

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held by MS Teams on 18th July 2022 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Jason Murphy, Mayor	Cllr. Cristiona. Kiely
Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Joe Conway	Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Davy Daniels	Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Frank Quinlan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Seamus Ryan
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Adam Wyse

Officials in attendance:

Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. N. Kane, SEE, Environment
Ms. C. Hartley, SEO Housing
Ms. H. O’Shea, Senior Ex. Planner
Mr. J. Murray, A/SE Active Travel
Mr. A. Kirwan, EE Roads
Ms. N. Keating, SEE, Roads
Ms. A. Jay, Arch. Technician, Economic Development
Ms. A. O’Shea, Corporate Department

Meetings Administrator carried out the roll call for attendance.

Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:

Votes of sympathy were expressed to the families of the late Des Corcoran, Josie Connors, Maudie Savage and James Tobin.

Vote of congratulations was expressed to: The Junior members of Tramore T-bay Surf Club on representing Ireland at the European Surfing Championships in Portugal.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 20th June, 2022 were proposed by Cllr. Sullivan seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed by all.

Minutes from the Metropolitan Annual General Meeting held on 20th June, 2022 were proposed by Cllr. Kelly seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

2. Matters Arising,

Cllr. Daniels looked for update on TIC of the Paddocks and wall at entrance to the Sycamores.

Cllr. Power looked for update on the outer footpath in the People's Park and the hulk berthed in Cheekpoint.

Cllr. Kelly looked for update on the start date for works on path at entrance into St. Patrick's Gateway.

N. Keating, SEE said she will refer all roads queries to the Engineer to follow up.

H. O'Shea, SEP said the Paddocks is the subject of ongoing issues in the TIC process.

A. Kirwan, EE said he will speak to the engineer regarding the hulk in Cheekpoint and update Councillors.

Cllr. Mulligan asked if the railings on the Poleberry/Johnstown Link Road could be painted. He said the fountain in John Roberts Square is covered in vinyl advertisements and he is not happy with response to cleansing of the City centre pavements stating that a mechanised scrubber needs to be deployed with the necessary detergent.

Cllr. Ryan raised safety concerns for the building on the Poleberry Link Road as there are deep cracks in the wall.

A. Kirwan, EE said he will talk to the owners of the property in Poleberry and to the area engineer in Environment regarding the cleansing of the pavements in City Centre, he will work on getting the fountain in John Roberts Square operational and will do a costing on painting the railings in Poleberry.

Cllr. Griffin asked when the ramp is being constructed at the entrance to St. Patrick's Gateway that the 'bull nose' be saved for future works as it is of historical interest.

Cllr. Roche raised the issue of the dangerous roundabout at the Railway station, the rationale of not allowing yellow boxes at entrances to housing estates and for copy of the plans for proposed works to Railway Sq.

Cllr. Bailey stated she had looked for another location for the pride pedestrian crossing which was not covered in the Action List.

M. Quinn, DoS stated that the Destination Town funding would not be re-directed to another location for the Pride pedestrian crossing and he agrees that the roundabout at the train station has enormous issues and should be alleviated with the relocation of the train station.

3. Reports

Cllr. Fitzgerald stated that there is a bad bend on the Callaghan road which is dangerous with cars speeding and residents have raised concern and asked for a speed survey to take place. He asked could the road markings on the Dunmore Road be repainted and asked if the public toilets in lower Dunmore East which have been vandalised could be cleaned up.

Cllr. Sullivan raised the issue of cars driving the wrong way at the Lower Prom in Tramore and asked if more road markings could be put in place advising motorists of the one-way system. She said that the Crobally Road has become very busy with speeding traffic and she asked for a traffic survey to take place there. She said that the junctions at Coolnacapogue and the R682 are overgrown and dangerous, thanked the outdoor staff and beach lifeguards for the great work they are doing over the summer period.

Cllr. Barry asked for clarification as to why the green area at the entrance to Templar's Hall had been given to the developer with no discussions with the residents stating the importance of green areas in estates. He asked if the developer of the former Little Sisters property has been asked to clean up the wall at Hennessy's Road and if a handrail could be erected at Brown's Lane junction for the residents of Castle Street. He asked if the Council could talk to Fáilte Ireland to erect signage around the city for directions to their office in the Museum.

N. Keating, SEE said she will do speed surveys on both the Callaghan Road and Crobally Road. She will look at refreshing the road markings on the Dunmore Road and look at extra road markings on the one-way system on the Lower Prom in Tramore.

A. Kirwan, EE stated that the wall at Hennessy's Road is conditioned in the planning permissions for the former Little Sister's property. He will look at providing a handrail at Brown's Lane junction and will forward the 2 dangerous junction details to the area engineer for cutting.

M. Quinn, DoS said he will talk to Failte Ireland regarding signage, he will investigate the lands at Templar's Hall and revert and will pass on the cleaning up of the public toilets in Dunmore East to the Environment Department.

Cllr. Roche asked if the public submissions on the Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy can be viewed online. She looked for an update on the dangerous wall at Moirs Estate and asked if the Council could make a submission on the application by Anglo Beef Processors to extend their facility in Ferrybank. She asked for the Carlisle Bridge to be painted and why the gate from Bolton Street carpark to the Courthouse/Park was locked. She said the Councillor's have lost access to the Gardaí following the replacement of the JPC and she said there is a lack of enforcement of traffic stopping at pedestrian crossings on the Dunmore Road.

Cllr. Conway asked if an enforcement notice was sent to the owner of the pizza trailer who continues to trade on the back strand following a warning letter being sent in June 2021. He looked for a handrail to be erected at entrance to the Nature Park and asked if Bus Eireann could be contacted to repair the damaged wall at Tramore Bus Station.

Cllr. Ryan stated the footpath between the bank and Lismore Park is in a bad state as are all the footpaths in Lismore Park and he asked if the Engineer could check them out. He asked what date the 2023 Roads & Footpath Programme be presented to Council. He looked for update to the planned park for Ballybricken Green.

A. Kirwan, EE said the submissions for the WMATS can be viewed online and will speak to Housing regarding the dangerous wall at Moirs Estate. He will check out details of date Carlisle Bridge will be painted and access to Courthouse/Park and revert. He is meeting with the Gardaí and will bring up the issue of enforcement at pedestrian crossings on the Dunmore Road. He will look at the footpaths in Lismore Park and advised that the Roads Programme will be presented to Council following Budget approval in early 2023 and stated the Footpath Programme is a 3 year programme.

M. Quinn, DoS stated he will provide details to Cllr. Conway regarding unauthorised trading at the back strand. He will raise the issue of the dangerous wall with Bus Eireann. He asked the media present to draw attention to the Anglo Beef processors application to give the public an opportunity to make submissions and stated that WCCC would be making a submission. He will refer all Environment queries to the relevant Engineer.

Cllr. Kiely looked for update on camper van parking in Tramore, Feasibility Study for theatre in Tramore, Changing Places, Water Spot building, (asked if disabled public toilet at entrance to inclusion park Tramore could be included in the building) and hidden disability and age friendly parking in Tramore. She asked for the removal of the wheel breakers in front of the skate park, stated we need to look at street trees and their cooling benefits and looked for the erection of signage for the new free car park in Tramore.

Cllr. Power asked if an update on our carbon neutrality targets could be included in the monthly report and could the wire cable and hook be reinstated on the crane on the Quay. He looked for update on the tenders for Summerland Square. He asked following correspondence from the EPA could the transporting of offal to rendering plants in sealed containers be included in our draft Control of Litter Byelaws. He asked for the Council to put pressure on the EPA as there are no sanctions following complaints and we need to protect our environment.

Cllr. E. Quinlan asked if there could be a review of the Tramore All Aboard Inclusion Play Park following 8 years of use. He said that it needs to be looked at as the surface is not suitable for wheelchairs or prams. He said the residents of Ferrybank were annoyed that Ferrybank was not included in the Bike Rental Scheme and asked that Ferrybank be included in the review of the scheme.

C. Hartley, SEO said Summerland Square is out to tender and will come back to Councillors with update.

M. Quinn, DoS said there is no land for camper van parking in Tramore following breakdown of talks with land owner. He is submitting an application under Towns & Villages Grant for the theatre feasibility study and the Water Sport project is gone to tender with the toilet being linked to existing public toilets for people with disabilities or mobility issues. He stated the signs for new car park is in hand and will include zero

carbon update on report when Department is up and running. He stated that the Council have no power with the EPA and he will raise the bike rental scheme for Ferrybank with the NTA. He will ask the relevant Engineer to come back to Councillors regarding all Environment queries.

Cllr. Griffin asked if the business's in Tramore could be given fobs to access the town centre. He asked if the Council could purchase some companion trikes to allow families with disabilities access to the Greenway and suggested funding could be applied through Carbon Neutral project.

Cllr. Mulligan looked for update on the warning letter sent regarding unauthorised works at Dunmore East. He asked if parking in John Roberts Square could be monitored at weekends and signage put up. He complimented the outdoor staff on works to People's Park but asked when the painting of Carlisle Bridge would commence. He asked if there was a maintenance budget included in the City of Lights Urban Animation Scheme and if signage could be erected at the R111 Memorial on the Prom, Tramore requesting public not to use the structure for busking etc and respect it.

Cllr. Bailey asked if an audit could be taken of all the playgrounds in the county, and if the trees planted in Cherrymount could be maintained as they are getting overgrown with weeds and grass. She is looking for the gully machine to be sent to Ballytruckle as there is a lot of debris covering the gullies and the residents are concerned about flooding if it rains. She requested details of the planning permission granted for apartments at Templars Hall and asked if any additional monies became available after this year's Footpath Programme could it be used for estates that have poor footpaths.

M. Quinn, DoS said he will update the Councillor's on the unauthorised development offline as it is an enforcement issue. He said bollards have yet to be put in place to access points in pedestrian areas in Tramore Town Centre and business's will be given fobs. He will talk to Waterford Sports Partnership regarding the companion trikes and get a costing from them. He confirmed that the maintenance for the urban animation lights is built into the contract and the inspection of playgrounds is ongoing and possibly the supply of equipment is the issue but he will bring it to the attention of the Environment Department. He will bring information on the Templars Hall planning permission back to the Councillors. He will refer the inappropriate use of the R111 Memorial to Environment and request signage to be erected.

A. Kirwan, EE said he will update Councillors on the status of Carlisle Bridge and put Ballytruckle on the list for the gully machine. He advised that there is no surplus money available following the Footpath Programme but advised Councillors to forward locations of any substandard footpaths and he will put on the list.

N. Keating, SEE said she is replacing signage at entrance to pedestrian zones in John Roberts Square and will discuss with the Presentation team the opening and closing times for Sunday.

Cllr. Kelly looked for update on the fountain in the People's Park and asked if Heritage funding could be sought for installing the hook and chain on the crane. He asked for a full check of all traffic and pedestrian lights in the city and if the median could be extended on Vincent White Road to stop cars turning right into Presentation Gardens. He clarified that it was the footpath he was referring to at entrance to St. Patrick's Gateway which needs to be levelled for wheelchair users and looked for update on commencement of works.

Cllr. Daniels asked if the Bike rental Scheme could be extended to Ballygunner, he looked for update on footpath in Faithlegg under the Active Travel Scheme and stated that the surface of the goal mouths in Farronshoneen needed to be upgraded. He looked for update on land availability for pitch for Red Star. He asked for update on the Western Flood Scheme which is with An Board Pleanála and asked if a letter could be sent to the Minister for Education asking if a member of the Council could sit on the board of SETU stating that there are serious borrowing and funding issues with technological universities.

Cllr. F. Quinlan looked for update on the communication boards and outdoor gym equipment planned for our parks. He asked if something could be done with the derelict and vacant premises in the City stating that they need to be cleaned up to improve the appearance of the City. He looked for start date for works to Ballybricken Green which funding was approved under the Slainte Healthy Communities Grant. He asked

if a hurling wall could be built in one of the housing estates and if the control of dogs under the Beach Bye Laws is being implemented as there are numerous dogs on the beaches during the restricted hours.

Cllr. Hearne looked for update on the land swap on Fairfield Road at entrance to Belvedere Manor and following the housing of residents at the Carrickphierish halting site he asked if there was still a need to proceed with a Part 8 for the site.

Cllr. Murphy stated that the area around Blackfriars Church is disgraceful and needs to be cleaned up and asked if there were any plans for upgrade stating that it would be a great urban space.

M. Quinn, DoS stated that land for Red Star has been discussed but has not been identified and will keep on the list. He will arrange for letter to issue to Department regarding representative from the Metropolitan Council to sit on the Board of SETU. He will add Ballygunner to Bike Scheme list and advise the NTA and tenders are being processed for fountain in park which is due to be completed in the next 3 months. He said they have identified buildings that need improvement and expanded the Painting Scheme and any buildings not complying will be subject to enforcement. They have a number of proposals for Blackfriars Church and will discuss same with the Heritage Officer. The Flood Relief Scheme with An Board Pleanála is due to be concluded by October 2022 and all Environment issues raised will be brought back to the relevant Engineer for response.

J. Murray A/SE stated that there are no plans for a Section 38 for Faithlegg at present but if there is an appropriate scheme he can bring it to the NTA for approval.

A. Kirwan, EE said he will check out the median at Vincent White Road and expand if necessary.

N. Keating, SEE stated they now have a Maintenance Contract for quarterly inspections of traffic lights.

C. Hartley, SEO will revert on Ballybricken Green and speak to the Healthy Waterford team regarding a hurling wall in a housing estate. She said they have identified an ongoing need for traveller specific accommodation in Carrickphierish and a Part 8 will come back to Council for approval in due course.

4. Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Part VIII Urban Animation Scheme

A. Jay, AT introduced the scheme stating an application was made to Fáilte Ireland's "Urban Animation Investment Scheme 2021" in August 2021, proposal was for the development of a trail of light connecting key historic, tourist attractions and city's zones creating a significant tourism opportunity for the evening and night time. The application was successful, and a letter of offer was issued by Fáilte Ireland in October 2021 for the amount of € €539,275. The proposed works seek to strengthen the significant tourism opportunity for the evening and night-time through the development of a trail of light connecting key historic/tourist attractions/ city's. Maximize the economic benefits by encouraging visitors to stay later to enjoy this new 'City of Light'. The lighting of the medieval city walls and various buildings of note will create an awareness of this currently under appreciated tourism asset. The light trail creates an opportunity for the development of new night time tours and opportunities for visitors to explore the city at night through the increased feelings of safety from the lighting. She noted that 2 of the sites would not be included, Blackfriars due to a bat roost and Waterford Walls being too narrow.

Councillors welcomed the commencement of the Scheme and asked if the crane on the Quay and the bridges on the John's river could also be included and if residents could be consulted where applicable.

5. Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme Cheekpoint Village – New Footpath & Pedestrian Crossing – completion process

J. Murray, SE, advised that the scheme was advertised for public consultation and 9 submissions were received some of which were looking for an extension of scheme to Marian Terrace. He said that an application can be made to NTA for extending scheme going forward but recommended adoption of the scheme as presented.

Cllr. Fitzgerald said he welcomed the scheme but asked if lighting could be included in the application for the extension of the footpath.

Cllr. Power also welcomed the scheme but said that parking was an issue and asked if funding could be sought to provide a car park for users of the park.

Cllr. Mulligan concurred with fellow Councillor's and suggested that funding for car park could be sought under the Marine Infrastructure Scheme as NTA would not provide funding for parking.

Cllr. Daniels said he had genuine concerns for parking in the area and asked for discussion to take place with the residents.

The adoption of the Scheme as presented was proposed by CLLR. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Mulligan and agreed by all that the scheme proceeds.

6. Correspondence

Letter received from the EPA was noted. Cllr. Kelly clarified that any reports of spillages from a vehicle transporting waste material should be made to the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine and not the EPA.

7. Motions

None

8. AOB

Cllr. F. Quinlan asked if flags could be erected on the bridge to support the Ladies Senior camogie team competing in the All Ireland semi final in Croke Park.

Cllr. Fitzgerald looked for update on the application under Active Travel for the footpath in Crooke.

Cllr. Kiely confirmed that submissions on the Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy can be viewed online but is not fully up to date.

Cllr. Power looked for update on his Motion regarding making Waterford City a Retail Excellence and Breast Feeding Friendly city.

Cllr. Bailey looked for update on the application under Active Travel for footpath at Cherrymount and Laurel Park.

Cllr. Daniels asked if a letter could be sent to Dan Mulhall to wish him well in his retirement from his role as Ambassador.

M. Quinn, DoS said he will list the Retail Excellence and Breast Feeding Friendly City on the September Economic SPC agenda and will arrange a letter to go to Dan Mulhall wishing him well in his retirement.

J. Murray, SE said they are seeking a design for the Crooke footpath as funding is in place and they are trying to progress the scheme. He said tenders for the footpath in Laurel Park and Cherrymount are due on the 25th July following which a consultant will be appointed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Resolution of the Elected Members

Waterford City and County Council, Metropolitan District

18th July, 2022

Ref: R2022/20

In accordance with Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme Cheekpoint Village – New Footpath & Pedestrian Crossing. Construction of a new Footpath (approx. 95m) and Pedestrian Crossing on Cheekpoint Road (L4082) between Russianside Crossroads and Cheekpoint Park. As part of the Active Travel works in the area, the objective is to improve walking routes, improve connections to existing public amenities and create a safe route and crossing point into the park and playground

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Metropolitan District of Waterford City & County Council that the scheme as presented and after consideration of all the submissions, proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald seconded by Cllr. Mulligan and agreed THAT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED PROCEEDS.

Signed:

Councillor Jason Murphy
Mayor Metropolitan District

Witnessed:

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator