

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

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 @ 5.00pm  
Present:**

Cllr. Eamon Quinlan Mayor
Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Breda Brennan
Cllr. John Carey
Cllr. Joe Conway
Cllr. Davy Daniels
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan
Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Joe Kelly
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Adam Wyse
Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. John Hearne
Cllr. Sean Reinhardt

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr. L. Power, District Manager  
 Mr. B. Duggan, SEO Economic Development  
 Mr. J. Sullivan, SEO, Housing, Community & Culture  
 Mr. R. Mannix, SE Roads, HR & Emergency Services  
 Mr. N. Kane, SEE, Roads, HR & Emergency Services  
 Mr. P. McCarthy, SE, Roads, HR & Emergency Services  
 Mr. P. Kelly, AO. Planning  
 Mr. R. Moloney, SEO, Environment  
 Mr. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator  
 Ms. M. Fitzsimons, CO Economic Development.

**Vote of Sympathy:**

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of:

Phyllis Dalton, Paul Foley, Priscilla Walsh, Seamus Breen and Biddy Sheridan

**Vote of Congratulations:**

Votes of congratulations were extended to:

Ballygunner Senior Hurling team on their success in the Senior Hurling Final

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Metropolitan District meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Hannigan, seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald and agreed.

## **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. O'Neill requested an update on new Shared Ownership scheme; J Sullivan, SEO confirmed that final details on a new Shared Ownership scheme are awaited from the Dept. Cllr. O'Neill requested that the Council send a letter to the Dept. requesting same; J. Sullivan, SEO agreed to do so.

## **3. Planning**

(a) Planning lists circulated by email – noted.

## **4. Reports:**

Cllr. Griffin asked can requests be made to have ditches/hedges in housing estates cut back. Cllr. Daniels requested an update on traffic calming measures and on the (NAMA) Michael Street Development. Cllr. Brennan raised traffic management issues at Griffith Place/Ard na Greine junction. Cllr. O'Neill pointed out that traffic ramp has been removed from Ceannt Road and that the pedestrian crossing by the Tramore Road Roundabout is causing traffic delays, he was concerned about fly tipping problems and requested that the Council arrange a once off white/bulky goods collection.

P. McCarthy, SE will review trees adjacent to public roads which are causing safety issues, he outlined landowners responsibility in this area; he confirmed that the Traffic Calming Policy is in place and can be outlined in the budget workshop. N. Kane, SEE will examine the Ard na Greine area, confirmed that the ramp will be replaced in Ceannt Road, he will monitor the pedestrian crossing by the Tramore Road Roundabout but stated that it is person activated. L. Power, District Manager confirmed that NAMA have appointed a design team to the Michael Street Development and a planning application is anticipated in the coming months. R. Moloney, SEO confirmed that the Tree Maintenance Programme will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> November; he stated that the Council offers a white/bulky goods collection at a cost.

Cllr. O'Neill requested a report on lands/houses owned by NAMA. J. Sullivan, SEO confirmed that he will revert once details are available. Cllr. Hannigan stated that shores in the Roselawn and Pine Grove area are blocked. Cllr. Hearne added shores in Hillview, Griffith Place and Yellow Road areas are also blocked; he referred to a house in Larchville which is attracting anti-social behaviour. Cllr. Murphy enquired about policy on the Differential Rent Scheme and a rental cap and the Tenant Purchase scheme; he outlined illegal dumping hotspots at College Court, behind Store All and at Crystal Court and enquired about litter prosecution in the City. Cllr. Roche enquired about private estates having their grass cut by the Council; she requested an update re the Cycle Network trial at Ardkeen and referred dumping issues at Witches Lane; she requested an update on the Westpharma development; she also stated a need for provision in the budget for traffic calming measures.

P. McCarthy, SE noted the areas where shores are blocked; he outlined that, with Council approval, a sum will be provided to prioritise areas urgently requiring traffic calming measures. N. Kane SEE outlined that the Cycle Network trial will commence when Irish Water complete works on the Dunmore Road. Cllr. Daniels stated that this is an inopportune time of the year to experiment with traffic. J. Sullivan SEO confirmed that details of a Tenant Purchase Scheme are expected; and stated that there is no rental cap in the Differential Rent Scheme; he confirmed that the Differential Rent Scheme will be reviewed in early 2016. L. Power District Manager outlined that the Westpharma development is on track. R. Moloney SEO confirmed that illegally dumped material is removed as quickly as possible and searched; generally once litter fines are issued they are paid; he requested details of private estates being cut by Council staff for follow up.

Cllr. Fitzgerald pointed out that residents in Cheekpoint have reported foul odours from the Sewerage Treatment Plant; he requested an update on the roadworks due at Callaghan Bridge and outlined a fly tipping issue around Kilcarragh Road/Ballygunner School. Cllr. Wyse requested detail of the SEAI energy scheme. Cllr. Mulligan enquired as to whether there is a policy for Traffic Calming and whether there will be an Open Day at the Fire Station, to incorporate the Civil Defence; he requested an update on the Waterside carpark; he outlined that extra signage is required at the crossing to the relocated Courthouse at Gracedieu; he also asked if there was a policy on neon lights in the city. Cllr. Carey requested that Passage East Flood Relief scheme be progressed faster.

P. McCarthy, SE will revert with details of Callaghan Bridge roadworks; he will circulate the traffic calming policy. R. Moloney SEO confirmed that the foul odours from the Sewerage Treatment Plant are being investigated and will revert with details of the SEAI grant scheme. P. McCarthy, S.E. confirmed that there

will be a Fire Station Open Day arranged and that the Flood Relief scheme is at tender stage. P. Kelly AO reported that processes are being followed through Section 152 of the Planning Act with regard to neon signs. N. Kane SEE confirmed that the traffic calming measures at the re-located Courthouse will be completed shortly. R. Mannix, SE confirmed that works will commence once final agreement is received from Bord Gais on Waterside carpark.

Cllr. Kelly requested an update on sewerage works at Hillview and a report on works carried out at Cannon Street earlier this year; he pointed out flooding areas at the Slievekeale Road area and Link Road, Manor St/Poleberry area; and that traffic calming measures are required at Bowefield; he asked for further detail on LEO figures and reported fly tipping at McInerney's field at Hawthorn Drive. Cllr. Reinhardt enquired whether facilities at the Fire Station, Kilbarry include a female changing area. Cllr. Roche concurred with this query. Cllr. Conway highlighted illegal parking by the Holy Cross School and requested traffic calming measures and provision of flexible bollards; he requested that the report on Mobility Aid Grants give full details of recipients and outlined that Planning Authority bonds are restraining developers; he requested an update on Monvoy Court and enquired as to who is responsible for illegal dumping at derelict sites; he raised a traffic calming issue at Tramore Heights.

P. McCarthy SE noted areas prone to flooding, he will revert on changing facilities at the Fire Station, he will follow up on parking issues at the Holy Cross School and examine the issue raised re Tramore Heights. N. Kane SEE confirmed that signs are on order for Bowefield area and contact made with Airtricity re lighting in the area. J. Sullivan SEO will examine the issue raised with regard to provision of the list of Mobility Aids Grants. R. Moloney, SEO will check the issue of fly tipping in Hawthorn Drive area and report back; he confirmed that land owners are responsible for dumping on derelict sites; he will erect signage in the area. P. Kelly AO outlined the approach taken by the Council in relation to developers bonds while ensuring that the LA is covered should the development fail; he reported on the Monvoy Court development. Cllr. Fitzgerald agreed that the bond should be adequate to cover the Council. L. Power reported on LEO figures and conversion rate from initial meeting to Measure 1 supports.

## **5. Procedures Committee Recommendation**

Recommendation circulated by email and presented by E. Ruane, SEO.

Following discussion it was agreed to refer this recommendation back to the Procedures Committee for clarification.

## **6. Correspondence**

Correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture Food & Marine re Passage East Spit Light Beacon was circulated by email.

## **7. Notice of Motions**

Notice of Motions were circulated with the agenda

Motion in the name of Cllr. Jason Murphy and Cllr. O'Neill:

“That this Council in the interests of Health and Safety prioritise the piping of the open drain adjacent to the public road and the soccer field on the Cork Road from within its Capital Programme”

**Reg. No. 21 (dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015)**

Cllr. O'Neill proposed the motion which was seconded by Cllr. Murphy and agreed.

<b>8. AOB</b>
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- L. Power scheduled a pre budget meeting with the Council on General Municipal Allocation for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 @ 5pm. There will also be a budget workshop on 10<sup>th</sup> November prior to the budget meeting arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- Cllr. Mulligan expressed disappointment in the CPG in relation to the decision taken regarding a motion to purchase of 33 The Mall, he emphasised the importance of the timing with the upcoming 1916 celebrations.
- Cllr. Hannigan raised the issue of disabled parking in Tramore Bridge Club.
- Cllr. O'Neill complimented the Mayor on highlighting the valuable work of Waterford Marine Search & Rescue by assisting on their Suicide Watch.
- Cllr. Griffin suggested that the Council meet with Waterford Marine Search & Rescue. B. Duggan SEO noted it for follow up.
- Cllr. Wyse complimented all on the success of the Solas Centre on their Run & Walk for Life.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_