

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

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in Council Chamber City Hall, 21st November 2022 at 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Jason Murphy (Mayor)	Cllr. Cristiona Kiely
Cllr. Donal Barry	Cllr. Lola O’Sullivan
Cllr. Joanne Bailey	Cllr. Jody Power
Cllr. Davy Daniels	Cllr. Eamonn Quinlan
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. Frank Quinlan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Seamus Ryan
Cllr. Stephanie Keating	Cllr. Joe Kelly

Apologies: Cllr. Joe Conway, Cllr. Mary Roche

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. A. Kirwan, EE, Roads
Ms. N. Keating, SEE, Roads
Ms. H. O’ Shea, SEP, Planning
Mr. J. Murray, SE, Active Travel
Ms. M. Nolan Reade, Corporate Department

Vote of Sympathies/Congratulations:

Votes of sympathy were expressed to the family of Vicky Phelan, and family of Maura Power Ashe Road.

Vote of congratulations expressed to the Ballygunner Senior Hurling Team and best wishes to Cllr. Mary Roche on recently joining Social Democrats

Cllr. O’ Sullivan welcoming back Cllr. Daniels and Cllr. Bailey following a short period of illness.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from the: -

- a) Metropolitan District Meeting held on 17th October 2022 proposed by Cllr. Power seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald and agreed by all.
- b) Metropolitan District GMA Budget Meeting held on 17th October, 2022 proposed by Cllr. Wyse seconded by Cllr. Bailey and agreed by all

2. Matters Arising,

None

3. Reports

Cllr. Daniels enquired if any funding was applied for regarding Watch Tower, Railway Square, requested clarification on Residential Zoned Land Tax and an updated contact list as changes in personal, requested the list of trees included in scheme under tree preservation.

Cllr. Fitzgerald requested the Coastal Repair Works Report to be issued for clarification of type of repair works in each harbour and the cost. He highlighted a reoccurring issue of flooding in social housing estate in Crooke during bad weather conditions and requested inspection to be carried out. Regarding Shanakiel housing estate in Coxtown Dunmore East noted a problem with speeding at the entrance asking if speed controls such as a ramp could be installed, enquired if part of road at L4085 Crooke could be considered in next stage of roadworks plan.

Cllr. Ryan requested a review of Back Strand Tramore as he feels there is a danger of the road flooding, enquired when new footpath programme will be put to the members, enquired on timescale for public lighting to be installed in People's Park. Highlighted issue of continuous flooding at 66 Ballytruckle.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted there is no proposal to develop tower at Railway Square, Failte Ireland will be funding the lighting up on the tower which will commence next year.

H. O'Shea, SEP, outlined details of zoned land tax draft map, noting it is on the council website for submission until 1st January 2023.

R. Moloney, SEO, clarified there is no change in personal, will issue updated contact list. Outlined the next stage of People's Park lighting project is lighting design expected commencement first quarter 2023.

A. Kirwan, EE, will circulate Coastal Repair Works Report once complete and received, arrange inspection of Crooke and Shanakiel housing estates, will refer Back Strand issue to Area Engineer and revert. Outlined footpath programme covers periods 2021, 2022 and 2023, will schedule workshop in 2023 regarding next footpath programme. Noted issues at 66 Ballytruckle, works to be carried out in 2023.

Cllr. Power asked if former Ocean Hotel Dunmore East could be inspected as it is dilapidated, abandoned and unsafe. Requested extension of footpath in Killea from village to the school, enquired if provision of one-way system on Hennessy Road/O' Reilly Road to grotto. Noted announcement of increase toll charges requested letter be issued to government regarding Waterford bypass requesting the charges not to apply.

Cllr. Kiely, congratulated all involved and welcomed the news of North Quays and Mount Congreve noted both will make a huge difference to Waterford, feels forward planning will be essential, requested applying for TFI Bike Station at Ferrybank, Bilberry, and Mount Congreve. Requested dedicated cycle route for crossing bridge and update of the Bike Scheme numbers of people availing of the scheme. Noted active city trial of bike bunkers is complete asked if in position to roll out elsewhere. Congratulated Winterval team said there was a fantastic atmosphere at the turning on of the Christmas lights, enquired if there was a possibility of Park n Ride as there was a lot of traffic congestion and if CEO of Bus Eireann could be invited to address the members.

Cllr. Griffin thanked Alan Kirwan and team for help during the recent flooding at Carrigeen Park, noted other housing bodies did not give same level of support to some residents in the area asked if council has discretion to contact other bodies regarding this type of issue. Enquired if there is a budget for cutting back trees and asked for clarification on how differential rent is calculated.

M. Quinn, DoS, agrees projects coming together and planning ahead is needed noted processing proposals for bike scheme. Regarding traffic congestion during Winterval will issue letter request Bus Eireann to provide better service.

J. Murray, SE, outlined TFI scheme is run and expanded by NTA. Noted 1500 trips per month on bike trips, NTA welcome calls from WCCC members to expand scheme.

A. Kirwan, EE, will review section of footpath in Killea and revert. Outlined Carrigeen Park is long term issue will be investigated further.

N. Keating, SEE, will review Hennessy's Road/O' Reilly Road regarding a one-way system and revert, noted request for cycle lane for crossing on new bridge.

H. O'Shea , SEP, outlined the derelict sites register currently been updated and site inspections being carried out.

C. Hartley, SEO, outlined process of calculation of differential rent noting there is a hardship clause. Noted other housing bodies would have the ability and available funding to manage regular and emergency maintenance.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted comment with trees interfering with electronic wires.

M. Quinn, DoS, agreed to issue letter to Minister for Transport, Taoiseach, and Tánaiste regarding the increase in toll charges.

Cllr. Bailey, enquired if CCTV could be installed in high level travel areas of dumping as is an ongoing issue in the City, concurred with Cllr. Ryan's comment regarding flood water issue at 66 Ballytruckle. Enquired if a small footpath sweeper is available and could be scheduled to sweep footpaths on school routes such as St. Declan's with increase in dog fouling incidence in this area. Requested the fencing be inspected and repaired at Johns River Walk.

Cllr. Hearne thanked Raymond Moloney and team for work in graveyard Ballybeg and Kieran Kehoe for allowing use of some available land for the local Archery Club, requested a review of agreement in place regarding the sub-station in Belvedere Residents associations.

Cllr. E. Quinlan, enquired if there is provision for bus shelter at Gracedieu House on Tramore Road, requested expenditure costs of realm works in Tramore to date and expenditure costs on Bilberry section of the Greenway expansion. Enquired if there is provision for charging point at taxi rank in the City. Requested a review of timeframe for dealing with broken streetlights as some issues seem to exceed contract turnaround time.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted that the new Circular Economy Act has made amendment allowing use of CCTV, awaiting guidelines to be draft by CCMA before implementing which would be expected in 2023. Schedule mini sweeper for school routes, note comments and will inspect fencing on Johns River Walk.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted Tramore Public Realm final account and full expenditure will be included in monthly report once completed, will issue current estimate to date.

A. Kirwan, EE, noted Property Management presently dealing with the sub-station Cllr. Hearne referred to.

N. Keating, SSE, will review and revert regarding bus shelter in Gracedieu, will investigate regarding the charging point at taxi rank and will examine report regarding streetlights and discuss with contractor.

Cllr. Griffin enquired if recent waste disposal collection on the amenity sites at discounted rate could be run regularly to elevate fly tipping.

Cllr. Kelly, spoke of dangerous driving and overtaking on Link Road and RSC Roundabout coming from Ashe Road area requested update on road marking, feels as a matter of urgency road marking are needed on Rice Bridge. Regarding Winterval stage he feels it is situated in wrong place at the end of Patrick Street asked for consideration to relocate stage in different area next year. Requested an updated of progress of bus shelter on Cleaboy Road. Noted NTA identified Carrickpherish Road as suitable area for bus shelter queried if any further progress.

Cllr. Keating enquired as to what is the suggested replacement for speed ramps in areas than require traffic calming. Supports the request for a park and ride to be considered during next year's Winterval festival, requested road closures could be communicated better as many were not aware regarding bus services.

Cllr. F. Quinlan concurred with Cllr. Keating regarding park and ride facility during Winterval suggested SETU Arena Carriganore would be ideal location. Regarding Tree Maintenance Programme feels it is slow process particularly in Hazelbourne, Cleaboy Road highlighted there is no dropdown menu on CRM regarding reporting these issues. Enquired if there is a plan to have Wi-Fi at Mount Congreve for visitors as there is none at the present.

N. Keating, SEE, outlined Bilberry Greenway junction should be complete end of March this will include road marking, awaiting drawing for bus shelter Cleaboy Road will follow up and revert. Noted comments regarding O' Reilly Road will review and revert. Outlined there is a move away from ramps, noting that narrowing of roads deter motorist speeding.

A. Kirwan, EE, Ashe Road is in process of relining road markings, the weather not currently suitable for this work. Noted comments regarding park and ride and will refer onto the Winterval committee.

R. Moloney, SEO, noted it would not be feasible to run regular discounted rates for waste disposal as previous discount collections were funded by Department of Environment, noted the issue needs to be looked at nationally. Noted suggestion of additional areas on CRM for reporting tree maintenance.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted Patrick Street is a pressure point will ask for Park and Ride to be put on agenda for next year, will direct all comments and issues directly to Winterval committee for them to engage with bus operators. Noted there are plans for Wi-Fi in Mount Congreve to be available to visitors, currently national delays in delivery of broadband that is having an impact.

Cllr. O' Sullivan, requested area at Gallwey's Hill be investigated as she feels it is not safe and evidence on some bollards that are causing damage to vehicles. Requested planning to investigate building on Strand Road/Turkey Road as it is becoming derelict.

Cllr. Barry, requested a historical notices board be installed as part of the scheme on greenway old railway route from Waterford to Tramore, requested copy of report for this greenway. Requested council to take control of derelict site at Johns Street and enquired as to who is paying for railing round site. Requested lighting at bus shelter on Tramore Road.

A Kirwan, EE, will revert issue on Gallwey's Hill to Area Engineer.

J. Murray, SE, noted at present greenway is responsibly of NTA and noted request for historical information board.

H. O'Shea, SEP, noted comments and confirmed derelict site register is presently under review.

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

(a) Pedestrian and Cyclist Scheme – Newtown Hill/Newtown Glen Tramore – Completion of Process

J. Murray, SE Active Travel outlined details of part VIII 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. This resolution for the completion of the process was proposed by Cllr. O' Sullivan, Seconded by Cllr. E Quinlan and agreed by all.

Cllr. Kiely, supported proposal, it is a much-needed scheme and would be great to see it going ahead.

Cllr. Griffin, supports project, and asked if could look at communication with public about future projects.

Cllr. Kelly supports and welcomes the scheme noting it overdue with lack of pedestrian crossing, no cycling facilities within 1km of secondary and primary schools.

(b) Urban Regeneration Project Parade Quay/Friary Square – Commencement of Process

M. Partridge, EA, outlined details of part VIII, the proposed combined Parade Quay and Friary Square developments are the next phase of the Waterford Viking Triangle. The projects formed part of the successful Waterford City & County Council 2020 URDF application, and seek to;

- Strengthen the existing local community through development of mostly vacant buildings and under-used spaces, (ie.; 124-130 Parade Quay), to provide residential accommodation above new ground-floor retail / food and beverage units.
- Open-up existing derelict back-land at the rear of 124-130 Parade Quay, to provide a new south-facing public plaza beside the French Church and linking through to Baileys New Street.
- Develop 123B Parade Quay to provide access with Central Hall (123A Parade Quay).
- Re-establish historical accessible links between the Central Hall (123A Parade Quay), and the adjacent Greyfriars 'Museum of Time' building, at both ground and first-floor.

This Part 8 relates to all the aspects of the above items, and encompasses all demolition, enabling,

relocation and associated site works required for same.

Cllrs. Murphy, Barry and Ryan welcomed the project as a positive development for the area.

Cllr. Griffin enquired of the time scale of the project.

Cllr. Bailey enquired if the premises will be wheelchair accessible.

Cllr. Power feels this project will enhance the area, he enquired if the property would remain in public ownership and will the friary need to be upgraded.

Cllr. Daniels noted it is a positive and exciting event and is glad to see the connectivity of Brick Lane and Baileys New Street, he enquired how much of property will be under council ownership and if there is a historical planning application onsite.

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired if assistance could be provided to businesses as they will be homeless for two years while building is under construction.

Cllr. Kiely complimented team feels it is a positive project of city centre living with beautiful design.

M. Quinn, DoS, noted businesses were on licence which they were aware was short term with subsidised rent, the impact is regrettable but would not be in a position to provide alternative location. Site belongs to council discussion are taking place with OPW regarding the unit behind. Noted the ownership of the housing is not yet decided it may possibly be affordable housing, will be determined by housing department.

M. Partridge, EA, noted there was full engagement with all tenants, confirmed there is wheelchair access lift to first floor units of one and two bedroom units, confirmed engagement with Archaeologist regarding upgrade of Friary.

5. Active Travel: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme Convent Hill, Tramore – Place Making and Traffic Calming – Completion of Process

J. Murray, SE, outlined the scheme at Convent Hill, Tramore noting scheme was advertised for public consultation from 27th September 2022 to 24th October 2022, inviting submissions before 07th November 2022. Proposal is for carriageway narrowing, footpath widening, place making including tree pits, flower beds (SUDS features), street furniture (i.e., Seats, benches etc) along Convent Hill and junction tightening works at the Old Waterford Road. As part of the Safe Routes to School programme under Active Travel works in the area, the objective is to improve walking and cycling access, improve connections to existing footpaths and create safer crossing points for vulnerable road users.

Cllr. Kiely, proposed and is fully supportive of this section 38 adding it enhances the area

Cllr. Griffin, seconded proposal thanked James and Barbara for accommodating meeting adding only 1 in 3 of these projects throughout Ireland, asked that going forward if further discussion and better communications with schools and residents.

Cllr. Power, added anything that makes it safer for children to get to school he would welcome.

Cllr. Barry, agreed the safety of children is paramount enquired as to what was the level of discussion that took place with residents effected by this scheme.

Cllr. Kelly, expressed disappointment and feels previous scheme was badly implemented adding two schemes are linked and feels residents in Sweetbriar Lawn issues were not address with limited consultation.

Cllr. O' Sullivan, feels strongly for residents of Otterans Terrace said there is a need for further engagement with residents, adding School Street is working safely for kids but Sweetbriar Lawn residents need further engagement, schemes need good engagement in order for them to work in a positive way.

Cllr. E. Quinlan, would be reluctant to pass scheme adding further engagement is required, suggesting public meeting with school and residents.

J. Murray, SE, outlined engagement is ongoing, School Street is in place three months road closure licence for one year, this road safety scheme will compliment school street project.

Cllr. Kelly proposed deferral, Cllr E. Quinlan seconded pending further consultation and public meeting. It was agreed to have a roll call vote in support of deferral.

Extension of Standing Order was proposed by Cllr. O' Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. E. Quinlan and agreed by all.

NAME	For	Against	Abstain	Not present
Joeanne Bailey (SF)		√		
Donal Barry (Ind)	√			
Joe Conway (Ind)				√
Davy Daniels (Ind)	√			
Pat Fitzgerald (SF)	√			
Jim Griffin (SF)		√		
John Hearne (SF)		√		
Stephanie Keating (FF)	√			
Joe Kelly (Ind)	√			
Cristiona Kiely (GP)		√		
Jason Murphy (FF)		√		
Lola O'Sullivan (FG)	√			
Jody Power (GP)		√		
Eamon Quinlan (FF)	√			
Frank Quinlan (FG)	√			
Mary Roche (SD)				√
Seamus Ryan (Lab)	√			
Adam Gary Wyse (FF)	√			
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Majority voted for deferral of Section 38 Active Travel Scheme Convent Hill Tramore.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Motions

None

8. AOB

Cllr. Fitzgerald, feels there an issue in eastern rural part of the county with deer as they are a road hazard, requesting signage to be erected to warn drivers.

M. Quinn, DoS, outlined culling deer does not fall within councils' remit, will refer to wildlife services.

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
21st November 2022
Ref: 2022/24

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 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.

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

Signed:

Councillor Jason Murphy
Metropolitan District Mayor

Witnessed:

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator