised Housing staff stating that the family days are proving to be invaluable, there is a need for a review of Camper Van parking, update on the 4 houses in Doyle Street, need to enforce the removal of abandoned cars and asked that Bus Eireann come in to present to Council. Cllr. Murphy said there are issues with the closure of toilets in Kilbarry cemetery during funerals, the amber lights at St. Saviours school are not working, trees at Belvedere Grove are dangerous and need to be removed by the developer and also calls for a public transport workshop. Cllr. Conway asked that the Environment SPC look at the Beach Bye Laws, noted the number of children begging in the city stating somebody should be responsible, not enough parking spaces at the new park in Tramore, the motor homes and trailers owned by the amusement staff need to be tidied and Strand Road west has no public lighting. F. Galvin, District Manager said abandoned cars need to be logged, he will invite Bus Eireann to present to Council, will review Kilbarry cemetery, the amber lights were vandalised outside St. Saviour's N.S. there may be a need for a School Warden, the City Centre Management group are looking into children begging and he will log street lighting fault on Strand Road. H. O'Shea, SEP said there is a condition in the planning at Belvedere Grove that the developer removes the trees but there is a restriction during nesting season. J. Sullivan, SEO said development at Doyle Street will commence before year end.

Cllr. Hearne congratulated the Housing staff on their work in the Community, New Street gardens is awash with drugs and needs to be secured and asks that we contact PAVEE point to make submission on the abuse of horses. Cllr. Kelly congratulated Summer in the City stating it was going very well and also the road resurfacing works, looked for update on the mobile home in Carrickphierish and why the land surrounding the site was levelled, he said that the All Together Now Festival was having a detrimental effect on Spraoi and asked could they hold it on another weekend. The horses running on the beach are

dangerous and owners should be held responsible. Cllr. Mulligan asked what were the plans for the Railway Station in Tramore how was the €100,000 spent, asked for wheelie bins for Dunmore and can the byelaws be enforced re illegal camping in Dunmore East and Woodstown. He supported Cllr. Griffin and asked to have a meeting with Gardai re. the travelling community. F. Galvin, District Manager said New Street Gardens are owned by NAMA and they will secure the property and the Department of Transport would look after sulkies. J. Gallagher SE will look at providing wheelie bins in Dunmore and there is an issue with opening the toilets in Woodstown as staff are being intimidated we need to have a meeting with Gardai.. H. O'Shea, A/SP said that All Together Now Festival must apply for an event licence and could not be refused on a date. B. Duggan, SEO said that the money was spent on the roof of the Railway Station in Tramore application is being made for extra funding. J. Sullivan, SEO said formal notice Section 10 has been served on the owners of the mobile home and he will check on levelling works surrounding site in Carrickphierish.

Cllr. Power asked for extra resources to combat litter in Dunmore East, the new road surfaces are wonderful and he hopes that they will not be disturbed by services, has asked had our housing stock a BER rating and have we a Radon report. Cllr. O'Cathasaigh stated that Waterford Energy Bureau had no website, the junction of Pine Grove needs a hatched area, the pedestrian crossing at Apple Green is dangerous and there is no cycling space outside the Tramore AFC. He also asked about the housing issue relating to Irish Water looking for a €1,000 contribution from each house. Cllr. Shanahan asked about plans for 5G workshop, said there should be mandatory chipping for horses 95% of which are being grazed on Council lands, asked what is our pollination policy and could a bee keeper be asked to come to talk. Also he said there is lack of publicity/branding with the forthcoming World GAA Games.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kelly, seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald and agreed that the standing orders be extended by 20 minutes to allow for the completion of the business of the meeting.

F. Galvin, District Manager said they are looking at developing the Waterford Energy Bureau website, the housing issue relating to Irish Water is not a Council issue, Environment are looking at ways to reduce the amount of chemical based herbicides used to suppress weeds and will contact the Beekeepers Association and arrange a presentation to Council. A. O'Shea, EE he will look at putting a yellow box at junction of Pine Grove, he will speak to consultants to come up with a design at the AFC it may need a pedestrian crossing. J. Sullivan, SEO said he will send out results of Radon testing and basic energy measures have been carried out on our properties but are looking for funding to upgrade energy efficiency. B. Duggan, SEO outlined details of GAA World Games and said the council were only facilitating the games but the GAA were promoting it.

Cllr. Barry has concerns about the security at the old Waterford Crystal site saying that it was a fire hazard and was not a great sight, he asked about the status of the Planning Application and said the owner should be responsible to secure the site. Also the wall of the former Little Sisters property in Hennessy's Road is falling and the trees are overgrown and rubbish is being dumped and asks have the owners being contacted. The gates of the apartments in Penrose Lane which we are in the process of CPO have been kicked in and the area has been used for illegal dumping and gates need to be secured.

H. O'Shea, A/SP said that a planning decision is due mid August on the former Crystal site and the owner is responsible for securing the site. F. Galvin, District Manager will ask the area Engineer to look at the wall at the former Little Sisters property with a view to serving notice. J. Sullivan, SEO will follow up on the gate at Penrose Lane apartments.

5. Abandonment of Disused Railway Line

Report circulated prior to meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed by all

6. Reallocation of Festival Funding

Billy Duggan, SEO advised that due to the cancellation of the 2019 Promenade Festival, Waterford Chamber proposed to hold a Christmas Festival in Tramore on the 5th December and funds be reallocated to this event.

Proposed by Cllr. Conway and seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed by all.

7. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and circulated by email:

- (a) Letter of acknowledgement dated 14th June, 2019 from the office of the Mayor of Christchurch, Lianne Dalziel.

8. Notice of Motions

Cllr. Ryan submitted the following motion:

“That Waterford City and County Council carry out a feasibility study for the provision of a library service at the Kilcohan/Ballytruckle area of the city and report back to Council shortly”

Reg No. 42 (Dated 2nd June 2019)

The proposal by Cllr. Ryan was seconded by Cllr. O’ Cathasaigh and agreed by all.

9. AOB

None

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____