

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

**Metropolitan District Meeting held in Council Chamber, City Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 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. C. Hartley, SEO, Housing  
Ms. D. Wallace, SEO, Environment  
Ms. H. O’ Shea, SEP, Planning  
Mr. D. Quinn, A/SEP, Planning  
Mr. R. Noonan, SEE, Roads  
Mr. M. Murphy, SE, Active Travel  
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

**Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:**

Votes of sympathy were expressed to families of Michael Richardson, Noel Stubbs, Matthew Healy, Pat Davis, Michael Frisby and Jonathan O’ Connor.

Congratulations to Michelle O’ Neill in role as First Minister. Library Service with regard to reopening of Tramore Library, achievement for Ben Johnston and Hockey Team, Waterford City & County Councils recent award for City of Christmas Lights.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 proposed by Cllr. Hearne, seconded by Cllr. E. Quinlan and agreed by all.

**2. Matters Arising,**

Cllr. Keating sought clarification regarding out of hours service users.

C. Hartley, SEO, outlined homeless services storing of bags/belonging have been accommodated during the out of hours services on arrangements in the hostel. Out of hours beds have been increased from 4–9 included cold weather beds.

### 3. Reports

Cllr. Conway enquired regarding lights on Prom Tramore and if quotation sought for repair/replacement. Requested wooden posts along footpath by Splashworld to prevent temporary season parking. Requested review of signage in Tramore for dog fouling and update on pedestrian crossing at Gracedieu. Requested issue of algae growth in the boating lake is investigated and derelict building in middle of lake.

Cllr. Griffin requested review of narrow road at new development at Strand Hill Tramore. Requested update on Mount Suir Apartments. Enquired how housing assessment is carried out for person/s with mental health issues.

Cllr. F. Quinlan requested detailed report of Housing Adaptation Scheme and Mobility Aid Scheme.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined public lighting is under assessment, will be costed and proceed once funding source confirmed. Outlined Gracedieu and Tramore Road are part of Active Tramore Scheme. Will review Strand Hill, noted all footpath works will be discussed in upcoming Road Works workshop.

C. Hartley, SEO, as previously outlined report will be issued once works are complete at Mount Suir apartments. Provided brief of housing with medical needs and outlined National Guidelines regard priority rating. Will provide report for next meeting regarding Cllr. F Quinlan's request.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined signage on approach to Tramore is under review.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined boat lake is under private ownership will liaise with owners.

Cllr. O' Sullivan thanked Community Safety Partnership grant allowing the purchase of defibrillator now placed in Gardai Station Tramore. Support Cllr. Conway comments regarding footpath. Requested addressing lighting and footpath at Newtown Glen Cliffside enquired of development contributions received. Request hedge cut back at footpath on Newtown Glen.

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired about allocation of ten apartments at Cheekpoint. Requested update on taking in charge of Airfield Point Dunmore East. Request review of damaged playground equipment in Passage East and Dunmore East. Highlighted coastal erosion affecting access to resident's homes at cliff face by the Strand enquired if action would be taking. Requested road markings at Faithlegg Church Road.

Cllr. Ryan thanked staff for work carried out at Williamstown Park requested perimeter lighting. Requested cleaning of HMS Formby Memorial on The Quay. Requested report of housing voids and plan going forward. Requested review of public lighting in housing estates. Highlighted issue of parking on footpath requested taking action by Traffic Wardens. Supported Cllr. Griffin's comments regarding Mount Suir enquired if council have met with residents.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined the councils capital programme funded by Development Contributions. Outlined hedge cutting is responsibility of the landowners. Outlined no works will be carried out in estate until the estate is taking in charge. Following review of coastal erosion issue not responsibility of council. Noted comments on road markings at Church Road, will review playgrounds as referred to. Outlined all public lighting been surveyed. Will bring to the attention of traffic wardens regarding parking on footpaths.

D. Quinn, A/SEP, outlined public lighting will be reviewed and replaced at Airfield Point.

D. Wallace, SEO, will review hedge cutting as referred to, review request for lighting in Williamstown Park and will review cleaning memorial on the Quay.

M. Murphy, SE, as previously outlined Newtown Glen is at designing process will not be included on Active Travel plan for 2024.

C. Hartley, SEO, noted delay in final approval of legal documents for Cheekpoint and timeframe for completion not currently available, all allocated applicants are informed. Will request report of vacant and voids to be included. Liaising individually with tenants in Mount Suir apartments, timeframe will be determined by contractor by schedule of works.

Cllr. Hearne requested addressing the issue of blocked shores in Francis Court. Suggested consideration be given in pre planning for library in Ballybeg area. Requested light the bridge in Palestine colours on St. Patricks Day as act of solidarity.

Cllr. Murphy requested updated on repair works for road in Ballybeg, update on Carlisle Bridge in People's Park, speed survey at Ursuline Terrace area, repair/replace lights at pedestrian crossing at Whitfield. Requested review of lighting issue in Manor St. John, highlighted residents at Ozanam Street difficulty in accessing resident parking, requesting 'resident only signage'.

Cllr. Barry requested update on former Ard Ri Hotel site, update on houses damaged by fire in St. Herblain. Update on Ryans pub in Ballybeg enquiring about expiry of planning application. Requested review of junction at Kilcohan, road markings at Cherrymount, noted signs by 12 Larchville with two different speed limits that need to be rectified. Requested speed signs in Ballybeg area and asked for update on long term plan for CYMS building in Parnell Street.

M. Quinn, DoS, acknowledged Cllr. Hearnnes's request noting that bridge will be green for St. Patricks Day. G. Hynes, SE, will review shores in Francis Court. Noted comments regarding road in Ballybeg will discuss further at members workshop. Outlined Carlisle Bridge is protected structure, no completion date at the moment. Will arrange survey at Ursuline Terrace, will review Manor St. John and resident parking in Ozanam Place. Will review junction at Kilcohan, will refresh road marking referred to and will review speed signage in Ballybeg area.

C. Hartley, SEO, will seek clarification regarding damaged houses at St. Herblain, no completion date.

H. O' Shea, SEP, outlined Browns Road library serve the Ballybeg area no proposal for additional libraries. Outlined no change in status regarding former Ard Ri hotel site. Outlined contact was made in recent months with developer of Ryan's pub Ballybeg, planning expires early 2025.

Cllr. Bailey highlighted snag list issues with Deerpark affordable houses enquiring if housing department oversee any part of process. Enquired what service change for standard new build is there in regard to street lighting. Requested breakdown in housing voids.

Cllr. Kelly enquired if any approach to Waterford Hotels regarding housing asylum seekers/refugees. Requested review of Short Course Road and update on bus stop on Cleaboy Road. Highlighted issue of parking at school times at Ozanam Street causing obstruction for residents.

Cllr. Kiely requested update on site at Gallwey's Hill. Enquired in relation to next steps regarding noise bylaws. Enquired of Irish Rails new location and timeframe of when fully operational. Enquired if additional bridge to Rice Bridge would be considered during NQ development. Requested update on bus stop in Tramore and update of works on Queen Street Tramore.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined offer placed for site at Gallwey's Hill will not be in position to make second offer. Noted not aware of any approach to Waterford Hotel operators adding council would not be consulted in this area.

C. Hartley, SEO, outlined warrant between the contractor and purchaser regarding properties at Deerpark, standard list of what is included in properties prior to sale. Will provide report for voids and vacant properties for next meeting.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined further discussion regarding Short Course Road at upcoming members workshop. Will review Ozanam Street. Outlined second bridge in long term plan as part of WMAPS 2030. Outlined Queen Street on road works programme for last year additional measures can be consider under 2024 works programme.

M. Murphy, SE, will revert with further details regarding bus stop. Outlined meeting held regarding bus stop in Tramore advised of more suitable bus stop.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined Noise Bylaws in analysis process with over 1000 submissions.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined Irish Rail train station estimated timeframe for delivery of 2026.

Cllr. Roche requested update on Powerscourt entrance and Glenville, enquired if assessment was completed. Requested review of junction at Pine Grove centre. Enquired of plans for former men's hostel Lady Lane. Enquired of timeframe for opening of bridge at clock tower. Requested update on Michael Street development and lights in People's Park.

Cllr. Daniels requested update on Powerscourt junction. Enquired of the implications if landowners do not trim back hedges.

Cllr. Keating welcomed work carried out in Farronshoneen playground and enquired if similar works would be carried out in other playgrounds. Enquired if direction were received from department regarding speed limit review.

G. Hynes, SE, will review issues in Powerscourt as part of improvement works, currently in negotiations with landowners in relation to Glenville. Will review Pine Grove junction. Noted comments regarding playgrounds adding equipment is extremely expensive funding only allow for small purchases and repairs. Noted no guidance received from Department regarding review of speed limits.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined building in Lady Lane is to be part of the URDF plan for next year. Outlined new bridge tied with core commercial development with estimated timeline of 2026. Planning application in relation to Michael Street development due to be submitted in March.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined lights in People's Park are in design stages. Will revert regarding implication of hedge cutting.

M. Murphy, SE, outlined details of Farronshoneen project adding new Communication Officer will be employed which will be beneficial for future projects.

Cllr. E. Quinlan enquired when last traffic management survey was carried out on The Quay, if more than three years suggested one to be carried out. Requested review of damaged roads at Newport Terrace and Congress Place. Sought clarification that the licence process with issuing licence to Cricket Club was issued under same process as any other licence and in no way in a flawed manner.

Cllr. Wyse suggested further discussion regarding traffic and congestion in Dunmore Road area. Requested Kilcarragh Park design be bright, colourful and more attractive than playground in Farronshoneen.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined licences are issued for lots of different reasons adding there was nothing wrong with the process undertaken to issue the cricket club licence, regarding the playing fields at that location an expression of interest will be run for all clubs to apply.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined the only way to reduce traffic congestion is to reduce the use of cars and use public transport or bikes.

#### **4. Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – (L4209) Killea Road, Dunmore East – Completion of Process**

G. Hynes, SE outlined the Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 proposal. Waterford City and County Council proposes to undertake the construction of a traffic calming scheme in the form of a Pedestrian crossing with a raised table area to facilitate a safe crossing point along the L4209 at the junction of The Fairways and Lighthouse Way. The scheme includes the narrowing of the junction into The Fairways to allow for easier pedestrian crossing and the construction of a new footpath to this controlled crossing point.

Cllr Fitzgerald, Cllr. Griffin and Cllr. Keating commented and welcomed the proposal.

Proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Keating, agreed by all.

#### **5. Active Travel 2024 Update**

M. Murphy, SE provided a detailed briefing of Active Travel 2024 plans. Lengthy discussion followed between M. Murphy, SE, and the members together with a questions and answers session.

Extension of Standing Orders for 30 minutes proposed by Cllr. Griffin, seconded by Cllr. Kiely and agreed by all.

#### **6. Correspondence**

None

**5. Notice of Motions**

Deferred to March meeting.

**6. AOB**

Mayor Cllr. Jody Power requested Metropolitan District March Meeting scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March be rescheduled to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March as March 18<sup>th</sup> is bank holiday.

Proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Bailey and agreed by all.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor of Metropolitan District**

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



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge  
Waterford City & County Council

**Resolution of the Elected Members**

**Waterford City and County Council, Metropolitan District**

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Ref: R2024/07**

In accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 Waterford City & County Council proposes to undertake construction of traffic calming scheme in the form of a Pedestrian crossing with a raised table area to facilitate a safe crossing point along the L4209 at the junction of The Fairways and Lighthouse Way. The scheme includes the narrowing of the junction into The Fairways to allow for easier pedestrian crossing and the construction of a new footpath to this controlled crossing point.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Metropolitan District of Waterford City & County Council that the works as outlined proceed as advertised. Proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Keating and agreed unanimously.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Councillor Jody Power**  
**Metropolitan District Mayor**

**Witnessed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honor Dunphy**  
**Meetings Administrator**