

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

COUNCIL MEETING HELD 11th September, 2014

PRESENT:

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| Cllr. James Tobin Cathaoirleach | Cllr. Joe Kelly |
| Cllr. Liam Brazil | Cllr. Eddie Mulligan |
| Cllr. Breda Brennan | Cllr. Jason Murphy |
| Cllr. Mary Butler | Cllr. Pat Nugent |
| Cllr. John Carey | Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell |
| Cllr. Declan Clune | Cllr. John O'Leary |
| Cllr. Joe Conway | Cllr. Cha O'Neill |
| Cllr. Tom Cronin | Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan |
| Cllr. John Cummins | Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan |
| Cllr. Davy Daniels | Cllr. Seanie Power |
| Cllr. Declan Doocey | Cllr. John Pratt |
| Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald | Cllr. Eamon Quinlan |
| Cllr. Damien Geoghegan | Cllr. Sean Reinhardt |
| Cllr. Jim Griffin | Cllr. Mary Roche |
| Cllr. Blaise Hannigan | Cllr. Siobhán Whelan |
| Cllr. John Hearne | Cllr. Adam Gary Wyse |

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
 Mr. J. Murphy, Head of Finance
 Mr. D. Murphy, Management Accountant
 Mr. B. O'Kane, Management Accountant
 Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Service Housing, Community & Culture
 Mr. P. Daly, A/Director of Service Roads HR & Emergency Services
 Mr. L. Power, Director of Service Economic Development
 Mr. B. White, Director of Service Planning & Corporate Affairs
 Mr. R. Moloney, Deputy Director of Services Water and Environment
 Mr. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator
 Ms. A. Jacob, Senior Staff Officer

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was expressed to those bereaved by the deaths of:

Albert Reynolds TD
 John Morrissey
 Ann Kiely
 Phil Fogarty
 Michael Power
 Angela Greene
 Ned Veale
 Deirdre Atkins
 Tommy Kinsella
 Paddy Dee
 Chrissie O'Grady

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 10th July were proposed by Cllr O'Leary, seconded by Cllr Geoghegan and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Mulligan raised an issue on the Corporate Plan.

Cllr Daniels raised an issue on budget and funding.

Cllr Cummins sought confirmation on funding.

It was confirmed to Cllr Clune that the Chairman of the Airport will address the Council in the near future.

3. Planning

Cllr Cummins proposed a) Part 8 Knockhouse completion of process, seconded by Cllr Daniels and agreed.

Cllr Roche proposed b) Harvest Festival Event Licence completion of process, seconded by Cllr Daniels and agreed.

4. Land Disposals

Proposed by Cllr Cummins seconded by Cllr Geoghegan and agreed.

5. Monthly Management Report

The Chief Executive presented the Monthly Management Report.

Cllr Roche requested that the Red Kettle situation be looked at. Cllrs Brazil, Pratt and O'Sullivan commented on Comhairle na n'Óg and the good it was achieving.

Cllr Daniels asked that the Council be kept informed of NTA projects and other schemes.

Cllr Mulligan requested that a locum be made available for absences of the Anti Social Behaviour Officer. He also referred to the Red Kettle closure.

Cllr Cummins requested that the Monthly Management Report be circulated earlier. He also raised a question on rate collection.

Cllr Hannigan raised a question on housing waiting lists and housing in Tramore area.

Cllr Kelly asked could accommodation be provided for Pieta House. He also enquired whether ongoing negotiations with Irish Water would impact on council staff.

Cllr Hearne commented that the change in Community Support Officers was having an impact. He also enquired if an online housing enquiry system re applicant status could be set up.

Cllr O'Neill raised an issue in relation to housing in Tramore and enquired if the existing refuse collection was being privatised.

Cllr Nugent welcomed the upcoming Greenways project and enquired about negotiations with the land owners.

Cllr Griffin made the comment that there was not enough time provided on the agenda to properly discuss this report.

Cllr Fitzgerald enquired about the level of unpaid rates and the amount of council property being rented.

Cllr O'Ryan commented on the refuse collection service and hazardous waste collection.

Cllr Pratt also commented on the refuse collection service and enquired regarding the waiver system.

Cllr Wyse commented on the housing list and asked whether mental health was a factor taken into consideration in assessing housing need.

M. Walsh, B.White, R. Moloney, P. Daly and J. Murphy responded to the questions raised.

6.Finance

It was proposed by Cllr Daniels and seconded by Cllr O'Leary and agreed that the finance items in respect the AFS's 2013 (x 3) be referred to the District meetings and revert to the October full Council meeting for adoption.

7. Nomination to other Bodies

There was no item under this heading for this meeting.

8.Protocols

Cllr O'Sullivan proposed the adoption of the protocols together with the following amendments proposed by the CPG meeting of 11th September 2014:-

1. That the Appendix 1 Protocol for attendance of Cathaoirleach at functions apply to the Mayor/Chairs of Districts.
2. That the 1848 Tricolour Commemoration Flag unveiling be added to Appendix 2.
3. That the Cathaoirleach is robed as and when required.
4. Delete the line in relation to the budget for receptions.

Seconded by Cllr Cronin.

Cllr O'Sullivan proposed that the programme for presentation of school attendance certificates to primary schools be continued and extended into the additional schools in the Metropolitan District in 2015, seconded by Cllr Murphy and agreed.

Cllr Daniels asked that the CPG minutes be circulated.

The motion was put and carried on a show of hands by 25 votes in favour to 7 against.

9. Adoption of SPC Scheme

Cllr Carey proposed and Cllr O'Sullivan seconded the adoption of the SPC sheme.

It was agreed that minutes of all SPC's be circulated to all councillors, that a swap between SPC's is allowed if Councillors fulfil the criteria i.e. same District. It was proposed by Cllr Reinhardt and seconded by Cllr Pratt and agreed that one extra councillor place be created on the Housing, Community and Culture SPC and that Cllr Reinhardt be nominated for that place.

10. Alternative title to Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllr O'Ryan proposed that the City and County Council gives to the office of its Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach the following titles, Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Waterford City and County Council, seconded by Cllr Geoghegan. In the discussion that followed Cllrs O'Leary, Pratt, Hearne and Mulligan expressed support for the motion. Cllrs Conway, Daniels, Kelly, Roche and Reinhardt expressed opposition to the motion. The motion was put and on a recorded vote was carried by 25 votes for and 7 votes against as follows:-

| Name | For | Against |
|---------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Cllr. James Tobin Cathaoirleach | F | |
| Cllr. Liam Brazil | F | |
| Cllr. Breda Brennan | F | |
| Cllr. Mary Butler | F | |
| Cllr. John Carey | F | |
| Cllr. Declan Clune | F | |
| Cllr. Joe Conway | | A |
| Cllr. Tom Cronin | F | |
| Cllr. John Cummins | F | |
| Cllr. Davy Daniels | | A |
| Cllr. Declan Doocey | F | |
| Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald | F | |
| Cllr. Damien Geoghegan | F | |
| Cllr. Jim Griffin | F | |
| Cllr. Blaise Hannigan | | A |
| Cllr. John Hearne | F | |
| Cllr. Joe Kelly | | A |
| Cllr. Eddie Mulligan | F | |
| Cllr. Jason Murphy | F | |
| Cllr. Pat Nugent | F | |
| Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell | F | |
| Cllr. John O'Leary | F | |
| Cllr. Cha O'Neill | | A |
| Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan | F | |
| Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan | F | |
| Cllr. Seanie Power | F | |
| Cllr. John Pratt | F | |
| Cllr. Eamon Quinlan | F | |
| Cllr. Sean Reinhardt | | A |
| Cllr. Mary Roche | | A |
| Cllr. Siobhán Whelan | F | |
| Cllr. Adam Gary Wyse | F | |

11. Correspondence

Noted

12. Notices of Motions

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Daniels and seconded by Cllr. L. O' Neill.

"That Waterford City and County Council calls on the Minister for Health and the Taoiseach Enda Kenny to implement 24/7 Cardiac cover for the South East immediately."

Reg. No. 1 (dated 5th June 2014)

Cllrs Roche, Mulligan, Griffin, Cummins and the Cathaoirleach all spoke in support of the motion.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

At this juncture Cllr Hearne proposed a suspension of standing orders to continue the business of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Fitzgerald and agreed.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. John Hearne, seconded by Cllr B. Brennan.

“That Waterford City and County Council opposes the Government policy to privatise the public bus service in the Waterford area and pledges to protect the jobs of Waterford based bus employees. Furthermore, this council calls on the Minister for Transport and the National Transport Authority to suspend this process immediately and clarify the criteria used to select Waterford for this flawed and ideologically based policy.”

Reg. No. 5 (dated 29th June 2014)

Cllrs Kelly, Mulligan, O’Ryan, O’Leary, O’Neill and Murphy all spoke in favour. The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr Whelan and carried unanimously.

“That this Council write to both the Minister and Junior Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport calling on them to abandon their departments plans to privatize all Waterford City and Tramore Public Bus Routes until a full open, transparent consultation takes place, involving all stakeholders including the travelling public and bus workers representatives.”

Reg. No. 7 (dated 30th June 2014)

The following motion was proposed by Cllr Joe Conway and seconded by Cllr Hannigan. Cllrs O’Sullivan and Nugent supported the motion.

“That this Council will adopt standard specifications for all speed ramps on the Authority’s roads.” Reg. No. 8 (dated 1st July 2014)

Cllr Geoghegan suggested to the meeting that the content of the motion is more suited to an SPC and proposed that it be referred to the Roads, Infrastructure and Fire SPC. Council agreed.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Laurence O’ Neill and seconded by Cllr Daniels.

“To call on Irish Water to not take payments from householders until water meters are installed in their houses.” Reg. No. 9 (dated 22nd August 2014)

Cllrs Hearne, Kelly, O’Ryan and Hannigan supported, the motion was then put and was carried.

Standing orders having been exceeded the remaining motions were deferred to the next meeting.

13. AOB

Schedule of budgetary process meetings was set out by John Murphy, HOF, confirmation will be sent out to all.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____