

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

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD on 12th March, 2015 HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, CITY HALL, WATERFORD.**

**Item
No.
1A.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Seanie Power, Cllr Damien Geoghegan, Cllr Blaise Hannigan

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
Mr. J. Murphy, Head of Finance
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. F. Galvin, Director of Service Environment and Water
Mr. B. White, Director of Service Planning & Corporate Affairs
Ms. L. O'Mahony, A/SEO Housing, Community & Culture
Mr. K. Connolly, ASBO, Housing, Community & Culture
Mr. V. O'Shea, Administrative Officer, Housing, Community & Culture
Ms. J. Cantwell, City & County Librarian, Housing, Community & Culture
Ms. M. Organ, Arts Officer, Housing, Community & Culture
Mr. C. Nolan, Arts Officer, Housing, Community & Culture
Mr. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator
Ms. A. Jacob, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

Paddy (Moremiles) Murphy
Noel Walsh
Ben Murphy

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Diane Behan, Donegal Endurance Race
Marion O'Meara and Kieran Foley, Journalist Awards

Dawn Meats, Waterford Business Award 2014
1848 Commemorative Committee
Organisers of the 1848 Tricolour Celebration

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 12th February 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Daniels, seconded by Cllr Cronin and agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Mulligan asked if Michael Kelly had been approached to address Council in relation to regarding WIT technological university status. E. Ruane responded that he would address the Council in committee at 4 pm 16th March, 2015 prior to the Metropolitan meeting.

3. PLANNING

Cllr Whelan raised the issue of planning permission for wind turbines and conditions attached thereto. B. White responded saying that the adopted policy of the Council, which must be consistent with national policy, is the basis for all planning permissions.

Taking in charge as per report dated 12th March, 2015 from P. Daly, A/DoS was proposed by Cllr Daniels, seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed.

4. LAND DISPOSALS

Land disposals proposed by Cllr Cronin, seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan and agreed.

5. MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Economic Development

Cllr O'Leary referred to the Glanbia Plant in Kilmeaden and suggested some industry be set up there. The Mayor concurred and also welcomed the reintroduction of the Luton link at Waterford Airport. Cllr O'Neill acknowledged the achievement of the Airport in the return of the flights and asked that all Councils in the Southeast show support. Cllrs Griffin, Cummins and Nugent concurred. Cllr Kelly enquired about the tender process for SICAP. L. Power, DOS responded that it was an open tendering process and all companies had to compete. Cllr Roche enquired of progress on the North Quays. CE responded that some movement will be seen in the next number of weeks.

Roads, HR and Emergency Services

Cllr Brennan enquired about the position on the Avondale bus route. Cllr Doocey raised the question of the moving of speed limits at Cappoquin. Cllr Fitzgerald enquired if a budget could be made available for footpaths and street lighting in Dunmore East. Cllr O'Ryan asked that any available funds be made available for potholes. Cllr Mulligan concurred with the request for footpaths. He also asked if

written notification could be sent out to residents informing them of upcoming works. Cllr Carey enquired about footpaths in Passage East. Cllr Brazil thanked the Council for works on the coast road, he also enquired about the next stage of the Greenway. Cllr Butler welcomed the new Fire Station. Cllr Kelly enquired if the money for the Dunmore East seawall has been secured and also enquired about the opening of the new Fire Station in Portlaw. Cllr O'Neill thanked the Council for the works on Vincent White Road. Cllr Clune enquired about the Greenway. Cllr O'Leary asked if an expert on farming issues could be provided for farmers involved in the Greenway. Cllr Wyse enquired if there would be an open day for the public in the new Fire Station. Cllr Nugent concurred with Cllr O'Leary. Cllr Whelan asked if the Cunnigar is included in repair works. P. Daly, DOS, said that he would meet separately with Cllr Brennan on the bus issues, the process to move speed limits in Cappoquin had commenced, that footpath works in Dunmore East were in hand and that notification to householders can be reviewed. He also said that there was provision made for new footpaths and public lighting and some provision made for maintenance in the roads programme. He stated that an opening date for the new fire station had not been decided and that he was still in talks with the OPW regarding the Cunnigar. The CE confirmed that the Greenway will be opened in full in March/April 2016, that the section from Ballinroad to Durrow will be complete by the middle of this year. He stated that there were over 100 property owners involved in the venture and it is intended to form a steering committee with property representatives. He was satisfied that enough expertise had been engaged in relation to the project.

Housing, Community and Culture

Cllr Fitzgerald enquired if a % of new builds were reserved for disability and what are the housing plans for Dunmore East. He also enquired what the Council's input was in relation to the 37 Respond houses in the housing report. He stated that RAS was not a long term solution. Cllr Quinlan enquired about housing maintenance where a house had been vandalised by crime, that it should be repaired and deemed an emergency. Cllr Doocey enquired about the award of contracts. Cllr Kelly enquired about funding for Housing Adaptation grants and retrofitting and if it is subject to a tender process and are works monitored. Cllr Pratt asked when the new tenant purchase scheme coming onstream. Cllr O'Neill enquired if the Council would be purchasing any private houses. Cllr Roche enquired if there were any delay issues with adaptation grants. Cllr O'Leary enquired about mobility aid grants for the elderly. Cllr Conway concurred with Cllr Quinlan that the Council has a social responsibility to tenants who may be left vulnerable, following vandalism. Cllr Daniels asked for an update on the remedial works scheme and the new tenant purchase scheme. Cllr Hearne asked how many people in Waterford are availing of B&B. M. Quinn, DOS responded that only priority 1 housing adaption grants were being processed at present. In regard to emergency repairs he stated that there is a tenant maintenance policy in place and that he will revert to SPC in relation to specific issues on vandalism. He stated that the award of contract was an open process and that he will revert to Cllr Doocey, the new tenant purchase scheme is expected in the third quarter of the year, he stated that he was not aware of any delays in relation to adaptation grants and that energy efficiency works are supervised in different ways i.e. inhouse or outside consultants to maintain standards. He will revert on B&B numbers and confirmed that the Council had sought additional funding to deal with the homeless. He stated that there are issues with loans but reposessions are a last resort for the Council. Cllr O'Leary requested that categories 2 and 3 be included for consideration.

Cllr O'Ryan enquired in relation to plans for commemorating 1916. Cllr Pratt referred to the importance for the community of the Pride of Place competitions. Cllr Murphy also enquired about commemorating 1916 and the role of the members in relation to funding received. Cllr Quinlan enquired about plans for the All Aboard Play Park in Tramore. M. Quinn, DOS responded that a €30,000 grant had been received in relation to 1916 and that he will bring outline proposals to the SPC. He will revert on the play park in Tramore.

Environment

Cllr Daniels enquired in relation to progress on the new charging regime for waste collection. Cllr O'Neill asked if there was an increase in flytipping. F. Galvin, DOS responded that guidelines in relation to pay by weight refuse collection will be issued by the Dept. He will revert with specific figures on flytipping and enforcement.

At this stage the Mayor requested an extension of standing orders and it was proposed by Cllr Daniels and seconded by Cllr Quinlan and agreed to extend the meeting to 7.30 pm.

6. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015 - 2017

CE presented the capital programme and stated that it required formal adoption by the Council. The adoption was proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr Ryan and after input from the Council was agreed.

7.DRAFT WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL PARKS, OPEN SPACES BYE LAWS 2015 FOR WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Item 7 was proposed by Cllr Cummins, seconded by Cllr O'Leary and agreed.

8. WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS PRACTICE GRANTS AND ARTS VENUE GRANTS AND 12. WATERFORD CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL – SUPPORTING WATERFORD COMMUNITIES FUND 2015

Items 8 and 12 were taken together and presented by J. Cantwell, City and County Librarian. The reports as submitted were proposed by Cllr Cummins, seconded by Cllr Cronin and agreed.

9. AUDIT CHARTER

Item 9 was proposed by Cllr O'Leary, seconded by Cllr Cronin and agreed.

Standing orders having been exceeded the meeting concluded.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____