

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH AGUS CONTAE PHORT LÁIRGE
WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in Council Chamber City Hall on 17th October 2022 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. Cristiona Kiely
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. Jason Murphy (Mayor)	Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. Stephanie Keating	

Apologies:

Cllr. Joe Kelly

Officials in attendance:

Mr. M. Quinn, DoS, Economic Development
Ms. H. Dunphy, Meetings Administrator
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO, Environment
Ms. C. Hartley, SEO Housing
Mr. M. Partridge, EA, Economic Development
Mr. G. Hynes, SE Roads
Mr. C. O’Neill, SEE, Roads
Ms. N. Keating, SEE, Roads
Mr. H. O’Brien, SEP, Planning
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:

Votes of sympathy were expressed to the family of Aileen Cheevers mother to Karen Cheever, Communications Dept, and families of Martin Tritschler, Peter Burns, Seóirse Lawton and to Franciscan Community on passing of Fr. Patrick Cogan.

Vote of congratulations expressed to: De la Salle Minor Senior Camogie Team on Senior Final win against Gaultier. Ireland Ladies Soccer Team, De la Salla Minor Football Team winning Football Final, Mount Sion U14 County Champions and best wishes to Waterford Soccer Team on upcoming match.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on 26th September 2022 proposed by Cllr. Bailey seconded by Cllr. Wyse and agreed by all.

2. Matters Arising,

None

3. Reports

Cllr. Wyse noted huge amount of work carried out on Cove Lane (leading to Suir River Walkway), recently met with residents in the area who raised concerns about the area being kept clean with the increased footfall and asked for the sweeper to be scheduled as soon as possible and work be carried out to clean up area.

Cllr. Fitzgerald asked for repairs to be carried out on slipway at lower Dunmore East adding that this area is the only access point to the beach, it is badly damaged and difficult for wheelchair users and buggies. He is aware Active Travel are looking at Cuckaloo Hill with possibility of widening footpaths adding the surface of footpaths are dangerous and asked if they could be repaired. He enquired if the proposed works in Woodstown will resolve the issues with the sluice valves.

Cllr. Conway noted an announcement requesting a 6-month commitment from people to housing Ukrainian Families enquiring if the situation will have implications on our housing section. He enquired if it is within the remit of the Environment Department to act regarding the rapid spread of Avian Flu particularly in the Back Strand, Tramore. Requested a commitment to have wooden barrier staking on the boating lake in Tramore completed.

R. Moloney, SEO, outlined that the sweeper follows a schedule which includes Cove Lane and weeding has been carried out in the area, he will arrange for an inspection of the area to be carried out. He noted that appropriate safety measure are in place for dealing with dead birds as a result of Avian Flu. He will arrange for the Area Engineer to look at wooden stakes to see what measures have to be put in place to complete works.

C. O' Neill, SEE, will review, and revert regarding issue at slipway in Dunmore outlining that there is limited funding for that type of work. He also noted Cuckaloo Hill is part of Active Travel and will enquire as to the stage of the project and revert. He noted that there is ongoing damage caused to the sluice valves in Woodstown as a result of the weather, new valves are purchased and will be fitted by end of October.

C. Hartley, SEO, outlined accommodation for Ukrainian families is managed through Community Section and feels there is no immediate implication in housing or homeless services.

Cllr. Kiely noted the announcement of Pathfinder Projects and was happy to note that the sustainable transport bridge is one of the projects enquiring if there is a timeline on works and if information is available on other projects included. She queried if reply was received from Bus Eireann regarding the 360 bus route. Acknowledged James Murray and the Active Travel team on all work at school street in Glór na Mara, regarding the extension to greenway and sustainable transport bridge, she requested a bike share station for Bilberry and Ferrybank and Bus Station.

Cllr. Griffin thanked the team for prompt action in clearing vacant site at Bowefield, he enquired about the tender process for the Croí Cónaithe scheme noting the tender response nationally is low and what the status in Waterford was. He asked if footpaths in Ballybricken are included in the Ballybricken Green project noting a number of the footpaths are a trip hazard. He enquired if council and banks could together engage with people who do not qualify for local authority home loan or bank mortgage as he feels this group in society are in limbo.

Cllr. Ryan requested an information plaque to be erected at the new wooden sculptures in Kilbary Park which is a memorial to people lost through suicide. In relation to homeless crisis he asked if there is an increase in the city in homelessness and requested an update on this issue together with plan for homeless services. He enquired if there is a new footpath programme for the City and when will it be issued.

C. Hartley, SEO, noted Summerland Square tender complete by end of 2022 and due to commence in quarter two 2023, if an Crío is to be retendered it would be because of fluctuation of prices and lack of valuable tenders. Outlined that there is engagement with banks in context of affordable loans and are reviewing various mortgage limits. Noted there is an increase in people presenting to homeless services where notice to quit have been served, there is an outreach for people finding themselves rough sleeping and will provide homeless update as requested.

C. O'Neill, SEE, noted that footpaths in Ballybricken are not included in the current footpath programme and can be looked at for next programme which will be put to the members in Q1 2023, current repairs are listed on monthly report, urgent repairs will take priority and they continue to work through current list.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted funding received is part of North Quays package, currently in tendering process and would expect construction to start in quarter one 2023 pending full government approval.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted the work on Ballybricken Green covers the internal paths and is funded through Sláintecare Healthy Communities Enhancement Fund, he will look at installation of plaque at Kilbarry Nature Park requested Cllr. Ryan to provide necessary wording.

H. Dunphy, AO, noted no correspondence received to date from Bus Éireann and will be listed under correspondence once received.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined that once new infrastructure is delivered and completed under capital scheme, extension of the bike scheme could be looked at.

Cllr. Daniels asked for an update on Michael Street development as the plan was agreed over two years ago and he feels the development does not appear to be progressing. He asked for update on the trends in relation to the footfall in the City particularly in areas of Michael Street, O'Connell Street, Gladstone Street, and the Quay.

Cllr. F. Quinlan spoke of the street cleaning services and noted gap of about seven hours on Saturday, as far as he is aware the schedule is 5am-8am and 3pm-6pm and outside those hours no sweeping is carried out enquiring if funding could be set aside to cover additional hours. He asked for clarification in relation to allocation on Choice Base Letting (CBL), if it is the length of time on the list or the amount of times a bid is made on a CBL property. He enquired if signage under the Tourism Promotion Fund could be erected on approach roads to the city similar to signage at entrances to Dungarvan. Noted that residents from Newport Square have raised issue about the dangerous footpaths requesting them to be inspected.

Cllr. Roche noted works are due to start at Manor Street and asked if there could be a delayed starting time to 9am, requested yellow box to be provided at junction of Bath Street/Poleberry. Enquired if the pedestrian crossing at train station could be automatically scheduled to activate regularly to ease the traffic congestion from Ferrybank. Outlined that cobble lock in John Roberts Square, Georges Court, Broadstreet and Barronstrand Street is in poor condition and in need of repair. She requested scheduling of powerwashing at the car stand area (junction John Street/Parnell Street) as paths are extremely dirty and if update on fountains can be provided.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted Michael Street is at present going through a tender process which is expected to conclude mid-November and will be followed by submission of a planning application for the proposal. He noted footfall in City is included in monthly report and shows that it has substantially recovered, almost back to 2019 levels. In regard to signage coming into City he will look into this as he feels it gives a good image coming into the City

C. Hartley, SEO, noted allocation scheme is time on list, with CBL as primary means of allocating houses it is encouraged that applicants would bid on any suitable property to them, she added she understands some people bid on limited properties which can affect their place on list if others bid ahead on all properties.

R. Moloney, SEO, acknowledged the issue of weekend street cleaning, noted there is a reduced schedule at weekend due to staffing resources and financial allocation, earlier morning schedule has street clean for day-time shoppers and evening for night time economy, this is what is currently possible and also takes into account the Working Time Act. Outlined that some redesign is needed for the People's Park fountain due to costs, working with the original designer of John Roberts Square fountain to gain an understanding of the workings of fountain with view to putting appropriate repairs in place.

G. Hynes, SE, outlined work was carried out previously in Newport Square on road pavement, there is an annual roads programme from Feb-March each year and a capital footpath programme which is agreed by members running until year end 2023, Newport Square footpaths could be considered for next capital footpath programme. Regarding request for delayed start time on Manor Street he outlined this would cause difficulty as it would extend the length of time for the works and increase the cost of project.

C. O' Neill, SEE, noted request for yellow box on Bath Street/Poleberry and will schedule with work on Manor Street, currently investigating the material required for cobble lock and will bring forward proposal for approval next year to carry out the repair work.

N. Keating, SEE, will review and assess and revert back in regard to traffic congestion as noted at train station.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted cleaning of car stand (John Street/Parnell Street) to be carried out.

Cllr. Bailey raised issue concerning speed and footpaths in Carriganard enquiring if the footpath repairs at this location are included in this year's plan. Outlined that the O'Connell Street (meeting house lane junction) weekend layout change is causing confusion, asked for update on beds/properties in stock for emergency accommodation, commented that pencil bollards would be a great addition around city areas enquiring if any school could apply for the pencil bollards or does it fall under School Safety Programme with Active Travel. Asked if the fountain in People's Park has to be an operating fountain or could alternative plan be considered such as a statue/feature which she feels would cut out running costs.

Cllr. J. Power asked if there could be a tourist office annex at Train Station, enquired if SETU were approached in regard to progressing proposal of joining UNESCO Learning City, he received with thanks the report regarding hydrochloride treatment at Councillor's Cove, enquiring if there should be a public notice to warn people of the chemical being used, asked how is there a blue flag in that situation? He noted an issue raised previously regarding housing developments in City East and the lack of sporting/recreation facilities asking if anything can be done to promote facilities in populated areas.

Cllr. Barry asked could contact me made with the developer of Ryan's pub seeking an update on the site requesting site be cleared immediately. Enquired about investing in promotional screen at Waterford Crystal visitor centre, he feels an information board to promote tourism throughout Waterford is vital as it might encourage visitors to stay longer and to contribute to local economy, noting that approximately two hundred and ten thousand yearly attend centre but don't seem to visit other tourist attractions, requested update on operation of tourist office since moving to the Medieval Museum. He asked if all tree crowns will be removed, could stipulation be put into contracts carrying out this work to ensure requirement for use of proper equipment. Could Newtown Road pedestrian crossing be looking at as signage is poor and people having difficult in crossing. He agreed with issue raised by Cllr. Bailey about (Sergeant Lane) O'Connell Street and confusion it is causing to drivers.

Cllr. O' Sullivan asked if planning could look at works at Lower Stand Road Tramore as she feels is it a safety issue as bollards are out too far and evidence that cars have hit off them.

Mayor noted that has received a lot of complaints regarding waste collection, outlining service being provided by Panda Recycling who have taken over from Green Star is not up to the previous standards, as regulators of waste collections he asked could Panada Recycling be contacted in relation to services they are providing. He suggested putting a month aside to put resources into dealing with Dog Fouling showing this is not tolerated in the City as it is big issue particularly in areas leading onto Greenway.

M. Quinn, DoS, will revert to Fáilte Ireland about a tourist office annex outlining they are moving to more electric display mobile units. Noted SETU are leading the UNESCO Learning City, he will speak to senior staff to see if anything Council can be involved in as would strongly support learning city. Will revert to Fáilte Ireland regarding an update in relation to Tourist Office in its new location. He will revert to engineer regarding Cllr. O'Sullivan's issue and revert.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted working on basis that historically there was fountain in People's Park which is in process of replacement. Will revert on issue with maintenance programme details of locations and work. Will discuss waste collection with Environmental Enforcement and revert. Outlined council engage in numerous campaigns in relation to dog fouling, most of this is happening out of hours and will look at litter wardens attending problem areas.

G. Hynes, S.E, outlined it was agreed speed limits in Carriganard is 30kph, signage was erected, the onus is on drivers to drive within the reduced speed limited if there is a deficit in relation to large signs it can be addressed. Noted Cllr. Bailey's point regarding pencil bollard which are on NTA programme. Noted that stream in Dunmore East is running through agricultural land which may result in some contamination, number of year ago decision was make in order to protect the safety of people and from safety point the

correct approach was to disinfect with chlorine at Councillors Cove, the level of chlorination is not a safety concern, different options are currently being looked at, regarding blue flag there are different criteria, the fortnightly sampling in Dunmore East indicates safe water quality in relation to blue flag.

N. Keating, SEE notes the confusion to drivers with weekend route changes at meeting house lane will revert back and also on pedestrian crossing on Newtown Road.

H. O' Brien, SEP, noted in City & County Development Plan approximately 7 hectares of land for open space community use at Ballygunner cross, in implementing plan wide open space amenity strategy will be prepared for city and Metropolitan area. Noted issue at Ryan's pub site, if there is an issue with possible dereliction will engage with developers.

C. Hartley, SEO, noted there is capacity in stock for emergency accommodation.

Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part VIII

(a) Waterside Carpark – Completion of Process

G, Hynes stated Part VII Waterside Carpark was granted permission by An Bord Pleanála in 2013 with a six year period which has expired, proposing a further three years extension while review of property portfolio takes place. No new infrastructure being proposed, one minor change with Ervia requesting 9 car spaces to be excluded.

Cllr. Barry noted Waterside Carpark is an essential carpark in the City feels leasing is a waste of money asked has any approach been made with an offer of purchasing carpark.

Cllr. Daniels supported Cllr. Barry and expressed strong views should enter into discussion to purchase this land, feels it should be in the ownership of council.

G, Hynes, S.E, noted have been in discussion with Ervia and will continue to pursue, but at present they are reviewing their portfolio nationally in the interim looking for extension to allow review to take place.

The resolution for completion of the process was proposed by Cllr. Roche and seconded by Cllr. Ryan and agreed by all.

(b) 120 Parade Quay – Commencement of the Process

M. Partridge, E.A, outlined details of the project, refurbishment of 120 Parade Quay to reactivate existing housing stock via refurbishment of existing ground floor office unit which is currently vacant, change of use to place of assembly is required proposed as part of the application, aiming to provide a fully functioning and contemporary licensed restaurant to seat up to 50 persons with potential outside dining on Greyfriars though the conversion of an existing window to a glazed doorway – Noted

(c) 2 Nr. Housing Scheme at Tower Lodge, Ballytruckle Road, Waterford City – Commencement of Process – For Noting

(d) 27 Nr. Apartment Scheme at Newgate Street, Waterford City (former ERS Ltd. premises and including existing Brothers of Charity premises) – Commencement of Process – For Noting

(e) 5 Nr. Housing Scheme at Carrickphierish, Gracedieu, Waterford City – Commencement of Process – For Noting

5. Section 48 Environment (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 2011

(a) Re-naming of Church Road to Slí an Athar Gréagóir/Father Gregory Way – Completion of Process

The resolution for completion of process was proposed by Mayor Cllr. Murphy and seconded by Cllr. E. Quinlan, agreed by all.

(b) Re-naming of part of the Cork Road to Bóthar na hOllscoile / University Road – Completion of Process .

G. Hynes, SE, gave an overview of the proposal, the R680 Cork Road from its junction with the L5517 College Street to its junction with the L1515 Paddy Browne's Road, the proposal was advertised in the Munster Express, News & Star and Waterford Today newspapers and on the website from 29th June, seeking submissions up to 29th August, 2022. Members must now consider the submissions received and may by resolution passed by not less than half of the members standing elected or co-opted for the time being decide

- a) to hold a ballot of the qualified electors registered in the place to which the proposed new placename applies in respect of the proposed new placename or such alternative to the proposed new placename as it considers appropriate, or
- b) not to proceed with the proposal to change the placename of the place concerned.

Detail discussion ensued and Cllr. Roche withdrew proposal for clarification purposes. Majority vote by show of hands to not go ahead with proposal.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Motions

None

8. AOB

Cllr. Power requested a public toilet at Cheekpoint.

G. Hynes, SEO, noted the provision for public toilet at this location is not currently provided for in any budget or programme.

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
17th October 2022
Ref: 2022/22**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 179 of The Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended Part VIII, to allow the continuation of the site as a public car park, this Part VIII process is being commenced to cover the continuance of the operation of the car park for a further 3 year period. This further period is to facilitate an overall review by Ervia of their property portfolio pending any potential longer term decision on the future of the site by Ervia.

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

Signed:

**Councillor Jason Murphy
Metropolitan District Mayor**

Witnessed:

**Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator**



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Waterford City & County Council

**Resolution of the Elected Members
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In accordance with the requirements of Section 48 (miscellaneous provisions) Act 2011 proposal to re-name, of Church Road to Slí an Athar Gréagóir/Father Gregory Way. The area proposed is the L90579-3 Church Road from its junction with the L1515 Paddy Browne's Road.

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

Signed:

**Councillor Jason Murphy
Metropolitan District Mayor**

Witnessed:

**Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator**