



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 29th March, 2016.

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Comhairleoir J. P. Ó Sé, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri Mac Craith, Jeffers, Daltúin, Ó Donnabháin, Ni Dheasmhumhnaigh, Ó Cainte, S. Ó Coileán, M. Ó Murchú, Ó hEarchaí, R. Mhic Cárthaigh, Ó Colmáin, Lombard, C. Ó Murchú, Ní Cochláin, S. Ó Donnabháin, Ní Mhuimhneacháin, Críod, Ó Gráda, Ó Luasaigh, Ó Riain, Ó Conbhuí, P. Ó Suilleabháin, C. MacCárthaigh, Ó Ceocháin, Sheppard, De Barra, Uí Chuileannáin, Rasmussen, N. Ó Coileán, A. Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Tuama, Ó hEigeartaigh, S. Mhic Cárthaigh, Léanacháin-Foghlú, N. MacCárthaigh, Ní Bhrain, Ó Floinn, Ó Dúghaill, Mhic Dháibhí, J. Uí Mhurchú, G. Ó Murchú, B. Ó Muimhneacháin, Uí Mhaoláin, T. Ó Coileán, D. Ó Coileán, Ó Cearúill, Ó Donnabháin, C. Ó Suilleabháin, Uí hEigeartaigh, Ó hAodha, Ó hUrthuile.

PRESENT

Councillor J. P. O'Shea, County Mayor presided.

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, D'Alton, Ó Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, J. Collins, M. Murphy, Harris, 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, O'Keeffe, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, G. Murphy, B. Moynihan, Mullane, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, N. O'Donovan, C. O'Sullivan, Hegarty, Hayes, Hurley.

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer,

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1(a)/3-2

Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty

Seconded by Councillor Marcia Dalton

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of meeting of the Council held on 14th March, 2016, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

Councillor Marcia D'Alton requested that an amendment be made to the minute of motion number 13 stating that the minutes should record the reasons that this issue was referred to the SPC:-

- To identify difficulties Cork County Council has with the current legislation,
- to gain clarity on these issues from the department
- to request amendment of the legislation where necessary.

This was agreed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1(b)/3-2

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Councillor Ian Doyle

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of meeting of the Council held on 11th March, 2016, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

DISPOSAL OF 6 CHAPEL GATE, TIMES SQUARE, BALLINCOLLIG, CO. CORK.

3(a)/3-2

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 10th March, 2016.

SITUATION:

6 Chapel Gate,
Times Square,
Ballincollig,
Co. Cork

AREA:

Dwellinghouse

TO WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:

Oliver Bernard

CONSIDERATION:

35,397.85 Euro (subject to change depending month and year of redemption)

PURPOSE:

Acquire the Council’s interest under the Shared Ownership Scheme.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT SLIP, BANTRY, CO. CORK.

3(b)/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 9th March, 2016.

SITUATION:

**Slip,
Bantry,**

AREA: Co. Cork
0.336 hectares (0.83027 acres)

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: Jeremiah Daly, Slip, Bantry, Co. Cork.

TO WHOM IS TO PROSED

TO DISPOSED: Trustees of Bantry Community Garden Group
(namely Breda Walsh, Catherine Horgan & John Redcan)

TERM: 5 years (by way of lease)

CONSIDERATION: €100 per annum

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BROOKPARK, DUNMANWAY, CO. CORK.

3(c)/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 9th March, 2016.

PROPERTY: Area of land measuring 0.0164 hectares

LOCATION: Brookpark, Dunmanway, Co. Cork

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: Council owned land.

TO WHOM IS TO PROPOSED

TO DISPOSED: Mr. Paul Di Rollo c/o Glentree Furniture.

CONSIDERATION: €1.00 plus legal costs of €750.00

DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL STORE, MART CAR PARK, SKIBBEREEN, CO. CORK.

3(d)/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 9th March, 2016.

SITUATION: Council Store, Mart Car Park, Skibbereen,
Co. Cork

AREA: 36.01 Square Metres.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: Skibbereen Town Council.

TO WHOM IS TO PROPOSED

TO DISPOSED: Trustees of St. Fachtna's Silver Band

TERM: 20 years (by way of lease)

CONSIDERATION: €100 per annum

Boiled Water Notice – East Cork.

[As requested at the last meeting of the Council, Irish Water and the HSE were requested to attend this meeting of Council.]

Dr Ann Sheahan and Ms. Kathleen Clifford from the HSE attended the meeting. They explained to Members the role the HSE play in advising the public on the risk to human health. Members were informed that the HSE had been notified by Irish Water about the problems with Whitegate supply in December and they advised that a boil water notice should be put in place for six to eight months. Dr. Sheahan said the addition of chlorine to a supply kills e.coli and treating it with ultra violet light also kills cryptosporidium, she said the adverse weather around that time has led to high turbidity in the water supplying the water – treatment plant. If the turbidity of the water entering the plant is above an allowable level, the plant shuts down as full treatment cannot be guaranteed and this is what prompted the boil water notice to be issued.

Following a discussion Members made the following points: -

- Thanked the HSE for attending the meeting and for the information given.
- Has standards changed in recent years?
- Very disappointed that a representative from Irish Water did not attend.
- Very annoyed with the lack of information Irish Water is giving to the public and the inconvenience caused to residents and businesses in the area is frightening.
- What is the source of the pollution in the area that necessitates the boiling of drinking water?
- The length of the notice is excessive and unacceptable.
- Are the HSE aware of a risk to human health?
- Is it Irish Water or the HSE who test the water?
- Has Cork County Council environment dept any input in the testing.

Dr. Anne Sheahan told Members that standards have not changed but the inclement weather over the past few months has caused the issue and a short – term solution to protect the supply from contamination will take up to eight months to complete.

Ms. Clifford said the HSE does not have a role in sampling of water and that either Irish Water or Cork County Council undertakes this.

Members requested that Irish Water be informed of the members dissatisfaction that they declined the invitation to attend the meeting and that they be invited to attend the Southern Committee.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

Kanturk Mallow Municipal District: -

INCREASE IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION.

4/3-2

Councillor B. Moynihan proposed, seconded by Councillor T. Collins, the following notice of motion:-

“That the General Municipal Allocation for the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District would be increased by an additional €150,000, in light of the increase in the number of applications for funding for the Cork County Council Municipal District Community Fund Schemes 2016, and as the Cork County Council budgeted allocation to support LEADER projects is unlikely to be drawn down in full by year end.”

During a discussion, Members made the following points: -

- This is one of the most deprived rural areas in the country and the lack of LEADER funding is driving people away from their communities.
- Encourage CE to ensure that funding to Municipal Districts is increased in the 2017 budget.
- Many towns are suffering, clubs and organisations cannot get money from LEADER to do simple things like footpaths.
- The withholding of LEADER funding is an attack on rural Ireland by the government.
- Many projects are put on hold due to lack of funding.
- LEADER is the force behind Rural Ireland and this should be discussed at CPG Meeting.
- Can CE clarify position of 25% allocated to LEADER and can this sum be reallocated.

The CE informed Members that the funding for LEADER from E.U. is €13.5m. Cork County Council supplements €3.5m to support LCDCs. This is dependent on the LCDC being the LAG. The CE said that Cork County Council is the only Local Authority in the county to do this as the tremendous work undertaken by community groups is recognised. We have no control over the national LEADER funding.

Members agreed that the Council should write to the Department and the European Commission expressing their concern at the delays in releasing the Leader funding.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS.

5/3-2

Members noted letter dated 10th March, 2016, from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, in response to Council's letter of 11th February, 2016, regarding Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations.

Following a discussion Members made the following points: -

- Members were extremely disappointed with the response from Minister Donohoe,
- Members expressed concern at the effects it would have on developing the Science and Innovation Park and the continuing gridlock in Carrigaline without the western bypass.
- We get poor return on the €54m collected in road tax in Cork.
- Many roads in the County are in an appalling state and some are in major tourist areas.

The CE informed Members that the Council has received €11m from the Government to cover damage to roads by the storms during the winter and this should cover the overall cost of repairs. Grants for new roads have been curtailed in order to divert funding to repairing existing roads. We are still awaiting €1.5m from the Government.

NOTICES OF MOTION

FAMILIES EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

6/3-2

Proposed by Councillor Noel Collins.

Seconded by Councillor Mary Linehan Foley.

RESOLVED:

“That this Council request the Minister for Justice to have legislation implemented immediately to ease the human suffering inflicted on families evicted from their homes by banks and other financial institutions”

Following a suggestion from Cllr. D. O’Grady it was agreed that the motion be amended to include people who may be evicted now and in the future.

Members also said the role of MABS needs to be strengthened and Mortgages need to be revaluated and reset.

EXPAND SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SUPPORTS TO SCHOOLS IN COUNTY CORK

7/3-2

Proposed by Councillor Paul Hayes

Seconded by Councillor Noel Collins

RESOLVED:

“This Council calls on the HSE and Department of Education to expand its speech and language supports to schools in County Cork. Each year there are more students applying for this class than can be catered for. We’re asking that more student places be allocated at the current units to meet the demand or ideally, other locations in County Cork be added so as to ease the burden on young children who have to travel long distances to avail of this service.”

Members said lack of facilities for children with speech and language impairment is causing major distress for parents and children, as early intervention is urgent.

Members also call on the National Educational Psychological Services and Occupational Therapy to be made readily available to children in order to identify their educational needs at an early stage. It was agreed that the Council should also write to the Brothers of Charity Marian House to ascertain what services they are currently providing for children.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

8/3-2

TO: Conor Nelligan Heritage Officer on the success of the 1916 Centenary Celebrations.

TO: CBS Secondary School on winning the All – Ireland Post Primary Schools football title.

TO: Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal on winning the Masita GAA All Ireland Post Primary Schools Hurling title.

TO: Conor Ellis on being awarded the FAI School’s International Player of the Year.

TO: Rob Heffernan on the success of being upgraded to World Championship bronze medal at the London 2012 Olympics.

TO: Olive Loughnane on the success of being upgraded to World Championship gold medal at the London 2012 Olympics.

TO: RTE on the “Centenary” Programme on Easter Monday Night.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9/3-2

Opening of Tenders:

The following tenders were opened at the Meeting: -

1. Glashaboy FRS Topographic and Drainage Survey. 3 no.

County Mayor’s Community Awards

The closing date for receipt of nominations for the County Mayor’s Community Awards has been extended until 31st March, 2016.

This concluded the business of the Meeting