

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

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in the Council Chamber, City Hall  
on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 @ 5.00pm**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Adam Wyse

**Officials in attendance:** Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services  
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator  
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO, Environment  
Mr. L. McGree, Senior Planner  
Ms. C. Hartley, SEO Housing  
Mr. J. Murray, A/SE Active Travel  
Mr. A. O’Shea, EE Roads  
Ms. N. Keating, SEE, Roads  
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 James Kelly, Carol Sheehan, Joe Doyle & Michael Curran,

Vote of congratulations was expressed to:

- Waterford Hockey Club, on winning the Irish Hockey Challenge Cup with special mention to David Quinn Planner who was a member of the team.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 were proposed by Cllr. O’Sullivan seconded by Cllr. E. Quinlan and agreed by all.

## **2. Matters Arising,**

Cllr. Power stated the area that he referred to at the last meeting was entrance into the City from the Greenway.

Cllr. Roche looked for update on M. Quinn's role.

Cllr. Fitzgerald asked if the road in Passage East which is subject to subsidence is part of the application for funding of coastal areas made to Department of Agriculture.

Cllr. Kelly looked for an update on the tender process for the fountain in the People's Park.

Cllr. Daniels asked for an update on the fountain in Barronstrand Street.

M. Quinn, DoS stated he is working on a draft and will circulate to Councillors.

R. Moloney, SEO stated the closing date for tenders for the fountain in the People's Park is the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

A. O'Shea, EE said he will check with the area engineer if the road in Passage East forms part of the application for funding and revert.

## **3. Reports**

Cllr. Conway asked for update on costs awarded following court case regarding the Grand Hotel.

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked if the roof on the lifeguard hut could be painted, could the equipment be replaced in the skatepark and could an outdoor adult gym equipment be set up in Tramore. She advised that the disabled beach wheelchair is available and asked that it be advertised. She said there are still issues with the crossroads on Gallwey's Hill and could negotiations take place with private landowners to provide campervan parking. She asked when the new houses by the GAA in Tramore will be allocated and what type of houses will be available.

Cllr. Roche looked for an update on RDF lighting installation. She said a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss retail is urgently needed. She stated that a Workshop on Winterval was needed to discuss expectations and value for money.

Cllr. Kiely asked if the vacant parking spaces at the Skatepark could be used for bicycle parking or Age Friendly parking. She asked if the Council could write to Bus Eireann regarding bus route 360 asking that they ensure appropriate staff will be employed to run the bus efficiently. She asked if the PLEEP will be replacing current lighting or will extra lighting be installed as part of the scheme.

M. Quinn, DoS stated that he is in contact with landowners regarding Campervan parking but has no update yet. The crossroads at Gallwey's Hill are on the maintenance list, the RDF lighting installation will be in operation by October and he will organise a workshop for Winterval.

R. Moloney, SEO stated he will check out the lifeguard hut roof, he will look at options for the skatepark and will advertise the availability of the beach wheelchair.

C. Hartley, SEO stated there is no date yet for allocation of houses and will revert with breakdown of types of houses.

N. Keating, SEE stated that she is putting Age Friendly parking in the spaces by the Skatepark and that the PLEEP is retrofitting only and does not include extra lighting.

H. Dunphy stated she will send a letter to Bus Eireann regarding 360 bus route.

Cllr. Power asked if the waste tyres on Creaden beach could be removed. He asked if the roads engineer could check out the entrance to Blenheim Housing Estate as there are lorries with 40' containers driving into the estate and is a safety risk. He asked what use had the drones and could something be done regarding the foul smell coming from the rendering plant and asked if a letter could be sent to the EPA outlining the odour issue.

Cllr. Kelly stated that the road markings at the junction of the Bridge Hotel need to be repainted, he asked if the sunken manhole at the top of Vincent White Road by the pedestrian crossing could be fixed and stated

he wrote as Plenary Mayor to CIE regarding the 360 bus and suggested that the Metropolitan Mayor should do likewise.

Cllr. Fitzgerald asked if the Roads Department could look at cutting back the overhanging branches on our roads stating that he had been contacted by transport and skip companies who have had damage done to their vehicles due to the low hanging branches. He noted a discrepancy in grass cutting in estates in urban and rural areas commending the Residents Associations but stated there is one estate in Dunmore East with 2 acres of green and he asked if trees could be planted to minimise the grass cutting.

R. Moloney, SEO said he will check out Creaden beach and stated that the drone is used for identifying areas of illegal dumping. He will talk to the Environmental Enforcement staff regarding compliance of rendering plant and would welcome the opportunity to plant trees but the Roads Department are responsible for estates.

A. O'Shea, EE said he will speak to the area engineer about entrance to Blenheim, refreshing the lines at the junction of the Bridge Hotel and the sunken manhole at Vincent White Road. He will speak to Cllr. Fitzgerald regarding overhanging branches and said if it's a health and safety issue they would have to close the road and cut back the branches.

Cllr. Daniels raised concerns about the lack of vibrancy and footfall in the city centre and asked if the half hour free parking could be looked at to encourage people back into the city centre. He asked Environment to check out the Riverwalk for Japanese Knotweed and looked for an updated list on houses purchased and CPO's by the Council.

Cllr. Mulligan referred to the waiting period of 26 months for adaptation grants for LA houses stating this was disgraceful and that a specialist committee needs to be put in place to speed up the process. He stated the city centre pedestrian areas are dirty and there is a need for a mechanical cleaning vehicle to clean every day.

Cllr. Bailey said she was very disappointed to see that there were no 4 bed houses in the Capital Programme and asked the reason why. She said there are a lot of missing life buoys and asked who is responsible for checking and said that a safety campaign needs to be run. She said there is a need for a workshop to discuss bus routes and services and asked if the cracked wall between Grange Heights/Grange Park Lawn could be fixed.

M. Quinn, DoS said that the parking issue is a budgetary matter for the Metro district and can be discussed at the next Metro budget meeting noting it would lead to reduced income. He said a workshop to discuss the Waterford Metropolitan Transport Strategy will be held and the bus routes can be discussed as part of the Workshop.

C. Hartley, SEO said that there is not enough money for the adaptation grants but will bring it to the next Housing SPC in July for discussion. She said the need for 4 bed houses is less than 5% and there are plans for 4 bed houses in Butterfield Drive and she can look at through repair & lease. She said a 6 months report will be prepared by Housing & Property on all purchases & CPO's for the July Plenary.

A. O'Shea, EE will speak to GSS about ongoing inspections of lifebuoys and also the crack in the wall at Grange Heights.

Cllr. Barry asked if the Heritage Officer could seek funding for education purposes for the River Suir and he noted that there was no funding in the Ant- Dumping Initiative for the clean-up of both the Suir and John's river. He asked why €3K was spent on a private apartment block, Gracedieu Factory site, derelict car park and specific houses. He advised he has written to Minister O'Brien asking for extra funding to be allocated to adaptation grants which could speed up the process and he will be bringing a motion to the next Plenary on the issue and looked for support from fellow Councillors.

Cllr. E. Quinlan asked that Economic Development write to Dunnes Stores regarding their closing time on Friday of 7:00pm while all other stores close at 9:00pm. He said that closing the centre at 7:00pm is not good for the City Centre. He asked that the Mayor approach WIT to ask if they could facilitate an 18 year

old girl from Ukraine who plays the piano to allow her practice time on the piano in the College Street Campus.

Cllr. Murphy again brought up access to the Nature Park from the north side stating he had received reps from people living in Lisduggan/Larchville & Ballybeg. He is happy that a Transport Workshop is being planned and focus must be on Bus Eireann and bus route and communication of cancellation of buses. He agrees with fellow Councillors regarding the waiting period for Adaptation Grants and suggesting diverting funds from private grants to LA grants .

Cllr. F. Quinlan asked if the cleansing staff could start earlier in the city centre as visitors are walking around early in the morning. He looked for an update on CPO's and asked for an engineer to look at the frequency of the lights turning right off the Mall towards Lombard Street stating that it is only allowing 3 cars turn at each interval. He also stated a large bin is needed for Ballybricken.

M. Quinn, DoS said he will make contact with Dunne's Stores and noted that officials had stated that it was not allowed to divert funds for private grants to LA grants.

R. Moloney, SEO stated that funding for the River Suir and John's River is under a different programme than the anti-dumping initiative. He said that the clean-up of houses related to council stock and council staff do the works. He is looking at options for access to the Nature Park from the North side but would have to provide suitable car parking. He will review the street cleaning programme and review bins in Ballybricken as part of improvements works there.

C. Hartley, SEO stated that CPO's will form part of the Report to Council for July.

N. Keating, SEE said she will look at the lights at Lombard Street.

L. McGree, SP will revert regarding legal costs for the Grand Hotel and said the estuary on the River Suir will form part of the Strategic Infrastructure Plan as part of the Draft Development Plan.

Cllr. Ryan asked if the pedestrian crossing on the Mall could be made a 'Pride 'crossing and looked for update on the swans on the John's River.

N. Keating, SEE said she will check it out but had to give consideration to the safety marking and will make enquiries with other LA's.

Cllr. Mulligan said the swans are all ok but suggested putting up an information board at the John's River giving details of all wildlife on the river.

#### **4. Taking in Charge of Housing Estates/Roads - Metropolitan Area.**

A. O'Shea, EE presented proposal to taking in charge of the following listed roads which were advertised in accordance with the Roads Act 1993, on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

- Ard Phiarais, Carrickphierish
- Foxwood Phase 2 & 3A, Kilbarry
- Primrose Hill, Tramore

No submissions were received in relation to the estates and it was recommended that the roads listed and as advertised be declared to be public roads in accordance with Section 11 Subsection (1) (b) (iii) of the Roads Act 1993.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr. E. Quinlan and agreed by all.

**5. a).Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme Farronshoneen Roundabout – pedestrian and cycle crossing points and access – completion of process**

J. Murray, SE, gave an overview of the scheme, the objective is to improve walking and cycling routes, improve connections with existing footpaths and create safer crossing points for pedestrians.

Cllr. Power asked what a Dutch style roundabout was and why wasn't it included in the plans.

Cllr. Kiely stated there was no cycle lane at the western arm of the roundabout, and the scheme was for vulnerable road users and that putting gates up at openings would not allow people with disabilities access to footpaths.

Cllr. Daniels said it was a critical road and he was not happy with the proposal and would not be supporting the scheme.

Cllr. Kelly had concerns for children's safety with plans for opening a pedestrian entrance onto a busy road.

Cllr. Bailey asked if the Active Travel team could meet with the residents to discuss the opening of the pedestrian entrance and also to go on local radio to explain the benefits of active travel schemes.

J. Murray, SE said he will meet with resident's groups.

Cllr. Roche proposed adoption of the scheme stating it should alleviate queues. She asked if a letter could be written to the Minister of Transport asking that the planning of bus routes could be devolved to the local authorities.

Cllr. Fitzgerald agreed and asked that the provision of bus shelters outside urban areas be included in the letter.

Cllr. Mulligan has reservations about the scheme due to the closing of one lane which will cause traffic back up. He said he has asked for a traffic flow survey for the area and is also waiting on the launch of the Metropolitan Transport Strategy.

J. Murray, SE stated the scheme has the minimum impact on traffic and is the best option with safety of vulnerable road users a priority.

The adoption of the Scheme was proposed by Cllr. Roche and seconded by Cllr. Power, there was a show of hands, the majority of Councillors were in support of the scheme progressing which resulted in approval of the scheme.

**5. b). Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part V111: – Active Travel Scheme - Pedestrian and cycle improvement scheme along Newtown Hill and Newtown Glen, Tramore, Co. Waterford - commencement of process**

J. Murray, SE, gave an overview of the scheme, to carry out a pedestrian and cycle improvement scheme along the Newtown Hill and Newtown Glen in Tramore, comprising narrowing of the existing carriageway and provision of new and upgraded pedestrian and cycle facilities within the scheme extents. The objective is to provide a safer and more attractive connection between schools, sports ground, Caravan & Camping Park, and the numerous housing estates along the scheme extents and to prioritise pedestrian and cycle movements over vehicles.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan who asked that the residents be consulted and seconded by Cllr. E. Quinlan and agreed by all.

## 6. Correspondence

None

## 7. Motions

### **Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe Kelly**

*“That this council agrees to change the name of the road from the junction with Paddy’s Brown Road to the church junction at St. Paul’s church to Fr. Gregory Way in honour of the first parish priest”.*

Proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed by all to commence the required process of public consultation.

### **Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Roche**

*“That this Council agrees to change the name of part of the Cork Road from the junction with College Street as far as the junction with Paddy Browne's Road to University Road.”.*

This was proposed by Cllr. Roche and seconded by Cllr. O’Sullivan to commence the required process of public consultation, it was agreed it will be a more complicated process as residents in the area will have to be consulted due to the impact on their address. A show of hands was taken with 11 in favour of starting the process.

## 8. AOB

Cllr. Fitzgerald said the anomaly of funding for Adaptation Grants for Private v’s Local Authority houses needs to be addressed.

C. Hartley, SEO clarified that funding for both private and LA Adaptation grants doesn’t meet the demand Cllr. Power stated that raw sewage is been discharged into the Suir estuary and asked for a letter to be sent to Irish Water.

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**

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Ref: R2022/10**

In accordance with Section 11 Subsection (1) (b) (iii) of the Roads Act 1993 as presented to the Metropolitan District on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 THAT Waterford City & County Council proposes to taking in charge of the listed roads as advertised on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

- Ard Phiarais, Carrickphierish
- Foxwood Phase 2 & 3A, Kilbarry
- Primrose Hill, Tramore

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE Metropolitan District of Waterford City & County Council that the roads listed and as advertised be declared to be public roads in accordance with above stated legislation. Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan seconded by Cllr. E. Quinlan and agreed unanimously.

**Signed:**

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**Councillor Seamus Ryan**

**Mayor Metropolitan District**

**Witnessed:**

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**Honor Dunphy**

**Meetings Administrator**



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Waterford City & County Council

**Resolution of the Elected Members**

**Waterford City and County Council, Metropolitan District**

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Ref: R2022/11**

In accordance with Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme Farronshoneen Roundabout – pedestrian and cycle crossing points and access as presented to the Metropolitan District on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 THAT Waterford City & County Council proposes to undertake the Provision of a toucan crossing on the R710 Eastern arm at the Farronshoneen Roundabout and uncontrolled crossings on all other arms of the roundabout. Provision of a zebra crossings on the Williamstown Road Northern and Southern arms of the roundabout, remote from the roundabout entries. Widening of the existing footpaths on all four quadrants of the roundabout to accommodate a combined footpath / cyclepath. Increasing the size of the splitter islands on the Williamstown arms of the roundabout to safely accommodate pedestrians and cyclists crossing these arms of the roundabout. Provision of high skid resistance surfacing on both vehicle approaches to the toucan crossing. Provision of Bus Cage markings and a Bus Stop sign at the bus stop on the Williamstown Road Southern arm. Provision of a zebra crossing on the Williamstown Road Southern arm. The provision of a pedestrian link from the footpath at the zebra crossing on the Williamstown Road Southern arm to the internal footpath with the Williamstown Glen Housing Estate. Widening of the footpath on the southwestern side of the Williamstown Road Southern arm to accommodate a footpath of adequate width between Hollymount Estate and the Farronshoneen Roundabout. The provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on the Hollymount Estate access road.

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. Roche seconded by Cllr. Power and agreed THAT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED PROCEEDS.

**Signed:**

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**Councillor Seamus Ryan**

**Mayor Metropolitan District**

**Witnessed:**

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**Honor Dunphy**

**Meetings Administrator**