

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 January 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. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. John Hearne
Cllr. John Cummins

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.

Apologies: Cllr. Sean Reinhardt

Vote of Sympathy:

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of: Bill Doherty, Patricia Coady, Claire Bowman, Tommy Ryan and Patty Ryan

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Metropolitan District meeting held on the 21st December 2015 were proposed by Cllr. Daniels, seconded by Cllr. Brennan and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Roche requested an outline of the programme of works relating to the Urban Renewal Works for members and asked that affected residents be notified as soon as possible. Cllr. Mulligan requested an update on traffic management on The Quay, on an Open Day for the Fire Station and on the Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) status. L. Power District Manager confirmed the programme of works will be circulated once finalised, that the opening of the Fire Station will be held on Friday 29th January and that a decision on the SDZ is imminent. Cllr. Roche requested that the Council's submission to the Boundary Extension Committee be circulated to councillors. Cllr. O'Sullivan noted her disappointment that the motion in respect of safety pedestrian lights being installed in the vicinity of Parnell Street was not carried. Cllr. Cummins referred to the SDZ and the availability of in-house resources. L. Power District Manager confirmed he will update on details once finalised. R. Mannix, SEE outlined the complex nature and ongoing monitoring of traffic lights on The Quay.

3. Planning

Planning lists circulated by email – noted.

b) L. Power District Manager outlined the Part VIII Commencement of the Process for Tramore House Gardens.

4. Reports:

Cllr. Daniels requested an update on the Waterside carpark, the gully machine and on who is responsible for bus shelter areas where there is flooding; he also requested an update on the Michael Street development. Cllr. O'Neill enquired about a derelict site at John Street/Waterside and about the HAP scheme. Cllr. Roche outlined that The Quay traffic management needs to be examined strategically with the addition of one or two extra bridges to alleviate traffic congestion; she requested that disabled parking be examined and that a pedestrian phase be added to the traffic lights on the Ferrybank dual carriageway. Cllr. Roche requested an update on the John's College development by Respond and that the traffic lights at Powerscourt be monitored. L. Power District Manager updated on the Michael Street development, outlined the PLUTs study of suitable areas for additional bridges in Waterford city. J. Sullivan SEO confirmed that John's College apartments have been allocated; he confirmed that 900 families secured accommodation via HAP in 2015 and that supply is being monitored. C. O'Neill SE confirmed that the gully machine is in operation. R. Mannix SE confirmed that the lease for the Waterside carpark is being finalised and that the contractor is ready to commence once the lease is complete. Cllr. O'Neill enquired as to the timeframe for the works. R. Mannix SE confirmed that works will take approx. six months. N. Kane SEE agreed to set up a working group to examine spaces for disabled drivers; he will monitor the situation with traffic lights at Rockshire Road and Powerscourt areas. R. Maloney SEO will arrange pest control at the site on John Street/Waterside and P. Kelly AO agreed to follow up on the derelict site.

Cllr. Cummins enquired about funding for the next phase of the Green Route - The Mall to WIT and clarification on the SE Regional Transport Model funding and an update on the off-road cycle lane at Farronshoneen. Cllr. Griffin requested that an eye-level barrier be fitted at the Customer Services desk for privacy of customers and that seating be provided for the elderly; he enquired about monitoring of private landlords and requested that councillors view properties, he requested that lighting in Sommerville be examined, that the gully machine calendar be made available to councillors and that a public notice be placed in the newspapers regarding hedge cutting. Cllr. Brennan requested an update on the Choice Letting scheme, she enquired as to whether the pumps on the Poleberry Link Road were fixed and that dog waste bins be installed at St. John's Riverwalk area. She also enquired about sample bills for the pay by weight scheme and reported the traffic lights at John's Street are working intermittently; she requested that the footpath at Ballinaneesagh be dishd to make it accessible. J. Sullivan SEO confirmed that verification and follow up of landlords who cite selling properties as a reason for termination of tenancy takes place; he agreed to discuss the suggestion of showing houses to councillors at the upcoming workshop. R. Moloney SEO agreed to place bins at access points of St. John's Riverwalk and confirmed that the issuing of sample bills to householders is with the service providers. R. Mannix SE gave an update on NTA funding and confirmed the provision of cycle lanes at Farronshoneen is in abeyance for 2016. Cllr. Cummins queried the allocation of funding for Urban Renewals and NTA. L. Power District Manager agreed to check funding commitments and revert. C. O'Neill SE agreed to examine lighting at Sommerville, he will examine the scope of work for the gully machine and a public notice re hedge cutting will be placed in the next couple of weeks; he confirmed the pumps at Poleberry are in order and that the issue is with the pipes. J. Sullivan SEO will examine the provision of eye level barriers in the Customer Service area.

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired about the works required at Cheekpoint Sewerage Scheme; he requested road signs be put in place for Ballymacaw and enquired about the Local Improvement Scheme for private roads; he enquired about repairs to Cheekpoint harbour and to roads in Cheekpoint and Dunmore East areas scheduled for 2016; he raised the issue of dampness in a property purchased under the Shared Ownership scheme. Cllr. Kelly enquired about the tree cutting programme and the removal of tree stumps; he pointed out a dog fouling problem on the Bilberry Greenway and a flooding issue at Slievekeale Road. Cllr. Kelly commended the 900 families housed under HAP and enquired about the length of the housing list; he queried whether the Council had vacant buildings which may be available for rent to businesses. Cllr. Wyse enquired as to when the taxi ranks are to be moved, commended the setting up of a working group to examine parking spots for disabled drivers; he requested that a wooden fence be fitted at Knockboy and a dog fouling bin be fitted in Cherrymount area. J. Sullivan SEO confirmed that an inspection is scheduled for the Shared Ownership property with damp problems, and outlined that a Housing Needs Assessment

will be carried out this year which will confirm numbers on the list. C. O'Neill SE will address the signage issue at Ballymacaw, confirmed that the harbour wall in Cheekpoint will be subject to a funding application and that the re-surfacing of roads in the Dunmore East and Cheekpoint area will be carried out as soon as the ambient temperatures allow. P. McCarthy SE outlined that where there are specific requirements for a Local Improvement Scheme it will be examined; if the councillors are in agreement funds can be set aside. R. Mannix SEE agreed to confirm the date re works required at Cheekpoint Sewerage Plant once available. R. Maloney, SEO confirmed that the tree maintenance programme is underway and that stump grinding has been temporarily suspended; he agreed to examine the placing of bins in the Cherrymount and Greenway areas. L. Power District Manager confirmed that the Council do not have any vacant buildings which would be available for rent and that he will revert on the relocation of taxi ranks. P. McCarthy SE will investigate the flooding at Slievekeale Road.

Cllr. Mulligan requested an update on traffic management regarding buses on The Mall, on the turnaround time for houses being refurbished; he reported blocked drains in the Wilkins St area and issues with public lighting outages. He enquired about a video promoting Purple Flag and commended the 1916 launch but was disappointed that the Tricolour Celebrations were omitted. Cllr. Hearne raised an issue re dampness in properties in pebble Beach. Cllr. Murphy enquired as to the old bridge from the Gasworks and when Tenant Purchase Scheme will start. Cllr. Hannigan asked how many applicants are on the housing list. J. Sullivan SEO confirmed that 150 – 160 refurbishments are carried out each year with an average turnaround between 1 – 16 weeks, he agreed to discuss the dampness cases further and outlined that there are currently 2500 applicants on the list; he confirmed that he will check the 1916 -2016 brochure re tricolour celebrations. P. McCarthy SE gave an update on public lighting issues. N. Kane SEE confirmed that discussions are taking place with the contractor to accommodate some coach bays; he will schedule the gully machine for Wilkins Street area. R. Mannix SE confirmed that the old bridge from the gasworks is being refurbished for re-use in the carpark.

5. Summervall Presentation

L. Power District Manager introduced Winterval CEO Barry Monaghan who presented on Summervall. Cllrs. Kelly, Wyse and Roche agreed that it was a great idea for the city and outlined any concerns such as finances, costings and inclusion of Spraoi. Cllr. Mulligan requested that a workshop be held to outline further detail. Cllrs. O'Neill and Sullivan welcomed the concept as an opportunity for Waterford, Dunmore East, Tramore and Mount Congreve. Cllr. Hearne supported the idea. The request for a workshop was defeated in a vote and it was agreed that any queries will go directly to Mr. Monaghan. If the proposal is to proceed it will need Council support of €100K. Mr. Monaghan agreed to get stakeholder feedback and revert to Council for a decision.

Cllr. O'Neill proposed the suspension of Standing Orders to complete the business of the meeting; this was seconded by Cllr. Roche and agreed.

6. Waterford Local Community of Place Plans – Community Engagement 2016

Circulated by email for information – noted.

7. Correspondence

Circulated by email – noted.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

9. AOB

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____