

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 15th April 2019 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Joe Kelly Mayor
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan
Cllr. Breda Brennan
Cllr. Sharon Carey
Cllr. John Cummins
Cllr. Davy Daniels
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan
Cllr. Seán Reinhardt

Apologies: Cllr. John Hearne, Cllr. Eddie Mulligan

Officials in attendance:

Mr. F. Galvin, District Manager
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO Economic Development
Mr. J Sullivan, SEO Housing
Ms. B. Stosic, A/SEE, Roads
Mr. C. O'Neill, SEE, Roads
Mr. J. O'Mahony, SP, Planning

Vote of Sympathies:

Votes of sympathies were expressed to the families of:

Geraldine Rowe, Brendan Byrne and Charles Fitzsimons

Vote of Congratulations:

Votes of congratulations were expressed to:

- St. Angela's Camogie Team on winning the All Ireland Senior A camogie title
- Waterford Hockey Club on winning the Irish Hockey Final
- The organising committee of the 24/7 cardiac care march in Dublin

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 19th March 2019 were proposed by Cllr. O' Neill, seconded by Cllr. Reinhardt and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. O'Neill requested an update on the Ballinamona Road safety concerns. Cllr. Daniels requested an update on flooding at houses in Ballygunner following heavy rain fall where the gullies are not adequate; on the junction at Maypark Lane/The Moorings, playground equipment in the Peoples Park and CCTV for the Peoples Park. Cllr. Brennan requested an update on the installation of dedicated spaces for older drivers in the city centre.

In reply, C. O'Neill, SEE, Roads expects to have equipment shortly to monitor speed on the Ballinamona Road to Couse Roundabout, is examining options around traffic flow at Maypark Lane/The Moorings, and will follow up on gully issues at Ballygunner. F. Galvin, District Manager confirmed that playground equipment in the Peoples Park is being upgraded and there are presently no proposals to install CCTV cameras in the Peoples Park, in relation age friendly parking signage and locations are being examined.

Cllr. Cummins noted receipt of the planning submission to the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy and asked for an update on trees at Belvedere Manor and Tir Connell Avenue. Cllr. Fitzgerald asked about the number of electricians employed by the Council and the costs of hired electrical contractors and certification of contractors.

In reply, F. Galvin, District Manager advised that he is awaiting the results of a nesting survey prior to any further tree pruning. J Sullivan, SEO Housing advised that the electrical certification issue has been resolved, he will revert on costs of electrical contractors and the Council have one electrician.

In reply to a supplementary question from Cllr. O'Neill regarding paying individuals for work on their property it was noted this only applied in grant cases.

3. Planning

- a) Planning Lists, it was noted that the lists were circulated by email.
- b) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 –Proposed new footpath, public lighting & pedestrian crossing at Knockanduff Road L4059, Tramore, Co. Waterford – Commencement of process

C. O'Neill, SEE, Roads gave an overview of the proposals and dealt with questions relating to pedestrian lights, the removal of a ditch, and cutting of trees. It was noted that proposals will come back to Council following public consultation.

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked that a lay-by be considered for the ring road as it could help with school traffic to Ard Scoil na Mara.

4. Reports

Cllr. Murphy asked about the number of litter fines issued in 2018, the buoy or mine at Adelphi Quay, the possibility of getting a Bus Eireann presentation later in the year on feedback of the recent routes changes. He also felt that the Council could do more regarding dog fouling by running campaigns, requested traffic calming at Ballytruckle and also requested that Johns Lane be resurfaced as it leads on to The Apple Market.

Cllr. Quinlan requested an update on bollards for Colbeck Street and bollards, the proposed Greenway route along Mary Street and O' Connell Street and requested that Bus Eireann should run buses from Tramore which are compatible with train times, he also raised an issue about the lack of street lights at Newtown Hill / Newtown Glen, asked about the progress of the new Council depot in Tramore and staff safety in City Hall as people can enter the building via the Theatre Royal entrance.

Cllr. Brennan complimented environment staff on grass verges on the outer ring road, and raised the issue of debris on the cycle paths following road sweeping by contractors, enquired about the number of NAMA properties on the vacant sites register and requested an update on the former Waterford Crystal site in Kilbarry

In reply, F. Galvin, DM outlined the position relating to litter fines with in excess of 200 issued in 2018 and will follow up regarding the Adelphi Quay buoy, he agreed to contact Bus Eireann about a further presentation later in the year. In relation to dog fouling the Council have recently launched a Green Dog Walker campaign and will follow up with an enforcement campaign. He agreed to look into traffic calming for Ballytruckle, to consider Johns Lane for the 2020 roads programme and to consider the question of a pedestrian / cycle crossing at the Dominican church. Public lighting at Newtown Hill / Newtown Glen will be considered but the budget for this work is extremely tight and the depot in Tramore is currently out to tender. The issue of people accessing City hall through the Theatre Royal will be referred to Corporate.

B. Stosic, A/SEE, Roads advised that the bollards in Colbeck St will be installed as soon as possible. J. O'Mahony, SP, Planning will revert on NAMA properties on vacant sites register and on the Crystal site.

Cllr. Daniels enquired about the progress on LED lighting. In reply, F. Galvin, District Manager advised of potential costs and stated that it will be done by way of a regional contract with work expected to commence in early 2020. Cllr. Cummins requested an update on the bike scheme and sought clarification on the Kilbarry framework plan, raised concerns regarding throughways in estates and sought an update on the Doyle St scheme. Cllr. Hannigan raised an issue regarding speeding at Ballycashin Roundabout, traffic calming at Riverstown Tramore and yellow lining at Roselawn. Cllr. Griffin requested an update on Riverstown graveyard, issues with downpipes in Thomas St. discharging rainwater unto the footpaths, funding for the Council depot in Tramore and questioned the material contravention to the Tramore Local Area Plan 2014-2020 Planning permission for a single storey dwelling house and entrance at Riverstown Road, Tramore, Co. Waterford.

In reply, In reply, F. Galvin, District Manager he expects a rollout of the Regional Cities Bike Hire Scheme late in 2019 and that he will revert on the existing cycle facilities. In relation to Riverstown graveyard, the consultant's report has been completed and plans for the implementation of the recommendations are being considered. The rain water down pipes from private properties will be investigated but are a matter for the owners of the property. C. O'Neill, SEE, Roads agreed to survey speeds at Ballycashin and provided details of funding for Tramore depot. B. Stosic, A/SEE, Roads advised that the lining will be done in Tramore shortly. J. O'Mahony, SP, Planning clarified that Kilbarry framework plan is pre-draft at present and nearing completion and there will be consultation, throughways are in accordance with national planning policy, he noted comments on the material contravention. J Sullivan, SEO Housing advised that site investigation is being carried out at Doyle St. and will revert on date of going to tender, also advised members that in relation to Clarendon Court attempts for agreement are ongoing.

Cllr. Reinhardt raised an issue about sewerage problems at Ozier Park apartments in Poleberry and asked whether there was a regulated distance between speed limit signs. Cllr. O'Neill noted that public lighting on the Cork Road near the RSC is out of action, requested that Johns Lane receive attention and that derelict properties on Johns Lane should be looked and enquired about the difference between the Kilbarry framework plan and the Kilbarry Action plan. Cllr. Fitzgerald thanked Council for removing the tree in Cheekpoint, requested new a stop sign on Lower Rd. Dunmore East as the existing one is faded; he raised an issue of the brook in Brookside causing issues in wet weather, requested speed ramps at St Marys Ballygunner and Knockboy Village and sought starting date for hedge cutting.

In reply, F. Galvin, District Manager advised that the apartment owners are responsible for maintenance of the sewerage systems, there are no requirements as regard to spacing of speed limit signs in built up areas as the default limit is 50kph, will follow up on light outages. C. O'Neill, SEE, Roads advised Johns Lane will be likely to be in the 2020 roads programme, he will replace sign at Low Rd, the brook issue is on private property and he will follow up requests for speed ramps at St Marys Ballygunner and Knockboy Village, hedge cutting will commence after the June bank holiday. J. O'Mahony, SP, Planning asked that addresses in John's Lane be forwarded to planning so that they can be followed up under derelict site.

5. Waterford Metropolitan District Council Control of Parking Bye – Laws 2019

F. Galvin, District Manager outlined the purpose of the Waterford Metropolitan District Council Control of Parking Bye – Laws 2019 noting that these bye-laws provide for the removal of "disc parking" which no longer operates in the district and has been replaced by pay and display parking, the introduction of time limits on disabled persons parking as specified on information plates and restrictions on Motor homes, Motor Caravans and Camper Vans parking on the Promenade, Tramore, Co. Waterford.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. O Sullivan and agreed that the Waterford Metropolitan District Council Control of Parking Bye – Laws 2019 be adopted.

Cllr Griffin raised an issue between tickets in the City and Dungarvan

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Notice of Motions

There was no notice of motions

8. AOB

It was proposed by Cllr. O Sullivan seconded by Cllr. Reinhardt and agreed that the May Metropolitan meeting on the 20th May should commence at 3pm.

Cllr. O Neill reminded Councillors that he had tickets for the Mayors Ball.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____