



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 27th June, 2016.

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PRESENT

Councillor S. McGrath, County Mayor presided.

Councillors, Jeffers, D'Alton, Forde, Ó Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, J. Collins, M. Murphy, R. McCarthy, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, J. O'Donovan, G. Moynihan, Creed, O'Grady, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Cullinane, Rasmussen, N. Collins, A. O'Sullivan, Twomey, Ml. Hegarty, S. McCarthy, Linehan-Foley, N. McCarthy, O'Brien, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, Fitzgerald, G. Murphy, B. Moynihan, Mullane, T. Collins, Carroll, Hegarty, Hayes, Hurley.

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/6-2

Proposed by Councillor Timmy Collins.

Seconded by Councillor Noel McCarthy

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of meeting of the Council held on 13th June, 2016, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/6-2

TO: Kevin O'Regan and family on the death of his mother Breda.

TO: Sharon Griffin and family on the death of her mother Claire.

TO: The family of the late James Forbes, Carrigaline, Co. Cork.

The Mayor also wished to be associated with the expressions of sympathy to the late Jim Forbes.

It was proposed that when a family member of staff members dies, members of Council should be informed.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Members noted the following disposals.

DISPOSAL OF 8 OWENTARAGLEN, RIVER VALLEY, SPA GLEN, MALLOW, CO.CORK

3(a)/6-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 7th June, 2016.

Property: 8 Owentarglen, River Valley, Spa Glen, Mallow, Co. Cork.

From Whom Acquired: Re-possessed Council Housing stock.

To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Wojtek & Daria Rodewold, 102 Alderbrook, Frankfield

Consideration: €115,000.00.

Cllr. Mullane raised a query and asked that this would be deferred saying the Department informed her that the Council should consider keeping such properties.

The CE informed Members that once a 10 day notice is issued we advise Members that it is proposed to dispose of the property, it goes on the Agenda so Members can either amend or reject the proposal, there is no provision for Members to defer it. If no decision is taken to accept or amend the proposal, the CE can legally go ahead and dispose of the property. There has been no change in the Disposal since it was discussed by the Municipal District. The CE said he is confident the disposal is appropriate in the context of our business.

Some members said this was passed at the Municipal District and we should accept it now.

Cllr. Mullane proposed, seconded by Cllr. Des O'Grady the rejection to the proposed sale.

The Mayor called for a vote to be taken on the Disposal of 8 Owentarglen, River Valley, Spa Glen, Mallow, Co. Cork to remain as Members received it, the vote resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors McGrath, Ó Donnabháin, Canty, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, J. O'Donovan, G. Moynihan, Creed, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Cullinane, N. Collins, Ml. Hegarty, S. McCarthy, Linehan-Foley, N. McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, Fitzgerald, B. Moynihan, T. Collins, Carroll, M. Hegarty, Hurley [32]

AGAINST: Councillors Jeffers, M. Murphy, R. McCarthy, O'Grady, K. McCarthy, Twomey, Mullane, Hayes. [8]

ABSTAINED: Councillors M. D'Alton, J. Murphy. [2]

The Mayor declared the Disposal of 8 Owentarglen, River Valley, Spa Glen, carried.

DISPOSAL OF BALTINAKIN, KILBRITTAIN, CO.CORK

3(b)/6-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 7th June, 2016.

Location: Baltinakin, Kilbritten, Co. Cork.

Area: Outlined in red on Folio number CK162963F.

From Whom Acquired: Historical Council property.

To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Mr. Pat Deasy.

Consideration: €105,000.00.

DISPOSAL OF 1 DISTILLERY ROAD, BANDON, CO. CORK

3(c)/6-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 8th June, 2016

Property: 2 bed end of terrace 2 storey house.

Location: 1 Distillery Road, Bandon, Co. Cork.

Area: Outlined in red on Folio number CK162963F.

From Whom Acquired: Mr. Percy Blewitt

To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Chloe Mahon, Manderly, Coolatooder, Ballinhassig.

Consideration: €20,000.00.

FILLING OF VACANCY FOR THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING SPC'S

4/6-2

Councillor Kevin Murphy proposed, Seconded by Councillor James O' Donovan that Cllr. Michael Hegarty will fill the vacancy for the Chair of the Planning SPC.

SECTION 134 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001:
ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2016

5/6-2

Proposed by Councillor Frank O'Flynn,

Seconded by Councillor Timmy Collins,

RESOLVED:

“It is hereby resolved that, pursuant to Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 50 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Cork County Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan 2016, having been considered is hereby adopted.”

Members made the following points:

- Were there any amendments made arising from the comments made at the Development Committee Meeting,
- Unfinished estates, does this include estates where conditions may not have been complied with.
- Regarding broadband, have we made provisions financially to assist broadband?
- Can we have an update on the “Support the establishment of a Board and Advisory Group for Promoting Cork Ltd.?”

The CE informed Members that there were two minor amendments made as a result of the Development Committee Meeting they were in Broadband and the Municipal Districts areas. Regarding unfinished estates where planning conditions are not being complied with these issues are pursued through our Planning Enforcement Section. The CE said that the national broadband tender is being run by the Department of Communications and it is likely to be 2017 before the contract is entered into, if local authorities are asked to contribute we will have to examine this in the context of our budget, we may have to facilitate rural broadband although it is not a direct service of ours. Regarding tourism the current company Cork Convention Bureau is being amended to establish a new

board of directors and the company will have a new remit over business and leisure tourism. There were two posts advertised and the selection process for that will conclude within the next few weeks.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

6/6-2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 (BYE-LAWS) REGULATIONS 2006

The Mayor informed Members that the Cemeteries Bye-Laws apply to all of County Cork and not just the Ballincollig / Carrigaline Municipal District.

Members made the following points:-

- The draft cemetery bye-laws are very restrictive and some of the issues are sensitive for families.
- These should be amended in the best interest of families, and we should make our decisions in the best interest of families.
- What is the position of an extension to an existing graveyard where there are already Celtic crosses in the old graveyard?
- The Bye-Laws need to be discussed more at Municipal District Meetings.
- If this was approved at the Municipal District and is not approved here should the same rules not apply to the disposals?

The CE informed Members that the Bye- Laws will be reverted back to the Municipal District for further discussion and stressed that the Council is not opposed to Celtic Crosses, the provision is made for the continuation of practice where it currently exists. We have different legislation for bye-law, Municipal District was briefed on the proposed bye-laws and changes were made but the amended documents did not go back to the Municipal Districts for consideration.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING

7/6-2

Proposed by Cllr. Paul Hayes, seconded by Cllr. R. McCarthy the following:-

“That this Council calls on the Department of Social Protection to review its current restrictions which prevent a person from continuing working on a Community Employment scheme beyond three years. CE workers provide a great service to organisations within their community, and exceptions should be allowed, especially in rural areas, to allow a CE worker to continue to work beyond the current limit, which would be of mutual benefit to both worker and organisation.”

Cllr. Hayes informed Members that this motion was discussed at the Western Division meeting in June and it was agreed to forward to full council as it is an issue that is relevant to other areas in the county. It was highlighted how the Community Employment programme is designed to help people who are long-term unemployed and other disadvantaged people to get back to work by offering part-time and temporary placements in jobs based within local communities. A pilot scheme has been running since last December which allows for some applicants aged over 62 who have already participated in a scheme for 6 years to be extended until retirement age. Cllr. Hayes would like this to be extended nationwide as the process only works fine for some applicants but not for others who cannot find employment and is asking that the current age restriction of 25 be lowered to 21.

Members supported the motion and made the following points:-

- There are many people in similar circumstances because of their age cannot get employment.
- When a person goes for a CE scheme they have to produce photographic ID before they are interviewed, project co-ordinators are finding it more difficult to find people for the schemes as they don't have a passport or driving licence.
- The amount of time people spend on the schemes is too short and should be extended especially for older participants.
- The rules must be changed to take account of the human aspect of an individual's role on the scheme.
- This is causing a lot of concern in communities; it can be a better scheme if it were to change. It gives participants dignity and a role in the local community.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS

QUARTERLY REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON LIBRARY

8/6-2

On the proposal of Cllr D. Hurley, seconded by Cllr. Marcia D'Alton, the Quarterly Report of the Chief Executive on the Library Service was approved.

Members made the following points:-

- Would like clarification on the Library service being nationalised.
- Would like to compliment the CE and the library staff on the improved services especially in the Passage West library and on the recent library upgrade.
- Libraries are widely used and a centre for the entire community.

The CE informed Members that there is no question of the library service being nationalised, there may be shared services discussed by smaller local authorities, but to nationalise the service requires a change in legislation

QUARTERLY REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON FIRE

9/6-2

On the proposal of Cllr. Noel Collins, seconded by Cllr. Alan Coleman, the Quarterly Report of the Chief Executive on the Fire Service was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

HOSPITAL WAITING LIST

10/6-2

Members noted letter dated 8th June, 2016, from the Department of Health in response to Council's letter of 11th May, 2016 regarding resolving the long waiting lists for a crucial test for public patients with bowel cancer.

Members were dissatisfied with the response they received stating we will be as long again waiting for a response from the HSE.

LOCATION OF THE NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

11/6-2

Members noted letter dated 8th June, 2016, from the Department of Health in response to Council's letter of 26th April, 2016, regarding the location of the new children's hospital in Dublin.

Members were dissatisfied with the response we received and made the following points:-

- Blanchardstown Hospital would have been a far better choice to build the new hospital with easy access from the M50.
- We should welcome the fact that An Bord Pleanála has given the go ahead for the construction of the Children's hospital at St. James's.

It was agreed we write to the Minister and voice the Council's dissatisfaction with the decision taken.

DETENTION CENTRE IN THE CORK AREA

12/6-2

Members noted letter dated 17th June, 2016, from the Department of Justice and Law Reform in response to Council's letter of 12th April, 2016, regarding the establishment of a detention centre in the Cork Area.

Members said there was an amendment to the letter from which, no response was received. The need for a youth detention and rehabilitation centre in Cork is needed very urgently.

NOTICES OF MOTION

RTE NEED TO SCREEN "ATLANTIC"

13/6-2

Councillor Alan Coleman proposed, seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes, the following notice of motion:-

"That this Council calls on RTE to screen the Irish produced documentary "Atlantic."

Members said this documentary needs to be seen by the general public, it was shown in Union Hall and Bantry and is currently being shown in Clonakilty.

INCREASE IN INSURANCE PREMIUMS

14/6-2

Councillor Eoghan Jeffers proposed, seconded by Councillor Danielle Twomey, the following notice of motion:-

"That this Council recognises the financial pressure being placed on drivers due to huge increases in insurance premiums.

Calls on the Central Bank, the insurance industry and the Oireachtas to give this issue the priority it deserves.

Calls upon the insurance industry to operate in a more transparent way as regards their profitability."

During a discussion Members made the following points:-

- There is an increase of 30% on average in premiums with some providers upping prices by 200-300%.
- Many coming home from abroad are struggling to get insurance.
- People feel discriminated against when they are going for insurance.
- It would help if there was an Advisory Board established and motorists could see why their costs are going up.
- There is a cartel going on amongst the insurance companies and this has to be investigated.

- It is important that current policy is examined; the insurance sector is a very uneven sector.
- Young people are suffering and many need to take out loans to get car insurance.
- The No Claims Bonus no longer has meaning. Young people are being disproportionately hit.
- Young people are paying more for insurance than the actual cost of the car.
- The insurance industry has been undercutting itself and we should not be paying for that, we are aiding the industry in balancing the books.
- These hikes in insurance are reflecting personal injury claims, ours are so high we have three times more claims than in other countries. The courts and judiciary will have to look at this in conjunction with the insurance review.

FOREIGN TRAVEL UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICIALS AND ELECTED MEMBERS

15/6-2

Councillor Des O’Grady proposed, seconded by Councillor Melissa Mullane the following notice of motion:-

“To request a written report on the foreign travel undertaken by officials and elected members of Cork County Council in 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date.”

The report to contain:

- The number of officials and elected members travelling and the destination, duration, purpose of and overall cost to Cork County Council of each separate delegation.
- The amount of expense incurred through use of the ‘Corporate Credit Card’ on each separate delegation.
- The total amount of personal expenses that may have been later reimbursed by the Council to members of each separate delegation.
- The class of air travel used (whether 1st Class, Business or Economy) and the classification (Star Rating) of the accommodation utilised by each separate delegation.

The report to also contain the cost to Cork County Council in hosting overseas delegations, groups or individuals in each of the 3 years separately.

A report was distributed to Members which outlined as follows:-

(a) ‘delegation’ is interpreted as a trip where a member of Council was present. However, members should note that many of the events would be more appropriately considered as attendance at business meetings on behalf of the Council.

Information required from January 2014 to May 2016. The trips were reimbursed 75% by the Interreg programme as per our project contract. Other trips are 100% reimbursable as per our membership of the board on Energy Cities and the subsistence costs are based on national statutory rates.

b) Expenditure on credit cards includes in some cases flights, accommodation, taxis and functions hosted by the Mayor.

(c) No personal expenses are paid.

(d) Guidance by way of circular from the Department of Finance provide for economy class travel be used for short haul flights. Premium economy may be used for long haul flights and in certain situations the guidance allows for the use of business class travel.

No flights by Councillors or staff were business or 1st Class. Economy class is normally used except for some long haul flights where premium economy is used.

(e) The only visiting political delegations in the period 2014 to 2016 were from China and the expenditure was as follows:-

2014	€19,888
2015	€17,898
2016	€14,438

In the normal course of our day to day business there may be occasional minimal costs (meals, coffees etc) associated with visits by individuals or groups. These visits happen across the organisation and the costs are charged to a range of budget codes within the relevant directorates. It would take considerable time to extract this information from the financial management systems. It is suggested that this is not the intention of the Notice of Motion.

Members queried the economic benefit of such delegation trips. The CE stated that he provides a quarterly Report on Economic Development to Council and this Report covers any foreign business trips by the Council.

The CE stated that the purpose of notice of motion is to request information from the executive in relation to Council policy or operations. He stated that he will discuss with CPG the procedure for requesting information on transactions of the organisation.

BOARDWALK IN YOUGHAL

16/6-2

Councillor Mary Linehan Foley proposed, seconded by Councillor Danielle Twomey, the following notice of motion:-

“I’m calling on Cork County Council to give a full report on the status of phase 2 of the boardwalk in Youghal and clarify its intentions with regard to seeing this project through to construction and completion bearing in mind that phase 1 is such a success and benefit to Cork East Area.”

The Senior Executive Officer informed Members that in accordance with Standing Orders this notice of motion should be dealt with at Municipal District Level and not at full Council Meeting; if it comes to full Council it needs to come from the Municipal District.

A report was distributed to Members which outlined as follows:-

In April 2012, Cork County Council commenced the Part 8 Planning process in relation to the proposed construction of a Boardwalk from Claycastle to Redbarn. This proposed development is Phase 2 of the ECO Boardwalk Project in Youghal and will extend the existing 400m of Boardwalk, which runs from Youghal Front Strand to Claycastle (Phase 1), by a further 1.1km. The Part 8 was approved by Full Council on 23rd July 2012.

Fáilte Ireland provided 75% of the funding for Phase 1 and an application for funding, in respect of Phase 2, was submitted to Fáilte Ireland, also in April 2012. No allocation was made available to progress the project.

The second phase of the development differs from the constructed section as it is not on Cork County Council owned property. The entire length of Phase 1 was located on land owned by Youghal Town Council while the route that is now being proposed traverses 3 sections of privately owned land. The Council’s Property Section has engaged with the landowners but has been unable to progress the negotiations by agreement. The Council will consider the compulsory acquisition of the required land in the event that funding can be secured. The Council is committed to the project and continues to seek to identify possible sources of funding that will allow it to be progressed.

Members said they were looking for support for phase 2 of the boardwalk from Cork County Council, is very important to Youghal to have this facility finished, Youghal is a very progressive town and deserves this support. Members asked has EU funding been applied for and what possible sources of funding have been identified.

PURPOSE BUILT ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS

17/6-2

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

“That this Council call on the Minister for Housing & Planning to take decisive action to ensure there is an adequate supply of purpose built on campus accommodation for students, due to private sector rent – rises, which could result in a drop out culture in third – level education.”

During a discussion Members made the following points:-

- Parents are under severe stress to support their children paying for student accommodation.
- Rent for student accommodation was €600 per month, now it is over €1,000. Students are having to work more than ever and are not getting any study time.
- Dublin, Cork and Galway are cities with premium accommodation fees, it is important the Minister deals with this as soon as possible. Often there are multiple students’ bills in one family.
- Many students had to move back home and have to get up at 5am to make college. This is not humane.

CLEANUP OF THE OLD IRISH ISPAT SITE

18/6-2

Councillor Cathal Rasmussen proposed, seconded by Councillor Marcia D’Alton, the following notice of motion:-

“That this council seeks clarification from Government to the recent statement by Minister Donahoe to the fact the 60 million euro ring fenced for the cleanup of the old Irish Ispat site may not be fully available and that we look for guarantees for the site to be cleaned as promised by the last government with specific timelines agreed”.

During a discussion Members made the following points:-

- The old Ispat site must be cleaned up; it is an eyesore in Cork Harbour.
- €8m was spent this year and a projected €40m is to be spent for 2017.
- We must value Cork Harbour.
- Can’t emphasise enough the effect cleaning up this site will have on the psyche of those living around Cork Harbour, not just locally but all around the harbour.
- Cleaning up this site will allow us to maximise the harbour as a resource and capitalise on the many opportunities it has to offer. It is vital that this is cleaned up.
- It is time the government paid up what they have promised. It is important we have a special area development plan for the harbour.
- Would like a delegation to meet with the Minister to discuss this motion.

EQUALITY RETIREMENT BILL WILL GO ON THE STATUE BOOKS

19/6-2

Councillor Noel McCarthy proposed, seconded by Councillor Kevin Murphy, the following notice of motion:-

RESOLVED:

“That this Council seek confirmation from the Taoiseach as to when legislation under the proposed equality retirement bill will go on the Statue Books.”

Cllr. Kevin Murphy would like the motion amended to include this difficulty for the self employed.

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

20/6-2

Councillor Aidan Lombard proposed, seconded by Councillor Kevin Murphy, the following notice of motion:-

"That this council writes to the Department of Environment ,Community and Local Government to apply for the local infrastructure fund for the building of the Western road in Carrigaline "

The CE informed Members that this was discussed at the Southern Committee Meeting last week and the concern is that in writing to the Department, we are premature. The announcement of the local infrastructure fund was made but we have had to tap into it.

Cllr. Lombard is happy to wait until we have those criteria, and stated Carrigaline is perfectly geographically positioned to provide housing and the infrastructure fund is destined for areas of high housing demand. The Mayor said if a motion comes to a Municipal District that relates to Carrigaline the other division should know and we will establish a protocol for doing this.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM

21/6-2

Councillor Marcia D’Alton proposed, seconded by Councillor Mary Rose Desmond, the following notice of motion:-

“That Cork County Council acknowledges the ongoing shortage of places in special education classes for students with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis at secondary level.

That if the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) identifies a need for additional special education classes at either primary or secondary level in a defined geographical area, the Department of Education and Skills would require schools in the geographical area to respond to this identified need by establishing an adequate number of such special education classes to match that need.

That the necessary funding for both the set-up and running of these special education classes would be provided by the Department.

That this need is not unique to Cork and consequently that this motion is circulated to all other local authorities in Ireland for their consideration and support.”

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton said mainstream classes are not always the best setting for a child with Autism Spectrum; some students may be able to attend an ASD unit within a mainstream school which will allow them to integrate into a mainstream school community with additional supports and resources. At present there are only 34 ASD specific classes in mainstream secondary school in County Cork and these are nowhere near sufficient to meet the needs of students coming from ASD classes in primary school.

Members made the following points:-

- We don’t have sufficient classrooms or access to places in secondary schools; we don’t have the facilities to deal with the number of children with autism.
- We have concerns about the change recently with the SNA allocation process, the new way of accessing SNA’s is not child focused and this has put stress on principals to access SNA’s from within the school budgets.
- There is also a shortage of places at primary level.

- Lack of services for children with autism in second level schools is creating huge stress among parents.
- When families have a child with autism they have enough concerns to be dealing with without worrying where the child will go to school.
- In conjunction with the Education Training Board the Department will have to make funding available.
- We haven't learned to accommodate children with special needs appropriately and members involved with the ETB should be involved and bring this motion forward with the ETB.
- Lack of services and help after school is huge. We need to be fully informed and would like an expert on this to come to a development meeting and speak about the services we have in Cork.
- There are huge challenges for schools in introducing and managing and financing these units we definitely need a briefing.

Cllr. D'Alton thanked all the Members for the support, and agrees with all Members who commented on other aspects of the education system that do not give adequate support for children with autism. The Department grants €6,500 to the school for setting up the ASD unit but only €137 per student for its running. A circular issued by the Department allows schools the option to choose whether to set up an ASD unit or not and that element of choice need to be removed.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER BODIES

22/6-2

Members noted letter dated 9th June, 2016, in response to Council's letter of 31st March, 2016, regarding the Council's dissatisfaction that a representative of Irish Water declined the invitation to attend Council Meeting on 29th March, 2016.

Members raised the issue about local contractors no longer being able to tender with Irish Water, they would like the Council to write to Irish Water and invited them in to speak with Members, the Senior Executive Officer told Members the response to the letter only concerns the boiled water notice that was in East Cork and they were asked to come in and explain, they declined the invitation and this is the response to that letter.

Members are happy that the filtration system in Whitegate will be installed by August and the boiled water notice will be lifted, however we would like to see local contractors tendering for work with the Council, many of these contractors have invaluable knowledge and it is important that these contractors are retained. Members would like senior officials in Irish Water to address this, and a case should be made for all our contractors.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

23/6-2

TO: The Passage West U14 Ladies team who were in the final in the Feile in Passage West and also to all those who took part.

TO: To the Irish Soccer Team who did so well in Euro 2016 and also the Irish loyal fans.

TO: The Parish Assembly of St. Patrick's Church Rochestown on celebrating their 25th anniversary.

This concludes the business of the meeting