

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

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th OCTOBER, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CIVIC OFFICES, DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Adam Wyse Mayor	Cllr. Ray Murphy
Cllr. Liam Brazil	Cllr. Pat Nugent
Cllr. Breda Brennan	Cllr. Seamus O'Donnell
Cllr. John Carey	Cllr. John O'Leary
Cllr. Joe Conway	Cllr. Michael J O'Ryan
Cllr. Declan Clune	Cllr. Cha O'Neill
Cllr. Tom Cronin	Cllr. Lola O'Sullivan
Cllr. Davy Daniels	Cllr. Seanie Power
Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald	Cllr. John Pratt
Cllr. Jim Griffin	Cllr. Eamon Quinlan
Cllr. Damien Geoghegan	Cllr. Seán Reinhardt
Cllr. Blaise Hannigan	Cllr. Mary Roche
Cllr. John Hearne	Cllr James Tobin
Cllr. Eddie Mulligan	Cllr. Jason Murphy
Cllr. Joe Kelly	Cllr. Siobhan Whelan
Cllr. Declan Doocey	

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. John Cummins

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. M. Walsh, Chief Executive
Mr. L. Power, Director of Services, Economic Development & Planning
Mr. I. Grimes, Director of Services, Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Mr. J. Murphy, Head of Finance
Mr. M. Quinn, Director of Services, Corporate, Culture, HR & IS
Mr. F. Galvin, Director of Services, Roads, Water & Environment
Ms. B. Guest, Conservation Officer
Mr. E. Ruane, Meetings Administrator
Ms. A. Jacob, A/ Administrative Officer
Ms. S. Walsh, Senior Staff Officer

The Meeting commenced at 4pm In-Committee to hear a presentation from Dr. Ray Griffin and Dr. Cormac O'Keeffe titled AN ASSESSMENT OF THE HEALTH OF THE SOUTH EAST ECONOMY

1. Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) Plenary Meeting of 8th September, 2016, proposed by Cllr. Geoghegan and seconded by Cllr. Nugent and agreed.
- (b) LPT Meeting of 26th September, 2016, proposed by: Cllr. Doocey and seconded by Cllr. Pratt and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Cllr Daniels complimented members on supporting the 24/7 cardiac care appeal in UHW. Cllr. O'Neill asked if the motion was circulated to all Councils and was it circulated to all Councillors. Mayor confirmed that motion was sent to the Cathaoirigh of Kilkenny Co. Council, Wexford Co. Council and, Tipperary Co. Council but had no response yet. He will contact Cathaoirigh directly. Cllr. Griffin enquired when workshop on homeless services will be held. Cllr Roche agreed with contacting the local authorities re. Motion and said a representation of the Council should meet the Cardiologists in UHW. Cllr. Clune asked about the inclusion of the Ethics Register on the website. Cllr. Kelly asked if a report on pinch points on the Quay was available. Cllr. Fitzgerald said that the connection fee Irish Water charge is extremely excessive. I Grimes, DOS will arrange workshop on housing and homeless services. F. Galvin, DOS said that the Council has no influence on Irish Water charges and he will revert on the pinch point report. E. Ruane, SEO, said he will revert on the Ethics Register on the website.

3. Planning

- (a) Planning lists as circulated were noted.
Cllr. Mulligan enquired re. permission time limit. L. Power, DOS said it was on a case by case time frame with reasonable provision.

4. Management Report

Cllr. O'Neill enquired about the pilot scheme for Repair and Lease and asked if there is funding for burned out private houses. Cllr. Roche requested an update on IDA visits to City Hall. She also asked who made the complaint to the EPA about the storage of sludge/waste, she sought an update on Viking Triangle animation and an update on the Boundary Extension, Outer Ring Road and the 3rd river crossing. Cllr. O'Leary enquired on the decision on Town & Village Scheme applications.

I. Grimes, DOS gave some details on the Repair and Lease scheme. He said there was no update on the Boundary extension commission at present.

F. Galvin, DOS responded to the EPA question at Carriglea and he said that the Council was correct in what it did and will defend the complaint vigorously.

L. Power, DOS said there was a phenomenal response to the Town and Village Scheme. The top 6 applications were sent to the Department for consideration and the Council will be notified of the decision. The Chief Executive said the Viking Triangle Trust review took place and he will update the Councillors in the near future. He said that the 3rd river crossing was being examined and that Maypark Lane was still the preferred option.

Cllr. Clune raised concerns in relation to Tuath Housing Association residents and the management of their estates and lack of involvement of Council. He also queried as to why OAP income was disregarded in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Cllr. Mulligan enquired about the 3 Sisters branding and asked where there any plans to advance the brand with the 3 Local Authorities, he asked who reported

the Council was in breach to the EPA? He also enquired about the rate of refusal of housing offers and what were the reasons also the position for funding for the North Quays. Cllr. Griffin stated that the Council should employ local building contractors. He enquired about funding for the archaeology at Creedon.

I. Grimes, DOS responded that the Council has ongoing engagement with Tuath, but cannot comment on tenancy terms he said Tenant Purchase Scheme terms are set at National level but issues/concerns will be brought to the Department's attention. The housing offer refusal rate is not the norm and it is envisaged that the Choice Based Lettings scheme will address this, he said that public procurement rules on engagements of contractors have to be adhered to.

F. Galvin, DOS said he had no information on who made the complaint to the EPA . L. Power, DOS,said no specific funding secured for the North Quays but included in investment. Chief Executive said that we will seek to continue and retain the 3 Sisters brand and broaden into other spheres

Cllr. B Hannigan said that RAS and HAP applicants were treated differently and removed from lists. He enquired about a report on Summerval. Cllr. M J O'Ryan, enquired about the plan for the Town & Village Scheme. He also stated that CPO for Clonmel Road should have a roundabout at Applegreen. He enquired about the high number of dumping and litter fines and why is there no legal action taken. Cllr. Brennan requested a timescale for Choice Based Lettings allocations.

I. Grimes, DOS. HAP and RAS are national schemes and rules cannot be changed locally. CBL will take approximately 2/3 wks. L. Power, DOS stated that the Council will work with local communities to fine tune applications for the Town and Village Scheme and to think about strategic actions to better the communities. The timeframe for submitting the applications was out of Council control and should be better next year. The report on Summerval will be at the Metropolitan Council meeting on 17th October, 2016. The Council will commence the festival application process soon to establish need. F. Galvin, DOS will revert to District on CPO road alignment at Clonmel roundabout, he said fines mainly consist of dog control licences therefore no legal action required he will revert with report.

Cllr. J. Kelly asked about moving the taxi rank to N25 /Manor Street and enquired if this decision can be reviewed. He also enquired that as Housing loan applicants must show a six month record of savings, if the documentation could be amended to show guidelines as to the amount of savings required. He referred to blocked drains and asked who is responsible. Cllr. Fitzgerald raised the issue of grass cutting in Council estates. He said that the Council cuts grass in other estates so it seems unfair treatment and could it be made uniform. Cllr. Power asked if the unsuccessful applications the Town & Village renewal scheme will be allowed to apply again next year.

L. Power, DOS stated that the Council is committed to working closely with Taxi Drivers to achieve best possible outcome for all at Manor St. He said that the Town and Village renewal scheme for 2016 had 22 applications, but some towns were not ready and next year the Council will work closely with communities that are ready to go forward and that applicants can apply again next year.

F. Galvin, DOS said that drains are the owners' responsibility. He will discuss the grass cutting policy with the SPC. I. Grimes, DOS said that there are detailed rules governing the loan scheme and applicants must show ability to repay, however he will be happy to look at an individual case.

Cllr Conway asked for an update on the Housing Needs Assessment said that Tuath Housing Association residents raised concerns and he requested could the Council meet with residents before renewing its contract with Tuath he also asked about the Summerval report and criteria for further applications.

Cllr. J. Murphy enquired about the Council's role as Waste Regulator he also asked about the number of private houses that were bought by the Council. He enquired how often does Council service boilers and carbon monoxide detectors and do we retro fit? he also asked could the Council advertise the Repair and Lease scheme. Cllr. Hearne requested an update on bye-laws passed for sulkies. He commented on Housing and the turnaround time for vacant houses in in Waterford and if it could be improved. He enquired if the Economic Department had looked at the implications of Brexit and the effect it will have on areas, he expressed concern about changes in the community support officers service.

I. Grimes, DOS said that the Management Report sets out an update on HNA. Tuath Housing Association are not tenants of the Council, he will revert with an update on the purchase of private houses. He said that it was the Council's intention to promote the Repair and Lease initiative. He will look at the turnaround time for vacant houses.

F. Galvin, DOS stated that the Council is the regulator for domestic waste so complaints should be referred to the Environment Section, the Control of Horses Act is in place and he will look at this in regard to the control of sulkies. L. Power, DOS-stated that part of the application for Festivals funding measure is the performance of previous ventures. Brexit is high on the agenda and we are working closely with relevant bodies and will be taking a lead from national direction.

Cllr. Quinlan enquired about HNA and asked if applications that missed deadline could be kept in storage until the following year and be reactivated. Cllr. Nugent enquired if Town & Village unsuccessful applicants will get precedence next year. He also requested an update on the Greenway opening. Cllr. Tobin asked will Town & Village funding be realised

I. Grimes, DOS said here was extensive communication re HNA - 2 Letters issued, texts, social media, radio advertisement - applicants should inform Council of any change in address. Chief Executive stated in relation to the Town and Village Renewal scheme the Council will engage with the Community in the coming months to examine their strategic plans he was concerned about the lack of coordination and the spread being too thin.. There is a reasonable expectation that funding will be realised. The Greenway will open in the next few weeks and will be formally opened in March 2017.

5. Standing Orders

Updated version 1.6 19/05/2016 Noted.

6. Commemoration 2016 – Permanent Memorials

M. Quinn, DOS thanked the committee for their work and introduced Ger Crotty Chairman of Waterford 2016 Commemoration Committee made the presentation

Cllr. Geoghegan raised a query if the memorials will be finished in 2016.

The report and locations of the memorials was proposed by: Cllr. J. Murphy Seconded by:
Cllr. D. Geoghegan and agreed

7. Nomination to Boards/Committees

1. Soma Gallery (1 member) As Cllrs. Hearne and Quinlan were nominated it was agreed that SOMA should be asked if 2 places could be made available to the Council by the board before the matter was voted on. Agreed to reinsert for the November meeting.

2. Joint Policing Committee (1 member)

Cllr. S. Whelan was proposed by Cllr. D. Clune seconded Cllr. P. Fitzgerald and agreed.

8. Draft Waterford Heritage Plan 2017-2021

L. Power, DOS outlined Draft Waterford Heritage PLAN – plan presented by Bernie Quest, Heritage Officer

That the Draft Waterford Heritage Plan 2017-2021 go on public display in accordance with the regulations was proposed by Cllr. J. Tobin - Seconded by Cllr. L. Brazil and agreed.

9. Service Indicators – NOAC Report 2014

Noted

10. Correspondence

Proposed by Cllr. D. Geoghegan seconded by Cllr. T. Cronin and agreed.

That the training and conferences circulated and receptions as circulated be approved.

11. Notice of Motions

The following motion was put by Cllr. J. Conway, seconded by Cllr S. Power and agreed.

“That Waterford City and County Council call on Transport Infrastructure Ireland to prioritise the upgrading of the N24”

12. AOB

The Mayor informed the meeting that a Civic Reception will be held for Thomas Barr 25th October, 2016 in City Hall.

L. Power, DOS announced that the Rural Economic Development Zones (REDZ) scheme changed and the Council only received notification last week that the application must be in by 4th November, 2016. He recommends that the Council should submit the next two projects from the Town and Village Scheme - Dunmore and the Ardmore cliff walks and put them forward due to time constraint.

CLAR has been re launched and the Council must have the application in place before 4th November, 2016. Applications from areas designated under CLAR. If members have villages under CLAR that require help with infrastructure they should contact the Area Engineer.

Standing Orders extended for 10 mins: Proposed by: Cllr. M.J. O’Ryan Seconded by: Cllr. Tobin and agreed.

Cllr. P. Fitzgerald proposed Dunmore East and Ardmore cliff walks be put forward REDZ. seconded by Cllr. S. Whelan and agreed

Cllr. Tobin wants list of areas under CLAR – L. Power, DOS will email map to Councillors showing the areas.

Cllr. Mulligan asked that the Council write to Captain of LE James Joyce to acknowledge their recent tour of duty, congratulate them and invite them to Waterford.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____