

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

**Metropolitan District Meeting  
held in Council Chamber on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 3.00pm**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr. John Hearne

**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 B. Stosic, SEE, Roads  
Ms. D. Wallace, SEO, Environment  
Ms. H. O’Shea, SEP, Planning  
Mr. G. McCormack, EA, Economic Development  
Ms. L. Grant, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Services  
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Services

Mayor Kelly suspended the meeting for 10 minutes as mark of respect following death Frank Hearne father of Cllr. John Hearne.

**Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:**

Votes of sympathy were expressed to family of Cllr. John Hearne on passing of his father Frank Hearne. Families of Bob Nutt, Lorcan Mongey, Warren Kelly, Sarah Kidney and Lorraine Cuddihy O’ Regan.

Congratulations to Zara Breslin and coach Jimmy Denton Tramore Boxing Club, Waterford Minor Hurling Team and Management on getting to All Ireland final.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025 proposed by Cllr. Ryan seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

**2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. Ryan requested update on Lighting in People's Park and Inner Ring Road resurfacing.  
Cllr. Griffin requested further update on speed survey at An Garraun, Tramore.  
Cllr. Fitzgerald requested purple clothing bank be removed in Dunmore East.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined update previously provided on People's Park.  
R. Noonan, SEE, previously outlined will assess for localised repairs other works will be carried out on Inner Ring Road under Active Travel scheme. Will revert regarding Cllr. Griffin's query.  
D. Wallace, SEO, requested Cllr. Fitzgerald to provide location directly to her.

Mayor Kelly requested an amendment of Standing Orders to take item Number 4 before item Number 3. Proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Wyse.

#### **4. Presentation: Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme**

Mayor welcomed Aoife McGrath Regional Programme Manager and Kevin Moynihan of Healthy Age Friendly to present to the members. K. Moynihan, Co-ordinator, provided detailed presentation on programme, outlined the services provided and role of co-ordinator. A. McGrath outlined national services noted free service for over 65's.

Members thanked Aoife and Kevin for providing presentation. Cllr. Griffin, Cllr. Ryan, Cllr. Fitzgerald, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Donal Barry, Cllr. Roche welcomed presentation and commended, requested status of downsizing policy, clarification was sought in role regarding housing adaption grants, enquired if senior alert alarm are covered in remit.

K. Moynihan outlined he engages with the hospital discharge team; medical professionals complete the Housing Adaption Grant form with applicant and submit completed document. He further advised that they do set up Senior Alert Alarms for people. The programme was launched in July 2024 and was promoted widely at local level across all media.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEO, will revert back to all members regarding national initiative on downsizing.

#### **3. Reports**

Cllr. Fitzgerald requested review of Passage Cross with view to make safer. Enquired if council have any responsibility in contacting private housing agency regarding tenants difficulty in getting companies to carry out repairs or does council have any responsibility to compel action. Cllr. Donal Barry requested costing spend on refurbishment of Penrose Lane apartment project to date and update if there was any obstruction in progressing. Update on process of St. Otteran's housing proposal. He further queried if there are plans for the Waterside and Bolton St car parks. Enquired if Estate Management Team have any plans to celebrate Ballybeg's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Cllr. E. Quinlan requested clarification if Anne Street Part 8 is still planned for older people. Requested review of signage and presentation of Tramore parking machines. Requested detailed update on Rice Bridge. Requested consideration for one day opening to public of sustainable bridge. Requested addressing loose manhole cover at Morley Terrace. Spoke of Ombudsman's report regarding reinstating years on housing list, suggested consideration to review other local authorities process with view to updating councils criteria.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEO, outlined section do engage with other housing bodies regarding Cllr. Fitzgerald's query. Will refer Penrose Lane query to capitals project team to provide report.

Outlined tenancy management team will engage with residents at Ballybeg. Will refer query regarding development at The Glen to capitals project team. Will discuss and review further regarding Ombudsman's report Cllr E. Quinlan referred to.

R. Noonan, SEE, will assess and revert regarding Passage Cross, will follow up regarding loose manhole cover at Morley Terrace.

P. Johnston, RSE, outlined there is a review of all parking including signage and can review usability of machines. Outlined details of the upgrading works to Rice Bridge.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined consideration will be given for Cllr. E. Quinlan request on the sustainable bridge.

Cllr. Hannigan requested review of roundabout at Tramore cross or implementation of safety measures.

Cllr. Bailey requested clean up and general maintenance of area ahead of celebration in Ballybeg area; update on pedestrian crossing as part of Active Travel. Requested road sweeper be scheduled for Belmont Heights area Ferrybank as issues cannot be logged on CRM. Update on speed survey at Fairfield Park. Sought clarification on how residents at Gorse Hill could get working Eircode. Requested maintenance team engage with Playful Community team in advance of event to arrange grass cutting.

Cllr. Wyse enquired if open space usage can be identified for green areas in Metropolitan area. Requested review of junction at Killcarragh Cross regarding speed issue. Requested t-shirts for Waterford Welcome Ambassadors have Irish information also for next year.

R. Noonan, SEE, will carry out speed survey at Kilcarragh Cross. Outlined survey not yet complete at Fairfield Park will revert. Outlined details finalised for Johns Park under Section 38 workshop will be scheduled. Will arrange for Area Engineer to visit Tramore Cross Cllr. Hannigan referred to.

M. Murphy, SE, advised that in relation to the Ballybeg pedestrian crossing he is engaging with the ESB as it requires a new ESB box.

M. Quinn, DoS, will refer query regarding Welcome Ambassadors t-shirts. Outlined regarding open spaces the issue with green area is there is limited available land.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEO outlined regarding Eircode road needs to be added to roads network.

P. Johnston, SER, will arrange to link with members regarding maintenance in Ballybeg and Community playful streets. Will liaise with Kilkenny Council colleagues regarding Belmont Heights.

Cllr. Murphy spoke of IBAL survey with Waterford recognised as one of cleanest cities. Echoed previous members comments and requested Council support for Ballybeg celebration. Requested review of stone medium area at lower Larchville and Sunrise Crescent area. Enquired if maintenance issue at St. Otteran's cemetery.

Cllr. F. Quinlan enquired regarding number of fines issued in Tramore on 1<sup>st</sup> June suggested additional signed for awareness of parking fee requirements, noting he supported the issues already raised in relation to parking in Tramore. Requested review of footpath at former Hasbro to St Otteran's graveyard as there is no mobility access. Suggested consideration for full time painter regarding graffiti clean-up. Requested commencement time for road repairs on Ballybeg Roads.

Cllr. Roche requested update on Ballygunner Park. Enquired when pedestrian bridge will be opened for river traffic. Requested remarking road at Rice Bridge. Review of Glassworks junction at Ballybeg. Requested update on Michael Street development. Enquired when

reports on Active Travel Ring Road would be available. Highlighted closing date submission for National Development Plan review enquired if can see be submission.

R. Noonan, SEE, outlined aware of issue at Lower Larchville focus on access issue with cobbles will do immediate high priority works. Outlined Ballybeg contractor appointed will revert with commencement time. Will review mobility access Cllr F. Quinlan referred to. Outlined road marking contractor to commence next week. Outlined regarding junction at glasswork prior to any works taking place traffic and transportation assessment is carried out following assessment no upgrading works identified at that time.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined marine notice would be number of weeks will follow up. Outlined waiting on submission of planning application from developers regarding Michael Street development. Noted submission to National Development Plan will be forwarded to members.

P. Johnston, SRE, outlined not aware of any maintenance issue at St Otteran's cemetery will review. Will revert regarding number of parking fines in Tramore. Outlined expect to bring Ballygunner Park and Peoples Park to commencement process in September.

M. Murphy, SE, outlined regarding Cllr. Roches query reports will possibly issue in September with the internal procedural changes.

Cllr. Declan Barry requested review of speed signage from Farronshoneen Roundabout to Airport Road Roundabout. Request hedge cutting on Green Road Faithlegg. Enquired when dog bin disposal trails will commence and areas.

Cllr. Ryan suggested consideration for options of how to help housing applicants complete forms correctly according to report 373 incomplete forms returned to applicants. Requested traffic survey for Ceant Road Cork Road area. Request update on naming road to Martin Og Morrissey and Larry Guiney.

Cllr. Griffin enquired regarding new tenant in situ applications. Requested jet patcher at Ferrybank Road area. Enquired if O'Connell Street disabled parking remains as previously lined. Enquired the amount hedge cutting machine council own.

Cllr. O' Sullivan thanked the Tramore Presentation Team for the flowers and requested a review of the location of tourist office in Tramore consideration for relocating to old train station. She also noted her support for Cllr. Hannigan's comments in relation to the issue in Fenor.

Cllr. Daniel queried if there was an update on a workshop on speed in urban areas and requested tree cutting at Moorings and entrance of Powerscourt can vegetation be removed. Requested weed spraying at Alphonsus Road and Passage Road.

R. Noonan, SEE, will speak offline with Cllr D. Barry to obtain exact location of signage issue. Outlined tree cutting takes place between September to February, will assess areas referred to. Outlined regarding Cllr Griffins query council has one machine and contracted employed. Will review Ceant Road regarding speed survey, will Moorings and Powerscourt referred to. Will schedule jet patcher for Ferrybank Road. Hedge cutting contractor's priorities are decided on a weekly basis and cannot be advised in advance.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined dog bag disposal trail due to commence 11<sup>th</sup> July, Riverwalk area in City and two county areas, information campaign for "bring your own bags" will commence in advance of trail with promotion at locations.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEO, outlined regarding housing application forms council do engage and provide support in completing forms added nature of form and process requires detailed level of information. Outlined recent submissions submitted regarding tenant in situ will be referred to Housing Capital Team.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined location of Tourist office previously raised will follow up with Tourism Officer and revert.

P. Johnston, SRE, outlined protocol to adhere to regarding naming of road will follow up on status of road naming Cllr. Ryan referred to. Regarding speeding in urban areas, no update has been received from the Dept.

#### **5. Correspondence**

None

#### **6. Notice of Motions**

None

#### **7. AOB**

Cllr. Griffin requested letter to be issued on behalf of members to Taoiseach to support people of Gaza in relation to Occupied Territories Bill.

Cllr. Ryan encouraged members to attend the march in support of Palestine from Ballybricken to John Roberts Square.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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