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**WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

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| **Metropolitan District Meeting**  **held in Assembly Chamber on 24th April, 2025, at 5.00pm** |
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**Present:**

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| Cllr Joe Kelly (Mayor) | Cllr. Blaise Hannigan |
| Cllr. Declan Barry | Cllr. Adam Wyse |
| Cllr. Donal Barry | Cllr. Seamus Ryan |
| Cllr. Joeanne Bailey | Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan |
| Cllr. Frank Quinlan | Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan |
| Cllr. David Daniels | Cllr. Jim Griffin |
| Cllr. John Hearne | Cllr. Mary Roche |
| Cllr. Jason Murphy |  |

**Apologies:** Cllr. Jim Darcy,Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald

**Officials in attendance:** Mr. M. Quinn, DoS, Economic Development

Mr. D. Ó Murchadha, SEO, Housing

Mr. P. Johnston, SRE, Roads

Mr. M. Murphy, SE, Active Travel

Mr. R. Noonan, SEE, Roads

Ms. D. Wallace, SEO, Environment

Ms. H. O’Shea, SEP, Planning

Mr W. Holden, SEA, Housing

Ms. A. Flynn, SSO, Corporate Services

Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

**Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:**

Votes of sympathy were expressed to families Daniel O’ Brien, Fr. John Hennebry, Henry Molloy, Philip Lavery, Tommy Gleeson. Requested letter issue to Bishop Cullinan to express vote of sympathy on passing of Pope Francis.

Congratulations to Sam Widger on Irish winning Show Jumping Team, Tom Breen competing in Worlds Surfing Championship, Sean Marton and staff of Post Office Tramore on selling winning lotto ticket.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 18th March, 2025 proposed by Cllr. Declan Barry seconded by Cllr. E. Quinlan and agreed by all.

**2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. Roche enquired if previous issue raised regarding minutes was brought forward to CPG.

Cllr. Griffin requested previous issued raised regarding clearing of Castle Road Butlerstown be addressed as incident occurred recently.

R. Noonan, SEE, noted Cllr. Griffins’ comments will address issue.

M. Quinn, DoS, will review minutes issue.

Mayor Kelly request amendment of standing order to take item number 6 before item number 3, proposed by Cllr. Murphy and seconded by Cllr. O’ Sullivan.

**6. Notice of Motions**

**Motion in the names of Cllr. Jason Murphy**

*“To ask the members of the Metropolitan District to support the commencement of a process to name two unnamed streets in the Cork Road estate in honor of Larry Guinan and Martin Og Morrissey”*

**Reg No. MS/2025/74** (dated 16th April 2025)

Cllr. Hearne, Cllr. Ryan, Cllr. Roche Cllr. Griffin spoke in support of the motion.

Cllr. Donal Barry said the motion is honourable intention added need to be mindful of residents suggested plebiscite for resident.

Cllr. Murphy outlined residents are aware of the motion proposal feels no merit in doing plebiscite.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined process of when plebiscite would be required add this proposal would not require plebiscite as it is not a renaming of area.

Proposed by Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr O’ Sullivan and agreed by all.

**3. Reports**

Cllr. Roche enquired regarding planning decision appeal opportunity for North Quays decision. Requested updated on Ballygunner playground.

Cllr. Ryan requested update on pedestrian access to Kilbarry Nature Park. Enquired if additional staff are required in housing applications, according to monthly report 138 applications received and only 56 applicants approved.

Cllr. Donal Barry requested update on engagement with owner of former Ard Ri Hotel. Requested painting area of Butlers Court New Street.

H. O’ Shea, SEP, outlined planning appeals process which is a judicial review with eight weeks only on point of law Cllr. Roche referred to regarding North Quays.

W. Holden, SEA, noted Butlers Court on plan of works of maintenance programme.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined access to Kilbarry Cllr Ryan referred to is on agenda of works, is long process requires work on site. Outlined Ballygunner playground part VIII will be put forward in due course.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEO, outlined incomplete housing application are returned to applicants will include further information in reports.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined legal process involved on site has been resolved regarding former Ard Rhi added have had some engagement with developer.

Cllr. Griffin requested view of road at Applegreen Tramore to Racecourse. Requested address issue of cattle moving active during night at Ballyscalon.

Cllr. Bailey requested clarification of older person grant scheme does not cover boilers and air to water is financially out of reach. Requested review with view of safety measures on unlit road and lack of footpath at additional car park off the grounds of UHW. Requested maintenance team to address upkeep of Rice Park area.

Cllr. Declan Barry suggested exploring option of pilot scheme similar to Kilkenny; well-lit safe at night to walk. Highlighted parking issue at Gorse Hill Ballygunner suggested meeting with residents. Requested immediate attention of loose rock at Passage East informed meeting pepitition was handed in to Chief Executive.

H. O’ Shea SEP, noted Cllr Griffins comments regarding night activities at Ballyscalon, aware of the issue can not discuss individual cases, added warning letter issued in April.

R. Noonan, SEE, outlined speed survey previously carried out in area Cllr. Griffin referred to. Requested Cllr. Bailey to forward details directly regarding UHW car park. Outlined loose rock previously discussed, in regular contact with owner need to allow adequate time for response to take up remedial works.

W. Holden, SE, outlined gas boiler not available under old person scheme alternative option SEAI have new loan scheme for energy upgrade works. Outlined number of colleagues attended Gorse Court cannot provide additional parking in area cannot contravene Development Plan, added gardai need to be involved if cars are damaged.

H. O’ Shea SEP, outlined car park standards are set out by national government standards for parking spaces.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined regarding Kilkenny pilot scheme nighttime Economically Officer funding was applied for by Waterford Council but were not successful with obtaining funding.

Cllr. Hannigan requested review of St. Declan’s graveyard for memorial wall. Requested update on painting of metal man Tramore. Requested roads/footpaths at An Garrán be restored to good standard.

Cllr. Wyse enquired if a review of staff level was carried out. Sought clarification on Active Travel scheme in the Folly if there are plans to change the road lanes and reduce to one lane. Requested clarification on new tenant in situ scheme criteria if require to be in HAP property for two years.

Cllr. O’ Sullivan noted Community Safety Partnership currently do not have chairperson, highlighted number of incidents. Enquired why Town Centre Management committee has not scheduled meeting yet. Updated on completion cleaning works for public toilet in Tramore and Lady’s slip. Requested engagement with owners of former Tramore hotel to address the current state of property and area.

M. Quinn, DoS outlined metal man paint works scheduled for June. Outlined review of work force plan added cannot afford to provide all requests staff basis on needs identified. Will raise with Community Safety Partnership director regarding issue Cllr O’ Sullivan referred to. Outlined Town Centre Management Group due to schedule meeting during May.

R. Noonan, SEE, will review access road Cllr Hannigan referred to at An Garrán.

M. Murphy, SE, noted Cllr. Wyse’s comment regarding Active Travel Scheme at the Folly no detailed design yet added public consultation began yesterday.

D. Wallace, SEO will review memorial wall Cllr. Hannigan referred to. Outlined works were completed last week on the strand toilets are reopened, other toilets will be reopened during bathing season.

H. O’ Shea, SEP, outlined regarding the former Tramore hotel land management team are actively working on getting resolution.

W. Holden, SEA, outlined criteria for tenant in situ added governed by guidelines of national policy.

Cllr. Murphy requested contacting CIE regarding red iron bridge to address dangers. Suggested housing loan applicant get opportunity to meet with staff initially to set out requirements of application.

Cllr. Hearne suggested review under Active Travel for access to Eco Park by Templars Graveyard.

Cllr. F. Quinlan requested remarking of Morrisons Road following resurfacing. Request review of old play area in Hennessy Road to be brought back into use. Suggested review of 15-20 The Quay for consideration for repair and lease scheme.

W. Holden, SEA, will review The Quay area Cllr. F. Quinlan referred to.

R. Noonan, SEE, outlined road lining will be carried out on Morrisson Road.

D. Wallace, SEO will liaise with Cllr. F. Quinlan directly regarding Hennessy Road query.

P. Johnson, SRE, outlined play area at Hennessys Road was removed due to anti-social behaviour.

W. Holden, SEE, review area Cllr. Quinlan referred to with Focus Ireland to discuss suitability for housing.

M. Murphy, SE, outlined if area Cllr. Hearne referred to is appropriate for access can be considered once funding is available.

M. Quinn, DoS, will raise issue regarding iron bridge with Irish Rail.

D. Ó. Murchadha, SEO, noted Cllr. Murphys comments regarding housing loans applicants.

Cllr. Daniels requested outline of cost involved in electric cabling.

Cllr. E. Quinlan requested update on plans for housing development for area by De La Salle and access to grounds. Suggested expanding city centre economic scheme to centre of Ferrybank area.

P. Johnson, SRE, outlined approximately €35m cost to replace electric cabling infrastructure so old would require substantial investment from government, department are aware of the issue.

M. Quinn, DoS, will clarify what the city centre defined area is regarding Cllr. E. Quinlan query on Ferrybank central area, City Centre Economic scheme is already approved by council.

H. O’ Shea, SEP, outlined no live planning application at present regarding De la Salle area.

W. Holden, SEE, outlined presently working with developers with view to lodging application in De la Salle area.

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| 4.  **Planning & Development Act, 2000** as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part VIII – North Quays Transport Hub - South Access |

M. Quinn, DoS outlined the proposed development is for a southern entrance/access to the new transport hub contiguous to the south façade of the new train station currently being constructed in accordance with planning ref. P8 04/19. The site is located on the northern boundary of the North Quays SDZ site in the townland of Abbeylands, Ferrybank, Waterford. Changes to the building design of the contiguous North Quays SDZ, as per planning approval Ref 19/928 resulted in the transport hub being a stand-alone detached building with a visible external southern elevation that requires the addition of a new southern entrance to the transport hub building. The public notice for the Part 8 process described the proposed development as follows:

The proposed development is a new southern entrance / access to the transport hub and primarily consists of the following elements:

* Curved external entrance steps with handrails and balustrades.
* Passenger lift and enclosure in accordance with Part M of Building Regulations.
* A new external pedestrian access door from the southern platform area.
* Terraced planters, with low-level planting.
* Control gates with roller shutter systems to provide control points on the public concourse

area at the top of both the northern and southern external entrance steps.

* External blockwork/treatment to southern façade wall to reflect its new function as an

external wall.

* External paving at ground level to the front of the entrance.
* Extended roof canopy structure to cover the passenger lift and upper flight of external steps and to match surface and soffit finishes of adjacent roof currently under construction as part of main station building.

Cllr. Ryan, Cllr Donal Barry, Cllr Griffin commended on proposal raised concerns about roof coverage and mobility access, also suggestion of art sculpture.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined mobility access is adequately addressed in the proposal, added sculpture not part of the budget consideration could be given at later stage if funding was available.

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

**5. Correspondence**

None

**7. AOB**

Cllr. F. Quinlan requested minute silence following announcement of death of Leo Murphy Photographer RIP.

Cllr. Declan Barry requested update on review for Farronshoneen roundabout.

M. Murphy, SE, noted review report will initially be issued to SPC following then by Metropolitan District Council.

Cllr. Griffin encouraged participation in upcoming Darkness into Light event.

Mayor Kelly sough agreement for May Metropolitan District Meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd May in person in Chamber.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**Mayor of Metropolitan District**

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**Resolution of the Elected Members**

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

**24th April, 2025**

**Ref: R2025/08**

In accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) the Chief Executive’s Report provides for:

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Metropolitan District of Waterford City & County Council Proposed by Cllr. Roche, seconded by Cllr. Hannigan and agreed unanimously.

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

**Councillor Joe Kelly**

**Metropolitan District Mayor**

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

**Honor Dunphy**

**Meetings Administrator**