

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

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 18th February 2019 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Joe Kelly Mayor
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan
Cllr. Breda Brennan
Cllr. Sharon Carey
Cllr. Joe Conway
Cllr. John Cummins
Cllr. Davy Daniels
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. John Hearne
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. Seán Reinhardt
Cllr. Matt Shanahan
Cllr. Adam Gary Wyse

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
Ms. M. Fitzsimons, CO, Economic Development

Vote of Sympathies:

Votes of sympathies were expressed to the families of:

Sarah Moore, Breda Ryan, Eileen Hunt (nee Forristal), Ray Butler

Vote of Congratulations:

Votes of congratulations were expressed to:

Mount Sion Choir and their teacher Collette Kearney on being positive ambassadors for Waterford.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 21st January 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Daniels asked for an update on the introduction of a weight restriction for traffic on South Parade. Cllr. Mulligan asked for an update on maintenance works at the Rescue 111 monument, on the introduction of a weekly parking ticket, on signs on approach roads into the city and on the Strategic Roads Review. Cllr. Cummins asked for an update on the Ryan's pub site and on LIHAF schemes. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that it was planned to introduce a 3.5 tonne weight restriction in the South Parade area; he outlined that maintenance works for the Rescue 111 monument in Tramore are in hand and that a signage audit around the city is on-going. He stated that there were technical difficulties with the current system for the issuing of weekly parking tickets by parking machines but agreed to consider as systems were upgraded. He also stated that the NTA were planning to undertake a traffic study and review. J. Sullivan, SEO updated that the purchaser of Ryan's pub site has been in contact with the Housing Department. J. O'Mahony, SP updated on the Kilbarry and Gracedieu LIHAF schemes.

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired about a public meeting on the proposal for the Estuary and the jet patcher calendar. Cllr. Carey asked about a pedestrian crossing at Faithlegg National School and public meeting with regard to Estuary Development. B. Duggan, SEO confirmed that the applications for ORIS funding were made by local groups who consulted locally regarding applications. F. Galvin, District Manager agreed to circulate the jet patcher calendar once it has been finalised and confirmed that the footpath at Faithlegg NS is included in the current footpath contract.

3. Planning

a) Planning Lists, it was noted that the lists were circulated by email.

b) Material Contravention of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011 – 2017 Ref. No. 18/632

c)

J. O'Mahony, SP outlined the nature of a proposal which would contravene materially the zoning objective of the Waterford County Development Plan 2011 – 2017. He set out the Council's intention to consider granting planning permission under Planning Reference (18/632) to carry out internal alterations and a change of use from an existing chandlery and fish shop to retain the existing fish shop and include a fish cookery school, delicatessen / takeaway and cafe incorporating a temporary mobile fully registered EHO approved kitchen, car parking to rear yard and all ancillary site works at The Harbour, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford. The applicant being Elaine Power. He also confirmed that during the submission period, no submissions/ observations were received. Following discussion, Material Contravention was proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald. Following a vote, 16 members voted to materially contravene the Plan, Cllr Conway abstained and Cllr Wyse was not in chamber; therefore it was voted to materially contrive the development plan and grant permission if the development subject to:

- Omission of Condition 4, and the amendment of Condition 1 as follows:
 - Condition No1 a) –The Temporary EHO Kitchen shall only be retained in use on site until such time as the main kitchen shown on Floor Plans submitted with this application, is fully functional or 6 months from the date of this permission, whichever is sooner. Thereafter the Temporary EHO Kitchen shall be removed permanently from the site.

4. Reports

Cllr. Murphy asked about the Community Enhancement Programme for the Larchville area saying that grants should be targeted to areas where they are most needed and which will achieve the best results; he also asked about agreed repair times for public lighting and highlighted an outage on the Cork Road. Cllr. Daniels asked about inputting to planning applications which go directly to An Bord Pleanála; he enquired about tree stump removal and asked for an update on the invite to Michael Doherty to meet with the Council; he asked for clarification on progress of WIT's bid for university status for Waterford. Cllr. Cummins asked for an update on the CPO for Clarendon Court and on infill housing at Ardmore Park, Priory Lawn and Larchville.

F. Galvin, District Manager outlined that the Council's contractor was working to repair the public lighting fault on the Cork Road and that the problems were due to an aging network; he noted that the approval of Community Enhancement Programme grants is a reserved function for the Council to decide on and he confirmed that a contractor has been appointed to remove tree stumps. J. Sullivan, SEO confirmed that the CPO for Clarendon Court will be re-advertised in the near future. J. O'Mahony, SP updated on the rigorous process which Strategic Housing Developments are put through and said that individuals can make representations to An Bord Pleanála. B. Duggan, SEO confirmed that a response from Michael Doherty to an invite to attend a Council meeting is awaited and that WIT will attend the March Plenary meeting.

Cllr. O'Neill asked for an update on the New Street carpark and asked that the potential of introducing river taxis for the River Suir be examined. Cllr. O'Sullivan asked for an update on footpaths at Church Road, Knockenduff and Newtown Cove areas; she raised the issue of election posters, highlighting areas where a group decision is taken not to use election posters. Cllr. Brennan asked about tree pruning at Paddy Browne's Road and asked about the Convent Hill site, the installation of water fountains and reoccurring potholes near ramps. F. Galvin, District Manager confirmed that the New Street carpark is not in the ownership of Waterford Council, he set out that he would be happy to engage with a private investor regarding water taxis; he updated on the LED public lighting retrofit programme and informed on how to report outages directly via the Deadsure App. He commented that any decision regarding the use of election posters would be a voluntarily agreed code of practice and such a decision rests with both the candidates and political parties. He agreed to follow up on the tree pruning requests and updated that water refill stations will be installed on the Greenway before the summer and also outlined details of Refill.ie - a voluntary fill-up scheme which is beginning to get traction in the county. C. O'Neill, SEE agreed to follow up on the footpath at Church Road and set out plans for Knockenduff; he replied that there is no current funding in place for footpaths at Newtown Cove; he agreed to monitor the reoccurring potholes by ramps. J. Sullivan, SEO said he had no further update on the Convent Hill site.

Cllr. Quinlan asked that the area outside the Dominican church be examined for suitability for a safety railing; he sought an update on bollards at Colbeck Street, on loose horses on Council land at Carrickphierish and a sinkhole at Tramore; he asked that the roundabout at the racecourse at Tramore be built up and that the process for rent hardship applications be re-examined. Cllr. Fitzgerald highlighted a case relating to a home improvement grant asking for it to be looked at; he reported a tree which needs attention at Cheekpoint and a flooding issue at 23 St. Catherine's Grange. F. Galvin, District Manager agreed to examine the request for a railing at Bridge Street and stated that replacement bollards will be installed at Colbeck Street; he stated that the Council will monitor and deal with reports of loose horses on Council land; he asked for further detail regarding the location of a sinkhole at Tramore to establish whose responsibility it is; he agreed to check the gullies in St. Catherine's Grange area and to follow up on the request relating to the Racecourse roundabout in Tramore. J. Sullivan asked that details of the home improvement grant be forwarded to him for follow up and set out that the process for hardship cases will be forwarded to the Housing SPC for follow up.

Cllr. Mulligan said that a meeting on the action plans for the Estuary is required; he asked that the Thomas Francis Meagher monument be replanted prior to the anniversary date of 7th March 2019; he asked about repainting of light poles in the George's Quay area and the issuing of fines relating to dog

fouling; he also sought an update following the housing summit. Cllr. Hannigan asked about an allotment site for Tramore and highlighted a flooding issue at St. Declan's graveyard in Tramore; he also asked for an update on the Queen of Peace nursing home site. Cllr. Griffin supported the request relating to an allotment site and graveyard in Tramore; he asked for a briefing on Winterval 2018; he asked about the management of construction traffic when the Walsh Park works commence; he sought an update on the management of noise nuisance in the city centre and on succession rights for housing tenants.

J. Sullivan, SEO agreed to raise the issue of Convent Hill again. B. Duggan, SEO confirmed that local consultations took place among groups forwarding applications for funding; he agreed to follow up on the request relating to an allotment in Tramore. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that it was planned to carry out painting work at George's Quay shortly, he gave details on the dog foul fines issued and spoke about the difficulty in identifying dog owners in cases of dog fouling and outlined the patrols that take place to discourage such behaviour. He stated that a report on water ponding at St. Declan's graveyard had been commissioned and due to be completed very shortly. He stated that it was proposed to discuss amendments to the Parks and Open Spaces bye-laws at the SPC to deal with noise nuisance issues. J. O'Mahony, SP updated on the Queen of Peace site and agreed to follow up; he also agreed to review the conditions attached to the Walsh Park development site regarding traffic management. B. Duggan, SEO agreed to report on Winterval 2018 prior to the next meeting.

Cllr. Hearne reported an issue with cars cutting the corner short at Cleaboy and asked about signage installation at the Manor St. John centre; he raised an issue regarding rubbish being burnt on the green at Lisduggan and asked that the Council use exclusion orders in cases where families consistently cause disruption in estates. Cllr. Conway proposed that action is urgently needed at the Orchardstown Cross; he asked that the Riverstown Depot be cleaned up and asked that an old caravan park in Tramore be monitored for dereliction. He also said that the incidence of gum litter is increasing. He outlined a HAP case with Kilkenny County Council and asked about the cost incurred when towing away abandoned cars; he also asked about the relighting of the Marian Park grotto. Cllr. Wyse asked about a traffic management plans for the Ballygunner area with up-coming developments; he asked that the issuing of sports grants be re-examined in the case of the Williamstown Sports Complex which he stated was not granted as the lease with the Council has not been signed.

B. Stosic, A/SEE outlined the installation of flexible bollards planned for the Cleaboy area and confirmed the area will be re-lined. F. Galvin, District Manager said that the occupiers of Manor St. John should apply to erect signage for the facility; he asked that details relating to serial dumping in Lisduggan be forwarded for follow up; he updated on plans to close the depot on Riverstown Relief Road and for the repair of the wind turbine; he set out the educational programme and gum removal machine used to combat gum litter and the costs involved in the removal of abandoned vehicles; he also confirmed that the relighting of the grotto in Tramore is in hand. J. O'Mahony, SP agreed to follow up on the issue of a derelict caravan site in Tramore and confirmed the requirement for traffic management plans to be in place for developments in the Ballygunner area. J. Sullivan, SEO set out that the ASB Unit targets serious offenders; he will refer the request for HAP rebate to Kilkenny County Council and will raise the request relating to the Williamstown Sports Complex with the director. C. O'Neill, SEE set out that an application for a Specific Improvement Grant will be made for the Orchardstown Cross later this year.

Cllr. Shanahan asked about footpaths at St. Anne's Tennis Club and traffic calming in the Ballinamona area, he set out the need for customer engagement training and asked about an art sculpture for the roundabout at Plunkett Station; he complimented on the 24/7 signage at the Ard Rí site. Cllr. Carey asked about accessible toilet facilities at Dunmore East, seats and bins at Woodstown carpark and lighting on the east pier at Passage East. Cllr. Reinhardt asked about a Low Cost Safety scheme for Cluain a Laoi, supported the call for agreement on the use of posters at election time and for the re-examination of rent calculations in respect of FIS.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed that the standing orders be extended by 20 minutes to allow for the completion of the business of the meeting.

C. O'Neill, SEE confirmed works planned for the footpaths at St. Anne's Tennis Club, agreed to survey traffic at the Ballinamona/Ballindud area; he outlined that funding is needed for seating at Woodstown and agreed to follow up on lighting at the East Pier in Passage East. F. Galvin, District Manager set out that there is no budget currently available for the installation of accessible toilet facilities in Dunmore East; he said the installation of a sculptural piece at the Plunkett Station roundabout may be considered in the context of the North Quays project. B. Duggan, SEO noted the requirement for customer training. J. Sullivan, SEO confirmed that FIS payments and rent calculations will be under consideration at the SPC level.

**5. a) Amendments to the Waterford Metropolitan District Appointed Stands Bye-Laws
b) Amendments to Waterford Metropolitan District Control of Parking Bye-Laws –
Commencement of the Process**

F. Galvin, District Manager presented a set of proposed amendments to the Bye-laws which were aimed at removing redundant taxi ranks, improving traffic flow and road safety in the City centre. Following discussion on consultation and future public realm plans, the commencement of the process was proposed by Cllr. Cummins, seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed

6. Road Works Programme 2019

It was noted that the draft Road Works Programme for the Metropolitan District had been presented and discussed at a workshop on February 15th.

The Road Works Programme for 2019 as presented by C. O'Neill, SEE was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Cummins and agreed

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Notice of Motions

The Notice of Motions was deferred to the next meeting.

9. AOB

Mayor Kelly highlighted that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th March 2019 due to the 18th March being a bank holiday. He enquired of the members whether they wished to proceed with the meeting of the 20th May given the closeness of the election at that time; it was agreed to proceed with the meeting as scheduled.

Cllr. Conway enquired whether planning was required for the conversion of a hotel into a direct provision centre. J. O'Mahony, SP confirmed that there is a specific exemption for direct provision centres.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____