

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

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 19<sup>th</sup> March 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. Seán Reinhardt
Cllr. Matt Shanahan

**Apologies:** Cllr. Adam Wyse

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr. F. Galvin, District Manager  
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO Economic Development  
Ms. O. O'Reilly, AO 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:

Mrs. Marks, Dessie Larkin, Josie O'Regan, Jackie Fahey, Eddie Collins, Michael Cheevers

It was proposed and agreed by all to send a letter of sympathy to the Mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand following the recent tragedy.

**Vote of Congratulations:**

Votes of congratulations were expressed to:

- Gaultier Camogie Club on their participation in the All Ireland Finals
- The organisation committee of the City St. Patrick's Day parade

- The organisation committee of the Tramore St. Patrick's Day parade

Cllr. Mulligan proposed that letters of congratulations and sympathies be signed by the Mayor rather than the Meetings Administrator. Following discussion and a show of hands, 6 councillors voted in favour, 9 councillors voted against and 1 abstained; it was agreed to refer the matter to the Procedures Committee for follow up.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald and agreed.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. Daniels requested a copy of the CE report for The Paddocks prior to it being sent to An Bord Pleanála. Cllr. Mulligan asked about a weekly parking ticket and complimented works at Georges Quay. Cllr. Fitzgerald asked for an update on a dangerous tree at Cheekpoint. J. O'Mahony, SP agreed to make the CE report available to Councillors as requested. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that there were some technical difficulties with the current system in issuing weekly tickets but that he would look into this matter. C. O'Neill, SEE confirmed that quotes have been received for the removal of the tree at Cheekpoint. Cllr. Griffin acknowledged receipt of the Winterval report and asked that the committee give a presentation to Council prior to Winterval 2019. Cllr. Hannigan asked for an update on the Queen of Peace site.

B. Duggan, SEO confirmed that the Winterval committee will present to Council prior to the festival commencing. J. O'Mahony, SP updated on the Queen of Peace site saying that due diligence is ongoing. Cllr. Murphy asked about the use of temporary barriers in The Apple Market. Cllr. Conway asked if the Marian grotto has been lit. Cllr. Shanahan raised a concern about the placement of the Waterford Integrated Homeless Services Centre at Parnell Street and enquired as to whether exclusion zones could be implemented.

F. Galvin, District Manager set out that the automatic bollard in The Apple Market area is out of operation at the moment which has led to the use of temporary barriers; he confirmed that works at the Marian grotto were scheduled. O. O'Reilly, AO set out that a joint statement will be issued in relation to the Integrated Homeless Services Centre which she will circulate to councillors.

### **3. Planning**

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

### **4. Reports**

Cllr. O'Neill asked that the Ballinamona Road to Couse Roundabout area be examined with respect to road safety issues. Cllr. Mulligan asked about traffic management in the city centre; he asked about the removal of 30kmph signs in housing estates and when tenders will be ready for schemes at Slievekeale and Larchville. Cllr. Murphy asked about planned maintenance for social housing; he asked about a signage audit of streets in Waterford.

F. Galvin, District Manager confirmed that a speed survey will be required on the Ballinamona Road to establish whether there are issues, he stated that the NTA had agreed to fund a traffic management review; he asked that areas where signage has been removed or is missing are forwarded for follow up. O. O'Reilly, AO agreed to circulate the details of planned maintenance and will revert on details relating to Larchville and Slievekeale Road.

Cllr. Cummins asked about estates taken in charge and lighting issues where the area is not yet listed on the DeadSure app; he asked about a workshop for the Glen development and for the circulation of the planning submission to the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy; he also asked for an update on

trees at Belvedere Manor, Tir Connell Avenue. Cllr. O'Sullivan asked about the footpath at Quarry Road and highlighted rubbish dumped at Bog Road; she complimented the planting of daffodils and trees. Cllr. Fitzgerald asked about the electrical certification of Local Authority stock and raised a flooding issue at Brookside; he asked for an update the consultant's report on drainage issues in Lower Dunmore East and on the light at Faithlegg church. J. O'Mahony, SP agreed to check the status of whether the lighting at Foxwood has been taken in charge and will revert re same. F. Galvin, District Manager stated that nesting surveys would be required prior to tree pruning at Belvedere Manor. He stated that engagement with landowners is on-going and options are being examined in relation to Low Cost Safety Schemes. C. O'Neill, SEE agreed to follow up on the Bog Road dumping and set out that there is no funding in place for works at Brookside. B. Stosic, A/SEE confirmed that the light at Faithlegg church has been connected. J. O'Mahony, SP agreed to circulate the submission to the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. O. O'Reilly, AO will revert re the Glen development and she set out that there is no issue around the electrical certification of Local Authority stock.

Cllr. Conway asked about the Ring Road at Ballycarnane, lighting at Newtown Roundabout, flooding on the Ring Road, sealant on The Prom, requested an update on the Railway Station, reported an issue with signage on Cliff Road and asked about signage on approach roads to Butlerstown School. Cllr. Brennan acknowledged the cleaning of gullies and planting of roundabouts; she asked about the Tenants' Handbook and asked for signage to be fitted to the wall in front of the campervan spaces in Millars Marsh carpark, she also asked for the installation of dedicated spaces for older drivers in the city centre.

C. O'Neill, SEE confirmed that the Part VIII process for the crossing at Ballycarnane will be brought before Council at next month's meeting, he will follow up on flooding on the Outer Ring Road and he said that funding has been sought from the OPW for repair work on The Prom, Tramore; he will follow up on signage at Cliff Road and set out that signage is in place at the Butlerstown Schools. F. Galvin, District Manager updated on the Tramore Railway Station setting out that the next stage is under consideration. He agreed to follow up on the request for campervan signage at Millars Marsh. O. O'Reilly, AO set out that the Tenants' Handbook was updated three years ago and that each tenant is given a copy.

At this point of the meeting, the Mayor proposed suspending the remainder of the Reports until after the GAA World Games presentation; this was agreed.

## **5. GAA World Games 2019 - Presentation**

The Mayor welcomed GAA representatives Pat Daly, Director of Games Research and Development and Aine Gibney, International Officer to the meeting. P. Daly gave a presentation on the upcoming World Games which will come to Waterford in July 2019 and set out that the event will be launched in April 2019. Councillors welcomed the international dimension to bringing this prestigious event to Waterford and noted it was a great opportunity to show cultural offering that Waterford has.

## **4. Reports Contd.**

Cllr. Hearne asked about traffic management and bollards at Cleaboy, he asked for an update on infill housing schemes and about filling vacancies in St. John's Park. Cllr. Hannigan suggested that the clothes recycling centre at Tramore would be ideal for a camper van site. He asked that the footpaths by Strand Leisure be examined. Cllr. Reinhardt asked about the traffic management plans at Walsh Park during matches and asked about dumping black spots and identifying those dumping rubbish at vacant houses. B. Stosic, A/SEE confirmed that bollards and re-lining will be carried out in Cleaboy. C. O'Neill, SEE will refer the suggestion re a campervan carpark for consideration, he confirmed that on match days, traffic management is a Garda issue; he asked that areas requiring street names be forwarded to him. O. O'Reilly, AO will forward updates on infill housing scheme dates and on vacancies. C. O'Neill, SEE confirmed that dumped rubbish is checked through; he will check the footpath at Strand Leisure, Tramore. J. O'Mahony, SP updated that on match days, it is a Garda/GAA function to manage traffic control, measures for this are included in plans. Cllr. Reinhardt highlighted

a parking issue in the area of the Court House on court days and asked that a letter be sent to the court service highlighting this issue. Cllr. Griffin complimented the out of hours service, expressed thanks to staff for their assistance in Carrigeen Park. He enquired whether issues at the pumping station at the pier in Tramore have been resolved; he asked for dog fouling signs in housing estates and requested that verges be trimmed at Ballybricken. He asked about the Yellow Road apartments and that a parking solution be sought for residents in the Viewmount area; he reported potholes in Hillview and requested that a stop sign be installed at Pinewood Avenue. Cllr. Daniels raised the issue of flooding at houses following heavy falls of rain where the gullies are not adequate; he highlighted that the junction at Maypark Lane/The Moorings requires attention and he asked about Councillor input into the Development Plan.

C. O'Neill updated on the Orchardstown junction; he set out that Irish Water are responsible for screening at the Pumping Station in Tramore; he will follow up on the potholes in Hillview and he took note of the comment on flooding; he set out that a solution which is appropriate for pedestrians also is being sought for the Maypark area. J. O'Mahony, SP set out the background work which feeds into the review of the Development Plan and confirmed that there will be a workshop planned prior to the plan being developed.

## 6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

## 7. Notice of Motions

Motion in the names of Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Blaise Hannigan and Cllr. Joe Kelly  
(deferred from January & February Meeting)

“Considering that it is an objective of the Council to identify structures of vernacular architecture and protect such structures in a manner that allows for the sensitive evolution of an area, this Council resolves to initiate and complete a survey on issues and costs that would attend the rehabilitation of The Foyle in Tramore.”

**Reg. No. 38 (dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2019)**

Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Cummins (deferred from the February meeting)

“That Waterford City and County Council engage with the NTA and private operators in relation to the establishment of a docked/dockless city bike scheme for Waterford City. Furthermore, we call on the Transport Department of Waterford Council to carry out a review of our existing cycle lane infrastructure to identify gaps in provision and highlight issues where they exist such as raised shores, poor surface and appropriate width; this report should be issued to this body not later than 6 weeks from the passing of this motion.”

**Reg. No. 39 (dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2019)**

Motion no. 39 was welcomed by Councillors as a scheme with merit which supports sustainable transport around the city. The proposal by Cllr. Cummins was seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan and agreed by all.

It was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Brennan and agreed to extend Standing Orders by ten minutes to complete the business of the meeting.

Motion in the names of Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Blaise Hannigan and Cllr. Joe Kelly submitted the following motion:

“This Council calls on Bus Éireann to:

- 1) Re-introduce full day services on the 360 route on the Riverstown spur
- 2) Engage with local communities with a view to extending services to An Garraun, Gleann Doire and Ard an Ghleanna
- 3) Initiate a 360 service from Tramore to Plunkett Station that will connect with the 0750h rail service to Heuston”

**Reg. No. 40 (dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019)**

Cllr. O’Sullivan proposed adding the NTA to the Motion. The amended motion was proposed by Cllr. Conway and seconded by Cllr. Kelly and agreed by all.

<b>8. AOB</b>
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Cllr. Mulligan asked for an update on the introduction of a weight restriction in the South Parade area. B. Stosic, A/SEE confirmed that the process is under way.

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

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