



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

Cork County Council

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on Monday 22nd April 2024.

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Comhairleoir Proinsias Ó Flíonn, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri: Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin Sean, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Coileáin D, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chróinín, Heinhold, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Ní Charthaigh U, Uí Bhuachalla, De Faoite, Daltún-Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conbhuhair Sean, Ó Conchubair Alan, MacCarthaigh N, Ó Flíonn, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghaire, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé Sean Pól, Críod, Uí Muineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin M, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padraig, Ó Murchú Gearóid, Ó Cionaithe, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé Tony, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó hÉalaithe, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh Susan, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaoich, Ó Haodha Pól.

PRESENT

Councillor Frank O'Flynn, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Coughlan G, Coleman, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, Collins D, Murphy PG, Cronin, Heinhold, McGrath, D'Alton, McCarthy U, Buckley A, White, Dalton O'Sullivan, O'Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O'Connor S, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, O'Flynn, O'Brien, O'Leary, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kenny, Madden, O'Shea Tony, Linehan-Foley, Healy, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul

Chief Executive, A/Divisional Manager South Cork, A/Divisional Manager West Cork, A/Divisional Manager North Cork, A/Director of Services, Corporate Services, Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services.

The Mayor welcomed Brian McGee, City Archivist to the Chamber who was in attendance with the first minute book of Cork County Council from 1899 to mark the 125 year anniversary of Cork County Council.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Proposed by Cllr. Pat Hayes

Seconded by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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TO: Marian, Trish, Donnacha and the extended Murphy family on the passing of Councillor Gerard Murphy, Elected Member of Cork County Council.

Cllr. Frank O’Flynn, Mayor of the County of Cork said that Cllr. Gerard Murphy was a friend to all the Members and it is sad that he is not in the Chamber today. The Mayor said Cllr. Murphy always had the Council and his constituents at heart. He said Cllr. Murphy was a very proud Member of Cork County Council. The Mayor thanked Cllr. Murphy for his contribution to public life.

Cllr. John Paul O’Shea, Fine Gael Party Leader thanked the Mayor for holding a special meeting in Newmarket on Friday 19th April to commemorate Cllr. Murphy. He said it had a been a very difficult week for the Fine Gael Members and difficult not having Cllr. Murphy in the party meeting.

Cllr. Susan McCarthy thanked Party Leader, Cllr. John Paul O’Shea for leading the Fine Gael party through a difficult time. She said Cllr. Murphy never had a bad word to say about anybody. She said he had time and understanding for everyone.

Cllr. Tony O’Shea said the Special Meeting of Council held in Newmarket was a lovely tribute to Cllr. Gerard Murphy. He said Cllr. Murphy was a gentleman who will be missed dearly. He said it was very easy to canvass for Gerard Murphy because everyone had a good word to say about him. He said Gerard Murphy was a gentleman to the core who never had a bad word to say about anyone. Cllr. O’Shea extended his condolences to Cllr. Murphy’s wife and family.

Cllr. Liam Madden said Cllr. Murphy had fantastic knowledge, especially in dealing with planning. He said Cllr. Murphy delivered a great number of projects for his area. He said Cllr. Murphy was so easy to approach and talk to. Cllr. Madden extended his sympathies to Cllr. Murphy’s family and community.

Cllr. Ted Lucey said he knew Cllr. Murphy since the 1980’s, when he was brought in as Director of Elections for the Fine Gael Party. He said Cllr. Murphy was a genius with numbers. He said the funeral and guard of honour for Cllr. Murphy were a fitting tribute.

Cllr. Noel McCarthy said people speak of Gerard Murphy with great respect and admiration. He said Cllr. Murphy was a very kind and nice man who will be missed. Cllr. McCarthy extended his sympathies to the Murphy family on their loss.

Cllr. Marie O’Sullivan said Gerard Murphy had great wisdom. She said his participation in debate in the Chamber will be greatly missed.

Cllr. Anthony Barry said Gerard Murphy was a consummate politician who excelled at County Development Plans. He said Cllr. Gerard Murphy had the interests of the whole County at heart. He said Cllr. Murphy took everyone under his wing.

Cllr. John O’Sullivan said Cllr. Gerard Murphy was a steely politician who was dedicated to his party. He said Cllr. Murphy was able to do politics with respect. He said Cllr. Murphy was able to do so much and achieve so much with the respect of others and that is something to be remembered.

Cllr. Seamus McGrath, Fianna Fáil Party Leader said Cllr. Murphy was a wise and astute politician. He said Cllr. Murphy has left a great legacy and there is a void here in the Chamber, Cllr. McGrath said his thoughts and prayers are with the family of Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

Cllr. Pat Hayes extended his condolences to Cllr Murphy's wife and family. He said Gerard Murphy was the ultimate gentleman. He said Cllr. Murphy had a deep understanding of politics and how it worked. He said Cllr. Murphy was a great family friend who will be sadly missed.

Cllr. Liam Quaide expressed his sympathies to the wife and family of Cllr. Gerard Murphy. He said Cllr. Murphy was someone of depth, principle and intelligence. Cllr. Murphy said Gerard Murphy's passing has brought great sadness to colleagues across all parties.

Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien said Gerard Murphy had served with both her father and brother. She said Cllr. Murphy had effected great change at the Southern Assembly and brought great knowledge to the Assembly.

Cllr. Ian Doyle said Cllr. Murphy was a great help to all Members in the Kanturk/ Mallow Municipal District. He said Cllr. Murphy believed in the Chamber and the work of the Council Chamber. Cllr. Doyle said Cllr. Murphy believed in the mantra of the greater good.

Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen, Labour Party Group Leader offered his condolences to the family of Cllr. Gerard Murphy and the Fine Gael Party on his passing.

Cllr. Joe Carroll said Gerard Murphy was a gentleman all the way through and had a great way of saying someone was wrong without causing offence.

Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley offered her condolences to the wife and family of Cllr. Gerard Murphy. Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley thanked Gerard Murphy for his service.

Cllr. Jack White said the meeting of Council in Newmarket on Friday was a special tribute to Cllr. Gerard Murphy. He said Cllr. Murphy was very decent and very good to him as a young councillor.

Cllr. Caroline Cronin said the respect everyone had for Cllr. Gerard Murphy was enough to know what he meant.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan said Gerard Murphy was a hugely influential and sound man. He said Cllr. Murphy was particularly influential in the work of County Development Plans.

Cllr. Gillian Coughlan said when Cllr. Gerard Murphy indicated to speak in the Chamber, everyone took note. She said Cllr. Murphy will be sorely missed in the Chamber. She said Gerard Murphy was a valuable asset to the Southern Regional Assembly and his expertise and insight will be missed.

TO: Councillor Kevin Murphy on the death of his cousin Vera O'Mahony.

TO: Olivia O'Rourke on the death of her mother Mrs. Scully.

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 179A OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED.

Carrigtwohill to Midleton Inter-Urban Cycle Route Phase 2

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF COBH:

Members resolved to approve the Part 8 Chief Executive's Report on the proposed construction of a dedicated pedestrian and cycle route from lands west of the L7640-0 (Ballyadam Road), Carrigtwohill to lands east of the L3618-0 (Water-Rock Road), Water-Rock, Midleton. The dedicated pedestrian and cycle route will form a section of Inter-Urban Route IU-1, extending from Dunkettle to Midleton, as identified in the Cork County Development Plan 2022.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAST CORK:

Members resolved to the Part 8 Chief Executive's Report on the proposed construction of a dedicated pedestrian and cycle route from lands west of the L7640-0 (Ballyadam Road), Carrigtwohill to lands east of the L3618-0 (Water-Rock Road), Water-Rock, Midleton. The dedicated pedestrian and cycle route will form a section of Inter-Urban Route IU-1 extending from Dunkettle to Midleton, as identified in the Cork County Development Plan 2022.

Proposed by Cllr. Susan McCarthy

Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty

[f] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS TUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó OIFIGH

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RENEWABLE ENERGY VISION:

Members noted Cork County Council's Renewable Energy Vision for Cork Harbour.

The Chief Executive said this had been discussed, proposed and seconded at Corporate Policy Group. She said it is a position paper for Cork County Council to be positioned to be a first and early mover to take advantage of potential on-shore consequences of off-shore energy of Cork Harbour and coastline.

125 ANNIVERSARY OF CORK COUNTY COUNCIL:

A Video presentation by Tomás Mac Conmara was shown to the Chamber marking 125 years of Cork County Council.

During this discussion, Members made the following points:

- Said the importance of local government cannot be underestimated
- Said Cork County Council played a huge role during the Covid Pandemic and in response to the Ukrainian War
- Said Cork County Council is an adaptable and agile organisation

- Members said it is very important to acknowledge all that has happened over the past 125 years
- Said communicating with the community has changed greatly over the past 125 years and Cork County Council has responded to that
- Said it is important to recognise all those who have gone before us that have brought the organisation to where it is today
- Said it is a team effort to achieve what we can for the County
- Members said it is a very historic day and a lot of change happens over 125 years
- Said the scope of the work Cork County Council does is vast

The Mayor said Cork County Council has served as the bedrock of governance, progress and prosperity for the County. He said it is a privilege to serve alongside dedicated councillors, committed staff and most importantly the vibrant community of County Cork. He said a vision was set out by our predecessors to establish a local government that would serve the people of County Cork with integrity, fairness and progress. The Mayor said throughout the years, Cork County Council has been at the forefront of innovation, development and community empowerment.

The Chief Executive said this is a special occasion. She welcomed Deputy Lord Mayor Colette Finn, Deputy Colm Burke and city archivist Brian McGee to the Chamber. Ms O’Sullivan said this is a special occasion and local government is at the heart of peoples lives. She said local government is close to the hearts of all of us that work here. She said the secret to Cork County Council is the partnership between the Elected Members and the Executive.

**[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS**

HSE

5/4-2

Correspondence received 05/04/2024 from the HSE in response to the Council’s letter dated 11/09/23 in light of findings from the Your Opinion Counts HSE staff survey.

Members deferred this item to the next meeting of Full Council on 13/05/24.

HSE

6/4-2

Correspondence received 12/04/24 from the HSE in response to the Council’s letter dated 09/10/23 in relation to the sick leave pay for healthcare workers affected by Long Covid.

Members noted the correspondence from the HSE.

During this discussion, Members made the following points:

- Said the response from the HSE is disappointing
- Said the government have announced that the sick leave pay will be extended for a further 3 months
- Said healthcare workers sacrificed so much at the height of the pandemic

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~