

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 20th May 2019 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Joe Kelly Mayor
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan
Cllr. Breda Brennan
Cllr. Sharon Carey
Cllr. John Cummins
Cllr. Davy Daniels
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. John Hearne
Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan
Cllr. Seán Reinhardt

Officials in attendance:

Mr. F. Galvin, District Manager
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO Economic Development
Mr. J. Sullivan, SEO Housing
Mr. A. Kirwan, A/SEE, Roads
Mr. P. J. Flynn, EE, Project Team
Mr. J. O'Mahony, SP, Planning
Ms. M. Fitzsimons, Economic Development

Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:

There were no votes of sympathies/congratulations.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 15th April 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Hannigan, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Mulligan asked for an update on planned works at the T. F. Meagher monument and on progression of weekly parking tickets. Cllr. O'Neill asked about the traffic survey in Ballinamona. Cllr. Daniels asked about the introduction of a weight restriction at South Parade and about the junction at Maypark Lane.

F. Galvin, District Manager updated on the introduction of a weight restriction at South Parade and on road re-lining at Maypark Lane. He stated that plans were in hand to undertake refurbishment work on

the T. F. Meagher monument and that software modifications required to issue weekly parking tickets would take a number of months. It was also noted that a traffic and speed survey had been recently completed at Ballinamona.

Cllr. Brennan asked about progress on the introduction of designated age friendly parking spaces. Cllr. Fitzgerald asked that speed ramps be installed at St. Mary's to calm traffic. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that it was intended to install a number of age friendly car parking spaces both in the City and Dungarvan and he agreed to conduct a traffic survey at Ballygunner.

3. Planning

- a) Planning Lists already circulated by email – noted
- b) Material Contravention of the Waterford County Development Plan 2013-2019 - Ref. No. 18/485.

The Council considered the Material Contravention of the Waterford City Development Plan 2013– 2019 in relation to:

New all-weather football pitch with associated lighting system, together with new car park, spectator stand and all associated site works at Villa FC, Ozier Park Terrace, Waterford. The applicants are Villa Football Club - Reference Number in Register 18/485.

Cllr. Cummins requested that access from the Inner Ring Road be examined. J. O'Mahony SP agreed to examine. Following consideration of the report of the Director of Services, Economic Development & Planning, on the proposal of Cllr. Griffin, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill, a vote was called in respect of the Material Contravention which resulted as follows:- FOR: All. As those voting in favour was 15 and which exceeded the 13 required in accordance with Section 34 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Council approved the Material Contravention and it was thereby resolved that:

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Economic Development & Planning, it is hereby RESOLVED under Section 34 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to grant permission for Planning Reference 18/485”

- c) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 – Bilberry to Waterford City Centre Greenway Link – Commencement of Process – F. Galvin, District Manager set out the Part VIII process saying land negotiations for the 2.1km stretch from Bilberry to The Quay are complete. P. Flynn, EE answered questions relating to the proposal including setting out how the Bridge Street junction will be addressed. Cllr. Quinlan set out his objection to the route chosen as it will increase pressure on The Quays. Cllr. Conway welcomed the opening of access into the City from the Greenway saying that it will refresh the product offering. Cllr. O'Neill enquired whether the boardwalk would be outside the The Quay. Cllr. Mulligan agreed and welcomed the proposal and suggested that the Council seek a foreshore licence for a bicycle park at Forde Wharf. Cllr. Griffin asked that the boulders at Quarry Road be improved as aesthetically they do not benefit the area. Cllr. Shanahan asked if it would possible to put a bicycle shop at the Brewery. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that the Greenway will pass in front of the Brewery. P. Flynn, EE stated that the proposal would provide a link to two other future proposed Greenways – Waterford to New Ross, New Ross to Wexford. Mayor Kelly welcomed that development saying it will improve access at the north west of the city but said that safe access was needed at Cody's Pond.
- d) Strategic Housing Development Application to An Bord Pleanála – Jackie Greene Construction Ltd. at Knockboy: J. O'Mahony, SP outlined the timelines involved for submissions regarding this application; he set out that a workshop will be arranged when the new Council is in place. Cllr. Fitzgerald set out that the legislation which set up this planning

process is not suitable or sustainable for cities like Waterford. Cllr. Shanahan agreed that such a significant development such as this is not suitable for Waterford. J. O'Mahony, SP outlined that Waterford City & County Council can submit comments with the CE's Report and that Cllrs. can submit comments individually; he set out that high densities are set out to facilitate public transport. Cllr. Cummins enquired whether the developer can apply for a change of house type once permission is granted. J. O'Mahony, SP said such a decision is likely to go back to An Bord Pleanála.

4. Reports

Cllr. Daniels raised an issue re flooding at Bohemians Club; he asked about replanting of trees in the People's Park and Dunmore Road areas and complimented the accessible roundabout in the Playground. Cllr. Brennan asked for an update following a walk through Lismore Park with the Residents Association. Cllr. Quinlan asked that funding be sought to connect the Greenway to Tramore and the city via a light rail system and reported loose horses on Council land at Carrickphierish; he also asked about recourse where modular housing has been added without authorisation.

F. Galvin, District Manager stated that regular contracted maintenance crew was undertaken along the Flood Relief Scheme and that he would ask the contractor to check the outfalls in the area of Bohemians Club, trees lost to storm damage in the Park and Dunmore Road will be replanted, details of the loose horses has been given to the Council's contractor for action, he noted that light rail options for the City and environs had previously been considered but the scale of the City was too small to support such a system.

Cllr. Hearne asked about bollards requested for Cleaboy, reported a pothole and asked about management of ivy on Council property. Cllr. Mulligan asked for a review of the playground equipment and of the five axle ban; he asked for an update on landscaping at the approach into Dunmore East.

F. Galvin, District Manager will follow up on the pothole and the ivy on Council property; he will engage with the Garda on the five axle ban and set out that playground equipment has been surveyed and it meets the highest standards; he will follow up on landscaping at Dunmore East.

Cllr. Griffin asked that the height restriction barrier at Councillors Strand carpark in Dunmore East be raised; he asked for a review of the location of the campervan parking spaces in Tramore; he complimented Council staff working at the RSC during the Darkness into Light event and congratulated Mayor Kelly on his involvement in this event. Cllr. Wyse asked about works planned for the Plaza and about green ribbons on trees throughout the city. He thanked the Executive and the Mayor for their help and support during the past term of office.

F. Galvin, District Manager will review the height restriction barrier in Dunmore East and will review the campervan parking location; he set out plans and funding requirements for the Plaza and said that green ribbons on trees were not placed there by Waterford City and County Council staff. J. Sullivan, SEO set out that a Section 10 notice has been served and will be fully enforced at Carrickphierish.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Notice of Motions

Cllr. Shanahan submitted the following motion

“UHW is the 2nd largest hospital in the South/South West Hospital Group and yet presently is under-represented on the existing group advisory board. Assuming that the present board number remains the same that Waterford City and County Council will make vociferous representations to Dept. of Health and it's sitting Minister to ensure that the vacancy created on the SSWHG board with the nomination to national HSE board of Professor Deirdre Madden will be filled by a person

from Waterford who is expressly representing the people of Waterford and surrounds and the needs of patients at University Hospital Waterford.”

Reg No. 41 (Dated 1st May 2019)

Cllr. Murphy proposed adding an invite to the CEO of the SSWHG to a Council meeting to discuss. It was agreed to add the amendment. The amended motion was passed unanimously.

7. AOB

Cllr. O’Neill expressed his thanks to his fellow Councillors on behalf of the Independent Councillors. Cllr. Brennan expressed her thanks to the Mayor. Cllr. Mulligan concurred and thanked the Executive for their contribution also. Cllr. Cummins also thanked the Mayor and acknowledged the work of all staff working for the benefit of Waterford City and County. Cllr. Murphy wished to be associated with the remarks above. On behalf of the Executive, F. Galvin, District Manager acknowledged the support and cooperation of all Councillors over the past five years and set out that he was looking forward to working with the next Council. Mayor Kelly thanked all for the courtesy afforded him in his role as Mayor and echoed the thanks expressed to the staff and he acknowledged that the Councillors have worked together as a team to deliver on driving significant projects forward for Waterford. He also acknowledged the role of the Press in attendance at the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____