

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

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 21st October 2019 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Breda Brennan Mayor
Cllr. Donal Barry
Cllr. Joe Conway
Cllr. John Cummins
Cllr. Davy Daniels
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. John Hearne
Cllr. Joe Kelly
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Marc O’Cathasaigh
Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan
Cllr. Seamus Ryan
Cllr. Matt Shanahan
Cllr. Adam Gary Wyse

Apologies:

Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald

Officials in attendance:

Mr. F. Galvin, District Manager
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. L. McGree, Senior Planner
Mr. J Sullivan, SEO Housing
Mr. P. Johnston, SRE, Housing
Mr. A. Lennon, EE, Housing
Mr. M. Partridge, EA, Housing
Ms. B. Stosic, A/SEE, Roads
Ms. L. Grant, SSO, Economic
Ms. A. O’Shea, ASO

Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:
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A vote of sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Bridget Hartley.

Votes of congratulations were extended to:

- Beth Carton and Lorraine Grey on achieving an All Star in Camogie
- T Bay Surf Club, Tramore on wining the Inter-county Surf competition

- Ballygunner Senior Hurling Team on winning their 6th County Title

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 16th September, 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Quinlan and seconded by Cllr. Mulligan and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. O’Sullivan raised questions about a proposed one-way traffic layout for Lodges Lane, Tramore and a derelict building in Monvoy, Tramore. Cllr. Ryan asked about the opening of the new Gallery. Cllr. Mulligan asked could the Show Boat be included in the Derelict Sites action that is being pursued over the Grand Hotel.

3. Planning

- a) Planning Lists already circulated by email – noted
- b) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111 :
 - (i) 49 No. Social Housing Scheme at Ballygunner, Waterford City – Commencement of Process. M. Partridge, EA, Housing gave an overview of the Housing Scheme. In the discussion that followed, Cllr. Mulligan was of the opinion that the Scheme was premature, he had issues relating to access close to a busy junction and also noted that the centre of the site is zoned Community and might be better used for a school. Cllr. Daniels agreed with Cllr. Mulligan on the access issue and raised a question on the boundary fence to Kilcarragh Village. Cllr. Cummins stated that it was unacceptable to hold a Workshop on the same day as meeting and stated that all further Part 8 workshops would not be held on day of meeting. J. Sullivan, SEO, Housing noted this was only the commencement of process. Cllr. Ryan said it should be allowed to go to public to make submissions. Cllr. Shanahan said the site is ideal for a school and the area needs more amenities. Cllr. Power agreed that the site should be used for a school. Cllr. Kelly asked about the area in the centre of site zoned for Community. A. Lennon, EE, Housing stated there is scope for Community facilities in the centre of the site and that a Traffic Impact Assessment was carried out with the results indicating minimal additional traffic volumes. Cllr. O’Cathasaigh said Councillors should support the development in the context of the on-going shortage of social housing options. Cllr. Brennan proposed that the commencement of process should proceed on the condition that it be further considered by the Council at a workshop to be convened within one week of the completion of the public consultation process. This was seconded by Cllr. Hearne and put to the meeting. On a show of hands, the proposal was agreed with 9 for and 7 against.
 - (ii) 22 No. Social Housing Scheme at Ballynaneashagh, Butlerstown Road, Waterford City – Commencement of Process. M. Partridge, EA, Housing gave an overview of the Housing Scheme. Cllr. Power noted concerns regarding flooding in the area. Cllr. Cummins said an affordable housing scheme would be more suited as the area is densely populated with social housing and stated that there was a scheme available through the Department. Cllr. Murphy said more needs to be done for those who can’t afford to buy houses, don’t qualify for HAP or social housing and supported Cllr. Cummins. Cllr. Hearne stated 135 families are up for eviction every day and must be supported. Cllr. Kelly asked if the Council can change

Scheme to affordable housing. J. Sullivan, SEO stated the Scheme has been approved for funding under the Social Housing Investment Programme.

Cllr. Cummins proposed applying for approval for an Affordable Housing Scheme on this site and this was seconded by Cllr. Shanahan. The proposal was put to the meeting and on a show of hands carried, with 12 voting for and 4 against.

- (iii) 7 No. bays under the TAP scheme – each with its own 30m² Day House, with a single stand-alone Welfare Facility including WC and shower, at Carrickphierish, Waterford City – Commencement of process. M. Partridge, EA, Housing gave an overview of the Scheme which is proposed to deal with overcrowding, health and safety and fire safety concerns on the site. Cllr. Quinlan expressed disappointment that no enforcement action has taken place under Section 10 at this site. Cllr. Kelly has concerns that extra designed bays will bring more caravans onto site and is concerned about the residents of Mount Suir. Cllr. Griffin said he was reluctant to vote taking into regard no enforcement of Section 10 and the unfinished Mount Suir estate. J. Sullivan, SEO confirmed that there is a need for the 7 bays to deal with the issue of overcrowding by the extended families including children. Cllr. Cummins said there has been no action by the Executive regarding enforcement and questioned the need for 7 bays. In response, J Sullivan indicated that these families are the children of the existing families and pointed to the sustainability of accommodating single family groups at the site. He also indicated that the proposal was designed to deal with the very issues that the Members were complaining about. Cllr. Shanahan had concerns around the plans and stated that there is a need for proper accommodation. Cllr. Hearne said bays are not acceptable travellers need to be offered houses. J. Sullivan, SEO stated that the current proposal had been developed following consultation with the families involved. Cllr. Ryan said the issue of traveller accommodation has always been a sensitive issue, that we have an obligation to house travellers but caravans should not be allowed park on the side of the road. Cllr. O’Sullivan indicated that she also had a difficulty with the lack of enforcement and failure to move on Travellers. Cllr. Cummins asked for commitment from Executive that no extra caravans would be allowed on the site. J. Sullivan, SEO said that additional caravans not connected to the families would not be allowed park there. Cllr. Quinlan proposed that the Part 8 would be withdrawn and this was seconded by Cllr. Griffin. The matter was put to the meeting and on a show of hands carried with 13 voting in favour of withdrawing the Part 8, 1 voting against and 1 abstaining.
- (iv) 5 No. Group Houses under the TAP scheme, at Green Road, Waterford City. Commencement of process. M. Partridge, EA, Housing gave an overview of the Scheme. Cllr. Cummins stated that he opposed the scheme and stated that assurances had been given previously to residents of the Green Road that no further Traveller accommodation would be built on the road. Cllr. Hearne agreed stating that a commitment was given and the area has enough halting sites, residents feel they are being let down.

It was proposed by Cllr. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. Cummins to extend Standing orders by 30 minutes in order to complete the business of the meeting.

Cllr. Ryan agreed with Cllr. Cummins that he recalled that a commitment was given but stated that we have an obligation to house Travellers. Cllr. O’Cathasaigh asked what message was the Council sending out by not agreeing to Part 8’s for housing. Cllr. Barry said if a commitment was given it should be upheld. Cllr. Shanahan stated we have a responsibility to provide housing but it must be provided in a proper sustainable way. Cllr. Mulligan said we have to get the planning right before commencing with plans. Cllr. O’Sullivan also objected and said that the council need to listen to the Councillors from the specific areas in order to

do it right. J. Sullivan, SEO reinforced the need for group houses to deal with the existing chronic needs at the location and the scheme was being proposed following consultations with the families. A vote on whether to proceed with the consultation process was called and following a show of hands, it was decided not to proceed with 4 in favour and 7 against the proposal.

- (v) 14 No. apartment Social Housing Scheme at Mount Esker, Ballytruckle Road / Inner Ring Road, Waterford City- Commencement of Process. Councillors while welcoming the development stated that they had concerns regarding parking. M. Partridge, EA said that following the earlier workshop, it was now proposed to lose one unit on West elevation to accommodate a disabled parking bay. The trees would be retained to prevent overlooking and the bollards would remain to prevent cars parking. All Councillors were in favour of commencement of process with amendments.

It was proposed by Cllr. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. Cummins to suspend Standing Orders to deal with Item Nos. 5, 6 & 7.

5. Standing orders

Revised Standing Orders, as circulated with the Agenda, for the Metropolitan District meeting were proposed by Cllr. Hearne, seconded by Cllr. Shanahan and agreed.

6. Gaming & Lotteries Act

Applications for a certificate under Section 15 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 authorising the issue of a licence permitting gaming at an amusement hall or funfair had been received from: Christopher Murphy, 21 Academy St., Cork, a nominee of Coalquay Leisure, 7 Bridewell Lane, Castlelands, Mallow, Co. Cork in respect of The Arcade, Strand Road, Tramore. -232 Gaming machines. 90 Seater Bingo, Roulette gaming machine, The other forms of amusement to be provided are 4 kiddie rides, 100 video non gaming machines, 4 cranes and 6 pin table machines.

As there are changes to the current licences held, increasing the Gaming machines by 90 it was unanimously agreed that the Council reject the application for the licence.

7. Comhairle na nÓg

Cllr. Mulligan was proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. Power to be the nominated person representing the Metropolitan District.

8. Correspondence

None

9. Notice of Motions

Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Brennan

“That Waterford City and County Council in keeping with the objective of making Waterford a fair employment area agrees with and endorses the right of all employees to be represented individually and/or collectively by a trade union if they so wish. We would expect and encourage all employers and their

representative organisations in Waterford City/County to fully recognise this basis fundamental human right and so not intimidate, harass or threaten the continued employment of those exercising this right”

Reg. No. 43 (dated 3rd September, 2019) - Deferred from September Meeting. Motion in the name of Cllr. Brennan fell as she had left the meeting.

Motion in the name of Cllr. Marc O’Cathasaigh

“In light of recent alarming reports of air pollution in congested areas of Dublin City, and the consequent health implications, that Waterford Metropolitan District would, as a matter of urgency, invite representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency to discuss air-quality monitoring throughout the metropolitan region.”

Reg. No. 44 (dated 30th September, 2019)

Motion proposed by Cllr. O’Cathasaigh and seconded by Cllr. Hearne.

4. Reports

Reports were not discussed but H. Dunphy confirmed that questions could be submitted to her on the reports.

10. AOB

Cllr. O’Sullivan asked everyone to stay safe and know where their children were on Halloween night (31st October).

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____