

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

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 @ 5.00pm**

**Present:**

Cllr. Joe Kelly Mayor
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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Blaise Hannigan

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr. F. Galvin, District Manager  
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO Economic Development  
Mr. J. Sullivan, SEO Housing  
Mr. A. O'Shea, EE, Roads  
Mr. J. O'Mahony, SP, Planning  
Ms. M. Fitzsimons, CO, Economic Development

<b>Vote of Sympathies:</b>
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Votes of sympathies were expressed to the families of:

Mary Grimes, Alice Doody, Michael Wright, Bernadette Cullinane, Billy Gaffney and  
Kieran Hayes

<b>Vote of Congratulations:</b>
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Votes of congratulations were expressed to:

- The organisers of the March 24/7 which was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019

- Niamh Coleman on her proud achievement on being one of fifteen students who were selected in a nationwide competition to deliver TED-Ed Club presentations at the Mansion House on Tuesday, January 22, as part of the Houses of the Oireachtas programme commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First Dáil.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Mayor Kelly welcomed Cllr. Shanahan to his first Metropolitan Council meeting.

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 were proposed by Cllr. O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Reinhardt and agreed.

Minutes from the Special Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. O’Sullivan and agreed.

## **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. Daniels asked for an update on traffic surveys in the South Parade area and raised an issue regarding the accessibility of the new Bus Eireann buses. Cllr. O’Neill asked about the arrangement of a study trip around the city centre. Cllr. Conway asked for an update on the progress of Motion 37. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that a further traffic survey would be carried out during January in South Parade following which the data would be analysed prior to any proposed changes; he agreed to forward relevant contact details for Bus Eireann regarding any difficulties experienced. In relation to traffic issues at Summerhill, Tramore, he stated that traffic counts on the junctions were being taken that would inform the design of any junction alterations. It was also agreed to arrange the study trip prior to the February meeting.

Cllr. Mulligan enquired whether any update was available regarding a traffic study of the city area and raised safety concerns about the bollards in The Apple Market area. Cllr. Griffin asked that the pedestrian crossing in Ballybricken be re-lined and signage installed to slow traffic in the area. F. Galvin, District Manager agreed to re-examine the issue regarding the rising bollards in The Apple Market area and set out that he is awaiting a meeting with the NTA regarding a traffic study of the city; he will follow up on the re-lining request.

Cllr. Murphy raised a query about pedestrian crossing at traffic lights. F. Galvin, District Manager confirmed that the lights in question respond to demand only. Cllr. Shanahan raised an issue concerning the visibility of the pedestrian crossing by the roundabout at UHW.

## **3. Planning**

- a) Planning Lists, it was noted that the list was circulated by email
- b) Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 - Lower Branch Road, Tramore, Co. Waterford. Details of the proposed construction of a new traffic calming scheme involving two pedestrian crossings and a footpath build-out on the Lower Branch Road were outlined by A. O’Shea, EE. Following discussion on traffic management and parking the Completion of the Process was proposed by Cllr. Conway, seconded by Cllr. O’Sullivan and agreed.

c). Part 8 – SDZ Access & Public Road Infrastructure and Rock Face Stabilisation & Railway Protection Works. Details of the statutory process as required by the Part VIII process were outlined by Paul Daly of ROD.

It was recommended that the proposed SDZ Access & Public Road Infrastructure Part 8 should proceed in accordance with the circulated C.E. report. Completion of Process in accordance with the C.E. report was proposed by Cllr. Hearne, seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed.

Details of the Rock Face Stabilisation & Railway Protection Works required by the Part VIII process were confirmed in the circulated C.E. report. The Completion of the Process in accordance with that report was proposed by Cllr. O’Neill, seconded by Cllr. Mulligan and agreed.

#### **4. Reports**

Cllr. Daniels asked for an update on bollards in Alphonsus Road; he suggested that the Council should write to M. Doherty of Woodbrook Group to invite him to a meet with the Council; he congratulated all involved with the recent IBAL award to Waterford as Ireland’s Cleanest City and he asked about the replacement of temporary fencing at Kilcarragh Cross with a wall. Cllr. Mulligan also noted Waterford’s rise on the league table of the IBAL awards, he raised an issue regarding Cooltegin junction and outlined that a Tidy Towns committee is being established in the city centre which would need support from all; he noted that the New Street Carpark has closed and asked if the Council would consider issuing a weekly parking ticket; he asked about the Action Plan for the Estuary and asked for a presentation to Council on plans for the Summer in the City programme 2019. Cllr. Brennan pointed out that repair time on street lights is very slow, she asked if the Council would provide skips in an attempt to reduce fly-tipping; she also asked for figures on homeless services and HAP.

F. Galvin, District Manager agreed to consider the situation at Alphonsus Road, he acknowledged the significant improvement in standing on the IBAL league table and welcomed the introduction of a city centre based Tidy Towns committee; he also agreed to follow up on the request for a weekly parking ticket at Council carparks. He stated that the Cooltegin junction was one of the priority projects under the 2019 Low Cost Safety Scheme and advised that negotiations were on-going with the landowner. He confirmed that the contract for the changing to LED lights will commence by early 2020 and that there is a service agreement in place regarding repair timelines. He also stated that the skips would not be provided. J. Sullivan, SEO will revert with figures relating to homeless applications and HAP. B. Duggan, SEO agreed to arrange for a presentation to Council on plans for the Summer in the City programme 2019. Cllr. Carey endorsed the comments relating to Cooltegin junction, she enquired about possibility of installing driver feedback signs at Faithlegg national school; she raised a query about plans for social housing in the Cheekpoint and Passage East area and about the possibility of a public information meeting regarding outdoor recreation funding. Cllr. Wyse raised the issue of anti social behaviour at Williamstown Sports Centre and asked for follow up. Cllr. Griffin complimented all who took part in the 24/7 march on Sat 19<sup>th</sup>; he asked for an update on dealing with the flooding issue at St. Declan’s Cemetery Tramore and asked about lighting at Ballycarnane Woods; he highlighted groups having issues accessing the Choice Based Letting scheme; he requested a report on Winterval 2018 and raised an issue with development charges imposed by Irish Water.

F. Galvin, District Manager noted the query regarding the sign at Faithlegg, stated that a geo-survey was underway at the cemetery to ascertain the cause of the flooding, he agreed to revert with plans for lighting and footpath at Ballycarnane and stated that while the Council had

engaged with both the developers and Irish Water on connection charges, that this matter was entirely outside of the Council's control. B. Duggan, SEO agreed to follow up on Outdoor Recreation funding and he agreed to forward the issue regarding the Williamstown Sports Centre to the relevant department. J. Sullivan, SEO outlined that there are no direct build proposals for social housing in Passage East and Cheekpoint. B. Duggan agreed to revert regarding Winterval 2018 following a review meeting with the committee. Cllr. O'Neill welcomed the introduction of energy efficient lighting and asked that the opportunity be taken to add feature lighting to the Plaza area; he complimented the residents of Ballybeg which was noted as the best performing inner city area in the recent IBAL results, he noted that the Ryan's Pub derelict site let the area down. He also enquired about the Weatherspoons and T&H Doolin sites. Cllr. Conway requested updates on enforcement at the Grand Hotel, Public Realm in Tramore and asked about ownership of light poles in Pebble Beach with a view to fitting a defibrillator; he asked if unfinished houses could be CPO'd and about plans for the Railway Station in Tramore; he reported that lights at the Holy Cross school are out of synch and asked if the grotto in Tramore could be relit; he enquired if CCTV could be employed at Glen Road to curb extensive dumping and raised an issue with Irish Water. Cllr. Reinhardt raised an issue relating to Housing Maintenance and asked about those in arrears accessing housing maintenance.

F. Galvin, District Manager agreed to examine the request regarding feature lighting for the Plaza; he updated on ownership at Pebble Beach, agreed to check the traffic lights at the Holy Cross and will examine the request to light the grotto in Tramore; he said the enforcement team will investigate dumping at the Glen Road area. J. O'Mahony, SP updated on Weatherspoons and T&H Doolins pubs, he stated that a meeting had taken place between the owners of the Grand Hotel and the C.E. and noted that no planning application has been received for the Ryan's Pub site to date.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Brennan and agreed that the meeting be extended by 30 minutes to allow for the completion of business.

B. Duggan, SEO agreed to keep Councillors updated on Public Realm Works for Tramore and advised on the current position regarding the Railway Station in Tramore. J. O'Mahony, SP updated on Moonvoy Court setting out that the Council has been instructed not to carry out any works due to a High Court case. J. Sullivan, SEO set out that the housing maintenance issue with health and safety compliance is being resolved.

Cllr. Murphy asked about the installation of Age Friendly parking, affirmation messages at the bridge and a dog park in the city centre; he also asked about remedial works at Lisduggan and St. John's Park area, public lighting near Brook House and mortgage protection requirements for those on the Shared Ownership scheme. Cllr. Hearne asked about the installation of water fountain in the city and along the Greenway and about upcoming planting projects. Cllr. Fitzgerald offered his support on the provision of a public meeting on Estuary development; he asked about the payment of a connection fee to connect a light in Faithlegg and asked that the calendar be circulated to councillors for the jet patcher programme; he also asked how priority listings on the housing list and choice based lettings are made.

F. Galvin, District Manager stated that the SPC would be considering proposals in relating to the Dublin Declaration and Age Friendly parking, he outlined feedback received on the installation of dog parks and stated that suicide awareness signs will be installed shortly. He agreed to follow up on the public lighting at Brookhouse and also the connection of the light at Faithlegg. He stated that a project to install water fountains on the Greenway would be undertaken this year; he will contact the Horticultural Officer regarding planting schemes and stated that the calendar for the jet patcher will be circulated when available J. Sullivan, SEO updated on the mortgage protection scheme and outlined that planned maintenance is the method of repair works rather

than remedial works schemes; he also set out how allocations are prioritised on the CBL scheme and will circulate details of how current average times are calculated.

Cllr. Quinlan raised the issue of loose horses in Carrickphierish, bollards on Colbeck Street and asked if income rates could be re-examined in the case of FIS income supplement; he noted attendance at trade shows to promote tourism and asked that modern mediums be engaged with. Cllr. Shanahan congratulated the Mayor on his role in the 24/7 march; he asked about use of CCTV camera evidence when prosecutions are taken by the Council in relation to dumping. Cllr. Cummins asked for long term solutions to Ryan's Pub site, vacant properties and dumping issues. He outlined that should the pub site become available to the Council that the Minister would fund a scheme for Older Persons on that site; he asked that the Housing Department engage with the minister on this. He asked about LIHAF in Kilbarry and Gracedieu and set out that a workshop on the Roads Programme is required in advance of it being raised for decisions.

B. Duggan, SEO outlined that the success of representation at trade shows is monitored and, where appropriate, the tourism office engages with all manner of modern medium. F. Galvin, District Manager stated the re-instatement of bollards at Colbeck Street is to be done and confirmed that the Council will take evidence where supplied and investigate issues of dumping. He agreed to arrange a Roadworks Workshop as requested and he advised that the removal/pruning of trees at the Tower Hotel and at the T.F. Meagher monument would commence shortly. He will follow up regarding loose horses on Council lands. J. O'Mahony, SP provided an update on LIHAF setting out that the tendering process is now complete. J. Sullivan, SEO agreed to follow up regarding the Ryan's Pub site and will revert regarding the FIS income enquiry.

## **6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

## **7. Notice of Motions**

The Notice of Motion was deferred to the next meeting.

## **9. AOB**

There was no AOB.

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

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