

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

**Metropolitan District Meeting  
held in Council Chamber on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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. John Hearne	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Jim Darcy	

**Apologies:** Cllr. Jason Murphy, Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan

**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. A. Flynn, SSO, Corporate Services  
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

**Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:**

Votes of sympathy were expressed to family of Cllr. Declan Barry on passing of his sister.

Congratulations to Granville Hotel voted 11<sup>th</sup> best hotel in Ireland by Trip Advisor, Sanofi on Biopharma Company of the Year award, Barrack Street Concert Bank on 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 proposed by Cllr. F. Quinlan seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed by all.

**2. Matters Arising**

Mayor Kelly request amendment of Standing Orders to take item number 5 before item number 3, proposed by Cllr. F. Quinlan and seconded by Cllr. Kelly.

Cllr. Ryan requested update on pedestrian access to Kilbarry Nature Park. Cllr. Bailey enquired why Kilbarry Nature Park path is closed.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined the new way bridge needs to be in place before commencement of path, at present bridge is in process of drafting tender. D. Wallace further outlined that the path closure is due to remediation works of land fill.

### **5. Amendment of Standing Orders**

Mayor Kelly outlined the proposed amendment to Metropolitan District Meeting Standing Orders:-

Section 1. Ordinary meetings of the Metropolitan District Members shall be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Section 5. The hour of the Metropolitan District meeting shall be 3.00pm or at such other hour as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the members. The members shall rise not later than 5.00pm.

Cllr. Fitzgerald, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr Roche, Cllr. Hearne, Cllr. E. Quinlan, Cllr. Donal Barry commented, it was felt the proposed change would be better for media to attend meetings, suggestions for earlier meeting time of 1pm but should check suitability for council staff.

Cllr. Fitzgerald suggested council record meetings.

Cllr. Ryan suggested amendment on trial period review in six months.

Mayor called for show of hands for proposed amendment of Standing Orders, agreed by all.

### **3. Reports**

Cllr. F. Quinlan requested update on tender process of business taking over maintenance of roundabouts. Requested figured on CPOs completed this year. Update on Yellow House premises on Cork Road. Requested review of Arundel Square opening Monday to Thursday as drop off or set down area. Requested green lamp post on The Quay to be painted.

Cllr. Conway request repair of rail on Lady's Slip. Requested cleaning of Sea Horse Memorial, Tramore.

Cllr. Donal Barry requested update on timeline of Ballybeg Play Park. Requested consideration for additional park at Bracken Grove area. Enquired if any long-term development plan for historical site of Blackfriars Abbey. Requested tree cutting at Keane's Road/Tycor area obstruction speed signage. Requested remarking of pedestrian crossing at Barrack Street. Requested update on installation of handrail at Castle Street. Suggested consideration for lighting up of crane on The Quay as landmark piece.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined slow progression of roundabout maintenance Cllr. F Quinlan referred to is due capacity with staff. Outlined cleaning of Sea Horse Memorial referred to by Cllr Conway would damage monument. Outlined regarding Ballybeg Play Park funding was awarded for one piece of equipment.

R. Noonon, SEE, will review railing on Lady's Slip. Outlined will remark pedestrian crossing at Barrack Street once new contract appointed. Will discuss and revert regarding the handrail installation at Castle Street.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined no current development plans for Blackfriars Abbey, the focus is on identifying what work needs to be carried out and where can source funding. Outlined the crane is not an easy structure to light up and requires more detailed assessment but will consider some type of lighting. Will note request for additional park significant investment and long process. Will review with retailers Cllr. F. Quinlan query on Arundel Square.

P. Johnston, SRE, will review tree cutting.

H. O' Shea, SEP, outlined CPA completed on Yellow House premises, will revert to David Quinn regarding the amount of CPOs completed.

Cllr. Hearne requested two additional seats in Paddy Browns Road area. Requested letter be issued to Ramallah Mayor regarding the hardship in Palestine to express solidarity.

Cllr Bailey spoke of Medical Officer out of office for some time resulting in back log of HMD forms requested timeframe of form from submission to completion. Requested engagement regarding Williamstown Sports Park board. Suggested engagement with landowners regarding illegal dumping encourage them to lock gates and erect signage.

Cllr. E. Quinlan enquired if Health & Safety inspection was carried out at temporary bus stop at Clock Tower. Suggested additional bus route at An Garran estate.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEO, outlined engaged with another Medical Professional in absence of Senior Medical Officer, will revert with timeline of HMD forms.

M. Quinn, DoS, requested Cllr. Bailey to provide details of issue directly regarding Williamstown Sport Park query. Outlined safety assessment was carried out on temporary bus stop will revert back to original route.

M. Murphy, SE, outlined decision for additional bus route is not a matter for local authorities, Bus Eireann make decision on routes. Outlined additional seating will be included under Lismore Park /Larchville scheme.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined additional funding received for more advertising regarding illegal dumping and added CCTV due to commence shortly.

Cllr. Wyse enquired if Tenancy Agreement is finalised in relation to An Garran. Enquire when Inner Ring Road Scheme will be brought to members. Requested review of Williamstown – Kilcarragh Cross. Enquired if a co-working space facility will be operating in Catherine Street.

Cllr. Hannigan requested update on lights at Sweetbriar Tramore. Noted works at Strand Hill apartment block have ceased enquired if objections have caused stoppage.

Cllr Declan Barry enquired if site at Riverswalk has been inspected regarding Knotweed. Requested update on handrail at Grange Height. Requested official to meet with residents at Gorse Hill regarding the ongoing parking issues.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEO, will revert with details regarding Tenancy Agreement Cllr. Wyse referred to. Outlined Walter Holden will meet with resident at Gorse Hill.

H. O' Shea, SEP, outlined developer at Strand Hill has permission to complete works in defined timeframe. Enforcement cannot progress until permission runs out.

M. Murphy, SE, outlined public consultation process finished 21<sup>st</sup> May regarding Inner Ring Road scheme. Outlined Killcaragh will be covered under part of Williamstown Road Active Travel Scheme. Outlined handrail at Grange Heights will be installed this year.

P. Johnston, SRE, will revert regarding Cllr Hannigan query on Sweetbrair Tramore.

M. Quinn, DoS outlined no plans for co-working space, private sector already providing space in two buildings in the city.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined knotweed Cllr. Declan Barry referred is on private land and is the responsibility of landowner. The matter will be referred to E. Dullea for further inspection.

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired if company responsible for purple clothes bank has ceased operating as the bank is not getting emptied. Requested tree cutting in housing estate on Dunmore Road branches on walls of houses. Enquired who is responsible for maintenance of public toilet.

Cllr. Roche requested update on Ballygunner Play Park added feels parks need to be prioritised in council works. Cllr. Roche also raised the collapsed fence on Tramore Road section from SuperValu to Ballindud.

Cllr. Ryan requested update on completion date for public lighting in People's Park. Requested addressing damaged road at Inner Ring Road section on Tramore Road roundabout to Folly roundabout. Enquired regarding the report details of completion of Housing Adaption Grants. Requested update on repair works of Ballybeg Road. Requested review section from Harts garage to Supervalu roundabout with no footpath on righthand side.

Cllr. Roche requested feedback to management to prioritise both Ballybeg Park and People Park projects.

Cllr. Ryan requested both projects are put on agenda of next meeting for further discussion.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined Environment were not aware company responsible for purple clothes back ceased, will follow up. Outlined Ballygunner Park and Peoples Park due to part VIII once have capacity in team will progress.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined staffing issue in sections due to retirements, difficulty in recruiting new good quality staff, not in position to replace staff member until sanctioned from Department in regard to existing position, some areas of work can be contracted out but difficulty in obtaining contractors.

R. Noonan, SEE, requested Cllr Fitzgerald to provide details of tree cutting directly to him. Will review collapsed fence Cllr. Roche referred to. Outlined regarding Cllr. Ryan issue on footpath have limited budget priority repair and maintenance can take into consideration for next programme. Outlined Ballybeg works for this years work programme. Will review the Folly area.

D. Ó Murchadha, SEO, outlined will review report details of Housing Adaptation Grant.

Cllr. Daniels requested update on remain outstanding lights at Viewmount. Enquired regarding drinking water fountains in public areas.

Cllr. Griffin enquired if funding application submitted for Piers and Harbours. Enquired when bin collection on beaches will commence. Requested speed table for An Garran. Requested update on painting of Metal Man. Enquired if any consideration for campervan parking in Tramore.

Cllr. Kelly spoke of new sustainable bridge raised issue of form of transport required for new bridge. Requested clarification of Active Travel Schemes to be assessed by Planning Department with view to use of appropriate measure of Part VIII of Section 38.

Cllr. Roche raised the issue of speakers and advised that there is an issue with the sound.

B. Stosic, SE, outlined pending lights at Viewmount waiting on ESB connection.

D. Wallace, SEO, outlined water drinking fountains first phase of scheme for public buildings awaiting on second phase for public outdoor areas. Outlined bins go out in bathing season.

P. Johnston, SER, outlined Piers and Harbour included in his remit will discuss with groups late funding application applied for. Outlined Part VIII and Section 38 introduce a process committed to review this at present discussing with various sections will postpone until reviewed is concluded.

R. Noonan, SEE, outlined conducting speed survey at An Garra as first step.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined Metal Man due to be painted in June. Outlined looking for alternative location for campervan parking. Outlined will meet with NTA to discuss suitable type of transportation on the sustainable bridge.

Cllr. Wyse enquired when traffic study survey at Farronshoneen Roundabout will be carried out, feels May or June is not a suitable time to commence survey, suggested if survey due to commence soon complete now and carry another one out in September.

Cllr. Kelly suggested suspending survey until September.

M. Murphy, SE, outlined survey has commenced as it was only week company available to carry out, if subsequent report to be carried out in September will delay members receiving report.

#### **4. Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part VIII – Commencement of Process**

- **Thomas Street Art House, and Pocket Part – Commencement of Process**

G. McCormack, EA, outlined the part VIII proposal:- To regenerate the city centre through re-use of derelict and vacant sites, providing a range of community infrastructure which creates better places to live, work and play for all residents and visitors. To develop a creative hub in the city centre with public external amenity space for surrounding residents and visitors. The building will offer workshops and studio accommodation overlooking the public amenity area, while the first floor provides office and flexible meeting rooms. On second floor, artist studio spaces allow for local and visiting artists to develop community-inspired work.

G. McCormack, EA, informed members a workshop will be held in coming weeks.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waterside, Waterford - Commencement of Process</li><li>• The Glen/Anne Street, Waterford - Commencement of Process</li><li>• 70, 71 O' Connell Street, Waterford - Commencement of Process</li></ul> |
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M. Ó Murchadha, SEO, outlined three Part VIII proposals noted they are commencement of process for information only added at later date workshops will be held.

- **Waterside, Waterford - Commencement of Process**

Change of use from commercial to residential to existing two-storey terraced building and the refurbishment and alteration of the building to provide 4 no. residential apartment units consisting of 3 no. 1-bed apartments and 1 no. 2-bed apartments. The construction of 4 no. 1-bed residential apartment units to the rear yard area to provide a total of 8 no. apartment units within the overall development. The proposal includes for supporting development works: (i) demolition of existing shed to rear (north) of site, (ii) bicycle parking, and amenity areas, (iii) temporary construction signage and hoarding, (iv) boundary treatments, (v) landscaping, (vi) ancillary accommodation and (vii) all associated site works at 15 Waterside, Waterford City, X91 TD29.

- **The Glen/Anne Street, Waterford - Commencement of Process**

The proposed development will consist of: (a) 17 no. residential apartment units comprising of; (i) 12 no. 1-bed apartments, (ii) 5 no. 2-bed apartments, (b) Refurbishment of 6, 7 & 8 Anne Street to provide 3 No. 1 Bed Apartments and 3 No. 2 Bed Duplex Apartments, (c) Supporting development

works including (i) temporary construction signage, (ii) demolition of existing buildings on site, (iii) bicycle parking, and amenity areas, (iv) boundary treatments, (v) landscaping, (vi) ancillary accommodation and (vii) all associated site works at The Glen/Bridge Street & 6,7 & 8 Anne Street, Waterford.

- 70, 71 O'Connell Street, Waterford - Commencement of Process

1 no. Retail/Commercial Unit to Ground Floor of No.71 O'Connell Street and an extension to rear of No. 70 O'Connell Street to provide a total of 5 no. Residential units, consisting of 3 no. 1 -bed studio apartments and 2 no. 2- bed apartments. Proposals include supporting development works such as (i) Bicycle Parking and amenity areas (ii) temporary construction signage, (iii) boundary treatments, (iv) landscaping, (v) ancillary accommodation and (vi) all associated site works at 70/71 O'Connell Street, Waterford.

## **6. General Municipal Allocations 2025**

Mayor Kelly outlined GMA document was issued to members in advance of meeting.

Cllr. Bailey enquired when groups will receive fund.

Cllr. Daniels advised his item on GMA is for Grange Heights handrail.

Mayor Kelly suggested Cllr Daniel take query offline with M. Murphy Active Travel.

## **5. Correspondence**

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

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

**Mayor of Metropolitan District**