



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 26 November, 2018.**

**I LATHAIR**

Comhairleoir P.G. Ó Murchú, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri MacCraith, Mac Seafraida, Dheasmhumhnaigh, Ó Cainte, M. Ó Murchú, Ó Colmáin, 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, N. MacCárthaigh, Ní Bhrian, Ó Floinn, Ó Dúghaill, Mhic Dháibhí, Uí Mhurchú, Ó Sé, 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, Desmond, Canty, M. Murphy, Coleman, 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, N. McCarthy, O'Brien, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, O'Shea, 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(a)/11-2**

Proposed by Councillor Timmy Collins

Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath

**RESOLVED:**

“That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

Proposed by Councillor Noel McCarthy

Seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn

**RESOLVED:**

“That the minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor, subject to the following amendment –  
*The Mayor informed the member that he must leave the meeting as required under Section 51 of Standing Orders”*

Councillor Diarmaid Ó Cadhla asked for an apology for being asked to leave the Annual Budget Meeting. Cllr. Ó Cadhla said he obeyed all the rules of Council and it was an improper process, he wasn't responsible for the disorder and he felt bullied by other Members of Council.

Mayor Patrick Gerard Murphy told Cllr. Ó Cadhla he was asked to withdraw remarks, or leave the meeting. The Mayor stated that it was a decision of Council and no apology will be made.

**VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

2/11-2

TO: Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan and Deputy Andreas Moynihan on the death of their aunt Nora Connolly.

TO: Colm O'Connor, on the death of his mother, Sheila.

TO: Mr. Don Kiernan, on the death of his father, Frank.

TO: Seamus Heaney on the death of his mother, Ellen.

**STATUTORY BUSINESS**

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

Members noted and agreed the following disposals.

**DISPOSAL OF LEASEHOLD OF LANDS AT CHARLEVILLE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

3(a)/2-11

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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

<b><u>Situation:</u></b>	<b>Disposal of leasehold interest of lands at Charleville Industrial Estate, Charleville, Co. Cork.</b>
<b><u>Area:</u></b>	<b>As per attached map</b>
<b><u>Consideration:</u></b>	<b>€5.000 plus legal costs</b>

**GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT CARRIGNAGROHERA, FERMOY, CO. CORK**

**3(b)/2-11**

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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Situation:** Carrignagrohera,  
Fermoy,  
Co. Cork

**Area:** Grant of Right of Way measuring 0.3742 hectares (0.9246 acres) as coloured yellow on map attached

**Consideration:** €0.01 cent

**LEASE OF ROOM AT FERMOY LEISURE CENTRE, FERMOY**

**3(c)/2-11**

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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Situation:** Lease of a room at Fermoy Leisure Centre, Fermoy, Co. Cork

**Term:** 4 years (by way of lease) being backdated to June 2017. (Also including an option to renew)

**Consideration:** € 4,420 per annum.

**LEASE OF LAND AT KISKEAM, MALLOW, CO. CORK**

**3(d)/2-11**

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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Situation:** Lease of lands at Kiskeam, Mallow, Co. Cork

**Area:** 0.028 hectares / 0.069 acres

**Consideration:** €200.00 per annum

**LEASE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING & PLAY AREAS AT GOOLDSHILL, MALLOW, CO. CORK**

**3(e)/2-11**

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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Situation:** Lease of Community Building & Play Areas at Gooldshill, Mallow, Co. Cork.

**Area:** c0.9ha.

**Consideration:** €10.00 per annum

**LEASE OF LAND AT ROCKCHAPEL, CO. CORK.**

**3(f)/2-11**

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 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Situation:** Lease of land at Rockchapel, Co. Cork

**Area:** 0.010 hectares

**Consideration:** €200 per annum

**GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT DERRYMIHAN WEST, CASTLETOWNBERE, CO. CORK**

**3(g)/2-11**

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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Situation:** Grant of Right-of-Way at Derrymihan West, Castletownbere, Co Cork.

**Area:** 72m x 4.5m wide

**Consideration:** €1

**DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD INTEREST IN NO 5 PARK ROAD, CLONAKILTY, CO. CORK**

**3(h)/2-11**

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 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**LAND HELD UNDER  
LEASEHOLD INTEREST:**

**5 Park Road, Clonakilty, Co. Cork**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**€ 350.00 inclusive of administration charges**

**COVENANTS, CONDITIONS  
AND AGREEMENTS:**

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

**GRANT OF LEASE OF LAND AT COOLFADDA, BANDON, CO CORK**

**3(i)/2-11**

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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Situation:**

**Grant of Lease of Land at Coolfada, Bandon, Co. Cork.**

**Area:**

**0.0169 hectares / 0.041 acres with temporary right – of- way  
measuring 51m x 3m wide.**

**Consideration:**

**€1 per annum.**

**DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD INTEREST AND ADJACENT PASSAGE WITHIN BLUE  
HAVEN / HAMLETS, THE GLEN, KINSALE, CO. CORK**

**3(j)/2-11**

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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Situation:**

**Disposal of freehold interest and adjacent passageway within  
Blue Haven / Hamlets, The Glen, Kinsale, Co. Cork**

**Area:**

**0.0165 hectares / 0.027 acres**

**Consideration:**

**€5,000.00 plus legal and administrative costs.**

**DISPOSAL OF LAND AT ROSE ABBEY PARK, KINSALE, CO. CORK**

3(k)/2-11

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 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**Situation:** Land at Rose Abbey Park, Kinsale, Co Cork.

**Area:** 0.0109 hectares/0.027 acres

**Consideration:** €36,000

**RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 179, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000  
SECTION 3 (4a & 4b), AS AMENDED**

4/2-11

Members noted the Part 8 Managers Report for Social Housing unit at Radharc na Croise, Model Village, Dripsey, Co. Cork.

Proposed by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

Seconded by Councillor Melissa Mullane

**Resolved:**

*“Noting that in accordance with Article 179 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 2000, notice of the proposed development was published, No submissions were received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Article 179 (3) of the said Act is given for the following: -*

**Radharc na Croise, Model Village, Dripsey, Co. Cork**

**MANAGER’S REPORT UNDER SECTION 179, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT,  
2000**

5/2-11

Members noted the Part 8 Manager’s Report for construction of new public car park at James St., Mitchelstown, Co. Cork including traffic calming measures.

Proposed by Councillor Deirdre O’Brien

Seconded by Councillor Frank O’Flynn

**Resolved:**

*“Noting that in accordance with Article 179 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 2000, notice of the proposed development was published, 1 No. submission was received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Article 179 of the said Act is given for the following:-*

**Construction of a new public car park at James St. Mitchelstown, Co. Cork including traffic calming measures.**

## REPORTS & RECOMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

### CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

6/2-11

#### Conference List November 2018

Proposed by Councillor John Paul O' Shea

Seconded by Councillor Derry Canty

**Resolved:**

*"That the Conference List for November 2018 is approved."*

### ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

7/2-11

Members noted the Draft Policy on Advertisement Structures on Public Roads.

Proposed by Councillor Kevin Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry

**Resolved:**

*"That the Draft Policy be recommended for adoption."*

### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON KINSALE

8/2-11

"That Cork County Council write to Google Ireland, Apple and all satnav providers requesting them to stop sending buses, trucks and large vehicular traffic down roads not suitable for same"

During a discussion Members made the following points: -

- There are many routes around the County that are unsuitable for heavy vehicles to travel; these should be flagged on sat-nav systems.
- Sat Nav should be updated annually to reflect roads unsuitable or closed.
- Review is needed on the roads connecting the Wild Atlantic Way.
- Gougane Barra is not listed on Sat-Nav
- The onus is on Sat-Nav providers to ensure the roads they are directing users to are safe and adequate, there is a need to revisit rural areas.

It was agreed we write to the Department of Transport and Sat- Nav providers and ask that a review will be done on an annual basis and that unsuitable roads for travelling be highlighted.

This was proposed by Cllr. Kevin Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath.

## **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FERMOY**

**9/2-11**

Proposed by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn

Seconded by Cllr. June Murphy

'That Cork County Council agree to introduce a formal policy to fund public lighting upgrades / extensions for urban villages on National Roads where the TII have refused applications for funding from Cork County Council'

Members agreed to send this to the Transport SPC stating it is a very busy road and lots of houses nearby.

### **CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARMENTS**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT**

##### **Charge for Recycling**

**10(a)/2-11**

Members noted the response from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding "the introduction of a charge for recycling and requesting that they be avoided.

##### **Level of Violence in Television Programmes**

**10(b)/2-11**

Some Members rejected the response from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding the increased levels of violent content in television programmes.

##### **Noise Legislation**

**10(c)/2-11**

Members noted the response from the Department regarding a review of noise legislation. Some members expected guidelines on solar panel farms.

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

##### **Voting Age**

**11(a)/2-11**

Members noted the response from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding the voting age reduced to 16 years for the local and European elections in 2019.

##### **Stage Payments**

**11(b)/2-11**

Members were disappointed with the response from the Department stating Irish Water is not facilitating stage payments and this is a huge obstacle and is putting a lot of people under pressure. It was agreed to write to the Commission asking for an instalment system to be put in place.



## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

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

**12/2-11**

As Councillor Marcia D'Alton was absent this motion was deferred until the next meeting.

### **MARINE TOURISM OFFICER**

**13/2-11**

Cllr. Christopher O' Sullivan's agreed to defer his motion until the next meeting regarding the creating and filling of a position of a marine tourism officer for the County.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**14/2-11**

Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Councillor Melissa Mullane, the following notice of motion

"To seek a report on the status of former affordable housing units which were transferred to different Housing Bodies, focusing on the likelihood of occupants being able to purchase these units"

Councillor McGrath thanked and welcomed the Director of Services' report which outlined as follows: -

Cork County Council currently has a stock of 739 Unsold Affordable properties which are leased to Approved Housing Bodies. The Department of Housing are in the process of establishing a National Working Group to devise appropriate long-term solutions for these properties. It is anticipated that such solutions will include the permanent transfer of these properties to the AHB sector with the option of purchase by the existing tenants first. Considering the large numbers of these properties in Co. Cork it is anticipated that Cork County Council will be represented on this National working group.

Members asked will there be an option for tenants to purchase these properties, and will tenants be able to transfer from one property to another. Members would like more clarity on who has ownership if the house is leased to an AHB and if houses are taken over by the Approved Housing Bodies there will be no more Tenant Purchase Schemes.

The Chief Executive told members this is a national issue.

Members expressed their support for the introduction of the option that units would be made available for purchase to current tenants, and that tenants who are not currently in a position to purchase would be offered this option once ownership of the units is transferred to Approved Housing Bodies.

Members agreed to write to the Minister and request that these options would form part of any future discussions the planned National Working Group would have.

## **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

**15/2-11**

Councillor Frank O'Flynn proposed, seconded by Councillor Deirdre O'Brien, the following notice of motion

“That Cork County Council call on Mr Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development to extend the timeframe for the completion of road works under the much-needed extra funding recently announced for community road works under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Grant in order that the extra funding would be fully utilised by Cork County Council”

During a discussion Members made the following points: -

- Ask Minister to extend the time frame so that we can fully expend the €700k allocation. There is lots of preparatory works needed.
- It's important to keep elderly people living independently in their rural communities for as long as possible. They don't get the benefits urban dwellers get.
- The monies are allocated at the last minute and it puts us under pressure to deliver.
- Welcome the funding the local improvement scheme is a vital resource.
- Not in support of the LIS. It is public monies put into private roads and our staff are pulled into this work.
- It is very difficult to spend monies so late in the year and can be dependent on weather conditions.

It was agreed we write to the Minister asking for an extension of time for the completion of road works.

## **REPAIR AND LEASE SCHEME**

**16/2-11**

Councillor Paul Hayes proposed, seconded by Councillor Eoghan Jeffers, the following notice of motion:

“That this council writes to the relevant Government Departments, requesting that amendments be made to the Repair and Lease Scheme, in order to increase the existing €40,000 cap, to take account of the increased cost of construction work on islands off our coast”

Members were in agreement that €40k is an inadequate amount to carry out the repairs on houses. Forty applicants on our housing list have expressed an interest to live on our Islands. The cap of €40k needs to be increased as contractors' factor in extra charges to take account of additional transport charges. Members agreed there needs to be more flexibility in the scheme. Members said the scheme must be advertised, a designated team should be put in place to tell the public about this scheme.

The Chief Executive told members the principal objective of the Repair to Lease Scheme is to deliver social housing quickly by targeting the upgrading of vacant units which require only limited works. To date, the Council has received 91 Repair to Lease applications since the Scheme's inception in 2017. Only one application has progressed to approval to date. One of the applications received has related to a property on one of the Islands off the Cork coast. This application was deemed unsuitable for reasons other than the current €40,000 funding limit.

It is acknowledged that construction costs on islands are higher than those on the mainland.

It was agreed to write to the Minister seeking an increase in the cap in the general scheme.

## **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS**

**17/2-11**

Councillor Daniel Twomey proposed, seconded by Councillor Noel Collins, the following notice of motion: -

“That this council would develop and fund a policy, where all children’ playgrounds located by roadsides, in cork county, would have children at play, slow down signage installed as standard”

Cllr. Twomey welcomed the report from the Director of Services Ms. Mary Ryan which outlined the following. The signage referred to by Cllr. Twomey is in place at a number of playgrounds across the county, locations detailed below. It is planned to erect signage at playgrounds in Cloyne, Mogeely and Glounthaune in the coming months. It is currently accepted good practice to erect such signage at appropriate locations as required.

Members agreed any playground near a roadside should have appropriate signage a countywide policy is needed. Cllr. Twomey said the signage should be centrally funded.

It was agreed to write to the Transport SPC to formulate a policy.

## **FLUORIDATION OF DRINKING WATER**

**18/2-11**

Councillor Diarmaid Ó Cadhla proposed, seconded by Councillor Christopher O’Sullivan, the following notice of motion: -

“Re-stating Council’s call in 2014 for an end to the Fluoridation of drinking water, we now request updated reporting from our own water department, Irish Water Limited and the relevant Minister, as follows:

1. What is the legal basis for adding Fluoride to drinking water, what levels of Fluoride are permitted and, in practice, what levels are added?
2. What is the annual cost of adding Fluoride to drinking water?
3. What assurance exists that public health is not damaged by the ingestion of Fluoride?
4. Why have other members of the EU stopped adding Fluoride to drinking water?

That Council write to the relevant bodies re-stating our desire to end Fluoridation and request answers to these questions.”

Mr. Kevin Morey County Engineer gave a report to Members which stated;

Fluoridation of drinking water is carried out on behalf of the HSE in accordance with the advice of the Irish Expert Body on Fluoride. Irish Water as the Water Services Authority provides fluoridation on designated schemes for the HSE and recoups incurred costs from them. Cork County Council water services staff carry out these functions for Irish Water under a Service level Agreement.

Following a discussion on Fluoridation of Drinking Water, members made the following points:-

- Why do we have compulsory fluoridation in our water? This should be removed and an element of choice applied.
- What is the cost of adding fluoride to water?
- Choice of tablet or salt form could be applied.
- Would like to know the makeup of the advisory panel.

It was agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Irish Water.

## **INHERITANCE TAX**

**19/2-11**

Councillor Noel Collins proposed, seconded by Councillor John Paul O'Shea, the following notice of motion: -

“That this Council request the Minister for Finance to take middle class Ireland out of the inheritance tax net, by bring back the tax-free thresholds to the 2009 levels”

Cllr. Noel Collins told Members Ireland has one of the highest death tax in the world and successive Governments have reduced the tax free threshold in respect of a gift inheritance from a parent to a child from €542,000 to €310,000 currently.

It was agreed to write to the Minister for Finance.

## **CERVICAL CHECK SCANDAL**

**20/2-11**

Councillor June Murphy proposed, seconded by Councillor Mary Linehan Foley, the following notice of motion: -

“That this council noting the recent Cervical Check Scandal, calls upon the Minister for Health, the Taoiseach to acknowledge, support and respond in detail to the demands of the Standing 4 Women\* Campaign. These include legislation and policy on mandatory open disclosure independent of the patient safety bill, Provision of a start and end date and full disclosure on the 1800 smears yet to be audited, Breakdown of the new packages being negotiated laboratories carrying out smear slide analysis including mandatory site audits”

Cllr. June Murphy appreciates the support for the women who suffered due to cervical cancer and she asks the Council to support the motion. Following a discussion Members made the following points: -

- It is a failure on the Government that all the information is not openly available.
- Women are waiting months for results;
- No one has confidence in the health system.
- The HSE has responsibility to the people of Ireland. It's appalling what women went through.

Cllr. Danielle Twomey asked could the motion be amended to include the following:

1. That the cervical smear slides no longer be outsourced and that they be tested in house in a HSE run lab.
2. That the department commit to funding the 221+ group beyond the initially agreed, 3 year period.
3. That the backlog in all 3 labs facilitating cervical check be addressed with immediate effect as the slides have a 6 week shelf life and the delays are causing the results to be inconclusive.

Cllr. June Murphy said she cannot amend the motion as she is speaking for the campaign.

## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD, FISHERIES AND MARINE**

Councillor Danny Collins proposed, seconded by Councillor Timmy Collins, the following notice of motion: -

“Calling on our Government to abolish The Department of Agricultural Food and Marine and set up two separate ministerial departments that cover

- Agricultural and food
- Fisheries and Marine”

Cllr. Danny Collins told Members over the past number of years and under successive governments it's obvious to fishermen and to the wider public that fishermen have become the poor relations in Irish politics and this motion today if supported in council chambers will send a clear message that fishing and the marine need a standalone ministry in the Irish Government.

Negotiations on Brexit are ongoing at present and organisations like the Irish South and West Fish Producers have been stressing the huge importance of our fishing industry to this country, also others have highlighted also that foreign vessels who are in UK waters at present will have to exit those waters and it is widely believed this is only one place they are going and this is in to Irish seas which are flooded with foreign vessels already.

The member commented that we are all fully aware of the Spanish lorries coming to Castletownbere daily taking thousands of tons of fish from Irish seas from foreign vessels back to their country.

The members also stated that how this Irish Government have their eye off the ball in Europe in relation to fishermen's issues as most European countries have applied and got quota for blue fin tuna the latest the Spanish last week who got quota from Europe of 5,559 tonne where Ireland has got zero.

Whether it's the Irish fishermen out in trawlers or the local inshore fishermen they all know they are no longer a priority with this Irish Government and if this Council can unite today in our call for a standalone Minister for the Marine it will send a strong message not alone to this Government but it will send a message right across Europe that we see the importance of the fishing industry is to this country.

The members stated that they believed that this ministerial post would work harder with towns and villages committees along our coast line in helping them expand on the Marine Leisure side of things with the likes of Schull Community Harbour Development Company who has worked tirelessly towards development of Schull Harbour. They have expended many thousands of hours and almost €500,000 of locally raised money has been spent to date on feasibility studies to get this project started of a marina and leisure facility the likes of this project if got the go ahead would massively increase tourism in the West Cork and Mizen Area .

Following on from Cllr. Collins's comments, members made the following points:-

- Workload is too much for one Minister, the brief is too diverse.
- We need a stronger focus on fisheries and the marine.
- Fishermen are well catered for at present with the proposals coming forward from the E.U.
- They have to be linked as they both relate to the food industry. If divided a link must be maintained in some way.
- Fisheries don't get the same focus as agriculture the fisheries profile needs to be raised.

It was agreed we write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

## **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

TO: Brenda O'Connell Barry on being awarded Carer of the Year.

TO: Charleville GAA on winning the Munster Intermediate Hurling Title.

TO: Youghal Pigeon and Racing club in celebrating 100 years in existence.

TO: Cllr. Danielle Twomey on taking part in the RTE documentary The Big Picture: A Woman's World

TO: To Helen Mulcahy and the committee of the Youghal Medieval Festival on winning Festival of the Year at the Chambers Ireland Awards.

TO: Dominic Casey Skibbereen Rowing Club who was voted coach of year at World Rowing Awards.

TO: Clodagh Henehan and staff of Cork County Council for the proposal in relation to the erection of a new Library in Kinsale.

TO: Lily De LaCour on being the Wako Senior European Kickboxing Champion.

TO: Darragh McElhinney, Bantry AC, National Junior Cross-Country Champion 2018

TO: Kanturk Mart on winning best overall business of 2018 in the IRD Duhallow Business Awards.

TO: To Passage west Junior Hurling Team on Winning Thomas Curtain Cup

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Urban / Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**

Members were please with the recent announcement of the Urban / Rural Regeneration and Development fund. Carrigaline Western Relief Road, Midleton Main Street Public Realm Improvements and Passage West were included in Category A and in Category B Midleton Permeability Package of Proposals, Cobh UEA - Public Realm - Diaspora Centre Carrigaline Public Realm and Carrigtwohill

The Chief Executive told Members we have not been formally notified yet and will revert to the Development Committee.

Kinsale Library was also successful in the Rural Regeneration Fund.

Some Members were disappointed that no funding was allocated to Kanturk Road and the Briary Gap wasn't listed even though Cork County Council supported it strongly. Some members think the funding was always there for various projects like libraries and the government are just renaming the funding. The AILG also put in a submission.

### **Estates Taking in Charge**

One members expressed his concern that some housing estates in the county that were built in the 1970's and had been taken in charge by Cork County Council had green areas within them that were still registered in the names of the builders who built the estates. The member asked if there were implications for the Council or their agents entering the said green areas to carry out maintenance including clearing trees, lighting etc, given that the Council does not have ownership of the green areas. The member asked that that all estates affected by this problem should be identified and rectified.

The Chief Executive confirmed that the matter would be further discussed at Development Committee.

### **Opening of Tenders**

Opening of 12 tenders for letting of lands in 2019.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**