

**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 16th May 2016 @ 5.00pm

Present:

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

Officials in attendance:

Mr. L. Power, District Manager
Ms. O. O'Reilly, AO, Housing, Community & Culture
Mr. N. Kane, SEE Roads
Mr. P. Kelly, AO, Planning
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO, Environment
Mr. N. Curtin, Chief Fire Officer
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO, Corporate
Ms. M. Fitzsimons, CO Economic Development.

Apologies: Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan, Cllr. Eamon Quinlan Mayor

Vote of Sympathy:

At the outset of the meeting the D/Mayor proposed a special vote of sympathy to the family of the late Johnny O'Sullivan, father of Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan; this was seconded by Cllr. Cummins and agreed.

Further votes of sympathy were extended to the families of:

Seamus Whitty, Moira McEvoy, Mary Byrne and Betty O'Keeffe

It proposed by the D/Mayor to suspend standing orders at 6.30pm and to go into committee to hear a presentation on Summervall from Barry Monaghan, this was seconded by Cllr. Fitzgerald and agreed.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Metropolitan District meeting held on the 18th April 2016, were proposed by Cllr. Carey, seconded by Cllr. Brennan and agreed.

Cllr. Mulligan asked that his request for a fit for purpose check on public lighting in Dunmore East be noted.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Griffin requested an update on the planned meeting with Waterford's Women's Centre. Cllr. Mulligan requested an update on public lighting at Riverside, Ballinakill Downs; he complimented the sign cleaning programme and requested an update on the wall at Cloughernaugh; he enquired as to how the city walls could be opened up further and linked with the Greenway. E. Ruane, SEO outlined that a meeting with Waterford Women's Centre will take place within the next few weeks. N. Kane, SEE confirmed reports from Airtricity that the awaited connection for Ballinakill Downs will be in place within the next few weeks. L. Power, District Manager confirmed that he will update re City Walls at next meeting.

3. Planning

- (a) Planning Lists were circulated by email. Noted.
- (b) Taking in Charge of Housing Estates/Roads. The taking in charge of the following areas was proposed by Cllr. Daniels and seconded by Cllr. Cummins and agreed.
 - 1. Lacken Wood, Kilbarry, Waterford.
 - 2. Riverwoods, Maypark, Waterford.
 - 3. Bishopsfield, Williamstown Road, Waterford
- (c) Application for an Event Licence in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the Promenade Festival, completion of process was proposed by Cllr. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed.
- (d) Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended - Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended - Part V111- Blenheim Storm Drainage Scheme; notice of commencement of the process was proposed by Cllr. Daniels and seconded by Cllr. Mulligan and agreed.
- (e) Material Contravention of the Tramore Area Plan – Proposed Development of a two-storey, detached Scout Den Activities Building; notice of completion of the process was proposed by Cllr. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. Griffin and agreed.

4. Reports

Circulated by email for information.

Cllr. Cummins requested an update on the North Quays Strategic Development Zone and queried whether a team was in place. Cllr. Wyse pointed out that the walkway at Powerscourt needs attention and requested that dog waste bins be placed near Collins Avenue on Dunmore Road. Cllr. Mulligan asked about the public realm process, if there a budget for road safety and ramps in housing estates; requested an update of the pedestrian crossing at Beckett's, Dunmore Road and enquired about the proposal of installing CCTV into the People's Park and the possibility of this being remotely monitored.

L. Power, District Manager gave an update on the North Quays SDZ, outlining that an implementation team is in place with Port of Waterford, consultants are about to be appointed and timelines will be finalised and brought to workshop. N. Kane SEE agreed to examine the Powerscourt area. R. Moloney SEO agreed to install dog waste bins in the Dunmore Road area but stated that dog waste could be placed in any bin; he outlined that he is awaiting final estimate on costings for CCTV for the People's Park. N. Kane SEE will outline the final location for the pedestrian crossing at Becketts when finalised; he will examine budgets with regard to the GoSafe campaign; he outlined that the tenders for John St/Applemarket have been received.

Cllr. Brennan stated that the road surface at the entrance to Kilcohan Park is in poor condition and requested that bins be installed at St. John's Riverwalk and Couse Bridge area. Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired about the installation of speed ramps in housing estates; he reported potholes on the road at Dromina

Cross, Woodstown; he referred to a new facility for pleasure craft in Dunmore East harbour. Cllr. Hearne enquired as to whether the licence given to Irish Water could be revoked.

N. Kane, SEE noted that Kilcohan Park is not on the schedule of works programme; he outlined that details of areas requiring ramps could be forwarded and that a policy could be brought to SPC; he confirmed an on-going review of speed limits in housing estates and noted that Irish Water did not require a licence from Waterford City and County Council. R. Moloney, SEO noted that a bin has been installed at St. John's Riverwalk area; he requested that all fly-tipping is reported and outlined that an app is being developed to capture incidents.

Cllr. Griffin requested an update on the Tenant Purchase Scheme, he requested safety measures on beach slipways and that Beach Bye-Law signs be erected; he referred to gullies in Hillview, Yellow Road and Ballybricken that need to be cleared; he requested hedgerows at Knockenduff and Drummannon be cut back to improve sightlines and proposed exploring sites to be developed to accommodate campervans in the Tramore area. Cllr. Hannigan requested further detail on Part V housing in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme and that dog waste bins be installed in the Sommerville area. Cllr. Reinhardt reported a filter light in Lismore Park/Browne's Road area which needs attention and shores in Lisduggan which need clearing.

O. O'Reilly, AO updated on the Tenant Purchase Scheme and outlined that the scheme will be reviewed by the Department. N. Kane, SEE agreed to monitor the slipways and beach signage; he confirmed that the repair to the filter light at Lismore Park is underway and he will assess the sightlines at Knockenduff and Drummannon; he confirmed that the provision of a site for campervans has been looked at by SPC and agreed to examine the issue again and that there were private facilities available to cater for this need also.

Cllr. Roche requested that the total number of applicants on the housing list be reported on; she outlined areas where ramps cause issues for accessibility – German Road and at the Lifegaurd Station, Tramore; she stated that the bus lane at the new lights in Ferrybank/Slieverue area is interfering with traffic flow; she requested that the rota for bin collection/emptying in the Tramore area be monitored to accommodate particularly busy days. Cllr. Carey reported that the light on the pier at Passage East is not working; he requested a report on the issue of housing estates in the Crooke area where there is no public lighting. Cllr. Daniels requested an update on the gully and patcher machine working in the city areas; he enquired as to whether there have been reports of The Quay presenting difficulties for emergency vehicles.

O. O'Reilly, AO agreed to circulate the total number of housing applicants and to update the report. N. Kane, SEE agreed to review the ramps and bus lane referred to; he will check the light on the pier at Passage East and will follow up on the query relating to public lighting in areas not yet taken into charge; he will report back on the queries relating to machinery. R. Moloney, SEO agreed to monitor the bins in Tramore. N. Curtin, CFO noted that there were no reported incidents of delay on The Quay by emergency vehicles.

Cllr. Conway reported a broken light lens at the traffic lights at Summerhill and public lighting not working at Meadowbrook; he requested an update on safety audits at Newtown Pier and on coastal erosion at Garrarus Beach; he highlighted a need for weed spraying at Cliff Road and requested a report on the loss of revenue in Bolton Street Carpark due to on-going works. Cllr. O'Neill raised the presentation of the roundabout at Plunkett Station and requested an update on the Shared Ownership scheme/tenants converting to annuity loans; he suggested that camper vans can avail of parking at the RSC in Waterford city. Cllr. Kelly requested an update on works at Pinewood and Crescent Drive; he enquired about a stream of funding available for bus routes and reported an issue with public lighting in the Hillview area; he enquired as to guidelines for ramp heights. Cllr. Roche mentioned the proposed third river crossing and proposed investigating the possibility of moving the toll away from the bridge onto the by-pass. Cllr. Fitzgerald disagreed with this proposal as the by-pass is used by all.

L. Power, District Manager clarified that Waterford City and County Council has no role or function in re-examining the location of toll booths; this is the reserve of Transport Ireland. Cllr. O'Neill requested a report on the numbers using the toll bridge. N. Kane, SEE confirmed that delivery of the lens for Summerhill is expected and will be replaced on delivery; he confirmed that Meadowbrook has not been taken in charge as yet and that Waterford City and County Council have no recourse to the OPW with

regard to loss of revenue in Bolton Street Carpark; he outlined that road resurfacing in the city area is going out to tender; he agreed to follow up with Airtricity with regard to the Service Level Agreement, outlined that he is not aware of any separate funding stream for bus routes and confirmed that he will examine safety audits at Newtown Pier and Garrarus Beach and report back. R. Moloney, SEO agreed to follow up on weed spraying in Tramore, outlined the issues with regard to planting on the roundabout at Plunkett Station and set out a planting plan for the median. O. O'Reilly, AO confirmed that guidelines from the Department are awaited in relation to Shared Ownership conversion scheme.

5. Fix date of Metropolitan Annual Meeting

The Metropolitan Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 29th June 2016 @ 5.00pm.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Notice of Motion

None

8. A.O.B

Cllr. Fitzgerald enquired raised the issue of an abandoned vessel at the pier in Tramore. Cllr. Brennan congratulated all who took part in the Darkness into Light fundraiser for Pieta House. Cllr. Roche enquired about live broadcasting of Council meetings. E. Ruane, SEO outlined that such a proposal should be presented under Notice of Motion at Plenary level. Cllr. Mulligan objected to going into committee to discuss Summervall. N. Kane, SEE will revert on responsibility for the abandoned vessel.

9. Summervall Presentation

Mr. Barry Monaghan gave a Summervall presentation.
Support for Summervall programme as presented was proposed by Cllr. Carey, seconded by Cllr. Hearne and agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____