

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

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC  
OFFICES, DUNGARVAN**

**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr Davy Daniels

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive  
Mr. P. Daly, A/Director of Services, Roads HR & Emergency Services  
Mr. J. Murphy, Head of Finance  
Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services, Environment, Water and Corporate  
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing  
Mr. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner  
Mr. B. Duggan, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. J. Cantwell, City and County Librarian  
Mr. D. Tuohy, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. A. O'Sullivan, Executive Planner  
Mr. P. O'Shea, Assistant Planner  
Mr. E. Ruane, Meeting Administrator  
Ms. A. Jacob, Senior Staff Officer

**Congratulations**

At the outset the Mayor thanked the members on the Boundary Review Sub Committee. Cllr Tobin congratulated Mary Butler TD on her recent election and wished her well and Councillors congratulated all recently elected TDs and offered commiserations to Paudie Coffey and Ciara Coffey on losing their

Dáil seats. Cllr Roche condemned the abuse of candidates on social media. Cllr O'Neill asked that the 4 constituency TD's be invited to address Council.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> February were proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr Quinlan and agreed.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr Conway asked for an update on the Queen of Peace Nursing Home in Tramore and Tramore Business and Town Centre. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner said that he had met the architects for the nursing home and that new developers will be coming on site soon. CE will brief Council on the Tramore position. Cllr Mulligan asked when the new Fire Station open day would take place and also enquired about funding for 33 The Mall. P. Daly, A/DOS said he would revert with a date for the Fire Station. E. Ruane, said that he would issue a further reminder for funding on 33 The Mall. Cllr Roche asked that the IDA and Enterprise Ireland be invited to address Council. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator confirmed that this was being attended to.

### **3. Planning**

- (a) Planning lists were noted.
- (b) The Development Management Standards Variation was presented by P. O'Shea, Assistant Planner. Cllr O'Neill enquired about planning regulations in relation to applications for one off dwellings in the County by City based applicants. J. O'Mahony, Senior Planner responded that this issue will be dealt with when the National Planning Framework and RSES is released. Cllr O'Ryan proposed that the public display commences and this was agreed.

### **4. Land Disposals**

Cllr O'Neill enquired about the land for sale at Roanmore D412. F. Galvin, DOS responded that this was intended as a housing site. Cllr Doocey referred to land disposal D610 at Twigbog, Cappoquin and called attention to the fact that one of the names should be John O'Gorman and not John O'Connor as listed. Land disposals as presented were proposed by Cllr Doocey, seconded by Cllr Geoghegan and agreed.

### **5. Management Report**

Cllr. Wyse suggested that the recent changes introduced for parking in Dungarvan should be considered for the City. Cllr O'Leary sought clarification on the income levels in the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme. He also complimented the Economic Development Unit on the recent approval for the Kilmacthomas distillery venture. Cllr O'Ryan raised the road conditions between Clonmel and Dungarvan, and he expressed disappointment at the level of storm damage funding received. P. Daly, A/DOS said that the parking pricing structure fixed for the City is price sensitive and circumstances dictate cost but that policy changes should go to SPC. I Grimes, DOS said that tenant purchase income limits are set down by the Minister. Cllr Pratt sought an update on the funding for Waterford Communities closing date 18<sup>th</sup> March., 2016, he also enquired about pricing for waste disposal and if there will be a standing charge in addition to the weighed waste. Cllr Cronin enquired about the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of storm damage funding for roads. Cllr Tobin enquired if the second jet patcher has been purchased and also enquired if there is any funding available for breach of river banks from the OPW. P. Daly, A/DOS said that €7 mil had been received so far and the second allocation will be discussed with the DOE later in the

year. He said that the arrival of the second Jet Patcher is imminent. He confirmed that there is an OPW scheme for flood alleviation. F. Galvin, DOS said that the Department set out the pay by weight charges and that the providers can charge a service cost. Cllr O'Neill enquired about the North West Suburbs and plans for shop facilities and also enquired if it was necessary for a son to be on the tenancy form to be included in a TPS application by the tenants. Cllr Mulligan enquired if sufficient resources were in place to deal with the increased planning applications and the SDZ, and raised the flood relief contract in Passage and the trees in Grattan Square, Dungarvan.. Cllr Whelan said the Grattan Square project works running over time and consequent difficulties for businesses and enquired can businesses seek compensation. CE responded on North West Suburbs stating that the market was not demanding shopping in that area. He said that the workforce plan in place was sufficient to meet demand. I. Grimes, DOS will revert on the Tenant Purchase question. P. Daly, DOS confirmed that Niall Barry is the contractor for the Passage East contract and that the issue with trees in Grattan Square will be passed on to the Architects Department and that the Council had no liability to local businesses in relation to this contract. Cllr Geoghegan asked why are there exclusions from the TPS. Cllr Murphy paid tribute to the organisers of 1848 Committee and can Council use reference to the home of the Tricolour in signage. He also enquired how HAP standards are enforced and referred to request from Waterford Women and Childcare Centre for a meeting. Cllr Power welcomed the proposal to extend the hedge cutting season and asked what follow up the Council take for owners who fail to cut their hedges. P. Daly, A/DOS asked that negligent land owners be brought to the attention of the Council but that works can be carried out and landowners billed, he also said the signage suggestion will be looked at. I. Grimes, DOS said that it was the intention of Council to write to all tenants about the TPS within the next few weeks, he said that the property excluded referred to Part V dwellings and that the Council may carry out inspections and tenants can also report and actions will be taken on the standards. Cllr Reinhardt enquired about the DPG and proof of payment of LPT. Cllr Hannigan enquired about chimney fire charges and parking meters on the prom in Tramore for summer. Cllr Kelly asked when and how the funding awarded for the built heritage will it be spent, he raised a query on the TPS income and enquired about the 86 planned houses, when they would come on stream and if funding was in place. Cllr Doocey commented on hedges and overhanging trees obscuring signage, repairs to RAS houses and restoring vacant houses.

I. Grimes, DOS said that he will look into the LPT requirements, that income limits relate to main tenant and spouse and that he will be meeting with the Department to speed up the development of the planned housing and a range of other measures to cope with current demands. J.O'Mahony, SP responding on the build heritage funding said that 18 expressions of interest submissions had been approved by the Department in November and that work can commence. P. Daly, A/DOS fire charges were abolished for chimneys when the councils merged, he will refer parking meter issue to the relevant SPC, responsibility for overhanging trees lies with landowners. He also said that the Jet Patcher usage is budgeted and if increased in one area will affect others. Cllr Conway referred to a house badly damaged by RAS tenants and asked for a no fault insurance cover to be considered by Council. Cllr Fitzgerald asked if the Council can supply details of how rent is calculated, also enquired about inspection of substandard accommodation by Council for tenants. Cllr Brennan asked about signage for the Copper Coast and Comeragh Drive and a report on Community engagement meetings and a pedestrian crossing for Kilcohan Park. Cllr Griffin asked if voluntary housing qualifies for TPS and if the Council can look at buying these houses. He enquired where a landlord terminates a RAS tenancy can they be required to reveal plans and if the Council can look at buying these houses. He also enquired about camper van tourism sites. Cllr Nugent said now that the Cois Cam traffic modelling is completed if there will be a workshop for the Greenway and asked who will be responsible to ensure dogs are kept on leads on the Greenway. Cllr Quinlan enquired when the Carrickphierish library is to open. P. Daly, A/DOS said that the provision of camper van parks was discussed at SPC and was not included this year. He said that Cois Cam Cross can be brought to the Dungarvan/Lismore meeting, in relation to the control of dogs on the Greenway he said that it is fenced to keep stray dogs out but that dog owners are responsible for the control of their dogs. I. Grimes, DOS said the RAS Scheme is a national scheme and the terms of the scheme provides for one month's notice, he said that the no fault insurance scheme will be looked at and he will circulate the 3 existing rent schemes to Council. He also said that individual cases can be brought to the Housing Department and that TUATH houses will be looked at and that house purchase depends on circumstances. D. Tuohy, SEO gave details of community involvement schemes. P. Daly,

A/DOS will get a date for the crossing. J. Cantwell, City and County Librarian said the procurement process was completed and that the library is due to open on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

#### **6. Festivals and Funding**

B. Duggan, SEO presented this item, confirmed that the amendments agreed at the workshop had been made and that it was now ready for approval. Cllr Geoghegan proposed the festivals funding and said that the process must begin sooner, seconded by Cllr Pratt. Cllr Kelly commented that a lot of the funding has been allocated to Council events, he also referred to the low level of funding for well established festivals in comparison to newer festivals.

B. Duggan, SEO replied. Cllr Fitzgerald commented on funding levels. Some Councillors expressed concern about the level of allocation in some cases and also noted urgency for some beneficiaries to be paid. After discussion the proposals as presented were agreed.

#### **7. CPG Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

The recommendation for the Plenary Council to be robed was raised and the CE gave some background to this issue. He said that it would help to establish identity of Council in relation to other Councils and would not incur excessive cost which could be provided for in existing budget.

Cllr Geoghegan proposed and seconded by Cllr Carey. A recorded vote resulted in 20 For and 10 Against with the proposal being carried.

#### **8. Correspondence**

Invitation issued to the Mayor to go to Boston included in correspondence was proposed by Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Nugent and agreed. It was noted that an invitation issued to Cllr Quinlan, Mayor of the Metropolitan District to visit Poland was to be declined. Correspondence and training listed was proposed by Cllr Nugent, seconded by Cllr and agreed.

#### **9. Notice of Motions**

None.

#### **10. AOB**

A Special Meeting of the Council to co-opt a replacement for Mary Butler TD was proposed by all Fianna Fáil Councillors and agreed for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

This concluded the meeting.

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

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