

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

**Item
No. 1**

Meeting of the Metropolitan District held in City Hall, Waterford on 18th April 2016 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. Eamon Quinlan 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. Mary Roche
Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. John Carey
Cllr. Sean Reinhardt

Officials in attendance:

Mr. B. Duggan, A/District Manager
Mr. J. Sullivan, SEO, Housing, Community & Culture
Mr. P. Daly, A/DOS Roads
Mr. N. Kane, SEE Roads
Mr. J. Gallagher, Area Engineer, Roads
Mr. P. Kelly, AO. Planning
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO, Environment
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Corporate
Ms. M. Fitzsimons, CO Economic Development.

Apologies: Cllr. Joe Kelly, Cllr. John Hearne, Cllr. John Cummins

At 4pm before the meeting commenced a workshop took place on:

- (a) Traffic Management Measures
- (b) The Programme and costs for Part 8 Public Realm Works

Vote of Sympathy:

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of:

Patsy Larkin, Willie Walsh, Angela Maher, Willie Connolly, Cllr. Fergus Kehoe, Frances Molly Cavanagh

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Metropolitan District meeting held on the 21st March 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Roche, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Roche requested further information on the Christmas Lighting scheme and recommended that a subcommittee should deal with same; she requested an update on the North Quays Strategic Development Zone and the Applemarket Shopping Development. B Duggan SEO agreed with the subcommittee proposal to meet consultants and requested names of those interested. Cllrs. Roche, Griffin, Carey and Wyse agreed to join the subcommittee. B. Duggan SEO agreed to revert in relation to the specifics of the North Quay's Strategic Development Zone and Applemarket Shopping Development.

Cllr. Mulligan raised public lighting at Riverside, Ballinakill Downs estate, the cleaning schedule for road signs and requested an update on the correspondence with the Dept. of Agriculture in relation to the Passage East goats. Cllr. Hannigan requested an update on the presentation issues in Tramore in relation to Grand Hotel and the former Xtra-Vision building. J. Gallagher AE, will follow up on the public lighting issue at Ballinakill Downs. P. Daly, A/DOS outlined that he is examining the option of tendering for a contractor to schedule sign cleaning. R. Moloney, SEO confirmed that the Dept. of Agriculture has been communicated with and a response is awaited. B Duggan, SEO confirmed that presentation issues in the Tramore area are under examination.

3. Planning

Planning Lists were circulated by email. Noted.

7. Presentation – Waterford Women's Centre

Representatives from Waterford Women's Centre, Alison Langford, Miriam Holt and Breda Murphy presented on the work of the centre, outlining their current financial position and requested assistance in finding a solution to their needs. It was proposed that a sub group of councillors meet with the DOS of Community and the Women's Centre to discuss further. Cllr. O'Sullivan agreed that it was paramount that the Council offer support and agreed.

Mayor Quinlan thanked the delegation for their presentation outlining that the Council will be in further contact.

4. Reports

Circulated by email for information.

Cllr. O'Neill enquired as to the status of planning permissions for Weatherspoons, T&H Doolin's, The Old Stand and City Square as these prominent premises are in a poor state of presentation. He highlighted dumping on rural roads. Cllr. Mulligan requested an update on homeless figure an Infill Housing, the Greenway City link and opening up and the City Walls. He highlighted upcoming filming in Dunmore East and asked that all departments work together to ensure Dunmore East looks its best. Cllr. Roche requested that it be a default position that all maps published by Waterford Council name the Museum of Treasures; she also requested an update on the media branding of Ireland's Ancient East and on infrastructural projects. Cllr. Roche requested that Council staff liaise with Biodiversity Centre in WIT. with regarding to spraying methods and raised the issue of presentation and signage on entry into the city; she also requested details on the entity who applied for planning application for the Applemarket Shopping Development and requested that the total number of applicants on the Housing List be included in reports.

P. Kelly AO gave an update on the status of the planning applications for city centre sites. N. Kane SEE outlined the Urban Renewal Works for the area. B. Duggan SEO outlined the programme of preparation for filming in Dunmore East in June; he agreed that the Museum of Treasure will be added to maps, he outlined that work is being co-ordinated to promote the brand of Ireland's Ancient East to raise profile. R. Moloney SEO confirmed that they are liaising with WIT's Biodiversity Centre and that a Pollinator Plan is going to be prepared. J. Sullivan SEO outlined that the procurement process for tenders for Infill Housing is a lengthy process; he will add Housing List numbers to future reports. P. Daly A/DOS outlined the on-going programme for the removal of litter on regional roads; he confirmed that a footpath will be installed from Bilberry to the City centre to connect the Greenway; he will investigate the options to include the city walls as they define the city centre; he outlined the position with regard to a third river crossing at Maypark and on the SDZ status of the North Quays Development and he outlined plans for a contract for the cleaning of signs.

Cllr. Brennan outlined damaged equipment at Farronshoneen playground and enquired about speed ramp guidelines. Cllr. Daniels requested an update on Bishops court, John's Hill hospital and the tree cutting programme. Cllr. Sullivan reported dumping in the area of the estuary at Somerville.

P. Kelly AO confirmed that Bishopsfield is going through the process to be taken in charge; the HSE application for the hospital in John's Hill was received in Feb 16 and that further information was requested; he confirmed that Newgate Properties Ltd. applied for planning permission for the Applemarket Shopping Development. R. Moloney SEO confirmed that damaged equipment was removed from three playground sites and that there is no out of hours service; he confirmed that the tree maintenance programme will be completed next week; he will examine the issue at Somerville. P. Daly A/DOS confirmed that speed ramp guidelines have been received from the Dept. and Council is working on a programme.

Cllr. Reinhardt raised the junction of Upr/Lwr Yellow Road; and sought an update on the Browne's Road junction; he enquired as to the feasibility of traffic exiting the train station via the quayside slipway. Cllr. Fitzgerald raised the issue of speed limits in housing estates and whether funding was available; he raised resurfacing requirements in Cheekpoint and Dunmore East areas and the need for increased signage at the roundabout at Horsequarter, Dunmore East. Cllr. Fitzgerald reported foul odours emanating from the sewerage treatment facility at Cheekpoint and from manhole covers in the area. Cllr. Hannigan raised the issue of removal of material from beaches and requested that motorbikes and scramblers be banned from Saleens beach.

P. Daly A/DOS agreed to examine the potential for use of the quayside slip road for egress of traffic; he confirmed that the filter light for the Browne's Road junction has been ordered; he confirmed that funding will be sought to conduct a survey to gauge speed in housing estates to assess, scale and design a plan; he confirmed that tenders have been received for addressing Dunmore East's roads and he will examine the issue of signage at the roundabout in Dunmore East. N. Kane SEE confirmed that a workshop will be scheduled for the Yellow Road junction once the programme is in place. R. Moloney SEO will follow up on the issue of foul odour in Cheekpoint with the senior engineer; he confirmed that there are beach bye laws in place and that he will liaise with the Dept of Marine re removal of beach material.

Cllr. Conway reported an issue with the traffic lights at Summerhill and highlighted poor sightlines at Coolnacappoge; he enquired about the supervision of playgrounds and the enforcement of legislation requiring dogs to be micro-chipped. Cllr. Murphy raised a presentation issue with the Ard Rí site and asked what can be done to address this prominent site's appearance; he enquired as to the Council's succession policy for undocumented tenants. Cllr. Fitzgerald requested bins be installed at the entrance to Collins Ave and the Coxstown area of Dunmore East for dog waste litter.

P. Daly A/DOS will address the lights at Summerhill and examine Coolnacappoge Road with regard any safety issues; he outlined the maintenance programme for playgrounds. R. Moloney SEO confirmed advisory campaigns re the requirement to micro-chip dogs during the introduction phase since April 2016. J. Sullivan SEO outlined the Council's succession policy and confirmed that rent is back-dated. P. Kelly AO agreed to revert at next meeting re the Ard Rí site to outline recent engagement with site owner. R. Moloney SEO will examine areas with regard to the request for bins to accommodate dog waste litter.

5. Programme of Works for City Centre Urban Renewal Project

P. Daly A/DOS presented the proposed programme of works from the City Centre Urban Renewal Project. The Council adopted the Part VIII Planning Scheme for this Urban Renewal Project in November last year after nearly six months of consultations and meetings. The first construction activity will commence shortly, construction of the complete scheme will take approximately two years with the major road schemes completed by early 2017 in order to facilitate the other works to take place in the city centre. Works will be phased and coordinated by a Project Manager whose priority it will be to ensure that the combination of works going on at any one time will be of a scale that will not negatively impact on the existing city centre. Local liaison groups will be formed for each scheme and these will meet with the council site staff to help the management of the projects.

This was proposed by Cllr. Reinhardt and seconded by Cllr. Mulligan and agreed.

6. Urban Renewal and City Centre Access Route Project

P. Daly A/DOS presented on enabling works designed to allow the project to commence by Feb '17. The total cost of the project will be €17.3m which will come from a combination of ERDF, Government and Council funding. Road construction and access enabling works will cost €10.7m. The public realm enhancement works including the innovative roofing of the Applemarket area will cost the balance of €6.6m.

This was proposed by Cllr. Wyse and seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed.

7. Correspondence

Correspondence was circulated by email. Noted.

8. Notice of Motion

1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Eamon Quinlan and Cllr. Laurence O' Neill

"That this Council calls on Bus Eireann to extend their operational times on the Carrickpherish bus route in line with other bus routes around the City"

Reg. No. 28 (dated 4th April, 2016)

The motion was proposed by Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed.

It was agreed to send a separate letter to Bus Eireann in relation to the increased cost of bus fare from Waterford city to Tramore

9. A.O.B.

E. Ruane SEO outlined the celebration events for the anniversary of 1916 Rising in Waterford City and Dungarvan and requested that the full council attend both celebrations.

Cllr. Conway raised funding for Grouplink. B. Duggan SEO advised that festival funding had been dealt with in the March meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____