



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 9th May, 2016.

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Comhairleoir J. P. Ó Sé, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri Mac Craith, Mac Seafraida, Ní Fhúarthain, D. Ó Donnabháin, Ní Dheasmhumhnaigh, Ó Cainte, S. Ó Coileán, M. Ó Murchú, Ó hEarchaí, R. Mhic Cárthaigh, Ó Colmáin, Lombard, C. Ó Murchú, S. Ó Donnabháin, G. 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, Uí Thuama, Ó hEigearthaigh, S. NicCárthaigh, Léanacháin-Foghlú, N. MacCárthaigh, 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 hEigearthaigh, Ó hAodha, Ó hUrthuile.

PRESENT

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

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, Forde, Ó Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, J. Collins, M. Murphy, Harris, R. McCarthy, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, 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'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

1/5-1

Proposed by Councillor K. Conway

Seconded by Councillor G. Murphy

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of meeting of the Council held on 25th April, 2016, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/5-1

TO: The husband and family of the late Eithne Hammond, former CEO Cork Sports Partnership.
The Chief Executive on behalf of the staff also expressed his sympathy to Eithne's family.

Cllr. F. O'Flynn said that it should be remembered that Thomas Kent was executed on this day in 1916.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

DISPOSAL OF 76 THE AVENUE & 11 THE CLOSE, HARBOUR HEIGHTS, PASSAGE WEST, CO. CORK.

3(a)/5-1

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 25th April, 2016.

<u>LOCATION:</u>	Harbour Heights, Passage West, Co. Cork.
<u>AREA:</u>	No.'s 76 The Avenue & 11 The Close, Harbour Heights, Passage West, Co. Cork.
<u>FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:</u>	Poinsetta Properties Limited & Jomaga Fashions Limited
<u>TO WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:</u>	Tuath Housing, 24 Marlboro Street, Cork.
<u>CONSIDERATION:</u>	Tuath Housing to have leasehold interest, for a further five year period agreed with Tuath Housing, in consideration of a service level agreement with Cork County Council for the management and maintenance of the properties for that period - lease to specify annual rent of €10.

DISPOSAL OF 1, 26, 27, 28, 30 & 31 MEADOW CRESCENT, THE MEADOWS, KNOCKNACULLEN, HOLLYHILL, CO. CORK.

3(b)/5-1

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 25th April, 2016.

<u>PURPOSE:</u>	Accommodation under the Social Leasing Scheme.
<u>LOCATION:</u>	The Meadows, Knocknacullen, Hollyhill, Co. Cork.

AREA: No.'s 1, 26, 27, 28, 30 & 31 Meadow Crescent, The Meadows, Knocknacullen, Hollyhill, Co. Cork.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: Knocknacullen Limited

TO WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO DISPOSE: Tuath Housing, 24 Marlboro Street, Cork.

CONSIDERATION: Tuath Housing to have leasehold interest, for a further five year period agreed with Tuath Housing, in consideration of a service level agreement with Cork County Council for the management and maintenance of the properties for that period - lease to specify annual rent of €10.

PURPOSE: Accommodation under the Social Leasing Scheme.

DISPOSAL OF 159 – 164 KILLEAGH GARDENS, KILLEAGH, CO. CORK.

3(c)/5-1

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 25th April, 2016.

LOCATION: Killeagh Gardens, Killeagh, Co. Cork.

AREA: No.'s 159, 160, 161, 162, 163 & 164 Killeagh Gardens, Killeagh, Co. Cork.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: J. & W. Leahy Brothers (Midleton) Limited

TO WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO DISPOSE: Tuath Housing, 24 Marlboro Street, Cork.

CONSIDERATION: Tuath Housing to have leasehold interest, for a further five year period agreed with Tuath Housing, in consideration of a service level agreement with Cork County Council for the management and maintenance of the properties for that period - lease to specify annual rent of €10.

PURPOSE: Accommodation under the Social Leasing Scheme.

DISPOSAL OF 4 & 14 APPLEWOOD, MARYBOROUGH RIDGE, DOUGLAS, CO. CORK.

3(d)/5-1

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 25th April, 2016.

<u>LOCATION:</u>	Maryborough Ridge, Douglas, Co. Cork.
<u>AREA:</u>	No.'s 4 & 14 Applewood, Maryborough Ridge, Douglas, Co. Cork.
<u>FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:</u>	O'Brien & O'Flynn Limited
<u>TO WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:</u>	Tuath Housing, 24 Marlboro Street, Cork.
<u>CONSIDERATION:</u>	Tuath Housing to have leasehold interest, for a further five year period agreed with Tuath Housing, in consideration of a service level agreement with Cork County Council for the management and maintenance of the properties for that period - lease to specify annual rent of €10.
<u>PURPOSE:</u>	Accommodation under the Social Leasing Scheme.

DISPOSAL OF 33 GRANARY WHARF II, GLENBROOK, PASSAGE WEST, CO. CORK.

3(e)/5-1

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 25th April, 2016.

<u>SITUATION:</u>	33 Granary Wharf II Glenbrook, Passage West, Co. Cork.
<u>AREA:</u>	Dwellinghouse
<u>TO WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:</u>	Philomena McCormack
<u>CONSIDERATION:</u>	€64,018.84 (subject to change depending on month and year of redemption)
<u>PURPOSE:</u>	Acquire the Council's interest under the Shared Ownership Scheme.

DISPOSAL OF 21 THE BEECHES, UPPER BALLYDAHEEN, MALLOW, CO. CORK.

3(f)/5-1

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 26th April, 2016.

<u>Property:</u>	Semi detached 3 bedroom 2 storey house.
<u>Location:</u>	21 The Beeches, Upper Ballydaheen, Mallow.
<u>From Whom Acquired:</u>	CCC Housing Stock.
<u>To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose:</u>	Mr. Michael Bourke
<u>CONSIDERATION:</u>	€ 122,000.00

DISPOSAL OF 41 TINLEY PARK, SPA GLEN, MALLOW, CO. CORK.

3(g)/5-1

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 27th April, 2016.

<u>SITUATION:</u>	41 Tinley Park, Spa Glen, Mallow, Co. Cork.
<u>AREA:</u>	Dwellinghouse
<u>TO WHOM IT IS PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:</u>	Sean Buckley
<u>CONSIDERATION:</u>	€81,103.79 (subject to change depending on month and year of redemption)
<u>PURPOSE:</u>	Acquire the Council's interest under the Shared Ownership Scheme.

DISPOSAL OF 27 ROSARY PLACE, MIDLETON, CO. CORK.

3(h)/5-1

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 27th April, 2016.

<u>LAND HELD UNDER LEASEHOLD INTEREST:</u>	27 Rosary Place, Middleton, Co. Cork
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Folio No. 6262L

FREEHOLD INTEREST:

Folio No. CK28515

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Unknown

**PERSON TO WHOM FREEHOLD
INTEREST IN LAND IS TO BE
DISPOSED OF:**

Christopher & Laura Hourigan

CONSIDERATION:

€ 350.00 inclusive of administration charges

**COVENANTS, CONDITIONS
AND AGREEMENTS:**

Conditions pursuant to Housing Act, 1966 and
Landlord & Tenant Acts, 1947 – 1984.

DISPOSAL OF 1- 5 GLEANN BUI, BALLYMACODA, CO. CORK.

3(i)/5-1

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 27th April, 2016.

SITUATION:

Nos. 1- 5 Gleann Bui, Ballymacoda (5 partially constructed townhouses)

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

ECK Construction

**TO WHOM IT IS
PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:**

Tipson Ltd.

CONSIDERATION:

Nos. 10 & 11 Gleann Bui, Ballymacoda (2 fully constructed semi-detached houses).

DISPOSAL OF 43 ROSARY PLACE, MIDLETON, CO. CORK.

3(j)/5-1

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 27th April, 2016.

**LAND HELD UNDER
LEASEHOLD INTEREST:**

43 Rosary Place, Midleton, Co. Cork

Folio No. 5845L

FREEHOLD INTEREST:

Folio No. CK28515

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Unknown

**PERSON TO WHOM FREEHOLD
INTEREST IN LAND IS TO BE
DISPOSED OF:**

Angela Butler

CONSIDERATION:
COVENANTS, CONDITIONS
AND AGREEMENTS:

€ 350.00 inclusive of administration charges
Conditions pursuant to Housing Act, 1966 and
Landlord & Tenant Acts, 1947 – 1984.

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT DR. PATRICK O’SULLIVAN, TERRACE, AGHADA, CO. CORK.

3(k)/5-1

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 27th April, 2016.

SITUATION:

Dr. Patrick O’Sullivan Terrace, Aghada

AREA:

0.044 hectares

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Council Housing Land – acquired in 1970

TO WHOM IT IS
PROPOSED TO DISPOSE:

Aghada Community Playgroup Ltd.

CONSIDERATION:

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AMENDMENT TO DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT KILLALOUGH, GLANMIRE, CO. CORK.

3(l)/5-1

Members noted amendment to disposal of lands at Killalough, Glanmire, Co. Cork, by the substitution of “John Aherne” in lieu of “Carmel Aherne” being the person to whom the property is to be disposed.

Councillor M. Mullane asked in relation to (f) and (g) if the Council sought permission to purchase these properties. The Senior Executive Officer advised that the Council has been informed that there is a change in procedure but formal approval is awaited from the Department.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

Corporate Policy Group:

CONFERENCE LIST FOR MAY, 2016

4/5-1

Proposed by Councillor N. McCarthy

Seconded by Councillor A. Barry

RESOLVED:

“That the Conference List for May, 2016, be hereby approved.”

CONTRIBUTION TO CORK OPERA HOUSE

4/5-1

Proposed by Councillor G. Murphy

Seconded by Councillor M. Hegarty

RESOLVED:

“That the provision of Capital Funding of €170,000 to the Cork Opera House be hereby approved.”

Members noted report from the Senior Executive Officer, which outlined as follows:-

The Agenda for today’s meeting includes a recommendation from the Corporate Policy Group approving a maximum grant of €170,000 to the Cork Opera House. The overall cost of the works is €540,000 and include the provision for a multi-functional room that can be used for rehearsals for major shows, refurbishment of the back bar, improvements to public bathrooms, plumbing and general maintenance of the back house. The works will bring the entire facility up to modern health and safety standards. Cork Opera House, which over the years has attracted many internationally renowned performers, currently has no appropriate Green Room space and improvements will also include the provision of a fully operational Green Room enabling the venue to attract and accommodate visiting artists of the standard appropriate for a venue of such prestige.

This grant from the Council will be funded by revenue budget provision over a number of years. Members will be aware that the Council recently also approved revenue funding of €50,000 per annum for the period 2016 to 2020. This follows on from a similar provision from 2011 to 2015. These contributions from the Council is recognition of the regional remit of the theatre and of the contribution that Cork Opera House makes to the artistic and cultural life of the wider Cork region. 81,448 patrons from the County attended events at the Opera House in 2015.

Cllr. D. O’Grady said that he would not be in favour of supporting this proposal in particular when the Opera House is a profit making business and that the proposal should be deferred.

Members commented further as follows:-

- The funding for Cork Opera House was discussed by CPG six months ago and Council approved revenue funding to the Opera House. As requested further information was sought on the capital funding required which is now what is being considered;
- Members of Council should be appointed to the Board of Cork Opera House;
- Important that the Council is seen as supporting the future development of the Opera House;

The Chief Executive said that the Council took a decision 5 years ago to support the Cork Opera House through a grant and has decided to now make a capital contribution. The funding is for a multi-functional room with general improvements to the back of house, which needs significant investment. He said that he is satisfied that having looked at their accounts that this proposal does merit support.

The Chief Executive said that he would revert to Members regarding appointments to the Board.

2016 Centenary Commemorative Committee:

2016 CENTENARY PROGRAMME

5/5-1

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Fitzgerald

Seconded by Councillor J. P. O'Shea

RESOLVED:

“That the Grants under Cork County Council’s 2016 Centenary Programme (Tranche 2) be hereby approved.”

Members made the following points:-

- 155 applications have been successful to date;
- Thanked the Chief Executive and said that this was the catalyst which kept the voluntary effort going;
- Groups should be honoured by the Council at the end of the year for organising events;
- Members thanked S. O’Callaghan, C. Nelligan and D. Foley of the Heritage Section for all the work involved in the Committee;
- Congratulate all communities for the huge effort made;
- Did any monies come back to the Council from fees/advertising charged by communities;

The Chief Executive said that the Council has provided a percentage of the overall cost of an event and there would be situations where groups would need to raise additional funds in ways in which they see fit.

The Mayor said that it has been a privilege for him to attend all the events which were organised and he wished to thank the Committee for its guidance and the Chief Executive for the allocated funding.

Roads & Transport SPC:

DRAFT TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY IN RESIDENTIAL ESTATES 2016

6/5-1

Proposed by Councillor J.A. Collins

Seconded by Councillor T. Collins

RESOLVED:

“That the Draft Traffic Calming Policy in Residential Estates 2016 be hereby approved.”

Members made the following points:-

- This is one of the most common requests Members receive from residents and it is important that clear guidance is now in place;
- A dedicated fund needs to be set up before the policy can be implemented;
- The provision of lighting with every speed ramp will be a cost to the Council;
- Queried the terms of the Low Cost Scheme and if it is available to the Council;

The Chief Executive said that the Policy is welcome and there are well worded provisions for significant engagement with the Municipal Districts. He said that there is a perception that speed

ramps are the solution to everything but this is not always the case. He said that the Council received €40,000 from the Department this year for traffic calming and funding is a matter which will have to be considered at budget time.

The Chief Executive said that he would revert to Members with more detail on the Low Cost Scheme.

Fermoy Municipal District:

BOND FOR THE PASTURES ESTATE IN BROGHILL SOUTH, CHARLEVILLE

7/5-1

Councillor I. Doyle proposed, seconded by Councillor T. Collins, the following notice of motion:-

“That Cork County Council would actively pursue the enforcement of drawing down the bond in relation to The Pastures Estate in Broghill South, Charleville, Co. Cork. While acknowledging the progress being made by the Council in relation to estates being taken in charge, this estate has to date proved difficult to say the least. This estate while unfinished is a serious health and safety risk to its residents.”

Members made the following points:-

- The Pastures Estate has remained unfinished for over 10 years and it is in serious disrepair;
- The Council must now move to legally draw down the bond;
- Regulations should be changed, this money belongs to the people not the banks;
- Commended J. Aherne for his work on estates;
- Ask the Minister for Housing about terms and conditions of bonds going forward;
- Members received a report on bonds recently which outlined the priority of estates from 1-5, has there been any progress on this;
- Ask for cash in future instead of a bond;
- The Senior Planner needs to have a special meeting with Members to discuss this issue;
- Every avenue has been exhausted in this case and the bond will not fully cover the works;

The Chief Executive said that this matter should be dealt with at Municipal level and that a better approach would be for the Senior Planner to update Members at their Municipal District and this can be arranged. He said that the process is continuing with this estate but there are some complications around it and the matter is with the Council’s Solicitors’ Department. He said that the Council has made progress but some challenges remain to be resolved.

MORTGAGE TO RENT SCHEME

8/5-1

Councillor D. O’Grady proposed, seconded by Councillor M. Mullane, the following notice of motion:-

“To seek a written report on the operation of the Mortgage to Rent Scheme in Cork County.

The report to contain the number of housing units purchased by this Council, under the Local Authority MTR Scheme, from families with unsustainable local authority mortgages in 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date.

The report to also contain the number of successful and unsuccessful applications for Social Housing Support from families with unsustainable private mortgages and the number of units

purchased by Approved Housing Bodies in County Cork, under the AHB Mortgage to Rent Scheme, in the same period.”

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

Cork County Council has not purchased any properties to date under the Local Authority Mortgage to Rent Scheme.

A new Circular was issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government on 22 March, 2016, which further expanded this scheme to allow Local Authorities to consider for the Scheme not only borrowers whose properties are in negative equity but also consider borrowers whose properties may have marginal positive equity where the equity is no more than 10% of the Open Market Value to a maximum of €20,000 in Dublin, Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, Louth, Cork And Galway and €15,000 in the rest of the country.

Based on the terms of the revised Local Authority Mortgage to Rent Scheme, the Council’s Housing Loans Collection Department in conjunction with the Housing Department are in discussions with a number of borrowers with regard to the Scheme. 7 applications have been issued to date to borrowers to complete and discussions are ongoing with up to 20 other borrowers.

In order to be considered for the Local Authority Mortgage to Rent Scheme, the borrowers must first have been involved in the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARPs) and their mortgage must be determined as unsustainable.

In relation to the unsustainable private mortgages, the Council’s role in the MTR scheme is to process the social housing application from the MTR applicants and to enter into a Payment & Availability lease with the AHB when the sale closes. The Council currently have 3 operational Mortgage to Rents with another 14 Mortgage to Rent files going through the legal process between the AHB and the financial institution. MTR applicants must qualify for social housing. These social housing applications are processed as they are submitted.

Members made the following points:-

- This is a damning report showing that this national scheme is not workable;
- The Scheme is far too restrictive and more access to the process should be allowed;
- Emergency accommodation is not suitable for families;
- Queried why the 27 applications mentioned in the report have not been processed;
- €129,500 maximum house price is far too low and no house would qualify under this criteria;
- Ask the Department to allow local authorities have a more direct role in this issue;
- The concentration should be on keeping families in their homes;
- There is no facility for the borrower to approach a third party to progress this, only at the discretion of the banks;

The Chief Executive said that the Council responds to cases referred to them by people who have borrowed directly from the local authority. Cases must be referred to the Council having first gone through MARPs and are dealt with as they are received.

It was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Minister for Housing stating that local authorities should have a broader role in the Mortgage to Rent Scheme.

EMERGENCY HOMELESS ACCOMMODATION

9/5-1

It was agreed that the following motion be hereby deferred to the next Meeting:-

“That this Council provides a written report on the amount paid by this Council on emergency homeless accommodation since 2014. This report should include the number of nights, individuals & families and the division where emergency accommodation was provided. The Report should also include the outcome of these applicants and what type of social housing accommodation was provided to same.”

WAITING LISTS FOR BOWEL CANCER PATIENTS

10/5-1

Proposed by Councillor N. Collins

Seconded by Councillor C. Cullinane

RESOLVED:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Health to introduce immediately an ambitious, long-term approach to help resolve the long waiting lists for a crucial test, for public patients, with bowel cancer.”

IRISH PUBLIC BANKING SYSTEM

11/5-1

Proposed by Councillor E. Jeffers

Seconded by Councillor C. Cullinane

RESOLVED:

“That this Council supports the creation of an Irish public banking system. The creation of a strong public banking pillar in Ireland would aid economic growth and stability, and ensure more balanced and sustainable economic development.”

Members made the following points:-

- Banks are obliged to support SMEs ;
- This is a very popular scheme in Europe;
- An Post would be suitable for this proposal, determine if they would have a role to play in the set up of this;
- Consider Credit Unions and what they would supply to the system;
- Public banking system would be more for a regional area.

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Finance.

MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

12/5-1

Proposed by Councillor D. Twomey

Seconded by Councillor N. Collins

RESOLVED:

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to cut the mental health budget, and that he does not divert €12million of that budget away from vital services.”

Members made the following points:-

- These cuts will have a devastating impact on families;
- Hope the new Minister will deal more passionately with mental health and reverse these cuts;
- Preventative services are very important;
- Ask the Minister why this money is being transferred;
- There needs to be a willingness to change the system;
- There is discrimination in the workplace against mental health.

REVERSAL TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE PROVISION OF HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

13/5-1

Councillor P. Hayes proposed, seconded by Councillor C. O’Sullivan, the following notice of motion:-

“That this Council writes to the Dept of Communications seeking an immediate reversal to the suspension of the provision of high speed broadband to rural Ireland as it is an essential component in the creation of a rural economy, sustaining connectivity and access to educational material.”

Members made the following points:-

- Broadband is a vital part of modern day infrastructure;
- Farmers and students are affected by the poor service;
- Send a clear message to the Minister that they need to be serious about Rural Ireland;
- Not acceptable to wait until 2020 for this to be resolved;
- Very hard to attract industry to an area with little or no broadband;
- Most forms are done online, therefore those living in rural areas are being excluded;
- Broadband is taken very seriously in Europe this is no longer acceptable;
- National Broadband Strategy recognises that the private sector will not provide the service;
- Satellite broadband should be considered;

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Minister for Communications, Climate Change and Natural Resources and the Minister for Regional Development, Rural Affairs, Arts & the Gaeltacht.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER BODIES

RELETTING OF NON-COMPLIANT HOUSES

14/5-1

Members noted letter dated 26th April, 2016, from the IPAV, in response to Council's letter of 12th April, 2016, regarding the re-letting of non-compliant houses.

It was agreed to refer the matter back saying that all properties are fully inspected by the Council and we are doing our job. It is a matter for Auctioneers to vet properties before they are put on the market. The Council does not have the option of finding out who the property owner is.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

15/5-1

- TO: Ross Bulman on winning the U-16 and U-18 RIBSA All Ireland.
- TO: Paul & Gary O'Donovan, Skibbereen Rowing Club, on winning gold at the European Rowing Championships in Germany.
- TO: Denise Walsh, Skibbereen Rowing Club on her success in the European Rowing Championships.
- TO: Cr An Rath Comhaltas, for hosting the Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí 2016.
- TO: Minister Simon Coveney, TD, on his appointment to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.
- TO: Minister Michael Creed, TD, on his appointment to the Department of Agriculture.
- TO: Ballincollig AFC on winning the FAI Cup.
- TO: Former Councillor Tim Lombard on his appointment to Seanad Eireann.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16/5-1

Opening of Tenders:

The following tenders were opened at the Meeting:-

1. North Cork Regional Arts Centre at Town Hall Mallow – 3 no.
2. Flood Relief Works, Gooldshill, Mallow – 11 no.

Development Committee Meeting

The Mayor advised that the next Development Committee Meeting would be held in Haulbowline following an invitation from the Naval Service.

Mayor's Awards

The Mayor advised that the Mayor's Awards would be held in County Hall, on Wednesday evening 11th May.

Mizen Peninsula Road Closure

Cllr. D. Collins said that proposed roadworks at the Causeway in Crookhaven should be postponed until after the summer season due to tourism and filming in the area.

The Chief Executive said that if the Council has a programme of works there may be contractual commitments and that he would revert to Members.

This concluded the business of the Meeting