

**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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 @ 5.00pm**

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Cha O'Neill

**Officials in attendance:**

Mr. L. Power, District Manager  
Mr. J. Sullivan, SEO, Housing, Community & Culture  
Mr. P. McCarthy, SE Roads  
Mr. R. Mannix, SE Roads Projects  
Mr. N. Kane, SEE Roads  
Mr. C. O'Neill, SE Roads  
Mr. P. Kelly, AO. Planning  
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO, Environment  
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Corporate  
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO, Economic Development  
Ms. M. Fitzsimons, CO Economic Development.

**Vote of Sympathy:**

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of:

Des Purcell, John Reilly, Patrick Butler, Mrs. Pat McGrath, Ned Phelan, Gerry Glanville and Bill Doherty.

**Vote of Congratulations:**

Votes of congratulations were extended to:

the organising committee of the Seahorse Bicentenary Commemoration Committee.

## **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Metropolitan District meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Roche, seconded by Cllr. Hearne and agreed.

## **2. Matters Arising**

Cllr. Roche requested an update on the suggested river crossing at Maypark Lane and on the pedestrian phasing of the traffic lights at the Ferrybank dual carriageway/Rockshire Road. She also suggested that festive lighting needed improvement. L. Power District Manager said that PLUTS (Planning Land Use and Transportation Study) had suggested a high level bridge at Maypark and confirmed that a consultant's report on the most viable options around the provision of a third river crossing is expected in the coming months. B. Duggan SEO confirmed that festive lighting can be examined at a workshop in March. N. Kane SEE confirmed that the lights at the Rockshire Road are being worked on.

Cllr. Daniels enquired as to the status of the Michael Street development and the gully cleaning machine. L. Power District Manager confirmed that a planning application for the Michael St. Development is expected within the coming weeks. C. O'Neill SEE confirmed that the gully machine is fully operational.

## **3. Planning**

- (a) Planning Lists were circulated by email noted.
- (b) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended – Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended – Part V111 – Completion of Process – Proposed extension to the House of Waterford Crystal Café at the Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford.

Cllrs. Roche, Daniels, O'Sullivan and Cummins commended the positive statement that this development signified for Waterford. Cllr. Daniels requested that the Metro Council meet with Fiskars. Cllr. Mulligan expressed reservations about the development being brought forward under a Part VIII process. L. Power, District Manager said that it is standard practice that Waterford City and County Council bring this project forward under a Part VIII process as the Council owns the building.

Cllr. Roche proposed seconded by Cllr. Daniels and agreed.

- (c) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended – Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended – Part V111 – Commencement of Process - installation of a Viking House within the site of the Lady Chapel, Grey Friars/French Church, Bailey's New Street, and No. 10 Bailey's New Street, Waterford. L. Power District Manager outlined works and advised that this will revert to Council for a decision at a later stage. It was proposed by Cllr. Daniels and seconded by Cllr. Cummins and agreed.
- (d) Event Licence: Completion of Process - St. Patrick's Day Parade 2016 – proposed by Cllr. Roche and seconded by Cllr. Brennan and agreed.
- (e) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended – Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended – Part V111 – Commencement of Process - Proposed Waterford City and County Council Area Depot including Welfare Building & Ancillary Works at Riverstown Industrial Estate, Tramore, Co. Waterford. C. O'Neill SEE outlined the works and advised that this will revert to Council.  
Proposed by Cllr. O'Sullivan seconded by Cllr. Hannigan and agreed.

## **4. Reports:**

Cllr. Daniels requested clarification with regard to Irish Water's responsibility where there are sewerage overflows, he asked about the footfall survey across the city and as to when Bishopsfield

would be taken in charge. Cllr. Brennan requested an update on Choice Based Letting and pedestrian crossing repairs at Kilcohan Park; she requested that dog waste bins be provided in the Couse Bridge and St. John's Riverwalk areas. Cllr. Cummins enquired as to plans for Ballyknock/Ballykinsella under TII Improvement Schemes. R. Maloney SEO agreed to get Senior Engineer to revert on sewerage issue. J. Sullivan SEO confirmed that the Choice Based Letting Scheme is being examined and can be discussed in further detail at SPC in March. N. Kane SEE confirmed that the footpath at Kilcohan Park is open and that works at Ballyknock/Ballykinsella are to improve sightlines, he agreed to forward a copy of the plans to Cllr. Cummins. P. Kelly AO confirmed that Irish Water have signed off on Bishopsfield and taking in charge will be brought before Council. L. Power District Manager confirmed that footfall data reports are available.

Cllr. Mulligan enquired about the traffic lights at John's Hill/South Parade and repair works at Cloughernagh where the wall has been hit by cars, he highlighted a sign issue on the road at Ballymabin and requested an update on the HAP new numbers. Cllr. Hannigan requested an update on the Tenant Purchase Scheme and highlighted rubbish dumping at Ballyscanlon Lake. Cllr. Hearne requested an update on the in-fill housing at Larchville, and the role of the Council in the pay by weight system for waste collection. R. Maloney SEO outlined the pay by weight pricing system and confirmed that he will arrange for the collection of rubbish at Ballyscanlon Lake. J. Sullivan SEO confirmed that of the 700 HAP tenants, 500 were new applicants; he said that the Tenant Purchase Scheme final guidelines are awaited from the Dept and that Larchville in-fill housing is likely to commence in mid 2016. N. Kane SEE confirmed that the traffic lights at John's Hill/South Parade are being worked on. C. O'Neill SEE agreed to examine issues at Cloughernagh and Ballymabin.

Cllr Fitzgerald asked that when the Choice Based Letting Scheme went to the SPC that changes can be suggested. Cllr. Fitzgerald requested road signs be placed at Ballymacaw and enquired about Waterford Energy Bureau and Better Energy Communities Scheme 2016. Cllr. Conway asked for re-surfacing of the cycle lane from Tramore to Waterford; he asked about dealing with dangerous walls, he enquired as to whether former educational sites will become rateable and how many apprentices were working with the Council. He enquired as to when housing in An Garran will be delivered; he asked for an update on the signs for Priest's Road and requested that the Winterval signs be removed from around the city. J. Sullivan SEO confirmed that An Garran is at first stage of approval for 32 houses and then will go through the planning process. C. O'Neill SEE confirmed that delivery of the signs for Priest's Road is expected in the next week or so, he outlined that he will arrange for the jet patcher to repair potholes in the cycle lanes from Tramore. B. Duggan SEO confirmed he will arrange for the removal of the Winterval signs. L. Power District Manager agreed to request a response from the Head of Finance re former educational facility's rateability. R Maloney SEO confirmed that the SEAI grants will be co-ordinated by Waterford Energy Bureau. C. O'Neill SEE requested that locations of dangerous walls be forwarded to him. J. Sullivan SEO will revert with numbers of apprenticeships within the Council.

Cllr. Griffin requested that the closing off of laneways in Riverstown be examined; he highlighted an issue with sewage at Shortcourse and requested an update on the street lighting energy saving scheme. Cllr. O'Sullivan confirmed that the closing of laneways in Riverstown was examined by Tramore Town Council. R. Maloney SEO confirmed that he will get SE to revert with regard to the sewage issue. L. Power District Manager agreed to examine the issue of closing of laneways at Riverstown. P. McCarthy SE outlined the lighting management system in operation and confirmed that further projects are being examined. Cllr. Murphy requested that the clock tower in Closegate be refurbished. J. Sullivan SEO agreed to progress.

## **5. Correspondence**

Circulated by email for information. Conferences therein were proposed by Cllr. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. Conway and agreed.

## **6. Notices of Motion**

### **1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald**

That this Metropolitan Council request that Waterford City & County Council, Roads Department make provision to allocate a limited amount of funding annually from the overall roads budget, to

fund a 'Local Road Improvement Scheme'.  
**5th February, 2016)**

**Reg. No. 25 (dated**

Cllr. Cummins proposed the addition of Community Involvement Scheme, Cllr Fitzgerald accepted this addition.

The motion then read: 'That this Metropolitan Council request that Waterford City & County Council, Roads Department make provision to allocate a limited amount of funding annually from the overall roads budget, to fund a Local Road Improvement Scheme/Community Involvement Scheme'

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Daniels and agreed.

P. McCarthy SE said that the decision to allocate funds rests with the Councillors, he will seek expressions of interest in the schemes and discuss further at the SPC in March.

## **2. Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe Conway**

Given that it is Council policy that "Congestion will be minimised and thereby reduce queuing and trip times" [Development Plan 2013 – 2019, Part 1, p.80], this Council resolves accordingly to have carried out a comprehensive study of traffic flows on the Tramore Ring Road at the Summerhill node, and to bring forward subsequently an Action Plan to alleviate the daily congestion and queuing there

**Reg. No. 26 (dated 7th February,**

**2016)**

Cllrs. O'Sullivan, Griffin and Hannigan supported this motion stating that the removal of congestion would make a significant difference to the safety of the area. This motion as proposed by Cllr. Conway was seconded by Cllr. Hannigan and agreed. N. Kane SEE agreed to carry out a study to explore options.

## **7. AOB**

Cllr. Daniels enquired as to a date for the AGM. E. Ruane SEO outlined that agreeing the date of the AGM was set out in Standing Orders and to be decided by the District for May or June. Cllr. Mulligan requested support for the 1848 celebrations during 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr. Roche suggested that the ceremonial event include signing for the deaf and informed Councillors of details of the 'We Matter' General Election debate in the Large Room on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr. Conway expressed concern at rumours of the reduction of the sweeper service in Tramore. R. Moloney SEO stated that there were no proposals to reduce sweeping in Tramore.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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