



## COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

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### Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

#### **I LATHAIR**

Comhairleoir P.G. Ó Murchú, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri MacCraith, Mac Seafrada, Ní Fhúarthain, Daltúin, D. Ó'Donnabháin Dheasmhumhnaigh, Ó Cainte, Ó hEarchaí, M. Ó Murchú, Lombard, C. Ó Murchú, Ní Cochláin, J. Ó' Donnabháin, G. Ní Mhuimhneacháin, Críod, Ó Luasaigh, Ó Riain, Ó Conbhuí, P. Ó Suilleabháin, C. MacCárthaigh, Ó Ceocháin, Sheppard, De Barra, Ó Cadhla, Rasmussen, N.Ó Coileán, Ó hEachteirn, Uí Thuama, Ó hEigearthaigh, S. NicCárthaigh, Léanacháin-Foghlú, Ní Bhrian, N. MacCárthaigh, Ó Floinn, Ó Dúghaill, Mhic Dháibhí, Uí Mhurchú, Gearoid. Ó Murchú, G. Ó Murchú, B. Ó Muimhneacháin, Uí Mhaoláin, T. Ó Coileán, D. Ó Coileán, Ó Cearúill, J. Ó Suilleabháin, C. Ó Suilleabháin, Uí hEigearthaigh, Ó hAodha. D. Ó hUrthuile.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor Patrick G. Murphy, County Mayor presided.

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, D'Alton, D. Ó'Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, Harris, M. Murphy, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, G. Moynihan, Creed, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Ó Cadhla, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ahern, Twomey, Ml. Hegarty, S. McCarthy, Linehan Foley, O'Brien, N. McCarthy O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, Gearóid Murphy, Gerard Murphy, B. Moynihan, Mullane, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J. O'Sullivan, C. O'Sullivan, Mary Hegarty, Hayes, Hurley.

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1/1-1

Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty

Seconded by Councillor Derry Canty

#### **RESOLVED:**

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

## VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/1-1

- TO: Councillor Alan Coleman on the death of his mother, Sheila
- TO: Anthony Buckley on the death of his father, Louis
- TO: Teresa Owens on the death of her mother, Alice
- TO: Mary Horgan and Family on the death of her husband, Jim
- TO: Bernie Brickley on the death of her husband, David, former employee West Cork
- TO: Councillor Gearóid Murphy on the death of his father, Gerry
- TO: Councillor Rachel McCarthy on the death of her aunt, Caroline

## STATUTORY BUSINESS

### Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Members noted the following disposals.

#### **DISPOSAL OF SERVICED SITE AT DROMLEIGH, BANTRY, CO. CORK**

3(a)/1-1

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

<b><u>Situation:</u></b>	<b>Disposal of Serviced Site at Dromleigh, Bantry, Co. Cork</b>
<b><u>Area:</u></b>	<b>0.110 hectares / 0.272 acres as outlined on map.</b>
<b><u>Consideration:</u></b>	<b>€64,000.00</b>

#### **DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CHURCH VIEW, KILCROHANE ROAD, DURRUS, BANTRY, CO. CORK.**

3(b)/1-1

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

<b><u>Situation:</u></b>	<b>Disposal of land at Church View, Kilcrohane Road, Durrus, Bantry, Co. Cork.</b>
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**Area:** 0.0050 hectares / 0.012 acres as outlined on map.

**Consideration:** €500.00 plus €500 administrative and legal costs.

**DISPOSAL OF LAND AT IVYWOOD, MYRTLEVILLE, CO. CORK**

3(c)/1-1

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

**Situation:** Disposal of land at Ivywood, Myrtleville, Co. Cork

**Area:** 0.026 hectares / 0.065 acres

**From Whom Acquired:** Property registered to Cork County Council since 1911

**Consideration:** €1.00 together with our expenses of €1,500.00 plus VAT

**DISPOSAL OF A SITE AT BALLYDESMOND.**

3(d)/1-1

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

**Property:** Site at Ballydesmond.

**Location:** As above.

**From Whom Acquired:** Historical CCC Housing site.

**Consideration:** €40,000.00

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAST CORK**

4/1-1

**Resolution under Section 179 of the Planning Act 2000, as amended**

Members noted the Part 8 Report for the proposed development of a greenway between Midleton and Youghal.

**Proposed by Councillor Mary Linehan Foley**

**Seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty**

**Resolved:**

*“Noting that in accordance with Article 83, Part 8 of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended, notice of the proposed development was published, 388 No. submissions were received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Article 179 of the said Act is given for the following:*

The development of a Greenway and related ancillary works from the environs of Middleton Train Station, Middleton, County Cork to the disused Youghal Train Station, Youghal, County Cork within the townlands of Townparks (Imokilly By), Broomfield East, Park North, Killeagh, Roxborough, Clashduff, Stumphill, Ballynascarty, Kilmountain, Ballycrenane Beg, Mogeely, Carrignashinny, Garranejames, Ballyquirk, Clashdermot West, Mountbell, Lisglasheen, Moanlahan, Lagile, Ballymakeagh More, Finisk, (ED Clonpriest), Burges Lower, Inchiquin, Gortaroo, Coolnacloghafinna, Coolaha, Beanfield, Ballyvergan West, Kennel, Ballyvergen East, Colerenagh, Summerfield, Dysart, Claycastle, Williamstown, Co Cork.”

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Irish Rail was consulted extensively throughout the process as to whether or not the railway could be reinstated
- Opening the railway is not a viable option at this point in time but the design allows for the railway to be reinstated in the future should this situation change
- This project will be a game changer with respect to tourism development in the area
- The Greenway will increase economic activity in the towns and villages along its route
- This development is very important to the people in the area
- Commend the staff who have brought the project to this stage
- Other potential routes in the county should be examined

**REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

**CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

**Conference List for January, 2019**

**5(a)/1-1**

Members noted the Conference List for January, 2019.

**Proposed by Councillor Kevin Murphy**

**Seconded by Councillor Declan Hurley**

**FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES**

**5(b)/1-1**

On the proposal of Councillor Kevin Murphy, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn, Councillor Michael Hegarty was nominated to the Curraheen Park Advisory Council.

## **NORTHERN AND WESTERN DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

6/1-1

Members agreed, in accordance with Standing Order No: 8 - Cork County Council Standing Orders Regulating the Proceedings of the Council (2016), to hold the Northern and Western Divisional Committees meetings at 12:00pm in County Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019, to mark the centenary of the sitting of the first Dáil meeting.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL**

#### **CORK COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT FOR PERIOD UP TO 31ST DECEMBER, 2018**

7(a)/1-1

Members noted the Report of Cork County Library for the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.

#### **REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DIRECTORATE FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2018.**

7(b)/1-1

Members noted the Report of the Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism Directorate for the period up to 31st December, 2018.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **Social Housing Income Limits**

8/1-1

Members noted the correspondence dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, in response to Council's letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, noting that these limits were set in 2011 and requesting that a review of these limits be undertaken and a timeline for this review be set out as a matter of urgency.

Members agreed to respond seeking a timeline for the completion of the review and that the situation in Cork City and County be given special consideration. Members further requested that the Minister would consider the difficulty that those on incomes of €30,000 to €40,000 have accessing accommodation.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

#### **National Supportive Awareness Programme for Alzheimer's disease**

9/1-1

Members noted the correspondence dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, in response to Council's letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, requesting that the Minister for Health set in motion a National Supportive

Awareness Programme on Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia, where there are currently 55, 000 in Ireland with the condition.

Members agreed to write back stating that the response was inadequate as there was no reference made to the financing of the implementation of the Irish National Dementia Strategy.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **SHELTERED HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY**

**10/1-1**

Councillor Marcia D'Alton proposed, seconded by Councillor Noel Collins, the following notice of motion:

“That Cork County Council would carry out an assessment of sheltered housing for the elderly, both public and private, currently available in each town in the county and that, arising from this assessment, Cork County Council would adopt the following policies:

- 1 .It will be a specific objective of the County Development Plan to provide for sheltered housing for the elderly in every town in the county.
2. The range of sheltered housing to be provided will allow for both independent and supported living.
3. The sheltered housing will be provided close to the town centre and/or services and amenities.
4. The number of sheltered housing units to be provided will be an appropriate proportion of the population of each town.
5. The Local Area Plan for each Municipal District will identify areas in each town appropriate for the provision of sheltered housing for the elderly.”

Members noted the report from the Directors of Planning and Housing, which outlined as follows:-

#### Cork County Development Plan Review

The specialised housing requirements of particular groups including Older Persons will be addressed in the Cork County Development Plan Review, in particular, through the preparation of a new Housing Strategy which will be based around a Housing Needs Demand Assessment model. This will be supported by policies and objectives relating to Ageing/Older Persons which will be set out in the Placemaking and Sustainable Communities Chapter of the forthcoming Plan.

#### Capital Assistance Scheme

Under the capital assistance scheme (CAS) Local Authorities, through funding from the DHPLG, advance up to 100%, to assist with capital costs, to Approved Housing Bodies to construct or acquire housing units. To qualify for these loans the AHBs must provide housing for elderly, homeless, people with disability and other specialised categories of need as indicated by the Department within the CAS calls for proposals.

The output and development of CAS is critically dependent on the response by the Local Authority to approaches from Approved Housing Bodies for assistance. In Cork County the capital assistance scheme has had a central role in the direct provision of housing for older people; and the range of schemes provided have allowed for both independent and supported living in schemes throughout the

county. Under the CAS Scheme 9 houses have been completed in Bandon town in 2018, 3 units will be available in Ballingearry before year end and 9 are at construction in Rosscarbery.

Schemes to the value of €16 m are approved funding in Cork. As well as the construction programme that is underway there are schemes at the design, planning and pre-construction stage and ongoing support and development is provided to local Approved Housing Bodies and communities to assist in the pre-development necessary to progress these schemes.

548 units, 106 in West, 219 in North, and 223 in South, have been provided with the aid of CAS funding.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- The age profile of the Irish population is increasing
- Research carried out by the charity, Alone found that 49% of people aged 60 live alone, more than half in private homes. Of those, almost 59% live in a house with five rooms or more
- There are almost 23,000 people in nursing homes. That is 3.7% of the over 65 population and that percentage continues to increase
- Some of those living in nursing home facilities reported that they moved there because they were alone and could not or did not want to manage their own home any longer
- Housing needs to be offered across a spectrum, open to all older people, regardless of whether they qualify for social housing or whether they can avail of private options. It needs to include both purpose-built homes, dispersed in the community and dedicated sheltered housing in shared and supported schemes
- The Joint Housing Strategy requires our Development Plans at either County or Municipal level to include specific policies to secure a housing mix which considers the needs of special groups such as the elderly
- Need to actively identify in our Local Area Plans town centre or close to town centre sites that are best placed to develop sheltered housing for the elderly
- Would like to see a downsizing scheme implemented by the Council
- All future Development Plans should see land zoned specifically for sheltered housing and day care centres
- Every development should have a percentage of development charges ring fenced for the provision of elderly services
- Our housing section is very facilitative of voluntary and Approved Housing Bodies

Members agreed to refer the motion to the Planning SPC for further discussion.

## **UNFINISHED ESTATES**

11/1-1

Councillor Noel Collins proposed, seconded by Councillor Mary Linehan Foley, the following notice of motion:

"That this Council requests the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to reintroduce legislation, on enforcement, to deal with the problem of unfinished estates".

Members noted the report from the Director of Planning, which outlined as follows:-

Cork County Council made good progress with Unfinished Estates in recent years and in this context has given full effect to the Enforcement provisions of the planning code of legislation and regulations where necessary and appropriate. At this time I can confirm the Planning Authority is not aware that the Minister has not taken steps to withdraw or delete any of said Enforcement provisions.

The Elected Members will be aware that issues arising in Unfinished Estates are complex and multi-faceted and can often involve matters outside the planning code of legislation and regulations. Such matters can include health & safety, company insolvency, bankruptcy, rights of property ownership and the limitations of law providing for instances where an entity/person that has left the jurisdiction.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Enforcement is the key issue with regard to unfinished estates
- Irish Water are not rectifying issues in estates
- Developers who have left a legacy of issues should not be given further Planning Permission
- The Site Solution Plan as agreed should be rectified.

Members agreed to write to the Minister and to amend the Motion as follows:

"That this Council requests the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to reintroduce legislation, on enforcement, to deal with the problem of unfinished estates and that Irish water be obliged to rectify ongoing issues regarding unfinished estates and that Site Resolution Plan as agreed should be legally binding".

## **VACANT HOMES OFFICERS**

**12/1-1**

Councillor Anthony Barry proposed, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath, the following notice of motion:

"That Cork County Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government Eoghan Murphy, TD seeking an additional two Vacant Homes Officers to be appointed in addition to the current Vacant Homes Officer in place within Cork County Council"

Members noted the report from the Director of Housing, which outlined as follows:-

In accordance with Department of Housing Circular PL 7/2017, Cork County Council has formulated a Vacant Homes Action Plan. The Plan was presented at Development Committee in January 2018 and it is proposed to update members on its implementation in February. During 2018 a total of 372 vacant properties were registered on *Vacanthomes.ie* for Cork County. The suitability of all of these properties for social housing was examined.

A breakdown of the figure is as follows:

- 35 are in the process of being brought back into use by the owner following LA follow up.
- 68 are being pursued under the Buy & Renew & Repair & Lease Schemes
- CPO process has commenced in relation to 17 of these properties with a further 14 units in the process of being acquired by agreement.

- Of these 14, 4 transactions are completed.
- 269 deemed not suitable/insufficient detail/not in administrative area.

In addition to the above work on vacant homes and in accordance also with the Vacant Homes Action Plan, surveys of 3 towns, Newmarket, Bantry & Youghal have been carried out. A survey of Ballincollig will be completed this month. This work is being assisted by Cork Co. Council's GIS team who developed an app to assist with the surveys. The results of the surveys will be included in next month's report.

Cork County Council, in common with other local authorities has one designated vacant homes officer – Seamus De Faoite SEO - who is assisted by an Assistant Staff Officer who provides information to the public on the options available for bringing vacant homes back into use, coordinating the specific surveys and implementing the Action Plan. Separately, the Housing Directorate also has staff members who deal with the Buy & Renew and Repair & Leasing schemes, along with technical staff who compile property reports and who assist with the surveys.

It should be noted that purchase by agreement, and compulsory purchase of properties can be a protracted process that must be carried out in accordance with procedures and legislation. There is significant activity in relation to vacant homes which requires input from staff across different disciplines. Given the complexity and time consuming nature of the work, availability of funding and approval to engage additional staff from the Department is necessary to enable the Council to significantly increase its impact in this area.

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:-

- The issue of dereliction and vacant homes has been raised several times in the chamber
- The size of the county puts increased pressure on the staff dealing with this issue
- There are a lot of properties lying idle that could be brought back into use
- The easiest way to deliver housing is to bring vacant stock back into use
- Need to deal with the reasons why certain properties are derelict
- CPOs are time consuming and difficult

Members agreed to write to the Minister.

## **FORMS FOR RENT REVIEWS**

13/1-1

Councillor Diarmaid O'Cadhlá proposed, seconded by Councillor Danielle Twomey, the following notice of motion:

“To request comment from the Director of Services for Housing in regard to the forms being used for Rent Review, in particular:

1. Whether individual tenants have legal capacity to give permission to having inquiries made and personal data collected in regard to other adults?
2. Whether Council is entitled to ask for such extensive and open-ended right of inquiry in relation to children; and whether doing so violates best practice in child protection?
3. How is a penalty of €170 per week justified for non-return of the Rent Review forms, to what extent have such penalties been imposed over the last 2 years, and how does it compare to the average weekly social housing rent?

4. Whether the forms can be modified to ensure that privacy is respected and that clear limits are placed on the collection, use and retention of any personal data”.

Members noted the report from the Director of Housing, which outlined as follows:-

1. The legislative basis for seeking the information on all occupants of a local authority dwelling is Section 58(3), 61(1) of the Housing Act 1966. Tenants are required to provide the information in accordance with Sections 5.1, 6.9 and 6.10 of Cork County Council’s Tenancy Agreement,. The Rent Assessment Form states the purpose for which the personal data provided will be used and seeks the consent of the tenant/tenants to use the data for that purpose.
2. As above, the local authority has a legislative basis to seek the information on all occupants, under the 1966 Act, Section 58(3), 61(1) and tenants undertake to provide it when requested when they complete their Tenancy Agreement. The Rent Assessment Form states the purpose for which the personal data provided will be used and seeks the consent of the tenant/tenants to use the data for that purpose. There is no child protection issue in seeking this information.
3. The application of penalty rents is provided for in the Tenancy Agreement, Section 4.5, which all tenants sign up to. Any changes in penalty rent are notified to tenants, but it has remained unchanged for some time.

The penalty rent of €170.00 has been in place since a single Countywide Differential Rent Scheme was introduced in 2012.

Where hardship issues exist they are dealt with by the Council’s Area Officers on a case by case basis.

The penalty rent is applied when tenants fail to provide updated information. The measure is necessary to ensure efficiency and fairness in a system which sees the vast majority of tenants returning this information in a timely fashion.

When the last Rent Review for South Cork was completed, a penalty rent was applied to approximately 377 accounts (12% of accounts in South Cork) in April last year. There was a steady monthly decrease after that over the following four months as Area Officers worked with the tenants in question to get them to send in the appropriate information and get them off the penalty rent. There are approximately 30 accounts still on penalty rent and work is ongoing to further reduce this number and ensure that tenants are paying in accordance with actual incomes.

The average weekly social housing rent in South Cork is €57.50 as of January 2019.

4. The forms already contain information regarding the collection and use of data. Information received is used solely for the purpose of calculating rents payable and is retained only until the next review, generally a period of 12-18 months.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Correspondence that tenants receive from the Local Authority can cause fear and nervousness
- Can the assumption be made that tenants have the capacity to give away another’s privacy, especially in the case of minors
- The questions that are asked are too open ended
- The penalty rent levied is too high
- Can a legal opinion be sought on this issue
- Penalty rents were applied in error in some cases last year
- There is a need for more friendly language to be used in correspondence to tenants so as not to cause anxiety
- The AILG can advise Councillors on legal matters

In response to members' queries the Chief Executive stated that he was satisfied that information was being sought appropriately and if individuals have concerns regarding the information being sought by Cork County Council, they need to seek their own legal advice. The Chief Executive also confirmed that the penalty rent is set by Cork County Council.

### **Adoptee Identity Rights**

14/1-1

Councillor June Murphy proposed, seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry, the following notice of motion:

"On behalf of Aitheantas, I am calling on Cork County council to write to Minister Zappone Department requesting/demanding that her Department acknowledges Adoptee Identity Rights and immediately allows Adoptees access to their own information on Health, History and Heritage in line with the equality and personal autonomy rights of other citizens and as voted for in two referenda"

During the discussion members made the following points:

- An estimated 150,000 adoptees are still subject to legislation from 1952.
- At the moment Minister for Children Katherine Zappone seeks to introduce the Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 when the Dáil resumes. This Bill does absolutely nothing to recognise adoptee identity rights. It merely reflects the existing legal position as it now stands. This is not progress.
- Ms Zappone's Bill does not allow an automatic right for an adoptee to access their own information, it simply allows a qualified right "to apply".
- Documents are redacted, files maintained and held by authorities, personal letters between biological relatives are opened, read, copied and kept "on file", and personal information is withheld at a whim.
- Access to this information is a fundamental human right that many take for granted
- People need hereditary details, all information should be accessible
- People have a right to know where they come from

Members agreed to write to the Minister.

### **ANTI BULLYING PROCEDURES**

15/1-1

Councillor Joe Harris proposed, seconded by Councillor Eoghan Jeffers, the following notice of motion:

"That this Council calls for all businesses in County Cork to urgently carry out a review of their anti bullying procedures

That those who don't have any policies would immediately put them in place to;

- a) Create a culture in their business that empowers workers to call out bullying behaviour.
- b) That everyone in the business is certified that they have attended an anti bullying awareness training.
- c) That companies have a duty of care to their workers which includes their mental health.
- d) That in view of the insidious nature of bullying, that employees are encouraged to discuss their concerns and have a safe place to do so.

- e) That we write to the relevant minister asking for him to highlight this issue as a major health and safety concern.”

During the discussion members made the following points:-

- Some smaller businesses may not have policies and procedures in place
- This issue could be brought to the HSE forum

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation and to the HSE and to raise the issue at the HSE Forum.

### **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

16/1-1

Councillor Gobnait Moynihan proposed, seconded by Councillor Eoghan Jeffers, the following notice of motion:

"Go gcuireann an Comhairle tosach le feachtas eolais maidir le na Dífhibrileoirí Seachtracha Uathoibríocha, chun an tionchar luachmhar a mbíonn ag na dífhibrileoirí seo ar daoine í lámh an bháis a léiriú, agus suíomhanna na dífhibrileoirí timpeall an contae a cur in úil do dhaoine."

"That this Council conduct a Automated External Defibrillator (AED) awareness campaign, in order to promote the life saving impact Defibrillators have, as well as highlight their numerous locations in our communities. The campaign specifically to focus on Defibrillators with 24 hour public access."

Members noted the report from the Director of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism, which outlined as follows:-

I refer to the above motion, I believe that this would be a very worthwhile awareness campaign; however I would consider, that this would be best suited to be led and co-ordinated by the HSE as it is a Health Services Initiative and not one which is aligned with the Healthy Ireland Framework. Our Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator would certainly be willing to support the campaign should it proceed.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- It is important to know the locations of Defibrillators in a local area
- Defibrillators are easy to use and many are available 24/7
- Could Cork County Council use their connections and networks such as the Municipal District Offices, PPN and organise a Social Media Campaign to raise awareness of where the Defibrillators are situated
- Defibrillators are a vital support tool and save lives
- Cork County Council should take a greater role, this is a critical service
- MDs should have access to contact details for groups that they have provided funding to for defibrillators
- There should be first responders information at each MD Office also

The Chief Executive advised that this issue could be more appropriately dealt with in a committee setting with input from other appropriate agencies. He suggested referring the motion to the Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development SPC.

Members agreed to refer the motion to the Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development SPC.

#### **Extension of Time**

At 1.10 pm an extension of time to 1.30 pm was agreed following the proposal of Councillor Declan Hurley, seconded by Councillor Kevin Conway.

### **BUS SHELTERS IN COUNTY TOWNS AND VILLAGES**

17/1-1

Councillor Ian Doyle proposed, seconded by Councillor Kay Dawson, the following notice of motion:

“That Cork County Council would ask Bus Eireann on the results of the survey on providing bus shelters in our County Towns and Villages, and a timeline for completion of same.”

During the discussion members made the following points:

- It is not acceptable that there is such a lack of bus shelters in towns and villages
- People should not have to wait in the rain for buses
- Could the NTA be invited to a Development Committee Meeting

Members agreed to write to Bus Eireann and to invite the NTA to give a presentation to Development Committee

### **CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER BODIES**

#### **IRISH WATER**

#### **Fluoridation of Drinking Water**

18/1-1

Members noted the correspondence dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, in response to Council's letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, in relation to the Fluoridation of Drinking Water.

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Health and the HSE as Irish Water states that they act as the HSE's agent in the implementation of the Government's Water Fluoridation Policy.

### **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

TO: All involved in making Fermoy the cleanest town in the IBAL competition

TO: Passage West Girls Under 18 Soccer Team for qualifying for the National Cup

TO: The Cork County participants and winners at the Young Scientist Competition

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Opening of Tenders**

The following tenders were opened at the meeting:-

- Four Tenders for the appointment of Consultants for Clonakilty Fire Station.

**This concluded the business of the Meeting**