

**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 19th Sept 2016 @ 5.00pm

Present:

Cllr. John Hearne Mayor
Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Breda Brennan
Cllr. Joe Conway
Cllr. Davy Daniels
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan
Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan
Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. John Cummins
Cllr. Joe Kelly
Cllr. Seán Reinhardt
Cllr. Jim Griffin
Cllr. John Carey

Apologies: Cllr. Adam Wyse, Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald

Officials in attendance:

Mr. L. Power, District Manager
Ms. O. O'Reilly, AO Housing, Community & Culture
Mr. D. Farrelly, SEE, Housing, Community & Culture
Mr. N. Kane, SEE Roads
Mr. C. O'Neill, DE Roads
Mr. R. Moloney, SEO Environment
Mr. P. Kelly, AO Planning
Ms. M. Fitzsimons, CO Economic Development
Mr. B. Duggan, SEO Economic Development
Mr. E. Ruane, SEO Corporate

Vote of Sympathy:

Votes of sympathy were extended to the families of:

Frank Walsh, Austin King, Mary Morrissey, Tommy McLoughlin, Paul Sweeney, Hanna Murray, James Carey, Denis Cleary, Margaret Doyle, Sean Ryan, Marion Bolger.

Vote of Congratulations:

Vote of congratulations was extended to the Under 21 Waterford Hurling Team on winning the All Ireland.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

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

The minutes of the Metropolitan District Special General Meeting held on 29th July 2016 were proposed by Cllr. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Hannigan and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr. Mulligan asked for an update on the presentation of the Georges/Adelphi Quay bridge. Cllr. Hannigan enquired about dog waste bins for The Prom, Tramore. Cllr. Reinhardt asked for an update on the playground at Manor St. John and on the Noel Browne monument following vandalism. N. Kane, SEE agreed to identify where responsibility for the painting of the Georges/Adelphi Quay bridge lies. R. Moloney, SEO confirmed that damaged equipment has been removed from the Manor St. John playground and that there is currently no budget to replace it; he also confirmed delivery of dog waste bins for The Prom which will be installed over the next couple of weeks.

Cllr. O'Neill requested an update on camper vans parking at the RSC. N. Kane, SEE outlined that the RSC does not provide the full range of facilities required to be a suitable parking place for camper vans. Cllr. O'Neill requested that he continue to pursue the request. Cllr. O'Sullivan supported this request.

3. Planning

- a) Planning Lists - already circulated by email
- b) Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended - Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended - Part VIII – Completion of the Process - Demolition of 5 No houses (7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Doyle Street) and Construction of 4 No Dwelling Units and associated site development works at the intersection of Doyle's Street and St. Ignatius Street, Waterford City, situated in the Townland of Browley East, Co. Waterford. The proposal was proposed by Cllr. Cummins, seconded by Cllr. Quinlan and agreed. Cllr. Cummins requested a report following investigation of the ground around the properties. Cllr. Conway requested a summary of the Management Plans. D. Farrelly, SEE will revert.

4. Reports

Cllr. Griffin requested that Three Sisters signage be removed and asked for an update on the O'Connell Street area. Cllr. Cummins enquired as to whether there were any appeals to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the Applemarket Shopping Development. Cllr. Brennan raised an issue of speed in Congress Place, she complimented the resurfacing of the entrance into Kilcohan Park and advised of Reuse Month in October. She also praised the planting at The Folly and enquired about tree audits for Cherrymount and Ursuline Court. N. Kane, SEE will arrange for the removal of the Three Sister signage and outlined that he is liaising with the Director of Service with regard to issues in O'Connell Street, with proposals to go to SPC. He outlined the speed survey completed in May. P. Kelly, A/O confirmed that one appeal has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála in respect of the Applemarket Shopping Development. Cllr. Cummins expressed his disappointment at this and enquired whether it is a legitimate appeal. Cllr. Griffin clarified that all aspects of O'Connell Street need to be collaborated on. Cllr. Mulligan endorsed these comments and confirmed that there will be a meeting with the Chief Executive in respect of these queries. R. Moloney, SEO outlined that the tree audit is on-going and works will be carried out between 1st Nov and mid March 17; he confirmed that the Reuse Month will be advertised in print and social media.

Cllr. Carey queried whether an emergency pump for storm damage in Passage East; he also asked that the trees in Passage East be trimmed. C. O'Neill, DE agreed to discuss the requirement for an emergency pump further and confirmed that trees will be trimmed. Cllr. Reinhardt requested that the traffic light sequence at the Yellow Road be examined; he asked how many people had responded to the current Housing Needs Assessment and requested details of those who did not reply. Cllr. Mulligan asked for numbers of those in temporary accommodation in Waterford; he enquired as to Council's plans for the An Post Sorting Office; he asked for an update on the Pay by Text parking meter facility; he asked that signage throughout the city be better managed and asked about staffing changes in the Community Department. N. Kane, SEE outlined that the contractor is set to begin works at Yellow Road traffic lights during the midterm break. O. O'Reilly, A/O confirmed a 58.8% response rate to the Housing Needs Assessment and that a list of those who have not responded cannot be given; she will request that the Homeless Officer respond directly with regard to temporary accommodation numbers. L. Power, District Manager outlined that uses for the An Post Sorting Office are under consideration and that the role of the Community Office will be strengthened. N. Kane, SEE confirmed that the tender

process for the provision of the Pay by Text parking facility will commence within the next 6-8 weeks; he will ensure obsolete signage is removed.

Cllr. O'Neill queried pedestrian crossings, at The Quay and Ursuline Court areas; he asked for an update on the proposal to build a clubhouse and driving range at the Municipal Golf Course. Cllr. Hannigan asked about housing units offered at Newtown Park. Cllr. O'Sullivan asked for additional speed limit signs on the Tramore Ring Road. N. Kane, SEE outlined the need for pedestrian crossings in the locations raised. L. Power, District Manager outlined that there are currently no available resources for the building of a clubhouse and driving range at the Municipal Golf Course. O. O'Reilly, A.O confirmed that the units at Newtown Park were not suitable for social housing. N. Kane, SEE agreed to review signage on the Tramore Ring Road. Cllr. Daniels asked about a review of the Public Realm Works and enquired about the provision for public parking when works at the Courthouse are complete; he raised the issue of flooding at Railway Square, tree stumps and planting on the Dunmore Road near Maxol. Cllr. Kelly requested a post event report on Summervall and asked about the provision of toilet facilities at the Eco Park. Cllr. Murphy asked about the number of applications for the Town and Villages Scheme. N. Kane, SEE outlined that the bottlenecks referred to due to the Public Realm Works are created by the volume of traffic; he confirmed that there will be no public parking spaces within the Courthouse grounds on completion of works and agreed to investigate flooding in the Railway Square area. R. Moloney, SEO outlined that the stump grinding tender is out; he will attend to the planting request on Dunmore Road and agreed to report back on the cost of the provision of toilet facilities at the Eco Park. L. Power, District Manager advised that a report on Summervall will be issued; he confirmed that twenty two applications for the Town and Villages scheme are being assessed. Cllr. Conway requested that tree stumps in Tramore Heights be removed and that trees be trimmed where they are affecting public lighting levels; he said the road at St. Patrick's Graveyard is not wide enough to facilitate the traffic levels and that Clarinwood is still causing traffic jams. He pointed out that the approach to the city at Butlerstown (IDA Park) is quite dark as lighting is not properly working; he agreed that signs are required for the Tramore Ring Road. Cllr. Quinlan asked where responsibility lies for the old gael scoil site in Gracedieu and proposed that the Mayor's Exhibition and Chambers be open to tourists on Sundays. N. Kane, SEE will report on the traffic issues at Clarinwood in the coming months; he outlined that there is no Specific Improvement Grants available from the Dept. to facilitate the widening of the road at the Church in Tramore and that responsibility for lighting of the IDA Business Park lies with the IDA. E. Ruane, SEO agreed to report on costs of opening the Council Chambers and Mayor's Exhibition on Sundays. P. Kelly, AO will contact the Dept. of Education in relation to the old gael scoil site in Gracedieu.

5. Extinguishment of Public Right of Way

Taking in Charge of Housing Estates/Roads as per report dated 19th September, 2016 from P. Daly A/DOS was proposed by Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. O' Neill and unanimously agreed.

6. Fix Date of Metropolitan District - General Municipal Allocation Budget Meeting

It was agreed to schedule the General Municipal Allocation Budget Meeting at 4pm on 17th October '16

7. Correspondence

An acknowledgement of the vote of sympathy from the family of the late Pat McGrath was noted.

8. Notice of Motion

There was no notice of motion.

9. A.O.B.

Cllr. Griffin requested report speaking time for councillors be increased to four minutes for the Metropolitan Council. Cllr. O'Neill supported this request and commended works at Black Rock on the Outer Ring Road to redevelop bog lands in the area. Cllr. Reinhardt supported the request for an increase in speaking time. Cllr. Mulligan pointed out the potential of the City Archive Office as an exhibition centre for the city's heritage. E. Ruane, SEO confirmed that the internal conditions of the building rendered it unsuitable for development.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____