

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

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN, WATERFORD**

**PRESENT**

Cllr. Declan Doocey, Mayor	Cllr. Ray Murphy
Cllr. Breda Brennan	Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Cllr. John O'Leary
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. John Cummins	Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. Davy Daniels	Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Seán Reinhardt
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan	Cllr. James Tobin
Cllr. Jason Murphy	Cllr. Adam Wyse

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Liam Brazil, Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Siobhan Whelan

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive  
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community & Emergency Services  
Mr. Fearghal Reidy, A/Director of Services, Corporate, Culture, HR & IS  
Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services, Roads, Water & Environment  
Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Economic Development & Planning  
Mr. B. O'Kane, A/Head of Finance  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator  
Ms. S. Walsh, Senior Staff Officer

Workshops were held prior to the Plenary meeting so the commencement of the Plenary meeting was deferred to 5.30pm on the proposition of Cllr. O'Leary, seconded by Cllr. Tobin and agreed in accordance with Standing Orders.

Cllr. O'Sullivan proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to move item 11, Notice of Motions after item 5, Management Report, seconded by Cllr. Brennan

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- (a) Plenary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 proposed by Cllr. Daniels, seconded by Cllr. Pratt and agreed.
- (b) Minutes of AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 proposed Cllr. Cummins, seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.

## 2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Tobin said he was extremely disappointed that his motion regarding wind farms, which was passed at last month's plenary meeting, was subsequently overruled by the Chief Executive. He proposed that members seek independent legal advice, chose their own solicitor and the Council to cover the expense. This was seconded by Cllr. Pratt who also asked if a copy of the advice that the Chief Executive received could be issued.

Cllr. Griffin congratulated the Mayor on his election.

Cllr. Roche asked for the dates for meeting Minister J.P. Phelan and Dr. Owens and acknowledged the receipt of the gender report.

Cllr. Daniels welcomed the modular lab for UHW but outlined that it will not change or enhance the cardiac situation at evenings and weekends, he requested the Mayor to contact Minister Harris regarding 24/7 cover.

Cllr. Hearne said that the PPP project at Slievekeale Road needs to go ahead urgently.

Cllr. Geoghegan supports Cllr. Tobin's proposal and the member's right to get independent legal advice.

Chief Executive confirmed he will facilitate the members getting the independent advice on the wind farms from person/persons of consequence. It was agreed to issue documentation to nominated Councillors – Cllr. Doocey, Cllr. Tobin and Cllr. Pratt.

F. Reidy, A/DOS stated he wrote to the Minister and he is pursuing dates for a meeting.

Mayor is meeting Minister Harris the following week and will mention the 24/7 cath lab issue.

Cllr. Kelly asked if everyone could make an online submission about a national cardiac review to get publicity. Cllr. Clune asked if the quarry at Carroll's Cross was inspected regarding safety and asked about signing the contract for the North Quays. Cllr. Mulligan asked about his request to meet with the steering committee of the Technology University South East.

F. Galvin, DOS said that the quarry was inspected regarding the fencing around the Quarry and was found to be in order.

H. Dunphy, AO said the meeting with Technology University committee will be in early September.

Cllr. O'Neill proposed that the Council invite in the local Dáil Deputies for a meeting, seconded by Cllr. Clune.

Chief Executive said that the contracts for the North Quays are agreed but not signed yet and will be looked at in context of a launch or promotion opportunity and will revert to the Council in the next couple of weeks.

Votes of sympathy were extended as follows:

Mr. Larry Dower, Father of Killian Dower, Finance and former Councillor of Waterford Corporation

Ms. Nellie Curran, Mother of Frank Curran, former Director of Service Waterford County Council.

Ms. Anne Hctor, Mother of Des Hctor, Asst. Chief Fire Officer

The Mayor proposed a minute's silence which was agreed and observed.

The Mayor then proposed suspension of Standing Orders to go into Committee.

## 6. Presentation by Fáilte Ireland

Jenny De Saulles, Head of Ireland's Ancient East, Fáilte Ireland gave a presentation on the tourism industry with particular emphasis on the Waterford offering and developments and took questions from the members.

## 3. Land Disposals

Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed.

## 11. Notice of Motions

### **Emergency Motion in the names of Cllrs. Kelly, Reinhardt, Roche, Hearne, Brennan, Fitzgerald, Murphy, O'Leary, Doocey, Conway, Hannigan, O'Donnell, Clune, Whelan & Griffin.**

"That Waterford City & County Council hold a special meeting as soon as is practical (late July or early August) to afford Presidential candidates the opportunity to attend and canvass support/endorsement from Waterford City & County Council as part of the democratic process"

Cllr. Kelly proposed the motion and asked the Council to meet the nominees in August. An amendment to the motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Reinhardt, that the date would be at the end of July and of the Council's choosing and half hour time slots allocated for each candidate on a first come first served basis.

Meeting agreed 31<sup>st</sup> July is the date set to meet the candidates.

#### **1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Roche (deferred from June Meeting)**

"That in light of technological advances greatly reducing costs Waterford City & County Council will make provision to broadcast Plenary Council meetings (as a step towards broadcasting all public meetings) live via social media or other provision

Cllr. Roche proposed the motion, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill. Councillors expressed views for and against the motion so a show of hands was taken, 7 voted for and 16 voted against therefore the motion fell.

Standing Orders were extended to 8pm, proposed Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed.

#### **2. Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Brennan (deferred from June Meeting)**

"That Waterford City and County Council calls on the Government, in line with a recent motion, unanimously adopted in the Dáil, to immediately abolish the 'Loco Parentis' clause in homecare nursing contracts for sick children".

Proposed by Cllr. Brennan seconded by Cllr. Hearne and agreed.

#### **3. Motion in the name of Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan (deferred from June Meeting)**

"That Waterford City and County Council contact the Minister for Education Richard Bruton requesting that a building be secured for Educate Together in Tramore. Also request that an urgent review of Secondary school places is undertaken for both Tramore and Kilmacthomas with consideration for a possible additional secondary school for Tramore and an extension for Kilmacthomas in order to accommodate the increasing demands on both schools"

Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Hannigan and agreed.

#### **4. Motion in the name of Cllr. Declan Clune (deferred)**

" That this Council calls on all Primary and Secondary schools in both the City and County to ban completely the use of mobile phones in their schools with the exception of where there may be a medical need"

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

“ That this Council calls on CE to explore options in relation to purchase of St. Joseph’s House, Manor Hill and adjoining land for provision of public housing, to include a mix of social and affordable housing and to bring proposal to the Department for funding of same”

Proposed by Cllr. Brennan seconded by Cllr. Hearne and agreed.

Cllr O’Sullivan proposed to take item No. 8 next, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan.

## 8. Changes in SPCs Chairs, Members and LCDC

### Changes in SPCs

The following changes were proposed to SPCs by Cllr. O’Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. O’Ryan

<b><u>SPC</u></b>	<b><u>Chair out</u></b>	<b><u>Chair in</u></b>
Economic Dev. & Enterprise Planning	Eamon Quinlan	Eddie Mulligan
Transport	Jason Murphy	John Carey
Environment	Blaise Hannigan	Seamus O’Donnell
Housing	no change	Declan Clune (no change)
	no change	Tom Cronin (no change)

### Councillors nominated to external boards

Cllr. Tom Cronin proposed Cllr. M. O’Ryan to replace Cllr. R. Murphy on the Health Service Executive, seconded by Cllr. Wyse and agreed.

Cllr. Pat Nugent to be replaced by Cllr. Declan Doocey on the LCDC, proposed by Cllr. Roche and seconded by Cllr. Tobin and agreed.

## 7. OPW Flood Risk Management Plan (CFRAM) for Adoption

Cllr. Fitzgerald asked why the Passage East flood relief scheme was not included in the plan as it is crucial that it goes ahead.

F. Galvin, DOS said there is also a minor capital scheme and Passage East will be included in this along with 12 other areas across the County as assessed by the OPW.

Proposed by Cllr. O’Neill, seconded by Cllr. Roche and agreed

## 10. Correspondence

The Training and Conferences and Receptions included in correspondence as circulated were proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr. Roche and agreed.

Cllr. Roche proposed that the motion from Wexford County Council in the correspondence should be endorsed and sent off to the Minister, all agreed.

The Mayor informed the members of a visit by the Canadian ambassador to Waterford and the Japanese Gardens in Tramore and sought approval for a Mayoral Reception. Proposed by Cllr. O’Leary, seconded by Cllr. O’Neill.

## 5. Monthly Management Report

Cllr. Power raised concerns about the staffing of the fire service in Kilmacthomas and enquired if the new fire station for Kilmacthomas is going ahead in 2019. Cllr. O'Leary and the Mayor supported Cllr. Power's concerns regarding the staffing complement in the fire station.

I Grimes, DOS said that arrangements are always in place for cover, he said the Council is in ongoing discussion with the staff of the Kilmacthomas station and the situation should be resolved shortly.

Cllr. Hearne complimented management on the report on disability services and the delivery of the wheelchair accessible bus stop in Dungarvan. Cllr. R. Murphy said that there will be no pedestrian traffic allowed in Portlaw for the 'All Together Now' Festival and he opposes this and could planning department give consideration to this.

## 3. Planning

Planning lists as circulated were noted.

## 9. Waterford City & County Council Services for People with Disabilities

Deferred to September Plenary

## 12. AOB

Meeting concluded.

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

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