

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

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 @ 5.00pm**

**Present:**

Cllr. Breda Brennan Mayor
Cllr. Donal Barry
Cllr. Joe Conway
Cllr. John Cummins
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

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Economic Development & Planning  
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO Environment  
Mr. J. Sullivan, SEO Housing  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. H. O’Shea, A/Senior Planner  
Mr. C. O’Neill, SEE, Roads  
Mr. P. J. Flynn, EE, Project Team  
Ms. A. O’Shea, ASO

<b>Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:</b>
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A vote of congratulations was extended to Charolette Brenner, De La Salle Camogie Club, Gaultier and De La Salle 7’s Camogie Teams, the organisers of the Spraoi and Harvest festivals and Jim Swift Tramore.

A vote of sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Dick Sullivan RIP.

## 1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed.

## 2. Matters Arising

Action Lists from July and September meetings will be prepared and distributed before next meeting.

## 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 – Bilberry to Waterford City Centre Greenway Link was outlined by M. Quinn, DOS and P. Flynn, EE gave a brief outline of submissions. Cllr. Griffin welcomes the link but asked about ring buoys and has concerns about the volume of traffic on Quarry Road. Cllr. Ryan also welcomes the link but asked about costs to the Council. Cllr. Kelly and Cllr. Shanahan asked about the Suir Valley Railway. Cllr. Cummins said it is a critical element and will benefit the Cultural Quarter and the City. M. Quinn/DOS said he will refer traffic calming on Quarry Road to the SPC. The total cost of Greenway link is €4.9m with Waterford Council to bear estimated costs of €1.2m which includes compensation for the loss of parking spaces to the Port of Waterford. There is no funding at present for an extension of the Suir Valley Railway.

The recommendation to proceed with the development as presented was proposed by Cllr. Griffin, seconded by Cllr. Mulligan and agreed.

- c) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 – Development of a Coastal Walking Trail works from Portally Cove to Brownstown Head was outlined by M. Quinn, DOS. The Commencement of Process was proposed by Cllr. Griffin and seconded by Cllr. Ryan and agreed.
- d) Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Traffic Calming Scheme at Vulcan Street/O’Connell Street, Waterford.  
It was agreed to proceed with the Scheme as presented, proposed by Cllr. Kelly seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed.
- e) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 – North Quays Transport Hub was outlined by P. Daly, Consulting Engineer. Cllr. Cummins asked about the provision of car parking spaces at the new train station. Cllr. Kelly asked about the fire risk in the underground car park. Cllr. Ryan raised his concern for funding and overhanging rock at old train station. Cllr. Murphy asked about number of platforms in new station. Cllr. Fitzgerald asked what would happen to the old building. Cllr. Shanahan said pressure should be put on An Bord Pleanála regarding decision. P. Daly said an application would have to be made for Fire Safety Certificate, the cliff stabilisation will go to tender next year, the length of each platform is 200m which can accommodate a large number of trains. M. Quinn, DOS stated they are making significant progress with NTA for funding and the cost for re-location of the train station is estimated at €36M. The building is owned by CIE, is a Protected Structure and a decision is due from An Bord Pleanála by the 11<sup>th</sup> October.

The recommendation to proceed with the development as presented was proposed by Cllr. Cummins, seconded by Cllr. Hearne and agreed.

#### **4. Reports**

Cllr. Quinlan asked could the Council approach the Brothers of Charity for use of their grounds in Ferrybank for a park, could Private Investigators be used to prevent dumping in the City, asked if the planning for the Carrickphierish LIHAF is in doubt, could the Council hold a mattress amnesty, could we open our civic amenity site one Saturday in month and after the IBAL report on Tramore beach could more people be deployed to clean up the rubbish. Cllr. Wyse asked is there a commencement date for the Knockboy Housing development approved by An Bord Pleanála, what action can be taken for private houses in disrepair and when will Castle Street be open. Cllr. Hearne asked can we go to the SPC to put guidelines in place for the Apple Market Trust and raised an issue with 2 houses in The Crescent that need to be secured.

R. Moloney, SEO outlined that the lands in Ferrybank are not owned by the Council he will look at the mattress amnesty and was surprised at the IBAL survey, he will refer the Apple Market Trust to Economic Development. C. O'Neill, SEE said he will revert with revised opening date for Castle Street. H. O'Shea said the LIHAF is subject to SHD and she met with the developers who will lodge an application to An Bord Pleanála and a commencement notice has not been received for the Knockboy development. J. Sullivan, SEO stated that the Repair and Lease Scheme and CPO process would deal with private houses in disrepair, he acknowledged that there are serious difficulties at The Crescent and he is linking in with the Gardaí on the matter.

Cllr. Ryan asked why the tourist buses are parking on the Mall, what was the status of the Footpath Survey and noted the footpaths in Lisduggan and Lismore Park are in poor repair, stated that we should have zero tolerance for illegal dumping and when are we going to upgrade our Public Lighting to LED. Cllr. Fitzgerald said there are cracks developing on the quay wall in Cheekpoint, the new manhole covers in Passage are not correct and is asking for the reinstatement of the old covers, is looking for grit to be supplied to The Grange housing estate for the icy weather and said there is a need for traffic calming measures on the High Road in Crooke due to the number of housing estates. Cllr. Griffin welcomed the works at Orchardstown Cross, looked for an update on the new Council depot and storm wall in Tramore and a start date for the Public Realm works, stated that there was a need for proper parking bays for camper vans and before planning is granted in Carrickphierish more work needs to be done. The Somerville roundabout needs to be looked at due to the volume of traffic.

C. O'Neill/SEE stated there are parking bays in Bolton Street for buses and will ask the wardens to check it out, works on footpaths are rated according to state of dereliction, new LED public lighting will be rolled out next year, consultants are monitoring the cracks on the Quay wall, will look at traffic calming on the High Road and the manholes in Passage are a matter for Irish Water which he will notify. The Council depot in Tramore should commence before end of year, he will check Public Realm works start date, an application has been made for funding from the OPW for works on the storm wall, will speak to Director regarding a suitable location for camper van parking and will look at the Somerville roundabout. R. Moloney, SEO said there is zero tolerance for illegal dumping and fines are issued and prosecutions sought.

Cllr. Cummins looked for a commencement date for the clean-up of Tramore estuary, the Riverwalk by Poleberry is littered with drug hazardous waste and asked for CCTV to be monitored, he supports Cllr. Griffin's comments re. Traveller accommodation in Carrickphierish, asked what the status was for the Low Cost Safety Scheme for Arbour Road and looked for roads to be fully resurfaced. Cllr. O'Sullivan acknowledged the great work done by Michael Pepper in the Environment Department who has retired,

looked for lighting at Newtown Glen, welcomed the works on the North Wall on the Pier and footpaths at Church Road, asked about the derelict building at entrance to Monvoy Valley, there is an issue with Broadband in Mountfield and stated that the beach wheelchair is now available 7 days and requested information to be shared on website. Cllr. Murphy stated the trees at Pine Mews and Belvedere Grove have not been removed, could the yellow hatched area at end of the Folly be re-painted, could an entrance to the Nature Park from Lacken Woods be looked at and the Noel Browne monument in Poleberry needs to be cleaned.

C. O'Neill, SEE said there is no money for the Low Cost Safety Scheme for Arbour Road but will look at it for next year, there are no resources for resurfacing of roads, will refer the request for public lighting at Newtown Glen to G. Hynes, SE, and will look at hatched area at the Folly. R. Moloney, SEO said works will commence on Tramore Estuary in October, will look at walkway, will have the derelict building at Monvoy Valley secured, will refer broadband issue to our Broadband Officer and will look at another location for entrance to nature Park and will ask Property Management to secure our lands in Carrickphierish. H. O'Shea, A/SP said it was a condition of planning to cut the trees down but this was to be timed with the planting season in order that replacement could be carried out. J. Sullivan, SEO stated that the situation in Carrickphierish is an ongoing issue.

Cllr. Barry has concerns with the 'Take 3 for the Sea Awareness Campaign' regarding child water safety, he asked if the newspaper article on Council properties being used for scrap yards was accurate, could the Dr. Noel Browne monument be put on list for regular maintenance and said that a pedestrian crossing is needed at the walkway between the Odeon Cinema/Tesco in Poleberry. Cllr. Mulligan asked about the Lease & Repair Scheme for Patrick Street, the Showboat and Katie Reilly's vacant properties, expressions of interest in the Railway Station, Tramore, parking offers for the Christmas period, costings for the Art Gallery and date for opening, no invitations were issued to Councillors for Culture night and the former Little Sisters property should be looked at as a solution to social/affordable housing. Cllr. Power said pressure needs to be put on Waterford Port regarding mud accumulation at Cheekpoint, there is no pedestrian crossing at Faithlegg N.S. and also traffic management at school times needs to be looked at, there is no mention of trees in the Public Realm on the Environment Report, overgrown hedges in private housing estates (Viewmount) needs to be tackled and noted that the Suir Valley Railway is a very important utility.

C. O'Neill, SEE will look at funding next year for the pedestrian crossing at Poleberry, will bring the weekly parking issue to F. Galvin, will look at mud accumulation at Cheekpoint and talk to Waterford Port, there are no available lands around Faithlegg N.S. for traffic measures and he can have a look at Viewmount as the Hedge Maintenance Programme is about to commence. H. O'Shea, A/SP spoke to housing about the Repair & Lease Scheme and the Showboat and Katie Reilly's can be considered for inclusion on the Vacant Site register and she will investigate further. H. Dunphy, AO will furnish details of new Art Gallery.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed by all that the standing orders be extended by 15 minutes to allow for the completion of the business of the meeting.

Cllr. O'Cathasaigh stated that there is a level of antisocial behaviour at 2 units in Monvoy Court and is looking for an update when site is going to be re-opened, he referenced the Environmental Report regarding the support scheme for renewable heat and asked if funding would be available for anaerobic digestion boilers, he asked for the road markings on Manor Street and the dual carriageway at Carriganore to N25 be looked at. Cllr. Kelly asked what are the future plans for Quarry Road, the wall in Hennessy's Road is overgrown and the footpath is too narrow, what are the plans for the flooding in St. Declan's Cemetery Tramore and there is an issue with sulkies using the footbridge from Tramore to Cherrymount, could we put barriers in place to prevent giving access. Cllr. Shanahan stated there is significant illegal dumping on the Ring Road at Ballinamona could we put up cameras to act as a deterrent, what is the update for the Kilbarry Area Action Plan, what are the plans for the Carrickphierish Halting site, looked

for update on 5G workshop, the date for Retail Strategy Review was too late, asked could we bring the Pollinator Strategy to Roundabouts, growth around signage for Museum and Viking Triangle needs to be cut back, we need to have more local suppliers supported at the Harvest festival and asked all Councillors to support the 'Hand on Heart' event in the People's Park on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr. Conway queried the IBAL Report and asked that we query the results, stated there is a problem with 5 derelict properties in Tramore and asked for an update and there is a need for a pedestrian crossing at Holy Cross N.S.

R. Moloney, SEO said the domestic units at Monvoy Valley will be tackled next week, there are no proposals for Anaerobic Digesters, they will look at the footbridge at Cherrymount, they are examining the IBAL report, he will get a reply on the dereliction, he will speak to Director regarding the Pollination Strategy and will look at the possibility of remote cameras at Ballinamona. The Council has identified the cause of the flooding problem at the cemetery and are working on a solution. H. O'Shea, A/SP stated the Kilbarry plan will most likely form part of the Development Plan review process. H. Dunphy, AO said no date has been set for 5G workshop but will inform all Councillors as soon as one has been confirmed.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ryan seconded by Cllr. Conway and agreed that the standing orders be extended by 5 minutes to allow for the completion of the business of the meeting.

## 7. Correspondence

None

## 8. Notice of Motions

### **Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Brennan**

*"That Waterford City and County Council in keeping with the objective of making Waterford a fair employment area agrees with and endorses the right of all employees to be represented individually and/or collectively by a trade union if they so wish. We would expect and encourage all employers and their representative organisations in Waterford City/County to fully recognise this basis fundamental human right and so not intimidate, harass or threaten the continued employment of those exercising this right"*

**Reg. No. 43 (dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019)**

The motion was deferred to next meeting.

## 9. AOB

It was agreed by all that the 5 nominees to attend the Piltown Municipal District meetings would be Councillors from the Tramore/City West area who have given an undertaking to attend. Cllr. Conway asked that funding for the Tramore Town Twinning be regularised as allocation for 2018 was not spent. It was proposed by Cllr. Conway seconded Cllr. Quinlan and agreed. H. Dunphy, AO will check figures and revert to members. Cllr. Ryan stated no officials were in attendance at workshop and asked that officials be in attendance for future workshops. H. O'Shea, A/SP stated that H. O'Brien Executive Planner was in attendance at the workshop. Cllr. Ryan asked that all councillors and media support the Well Festival being held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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