

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

**Item  
No. 1a**

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 @ 5.00pm**

**Present:**

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

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr. L. Power, District Manager  
Ms. O. O'Reilly, AO Housing, Community & Culture  
Mr. N. Kane, SEE Roads  
Mr. J. O'Mahony, SP Planning  
Mr. J. Nolan, SEE Environment  
Mr. C. O'Neill, DE Roads  
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO Economic Development  
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO Corporate

**A workshop on:**

1. Update on City Centre Works
2. Amendments to Taxi Rank Byelaws
3. Amendments to Parking Byelaws
4. Proposals to connect the Greenway to the City Centre
5. Traffic Calming priority scheme.

attended by P. Daly DOS and N. Kane SEE was held before this meeting. Cllr. Cummins proposed that Standing Orders be suspended by fifteen minutes and to delay start of the Metropolitan meeting to continue the business of the workshop. This was seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and unanimously agreed.

**Vote of Sympathy:**

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of:

Jim Kehoe, Seamus Power, Paddy O' Sullivan

**Vote of Congratulations:**

Vote of congratulations was extended to the Three Sisters Bid team.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Metropolitan District meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016, were proposed by Cllr. Quinlan, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed.

The minutes of the Metropolitan District Annual General Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were proposed by Cllr. J. Cummins, seconded by Cllr. L. O'Sullivan and agreed.

## **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. O'Neill requested an update on the proposal for camper-van parking at the Regional Sports Centre, he complimented all involved in the floral displays at the Plunkett Station and he requested an update on T & H Doolins and Weatherspoons. Cllr. Mulligan complimented all involved in the Waterford Walls project; he requested an update on the bridge at Adelphi Quay. Cllr. Roche raised a question on the status of the original North Quays design and on the rubble which is on site.

L. Power, District Manager confirmed that the rubble from the demolition works is for Council use, that the OPW competition will be considered in the SDZ for what is currently practical. J. O'Mahony, SP confirmed that the Weatherspoons planning application is at further information stage, as is T&H Doolins. Cllr. Daniels requested an update on St. Patrick's hospital. J. O'Mahony SP confirmed that the further information request on St. Patrick's hospital is due shortly. Cllr. Carey raised lighting in Crooke. C. O'Neill DE outlined that there is no funding currently in place for this work. Cllr. Hannigan raised the issue of dog fouling along the Link Road, Tramore.

## **3. Planning**

- (a) Planning Lists were circulated by email. Noted.
- (b) Taking in Charge of Estates/Roads – circulated by email. The following estates were proposed to be taken into charge:

- 1. Templars Hall, Kilbarry, Waterford City
- 2. Westbrook, Tramore, Co. Waterford
- 3. Meadowbrook, Tramore, Co. Waterford
- 4. Crab Cottagers, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford

Cllr. Cummins enquired whether all infrastructures were in order before the Council takes in charge. L. Power District Manager confirmed this to be the case. Cllr. Kelly enquired if estates could be taken in charge if issues were identified. L. Power District Manager confirmed that estates must be fit for purpose prior to being taken in charge. Cllr. Mulligan asked if the council had access to the CCTV cameras in Templar's Hall. Cllr. Quinlan asked if the Council could put pressure on contractors to get estates ready to be taking in charge. L. Power District Manager agreed that this is the process. Cllr. Fitzgerald outlined that there are issues with parts of the site at Fisherman's Grove. L. Power District Manager noted this. Cllr. Conway enquired as to the cost of taking in charge to the Council. J. O'Mahony SP confirmed that €171k was allocated to the taking in charge of estates by Council. Cllr. Quinlan proposed the taking in charge of the above estates; this was seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan and agreed.

- (c) Event Licence –Harvest Festival - completion of the process was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Brennan and agreed.

## **4. Reports**

Circulated by email for information.

Cllr. Fitzgerald commented on the number of planning applications in the Metro area; he requested a costing on the resurfacing in Dunmore East area and the estimated costs for works at Cheekpoint. J. O'Mahony SP noted that the Metro area accounted for 47% of overall planning applications. Cllr. Reinhardt enquired about Manor St John vandalism; he requested that Councillors be advised of

those who do not reply to the Housing Needs Assessment; he requested that the light sequence on the Upr. Yellow Road be examined and a filter light be installed on Paddy Browne's Road. Cllr. Daniels raised the issue of turning left onto Bridge Street from The Quay; he asked about plans for Enterprise House, New Street Court. He also enquired about works at Grange Heights, at the Courthouse and floodlighting the bridge on St. John's River. O. O'Reilly AO agreed to deal with the query re Housing Needs Assessment. C. O'Neill DE confirmed that the road marking tender is out currently. N. Kane SEE outlined that funding needs to be sourced for Bridge Street, he agreed to assess the merit of lighting the bridges. J. Nolan SEE outlined that Manor St. John will be attended to by Open Spaces and that the Courthouse has landscaping works planned. L. Power District Manager confirmed that the New Street Court is occupied by a client of the Council. Cllr. Mulligan welcomed the coach park proposal; he queried the two hour time restriction for coaches and outlined a fifteen minute set down/pick up time is operation in Nassau Street; he welcomed the overnight parking offer in Bolton Street and Millars Marsh, he requested that the road sweeper attends to Dunmore East. Cllr. Hannigan asked about a house in Doyle Street. Cllr. Cummins raised the low cost safety scheme, the issue of rubbish at Pickardstown, he queried whether the artists working on the Waterford Walls Project are vetted and asked for a timeline on the Public Realm works and he requested that the second letter for Housing Needs Assessment be sent via registered mail.

N. Kane SEE outlined the parking offer in Bolton Street and Millar's Marsh area. O. O'Reilly AO will follow up on house in Doyle Street. C. O'Neill DE outlined an agreement with the Tramore road sweeper. Cllr. Mulligan enquired as to whether the Bolton Street/Millar's Marsh offer would be extended across the city. L. Power District Manager outlined that there is no change planned at this time and confirmed that the Council does not vet artists for the Waterford Walls project. J. Nolan SEE outlined that he will check the Pickardstown area and source available funding for John's River. Cllr. Conway raised the issue of temporary signs for Cadajuac, the lifeguard's hut and paving at Pinewood. Cllr. Kelly enquired about energy efficiency retro-fitting, Manor St. John, the programme of repairs to footpaths and on access along The Quays for emergency vehicles. Cllr. O'Neill requested an update on the sponsoring of roundabouts, and on Ryan's Pub, Ballybeg; he raised the issue of traffic at Bridge Street and the traffic lights at Paddy Brownes Road/Lismore Park area. J. Nolan SEE agreed to follow up with Open Spaces with regard to Manor St. John, and with Road Maintenance with regard to roundabouts; he will also follow up on town twinning signs, the lifeguard's hut and paving at Pinewood. O. O'Reilly AO confirmed that funding will be sought from Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland. J. O'Mahony SP will revert in relation to Ryan's Pub. Cllr. Roche enquired about the detail involved in the Bolton St/Millars Marsh parking offer; she requested a workshop on properties owned by the Council and requested an update on the Viking Triangle Trust, Newtown Cove lifeguard, weeds on The Quays and grass cutting in housing estates. Cllr. Murphy raised the issue of derelict private dwellings, Ballybeg CDP and lighting in Georges Street.

N. Kane SEE confirmed that the parking offer in Bolton Street and Millars Marsh is from Monday – Saturday; effectively being a seven day offer as there is no charge for parking on Sunday. L. Power confirmed that the land leased to Manor St. John childcare facility will be returned to the Council as is written into the lease; he agreed to arrange a workshop on Council owned properties and Council could board up derelict houses where necessary; and confirmed a Viking Triangle Trust update will be arranged. J. Nolan SEE will revert with regard to the query about lifeguards. Cllr. Griffin raised query regarding Irish Water.

Cllr. O'Neill proposed that Standing Orders be suspended for fifteen minutes to complete the business of the meeting; this was seconded by Cllr. Reinhardt and unanimously agreed.

## **5. Harvest Festival Presentation**

Tommy Ryan and John Grubb of EveryEvent presented an outline of the Harvest Festival, 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016. They noted that festival favourites such as Farm to Fork, Festival Market have been added to this year with the introduction of Blaa Fest at Harvest, Tapas River Tour and Meet the Makers. There will also be a community garden competition. The marketing campaign is to commence after Spraoi. Members welcomed the presentation and wished all involved well.

## **6. Correspondence**

Correspondence from J. Halligan T.D. was noted.

**7. Notice of Motion**

There was no notice of motion.

**8. A.O.B.**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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