

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

Metropolitan District Meeting held in Council Chamber, City Hall on 15th January, 2024, at 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Jody Power (Mayor)	Cllr. Cristiona Kiely
Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Seamus Ryan	Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Frank Quinlan
Cllr. Joe Conway	Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. David Daniels	Cllr. John Hearne
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Adam Wyse	Cllr. Stephanie Keating

Officials in attendance:

Mr. M. Quinn, DoS, Economic Development
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. G. Hynes, SE, Roads
Ms. O. O' Reilly, AO, Housing
Ms. D. Wallace, SEO, Environment
Mr. H. O' Shea, SEP, Planning
Mr. A. Kirwan, EE, Roads
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:

Mayor offered vote of sympathy to Cllr. David Daniels on first anniversary of his late father and former colleague Cllr. Davy Daniels.

Votes of sympathy were expressed to families of Teresa Smith, Claire Donnell, Raymond Quinlan, Patsy Flanagan, John Leahy, Ann Croke, Pat Threadgold, Kathleen Lane, Eileen Ayton, Sr. Annunciata (Teresa) O' Grady of St. John of Gods.

Congratulations to Waterford City & County Council on again retaining cleanest city ranking. Ardscoil Na Mara student Cian O' Cadhla son of Cllr. Kiely winning first place Intermediate BT Young Scientist Exhibition and St. Pauls Community College students Alex Simpson, Daniel O' Sullivan Westphal and Leigha Kinsella second place junior group BT Young Scientist Exhibition. Erin Own GAA club celebrating 100-year anniversary. Harry Colbert of Waterford AC and Lucy Holmes on achievement in Cross Country. Tramore Library on reopening following renovations.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 18th December 2023 proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Conway and agreed by all.

2. Matters Arising,

None

3. Reports

Cllr. E. Quinlan enquired if a space will be provided for tourist office once Tramore office is sold. Requested contacting Bus Eireann regarding obstruction to peoples parking on the 360 and 360A stops. Enquired of time frame of North Quays pedestrian bridge. Enquired about tender designs for 3-4 Georges Street. Requested signage to be erected at park area end of prom Tramore as owners allowing dogs off lead and disturbing birds nesting.

Cllr. Hearne enquired about plans for CPA area in Fairfield Park. Requested update on Manor St John. Enquired if consideration for a reduction in rates to companies donating toward purchase of defibrillators following company donation to residents' association.

Cllr. Murphy enquired where the €4million rent arrears appears on balance sheet asked if arrears collected could be ring-fenced for maintenance and remedial works for local authority stock. Requested an open competition for the naming of North Quays pedestrian bridge. Requested addressing lack of Christmas lights on Quay during festive season.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined no specific proposal for Tramore tourist office and will liaise with Waterford Chamber as they are responsibly for operating this facility. Outlined quarter one 2025 timeframe for North Quays bridge. Outlined proposal for high quality office spaces at 3-4 Georges Street. Will revert to naming committee regarding suggestion for competition for naming pedestrian bridge. Ongoing improvements on lighting during festive period are planned adding it is a budgetary issue. Not in position to reduce rates.

O. O'Reilly, AO, provided a detailed brief of €4m rent arrears, noted Cllr. Murphy's comments on ring fencing the collections.

H. Dunphy, AO, will revert to property management and facilities management regarding Manor St. John.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined signage is already in place in area Cllr. Quinlan referred to.

G. Hynes, SE, will liaise with Bus Eireann regarding obstruction of 360 bus.

M. Quinn, DoS, follow up with Planning regarding Cllr Hearne enquiry of Fairfield Park.

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired about proposal for property at 120 The Quay, requested update on taking in charge of Airfield Point Coxtown.

Cllr. Keating highlighted homeless services access hours of 9pm to 9am in hostel enquiring about provision of holding facility for storage for homeless service users during out of hours service. Requested update on railing at Lawlor's Dunmore East. Review of pedestrian lights at Williamstown, update on review of speed limits in different areas.

Cllr. Kelly requested clarification on licensing process regarding grounds at former Roanmore GAA adding members should be informed of consideration been given of licenses issued. Requested update on provision of bus shelter on Carrickphierish Road.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined ongoing process for 120 The Quay. Noted that the tender process failed in relation to repairing railing and need to identify a potential supplier. Will follow up with Property Management regarding former Roanmore grounds, outlined the process of licencing noted approval of licence is not a function for members.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined will progress taking in charge on Airfield Point. Waiting on guidance from the Department regarding speed limits review. Bus shelter in Carrickphierish will be addressed in first quarter 2024. Outlined all streetlights will be surveyed as part of LED retrofit project, gaps will be identified and addressed where budget allows.

O. O'Reilly, AO, will revert to homeless services team regarding capacity of out of hours service, added cold weather protocol would be in place.

Cllr. Conway requested update on closure of James Hill. Requested lighting on Doneraile walk to be addressed, review of footpath at Tramore Heights to pharmacy. Highlighted the lack of checkpoints over Christmas period adding drink driving continues to be an issue.

Cllr. Ryan requested update on Michael Street development, enquired regarding items removed from Williamstown playground. Requested addressing traffic calming measures for St. Ursuline Terrace, Central Ave and within housing estates. Requested arrange collection of pruning cut offs on Arbour Road.

Cllr. Kiely enquired about provision of fire safety equipment in local authority housing. Update on signage referred to at previous meeting regarding advertising screen at Tramore casino. Update of Gallway Hill sale. Requested route options report for Tramore Greenway. Requested circulate update on vacant property list. Requested consideration of move to the use of bio-degradable bags for dog fouling and bin liners for public bins.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined would expect developers to be submitting planning application for Michael Street development and will follow up.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined items will be replaced at Williamstown playground this week.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined works due to complete end of month following replacement of shore at James Hill. Will review Doneraile Walk, Tramore footpaths will be included in programme of works for members approval. Outlined signage in place at Ursuline Terrace adding onus is on driver to control their speed in housing estates. Noted some roads effected by bad weather will schedule jet patcher. Outlined funding allocation for Active Travel at end of month will present proposed programme of works.

D. Wallace, SEO, will revert regarding pruning cut offs on Arbour Road and suggestion of bio-degradable bags.

O. O'Reilly, AO, outlined standard fire equipment as per regulations in all local authority housing.

H. O' Shea, SEP, outlined actively addressing vacant properties list.

Cllr. Barry requested review of the Deprivation Index Report. Requested update on works to Main Road Ballybeg.

Cllr. Griffin highlighted issue of road alternations by NTA in Ferrybank, requested yellow box outside Ferrybank school and signage. Requested inspection of fendering in Cheekpoint. Requested tree pruning at Griffith Place.

Cllr. Bailey requested updated list of figures for housing capital projects. Enquired if salt boxes be placed in housing estates. Requested consideration for provision of increased maintenance budget for windows and doors for local housing stock. Requested update on CCTV in Peoples Park. Requested circulation of figures from last year regarding dog fouling fines issued.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted comments from Cllr. Barry, will look to address with stakeholders regarding review of Deprivation Index Report.

O. O'Reilly, AO, outlined process of capital programme and crossover of 2023/2024 figures. Outlined planned maintenance programme is developed each year together with retrofit covering various estates regarding window and heat pumps.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined tree pruning at Griffith Place is on works programme.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined Main Road in Ballybeg proposed for this year's work programme. Noted comments from Cllr. Griffin regarding Cheekpoint. Outlined housing estates/areas with steep gradients are being gritted adding previous issues with salt boxes placed in housing estates.

A. Kirwan, EE, outlined meet with BAM every month regarding traffic management plan on works in Ferrybank will follow up with them regarding uploading plans on website.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined CCTV not finalised yet regarding Peoples Park.

Cllr. Daniel enquired if plans to extend Riverwalk, requested addressing dog fouling at Maypark. Requested update on rollout of the broadband by NBI and review of footpaths in Viewmount.

Cllr. Roche requested addressing pedestrian crossing at Powerscourt and Glenville, cleaning and review of footpaths at Glenville. Requested mirror at exit of Pinegrove day care centre and Coral Grove Estate. Requested update on Town Centre First for Dunmore East. Update on progress of adding traffic issue on Wilkin Street, update on WATTS implementation. Enquired if homeless cold weather plan operating during bad weather.

Cllr. F. Quinlan requested update on progression of Derelict Sites. Requested double yellow lines markings at corners of Morrison Road, Avenue and Monastery Street. Requested letter issued to refuse collectors requesting to be mindful of green areas during collection routes. Requested update on flag poles at Sallypark. Suggested should capitalise on article in NY Times referring to Waterford. Requested addressing entrance of Peoples Park painting and power hosing.

Cllr. O' Sullivan requested update on skate park Tramore. Agreed with Cllr Quinlan's comments regarding observation of 360 bus route. Requested traffic calming signage at Newtown Glen. Enquired if refuse collectors are obliged to provide three bins particularly brown bin.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined Town Centre initiative progress with Ardmore and Portlaw first, following those projects consideration for Dunmore East. Outlined flagpoles for Sallypark area are ordered, Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland will capitalise on the high recognition of NY Times article. Will request update from NBI.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined Viewmount footpath can be included in footpath repair programme for members approval. Review of Powerscourt has been carried out for improvement works and Glenville will be carried out. Not practical to put traffic control at every junction would result in resisting the flow of traffic on Dunmore Road, outlined policy is not to install mirrors as issue with maintaining and if accident occurs responsibility could fall to council. Outlined WMATS is overall strategy for city and will comply with objections. Will address yellow lines as referred to. Outlined at entrances of housing estate appropriate large signs in place stating "children at play".

D. Wallace, SEO, will review signage at Maypark, will revert to Ella Ryan regarding dog fouling campaign. Will review entrance to Peoples Park. Outlined skatepark in Tramore proposal due in coming weeks. Outlined refuse collectors legally required to provide three bins including brown bin. Will issue letter to refuse collectors regarding green area during collections.

O. O'Reilly, AO, will circulate homeless services cold weather plan to members.

H. O' Shea, SEP, will request update from active land management section regarding derelict sites.

Mayor requested review entrance to Faithlegg House, requested review of resurfacing of Passage Road.

A.Kirwan, EE, plan to carry out works on Passage Road .

G. Hynes, SE, outlined Faithlegge House is a private entrance owner is responsible for own property.

4. Correspondence

Noted

Cllr. Bailey enquired how many fines issued by Dog Wardens last year.

D. Wallace, SEO, will revert.

5. Notice of Motions

None

6. AOB

Cllr. Kelly spoke of An Board Pleanála overturning council planning decisions.

H. O'Shea, SEP, provided comprehensive detailed outline for procedure.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor of Metropolitan District

Dated: _____