

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

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY HALL, WATERFORD**

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Cllr. D Clune

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
Mr. L. Power, Director of Services, Economic Development & Planning
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services, Roads, Water & Environment
Mr J. Murphy, Head of Finance
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Ms. S. Walsh, Senior Staff Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor welcomed a group of Law Students from WIT who were attending the meeting, he congratulated Cllr. Tom Cronin, Manager of the Ardmore Hurling Team that won the All Ireland Junior Club title. He also congratulated the Council on receiving two LAMA Awards for the Greenway, one of the awards being the most prestigious highest mark.

A number of Councillors congratulated the Ardmore Team on their win and Cllr. Tobin proposed that the team receive a Civic Reception to honour the win, seconded by Cllr. Geoghegan and agreed.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Plenary Meeting held on 11th January, 2018 as re-issued, Cllr Fitzgerald stated that he wanted it noted in regard to Item No.4 Land Disposals that he did not approve of the extension of the lease for the Japanese Gardens.

Correction to minutes by Lar Power, DOS page 5, paragraph 3 – amend ‘confirming’ to ‘reverting’

Proposed by Cllr. Tobin seconded by Cllr. O’Sullivan and agreed.

- (b) Special Meeting held on 29th January, 2018, proposed by Cllr. Brazil, seconded by Cllr. Cummins and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Roche referred to the motion passed with regard to Bill Kenneally and asked if Cllr. Wyse followed up the enquiry with Fianna Fail. She noted that no meeting or communication with the victims has issued from Minister Flanagan, this needs to be reiterated with the Minister. She also said that as Minister Harris wouldn't agree to meet a cross party delegation she proposed that the Council invite Dr. P. Owens, consultant cardiologist in UHW, to meet with the members in committee regarding the 24/7 Mobile Cath lab, this was seconded by Cllr. O'Neill and confirmed to write to the two Ministers to hold a regional review of the services.

Cllr. Griffin asked for an update on the low cost measure for Orchardstown Cross and if the speed limit at Orchardstown is to be maintained.

Cllr. Daniels said that the drop in site visits by the IDA is unacceptable and he also requested an update on the status of WIT with regard to its status as a Technological University.

F. Galvin, DOS confirmed that the Orchardstown Cross was not included in the recent issue of the first round of grants but hopefully will be in the next application and review of speed limit will be brought to Comeragh meeting.

L. Power, DOS said that the Council continues to work closely with the IDA and encourages site visits and with regard to the status of WIT, the CE continues to pursue this with the President of WIT.

Mayor confirmed that the mobile Cath Lab will be extended after the end of February.

Cllr. Roche said that a regional review was committed to after 20 weeks so asked the Council write to Minister Harris requesting one and the numbers attending the Cath lab will demonstrate the need for it.

Cllr. O'Neill requested workshop in relation to HAP.

Cllr. Mulligan requested an update on the rollout of the Dublin HAP model, what percentage of the Council stock inspections is completed and an update from Department on the boundary extension area with regard to governance and administration of the area in the aftermath of the North Quays development.

I. Grimes, DOS said a HAP workshop will be facilitated. He confirmed that a Circular was received regarding the Dublin HAP model, whereby an additional month's rent (re Homeless only) will be paid, he said there is no update re the boundary and he will get figures re the percentage of stock inspections completed.

Cllr. Wyse asked for an update on the planning application decision for the Ballygunner development and in response to Cllr. Roche he read out a statement from Fianna Fail regarding the Bill Kenneally case. Cllr. O'Leary asked when the Minister is going to set up the commission of enquiry in the Bill Kenneally case as it should be set-up immediately. Cllr. Cummins confirmed he will follow up on this for Cllr. O'Leary.

L. Power, DOS said that planning officials have met with developer for Ballygunner but he has no update on the discussions.

3. Planning

- (a) Planning lists as circulated were noted.

Cllr. Roche asked if it's usual for planning submissions by other departments within the Council to be ignored by the planning department.

L. Power, DOS said that all submissions on planning files are taken into account in the consideration of the application; he requested that Cllr. Roche provide details on the individual case referred to.

- (b) Consideration of the Chief Executive's report on the Waterford North Quays SDZ Draft Planning Scheme 2017 – circulated by email to members on 19/1/2018.

L. Power, DOS gave a detailed overview of the process from when the North Quays was granted Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) status by the Government in January 2016, this commenced a timeline whereby the Council would publish a Draft Planning Scheme within a two year timeframe. What is proposed for the site is a mixed use development which will have a positive transformational effect on Waterford City and the entire region. The Draft Planning Scheme went on display from the 18th October until the 30th November 2017. On foot of this period of display, 47 submissions were received which were primarily in support of the development. It was then incumbent on the Chief Executive to revert to the members on the comments and observations received and his recommendation to the council in respect of the submissions. The Chief Executive report was concluded and was circulated to the Members on January 19th, 2018 for their consideration, this was followed by a workshop with the members on the 29th January, 2018, this resulted in an extensive discussion on the nature of the comments and observations received and the CE's proposed amendments. L. Power outlined that the Chief Executive's Report circulated forms part of the statutory procedure for the making of the Planning Scheme in relation to the SDZ. L. Power outlined that the Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) and the Appropriate Assessment (AA) is an iterative process and the assessments have been updated accordingly throughout the drafting of the Planning Scheme. An SEA Statement will be prepared on final adoption of the Planning Scheme. Mr. Power concluded by seeking a resolution from the Council to adopt the Planning Scheme as presented including the proposed amendments as recommended in the Chief Executive's report.

Cllr. Cummins proposed the adoption of the Scheme with the amendment as detailed in the Chief Executive's report. He acknowledged the role of Senator Paudie Coffey and Fine Gael in designating the North Quays as an SDZ. He stated this is an historic day for Waterford, this development has the potential to transform Waterford, a strong Waterford equals a strong South East and this will enable the city under the NPF to double its population. He is hopeful that they scheme will not be appealed as a comprehensive consultation process has been undertaken. He also acknowledged the Executive and staff who were involved in the development of this scheme.

Cllr. Quinlan seconded the proposal and commended the executive of Waterford City & County Council on their work and the quality and calibre of people involved that had the vision and foresight to change the landscape of the City.

Cllr. Roche welcomed this as an historic day for Waterford and the South East, it has the potential to transform Waterford and she acknowledged the CE, Lar Power, DOS and staff and also Senator P Coffey's input in this. She is hopeful that there will be no further objection going forward to the next stages.

Cllr. O'Neill, stated it will be a game changer for Waterford City and County and the South East and asked when will a decision be made on the funding.

Cllr. Roche asked for a roll call vote - the vote was taken and all Councillors present voted unanimously to adopt the scheme.

FOR	AGAINST
Cllr. Liam Brazil	
Cllr. Breda Brennan	
Cllr. John Carey	
Cllr. Joe Conway	
Cllr. Tom Cronin	
Cllr. John Cummins	
Cllr. Davy Daniels	
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Cllr. Siobhan Whelan	
Cllr. Adam Wyse	
Cllr. Pat Nugent, Mayor	

Proposed by Cllr. Cummins, seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed.

L. Power, DOS, thanked the members and the team involved.

4. Land Disposals

The Mayor recorded that L873 with withdrawn.

Cllr. Griffin outlined an issue with D690, Neville Development re Air Space at the Tower Hotel. Neville Development has not finished the development they started in Carrickphierish and should be pursued to complete.

Cllr. Kelly agreed with this and said the Carrickphierish houses should be completed and asked for an explanation of what 'Air space' is.

M. Quinn, DOS defined 'Air Space' as an overhang over the footpath (build out over the footpath) to facilitate the further development of the upper floors. A recommendation will be made to condition that the lighting of the overhang will be included in the planning application.

Proposed by Cllr. Cummins, seconded by Cllr. Wyse and agreed.

5. Monthly Management Report

Cllr. Pratt asked if the new Rebuilding Ireland home loan is replacing the previous house loan and what is the position if you were approved under the existing loan. He asked for clarification on HAP tenants and their position on the housing list once transferred to HAP.

Cllr. R. Murphy asked about the Supporting Waterford Community fund for community and voluntary groups which has a closing date of 28th February, last year's allocation called for members to review the allocation and as tidy towns committees have same issues as residents associations but have no other avenue for funding and their work around the city should be acknowledge and appreciated. He also acknowledged that it was the 60th anniversary of the Tidy Towns competition and hoped this will be reflected in the grant allocation to them this year.

Cllr. Brennan said that tenants submitted income details for rents increase but were not notified of the increase until 6 months later with arrears and can this timeline be reduced and tenants notified earlier. While welcomes the inspection of 37 private rented dwellings in the HAP scheme it also showed that 26 dwellings were non compliant, would like to see more HAP properties compliant.

I Grimes, DOS said that the new affordable house loan does replace the existing loan and any applications received under the existing scheme but not yet approved will be approved under new scheme but if the application was approved before 1st February the old scheme will apply. He said HAP tenants are excluded from the official housing list published by the Department but can transfer to a local authority house and 75 HAP tenants have transferred to local authority houses over the last 15 months, they can also apply for housing on CBL option. He said in relation to the Supporting Waterford Community grant for residents associations, sports clubs and tidy towns it was agreed at the Community Housing SPC that the existing method of distribution will continue the same for 2018 as it would cause too much disruption, the deadline is 28th February so the proposed distribution will be brought to Council in March or April. He agrees that the delay in processing tenants rent details is an issue and is challenging with 5,000 tenants. The non compliance of HAP dwellings figure is high on paper but some of the issues are relatively small changes i.e. fire blankets, fire extinguishers etc and a letter is sent to the tenant informing them what the landlord has to do.

Cllr. Fitzgerald spoke about the new tendering process to repair local authority houses and said there is concern among local contractors re this as they will be put at a disadvantage against big national contractors.

Cllr. Hearne stated there are issues with anti social behaviour in the city and requested the Council to support and take a stance against this activity. He also requested that we write to the Minister to introduce a rental bicycle scheme in the City.

Cllr. Conway requested clarification on the process for the presentation of forms & documents by a HAP applicant and that of the landlord. He queried the Council's exposure to legal costs for 2017 & 2018. He congratulated the library service and the staff and the number of events they have and the high numbers of members in this age of smart technology.

I Grimes, DOS said that the current tendering for local authority repairs and renovation of vacant houses is to achieve the best value for money and turnaround time of vacant stock, it is best procurement practice. He said he was aware of the anti-social behaviour in the estate and he will look at that particular case and seek to address the issue. He will check out and revert to Cllr. Conway re HAP applicant and the forms.

F. Galvin, DOS said that Waterford was not included in initial roll-out of the rental bicycle scheme as it wasn't commercially viable at that time but new models are developing, and the Council is reviewing and monitoring developments and will come back to it in due course.

L. Power, DOS said that as legal costs occur they are allocated for in the Budget so are budgeted in the accounts for the year for which they will be incurred.

Cllr. Reinhardt said that the new Rebuilding Ireland Mortgage scheme excludes a vast amount of people from applying now as a 10% deposit is required as opposed to 3% under old scheme and it is also only geared to first time buyers, he asked if this scheme will be reviewed after 1 year or can the Minister review this scheme after a couple of weeks rather than a couple of years.

Cllr. Kelly said the shared ownership scheme was restructured and queried how long before people can avail of the new parameters and when will it be rolled out. In January 2017, 76 people presented as homeless and in January 2018 it is 83, how does the Council intend to respond to this increase. CBL had 5,200 bidding on 68 properties and how can the Council roll out these houses quicker, also with regard to house inspections carried out by the Council does the tenant or the Council make the improvement.

Cllr. Mulligan stated there is a backlog on the housing adaptation grants where some 2017 cases have not yet been dealt with. There are currently 17 adults awaiting emergency accommodation so where do they stay until they get this accommodation and also can the Councillors be given an update on the progress of the Cultural Quarter. He also said with regard to European legislation on improving water quality for all citizens and access for the public to water supply, can we in the City show the lead and re-establish public access areas to water and look at reducing plastic bottle use.

I Grimes, DOS said that the 10% deposit required under the Rebuilding Ireland Mortgage Scheme is in accordance with the guidance from Central Bank and as this is a national scheme the Minister will decide if he reviews it or not. He said the Council's response to the Homeless issue is through increase in supply in houses, repair and lease scheme, and per the management report 5 new turnkey projects under construction will result in 100 new units to be delivered this year. 5,200 is a cumulative figure of applications not the number of people applying and the Council hope to increase the number of properties on CBL. The responsibility of tenants in relation to repairs in their house is in the tenancy handbook which confirms that the tenant is responsible for repairs. He agrees that there is a backlog on housing adaptation grants and the Council is dependent on level of funding and the timing the allocation is made from the Department but he will revert with the figures re grants outstanding, also the homeless waiting list is regrettable but don't know for definite where the 17 individuals stay, possibly relatives, friends, he confirmed that the homeless unit is still open in Mary Street.

F Galvin, DOS said that the Council will review and look at the options for providing public water drinking fountains.

M. Quinn, DOS said that he will include an update on the Cultural Quarter on a monthly basis.

J. Murphy, HOF said that the Council has commenced the re-structuring of the shared ownership loans, it will be rolled out and customers contacted.

Cllr. R. Murphy asked to be excused to attend another meeting.

Cllr. Cummins asked if the Council is on schedule to construct the two roads under the LIHAF scheme and in relation to Kilbarry will the old Halley house be removed as part of the LIHAF scheme and also said the condition of the Kilbarry area is unacceptable, he enquired as to what plans are in place for the Council to secure its lands and tidy the area as it is detrimental to developers trying to sell houses in this area. He also requested an update in relation to the 60 houses in the Slievekeale PPP development and also the Larchville, Ardmore Park, Priory Lawn, Doyle Street Infill schemes have not progressed and it is at least 18mths since the Part 8 was passed.

Cllr. Daniels asked about the variation of the development plan with regard to the provision of tourism accommodation and asked is the Council currently working off two development plans and he also wanted an update on funding for the heritage plan.

Cllr. Griffin asked if street lighting could it be kept on until 8.45am from November to February as it is still dark in the mornings. He asked for update on service from Killaree Lighting Services and update if public lighting software is still on track. A lot of HAP tenants have seen an increase in HAP rents, there is pressure on tenants to pay difference.

I Grimes, DOS said the Council is actively looking at the upkeep of the Kilbarry road area and will be bringing proposals to the management team in the coming weeks. He said that the Slievekeale PPP is delayed as the Minister wants to sign off on a number of schemes together. The Infill schemes have issues with the approval process with the Department and the approval for additional works and are out of the Council's control but he will revert with additional information on the individual schemes. HAP rent limits are based on official rent figures by the Residential Tenancies Board and levels in Waterford are low in comparison to other urban areas.

L.Power, DOS said that there have been discussions with the developer regarding having the Halley property at Kilbarry removed. He said the tourism development policy will come before the Council initially at a workshop in March, to address the issue of the lack of accommodation for tourists and how to rectify this issue. He confirmed that there are three developments plans currently in operation.

Cllr. Roche asked for an update on Mount Congreve, Greyfriars Art Centre being moved to O'Connell Street, and the report on the 2nd Bridge. She is disappointed re level of failure of HAP houses inspections and asked how long the process takes from inception to delivery for a new build, delays appear to be with the Department.

Cllr. Whelan asked for update on the housing of the Syrian refugees.

Cllr. O'Neill asked in relation to the procurement process for the tender for repairs and if sub-contractors can be called into the Council to explain the process. He stated that a lot more work needs to be undertaken in Ballybeg. He reiterated the point that there continues to be issues with the public lighting.

I Grimes, DOS said that the transfer of Mount Congreve will conclude in Dublin Castle tomorrow and the interim trustees are the Mayor, the outgoing Mayor and Chief Executive. He said HAP is a vast improvement on what was there before as inspections are now carried out and are for relatively straightforward issues. The previous timeline for approval of capital projects was years, but a commitment was given by the Minister to improve and streamline the process to 59 wks from start of scheme to contractors going on site. He said under procurement law the Council cannot talk to individual sub-contractors on the tender process. He said the Syrian resettlement programme has commenced and will conclude by beginning of April.

F. Galvin, DOS said that there are still some public lighting issues since Storm Ophelia and the Council is waiting for Killaree Lighting Services to make repairs and a new publicly accessible web based software system will be launched to log problems with public lighting and will allow the Council to monitor the performance of public lighting.

M. Quinn, DOS said that the Time Museum is moving into Greyfriars and a new Art Gallery will be opening in O'Connell Street in June/July so the Arts Centre will be closed for a short time to facilitate this.

Cllr. Hannigan asked what is involved in the credit checks for applicants for home loans.

Cllr. MJ O'Ryan welcomed the €12m for regional local road improvement and asked how does it compare to previous years. He is also disappointed that EIR has withdrawn from the rural broadband bid and calls for a review of the process. He enquired if community grants could be given to groups of people who come together to improve their broadband signal.

Cllr. J. Murphy said that a workshop on housing adaptation grants is needed and enquired what sanctions are available to the Council in relation to council tenants and private home owners who dump their domestic waste in their own garden.

I Grimes, DOS said that credit checks for home loans are referred to Housing Finance Agency in Dublin and they carry out the checks with the Credit Bureau and then the Council's credit committee makes a decision on the application. He is not aware of community grants for broadband and he will look at the timeframe for having a workshop for Housing Adaptation grants and HAP together. He said there is enforcement action under the Housing Acts and under the Environment section re dumping domestic waste in own garden.

Cllr. Doocey requested if there is information available re heritage plan funding. In relation to plastic cups disposal can FAS schemes get involved in the clean up.

Cllr. Brazil asked if a licence is required for an enterprise on the Greenway and also said that rubbish is being dumped around the county and country areas are being destroyed.

Lar Power, DOS said that €27k has been secured for the Heritage plan for five projects. LEO can be contacted re. the set-up of an enterprise on the Greenway.

Cllr. O'Sullivan said the Council should be pro-active re plastic cups and encourage the public to use reusable cups and a pilot project should be started by the Council and pick areas in Waterford to drive it forward.

F. Galvin, DOS said that the Council is engaging with tidy towns groups on a pilot scheme re the use of reusable cups and if it is successful it will be extended.

6. Local Government Audit Report 2016

The Local Government Audit Report 2016 was presented to the Council for noting.

Cllr. Conway asked management to address the Council on the issue of the unauthorised purchasing of council vehicles. Cllr. Mulligan and Cllr. Quinlan sit on the audit committee and stated that the investigation came before the audit committee and they will be addressing this issue. Cllr. Roche enquired about the two areas highlighted that are in deficit, namely the Greenway and Urban Renewal, and asked if there are outstanding grant applications in this regard or does the Council have to bear the full cost. Cllr. Cummins queried the use of over 100 LVP cards by staff and lack of controls in place and is this being addressed. Cllr. Hearne enquired if the Whistleblower he brought into the Council is tied in with the unauthorised purchase of the vehicles. Cllr. Kelly asked about renewal schemes and other projects being overspent and additional work done by third parties how can the Council fund this overspend. Cllr. O'Neill asked if the Whistleblower is a member of staff.

J. Murphy, HOF said that the issue with the LVP cards was that legacy systems were left in place from the three former authorities that the Council had to deal with. There is now a new web based system with appropriate controls in place, and there are currently 120 cards issued.

CE M. Walsh said he is the Accounting Officer for the organisation and he is satisfied that there is no waste of money, management dealt with the investigation and disciplinary procedures were put in place and there was no loss of finance to the organisation. The Urban Renewal Scheme was only ever 50% grant funded by the RDF but resulted in improvements for the County as have the other projects. He clarified the use of LVP cards as a system that is used across LAs for purchasing of small items and it is a more cost effective process of purchasing and saves on the administration costs. It is the role of the Auditor to recommend improvements in procedures and the council endeavours to review procedures as recommended.

F. Galvin, DOS said that the Whistleblower had nothing to do with the audit, it was not a member of staff and has no connection with the Council. He said there were two disclosures, the first disclosure was dealt with and the second disclosure will be concluding shortly.

7. Annual Service Plan

The Annual Service Plan 2018 was presented to the Council for adoption. The members had some comments and suggested amendments to the plan.

Cllr. Cummins said in relation to Housing (A01) the turnaround of void properties he suggested the wording be amended to read '*12 weeks turnaround from key to allocation*' and asked if the roads figure reflect the new allocation given by the department and he queried the increase of parking income by 5% more than budget. He proposed that the objectives for 2018 re derelict sites should be changed to read '*initiate use of CPO as necessary on property on historic derelict sites where owners fail to engage*' seconded by Cllr O'Neill. Cllr. Hearne in relation to Housing (A04) he requested more Estate Officers in the City as communities are suffering. Cllr. Brennan will pass on points to meeting administrator for clarification later.

I Grimes, DOS said the allocation process to a large degree is not fully under the Councils control e.g. from time offers put on CBL and then being accepted by tenant can affect timelines. Cllr Cummins proposed therefore that the wording be amended to 'key to key to allocations'. I Grimes agreed with this. He said re objectives under A04 that there are three Tenancy Management Officers in place and the Council has advertised for another position internally for an estate management officer.

L. Power, DOS said in relation to the CPO process he said there is no budget and the plan should read 'considered use of CPO is accordance with budget' as pursuance of it is dependent on the budget.

F. Galvin, DOS confirmed that the roads figure reflects the new allocation, with regard to parking income the Council has an ambition in regard to the increase in parking fine income.

Adoption of Annual Service Plan 2018 with amendments, proposed by Cllr. Doocey, seconded by Cllr. Cummins, as amended, and agreed.

8. Correspondence

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

9. Notions of Motion

An emergency motion in the name of Cllr. Clune was received in accordance with Standing Orders and the Mayor confirmed it will be dealt with. Cllr. Roche proposed to defer her motion to next meeting and to substitute it with Cllr. Clune's emergency motion.

1. 'That Waterford City & County Council calls on the Minister for Justice Mr Charlie Flanagan T.D. to publish without delay the advice given by the Attorney General to former Minister Fitzgerald in relation to the setting up of a Commission of Investigation into the alleged cover up of sex crimes by convicted paedophile Bill Kenneally.

In addition, this Council also calls on Minister Flanagan to release the most recent advice given by the Attorney General in relation to the same matter.

Cllr. Roche said that the Attorney General stated the advice can't be published, it doesn't appear that there is any legal reason why advice or summary shouldn't be published and asked that the Council support and write to the Minister for the advice to be published.

Proposed by Cllr. Roche, seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed by all.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cummins, to extend Standing Orders by 5 minutes, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill agreed by all.

Cllr. Conway asked as the case was the subject of an appeal last week and questioned if passing this motion will affect the judgement. Cllr. Roche said it won't as this is nothing to do with the judicial process, this is to do with setting up of the enquiry.

10. AOB

H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator addressed the Media and reminded them of the importance of not issuing reports prior to Council Meetings.

The Mayor acknowledged that it was the last Plenary meeting for Lar Power, DOS, he thanked him for his service to Waterford and wished him and his family all the best in his new appointment to Leitrim County Council.

Councillors wished Lar well on behalf of their parties and acknowledged their appreciation of his contribution to Waterford during his time with Waterford City & County Council.

Lar thanked the Council for their support and wished Waterford well on its transformation.

Meeting concluded

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____