

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

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,  
DUNGARVAN, on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. James Tobin, Mayor	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. 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. Blaise Hannigan	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr. Siobhán Whelan
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Adam Gary Wyse

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. O'Donnell  
Cllr. Geoghegan  
Cllr. Clune  
Cllr. Reinhardt

**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  
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:

Michael Burns  
Mary Caulfield  
Paddy Dalton  
Kathleen Flynn  
Stan Connell



Sue Pim  
Fiachra McMahon  
May Whelan  
Martina Keane  
Victims of Charlie Hebdo Massacre France  
Cllr Brennan thanked the Council for their attendance at the funeral of her late Brother and expressions of condolence.

#### **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations were extended to the following:

Conor Gleeson, GAA Sports Star of the Year  
Modeligo GAA

#### **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of meeting held on 13th December 2014 were proposed by Cllr Cronin seconded by Cllr Nugent and agreed.

#### **2. MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Daniels enquired about the breakdown of the Roads Programme funding. M. Walsh, CE responded that the Annual Service Plans will provide the breakdown of spend over each of the Districts.  
Cllr Nugent enquired on progress at Waterford Airport. CE responded that discussions were ongoing to secure alternative routes.

#### **3. Planning**

Cllr O'Leary welcomed the permission for the school at Ballyduff.

#### **4. Land Disposal**

None

#### **5. Monthly Management Report**

Cllr Conway enquired about details on the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme and sought details of the evaluation team. He also sought an explanation of LEO measure 1 and 2 awards. Cllr O'Neill enquired if the Council had sufficient staff to deal with the HAP Scheme. He also asked that the John Street/Michael Street Plan be brought forward and enquired about the present position on the car park at Waterside. Cllr Hearne asked if infill housing could be considered at locations in Larchville. Cllr Fitzgerald complimented the recent works carried out at Ladies Cove and also stated that it was urgent that the flood defence works at Passage East go ahead. L. Power, DOS responded that the SICAP Scheme evaluation team was internal. He explained the details of measure 1 and 2 awards. He stated that Consultants had been appointed for the John Street/Michael

Street area and he will revert to Council when the report is completed. B. White, DOS explained that the Council are working with Bord Gais on the car park at Waterside in relation to funding. Cllr O'Ryan enquired about increased funding for the roads and he proposed that the Council write to IW to improve the quality of the water supply at Clonea Power. Cllr Power seconded this proposal. Cllr Brennan welcomed the footpaths at Cherrymount. She also asked if the Social Housing Delivery Task Force had been established and enquired what the current HNA figure is for County Waterford and what allocations had been made. Cllr Murphy asked if it would be possible for the Council to provide a list of landlord/agents for HAP purposes. P. Daly, A/DOS responded that the Dunmore East wall will be repointed, that notification was awaited on funding for the Passage East flood relief scheme. He confirmed that staff was at workforce plan/budget level. M. Quinn, DOS confirmed that there was sufficient staff to deal with HAP scheme and he confirmed that the Council does not have a list of landlords/agents, he said that infill housing is currently being examined for some locations and funding was expected. The SHDTF will go to the SPC. Cllr Cummins expressed concern about the collection level of rates. Cllr Roche asked that the City Centre Management Group, Viking Triangle Trust, Youth Unemployment and the North Quays be included in the report. Cllr Kelly referred to the Housing Strategy and raised a question on the security of tenure. He enquired about DPGs. J. Murphy, HOF confirmed that there was a substantial improvement in collections to the end of the year. M. Walsh CE confirmed that City Centre Management Group and Youth unemployment will be included in the management report. He confirmed that the Chairman of the Viking Triangle Trust will address the meeting of the Metropolitan Council. He confirmed that a waste permit application will be made in relation to the North Quays. M. Quinn, DOS confirmed that the Housing Strategy will allow HAP participants to transfer to a LA house, he also said that DPG applications can be submitted to the Housing Department but the funding is limited and that works of this nature are carried out on Council houses on a priority basis.

Cllr O'Sullivan enquired about timeframes on sections of the Greenway. Cllr Daniels asked for a breakdown on the Council's land bank and enquired would the new lighting control system on the outer ring road be extended. Cllr Hannigan asked when lighting would be provided on the link road at Sommerville, Tramore. CE explained that there were ongoing legal issues on the Greenway. M. Quinn, DOS confirmed that a proposal for the social housing programme had been submitted. P. Daly, A/DOS confirmed that the lighting would be provided if funding was available. Cllr Conway enquired about renewal of RAS contracts falling due. He referred to the level of rates write offs. He offered congratulations to Tramore on its achievement of 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the IBAL awards. He commended the work done on the Donneraile Walk and the Entrepreneurship course in the Tramore library. Cllr Pratt asked about salting/gritting on local roads. Cllr Butler enquired whether the Council will take back refuse bins and if a location had been decided for the bottle bank in Portlaw.

M. Quinn, confirmed that 7 of the 9 RAS contracts that fell due had been renewed and that he expected the majority of those falling due will be renewed. J. Murphy, HOF explained that most of the rates writes off are attributable to vacant properties.e write offs. P. Daly, DOS stated that the NRA ICECAST system did not predict snow fall during the recent cold spell hence the problems referred to Cllr Pratt. F. Galvin, DOS confirmed that householders own the refuse bins but that he will make arrangements to take them back if a demand arises. He also said that the Council are still seeking a site for the recycling centre. Cllr Fitzgerald enquired about an emergency contact number for the Council. P. Daly, A/DOS confirmed afterhours

call centre in operation. Cllr Murphy raised the issue about the cost of recycling Christmas trees.

## **6. JPC**

The membership of the JPC as presented was agreed subject to the correction of Cllr Brennan's district. M. Quinn, DOS confirmed that the first meeting will be held in Waterford on Monday next. Under this heading Cllr Cummins asked that Council give due consideration to the starting times of the SPC meetings. L. Power, DOS said that the SPC decided its own meeting times. The Mayor asked that the SPC should consider Cllr Cummins request.

## **7. Audit Report**

J. Murphy HOF presented, the City Audit Report was proposed by Cllr Daniels seconded by Cllr O'Neill and agreed, the County Audit Report was proposed by Cllr O'Leary, seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan and agreed.

## **8.Nominations to other bodies/committees**

1. Audit Committee – 1 place  
Cllr Mulligan proposed by Cllr Quinlan, seconded by Cllr Cronin and agreed.
2. Waterford City and County Infirmary Trust – 1 place  
Cllr O'Sullivan, proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr Nugent and agreed.

## **9. Section 85 Agreement Local Government Act 2001**

M. Quinn, DOS presented the background to this Agreement. It was proposed by Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Hannigan and agreed.  
Cllr O'Neill suggested a bid for the Tall Shops might be considered in this context.  
Cllr Conway suggested that a bid for the Pan Celtic Festival also be considered in this context.

## **10. Correspondence**

Noted and Conferences included approved, proposed by Cllr Daniels, seconded by Cllr O'Neill.

## **11. Motions**

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr Carey and agreed. An amendment proposed by Cllr Mulligan, seconded by Cllr O'Ryan was not proceeded with.

"That Waterford City & County Council commission a suitable plaque, dedicated to the '**SS Portlairge**' to be displayed in a prominent place on the



City Quay; to acknowledge the long service of the '**SS Portlairge**' to the Port and City of Waterford."

**Reg. No. 17** (dated 30th October, 2014) Deferred from November 2014 Plenary Meeting)

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. Murphy. Cllr Fitzgerald proposed an amendment to the motion, seconded by Cllr Hearne which was ruled out of order. A recorded vote was taken - for 23, against 1, abstained 4.

"That this Council requests the Minister of Social Protection to introduce a fair and comprehensive waiver scheme for refuse collection in Waterford that will enable those on low income's to access a service."

**Reg. No. 18** (dated 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2014) (Deferred from December 2014 Plenary Meeting)

The following motion was proposed by Cllr Tobin, seconded by Cllr Wyse and agreed.

"That Waterford City and County Council supports the proposal to name the N25 City By-Pass bridge spanning the River Suir the 'Thomas Francis Meagher Bridge' in honour of one of Ireland's greatest patriots and in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the cause of Irish Freedom."

**Reg. No. 19** (dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014)

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Hearne and agreed. A request by Cllr Mulligan to defer the motion was refused.

"Waterford City/County Council in keeping with the objective of making Waterford a fair employment area agrees with and endorses the right of all employees to be represented individually and/or collectively by a trade union if they so wish.

We would expect and encourage all employers and their representative organisations in Waterford City/County to fully recognise this basic fundamental human right and so not intimidate, harass or threaten the continued employment of those exercising this right."

**Reg. No. 20** (dated 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2015)

## 12. AOB

The Mayor sought approval to the holding of 3 Civic Receptions in respect of Comhairle na nÓg, Ardmore Tidy Towns and the Sports Partnership.



It was also agreed to provide a civic reception to the Officers and Crew of the LE Aoife on its decommissioning. It was agreed also that the Dungarvan/Lismore District provide a reception for the Dungarvan Kickboxing Club.

Cllr Griffin offered his congratulations to the Winterval Festival and asked if the Council could be provided with feedback from Barry Monaghan, Chairman of the Winterval Festival. L. Power, DOS confirmed that this will be arranged for the Metropolitan District meeting.

The position in relation to formal civic receptions was clarified to Cllr Pratt. Cllr O'Leary asked if there was any flexibility on the date for the Mayor's Ball which is to take place on the same date as the Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis. The Mayor confirmed that there was no flexibility on the date. This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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