



# Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

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## Cork County Council

**Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 11am.**

### **I LATHAIR**

#### **Comhairleoir Gillian Uí Chochláin, Méara Chontae**

Comhairleoiri: Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé, Sean Pól, Ó Murchú, Gearóid, Críod, Ní Mhuineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin, M, Ó Luasa, Ó hAodha, Padraig, Ó Murchú, Gearóid, Ó Cinnéide, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé T, Léanacháin - Uí Foghlú, Ní hEachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh S, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaioich, Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú, Caoimhín, Uí Shuilleabháin, Máire, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Murchú PG, Ó Conaill, Mac Craith, Ó Muircheartaigh, Uí Bhuachalla, O'Conchubair L, Daltún Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Rasmussen, Ó Conchubair S, Ó Conchubair A, MacCarthaigh N, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghaire, Dawson, De Róiste

### **PRESENT**

#### **Councillor Gillian Coughlan, County Mayor, presided.**

**Councillor:** Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Murphy Gerard, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea T, Linehan – Foley, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Coughlan G, Coleman, Murphy K, , O'Sullivan M, O'Donovan, Murphy P.G, O'Connell, McGrath, Murtagh, Buckley, O'Connor L, Dalton – O'Sullivan, O'Callaghan, Barry, Rasmussen, O'Connor S, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, O'Brien, O'Leary, Dawson, Roche,

Chief Executive, Ms. Loraine Lynch, Head of Finance, Senior Executive Officer.

### **CHANGE TO DURATION TIME OF MEETING TO 1 HOUR 55 MINUTES DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:**

*Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath*

*Seconded by Cllr. Susan McCarthy*

The Mayor outlined the Public Health Restrictions at the beginning of the meeting. The Senior Executive Officer reminded Members of the COVID-19 SOP Management of the meeting.

[a] **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

*Proposed by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea*

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*Seconded by Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern*

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

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*Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath*

*Seconded by Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh*

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

**[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

3/7-1

**TO:** Barry family on the death of James A. Barry.

**TO:** Ms. Sheila Murphy on the death of her mother, Mrs. Kitty Murphy and Cllr Katie Murphy on the death of her grandaunt.

**TO:** Mrs. Breda Murray on the death of her husband, Barry Murray.

**TO:** Mrs. Bernadette Conlon on the death of her husband, Councillor Hugh D. Conlon.

**TO:** Family of Nancy Carroll, retired employee of Cork County Council.

**[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS**

4/7-1

**DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY:**

**SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:**

*Members noted the following disposal:*

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACROOM:**

*Lease of Former Fire Station, Millstreet, Co. Cork.*

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021.

**SITUATION:** Lease of Former Fire Station, Millstreet, Co. Cork

**AREA:** 0.0333 hectares / 0.822 acres

**TERM:** 4 years, 11 months

**CONSIDERATION:** €500 per annum

5/7-1

**PART 8 MANAGER'S REPORT SECTIONS 179(3) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000  
(AS AMENDED)**

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACROOM:**

Part 8 - Chief Executive's Report for Ballyvourney and Ballymakeera Flood Relief Scheme Interim Works

*Proposed by Councillor Martin Coughlan*

*Seconded by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan*

**RESOLVED:**

Noting that in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended), notice of the proposed Flood Relief Scheme Interim Works was published, 4 submissions were received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Section 179 of the Act is given for the following:  
Ballyvourney and Ballymakeera Flood Relief Scheme Interim Works

6/7-1

**ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2020  
SECTION 221 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001.**

*Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath*

*Seconded by Cllr. Kevin Murphy*

**RESOLVED:**

“In accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Annual Report for 2020 be hereby adopted”

[d] **FINANCIAL BUSINESS  
GNÓ ARGEADAIS**

7/7-1

**SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001  
(AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT 2014)**

“That Cork County Council is authorised to borrow by way of overdraft a sum not exceeding €13m for the twelve month period ending 31st December 2022, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”

*Proposed by Councillor. Kevin Murphy*

*Seconded by Councillor James Kennedy*

[e] **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES  
TÚAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó CHOISTÍ**

8/7-1

**HERITAGE GRANT SCHEME 2021**

Members resolved to approve the County Cork Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 which had been considered by the Corporate Policy Group at its meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

*Proposed by Councillor Ann Marie Ahern*

*Seconded by Councillor Ian Doyle*

[g] **CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS**

9/7-1

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, CULTURE, ARTS, GAELTACHT, SPORT & MEDIA:**

Correspondence dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 in response to Council’s letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 in relation to the supports for Local and Regional Newspapers

*Members noted the correspondence from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.*

10/7-1.

**CORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO ASK ETB TO CONSIDER EXPANDING RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL COURSES AVAILABLE AT MANNIX COLLEGE, CHARLEVILLE**

*Councillor Ian Doyle proposed, seconded by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan:*

“That Cork County Council would ask ETB to consider expanding range of educational courses available at Mannix College, Charleville. Given the emphasis by government now on apprenticeships Mannix College is ideally placed to deliver courses for local requirements such as Engineering, Health Care, and Culinary and Hospitality skills.”

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members stated that Mallow College of Further Education was already providing courses for apprenticeships.
- Members stated apprenticeships are very important as currently there is a shortage of qualified tradespeople in the country which is impacting on the provision of housing.
- Suggested it was a National issue as 86% of construction companies needed suitability qualified staff.
- Members noted that a good living could be made from trades /skills.
- Recommended that school leavers should be encouraged to consider a trade instead of College
- Stated that it is more complex than the ETB providing more courses. The attitude to trades /skills needs to change.
- Members said that in Germany 40% of school leavers go on to apprenticeships.
- Stated that there is a particular shortage of skills in “wet trades”.
- Members suggested that by the ETB providing the courses locally, it will also help keep the people in the county towns.
- Councillor Patrick Gerard Murphy, Chairperson of the ETB stated that the ETB focus is to increase the capacity to deliver more courses outside the City. It’ aim is to provide local hubs in rural town.
- The green and digital programmes recommended by European Committee will require specific skills that will need the correct training courses.
- The length of apprenticeships should be reviewed

*Members agreed to write to the ETB and Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to consider expanding the range of educational courses available at Mannix College, Charleville. Given the emphasis by government now on apprenticeships Mannix College is ideally placed to deliver courses for local requirements such as Engineering, Health Care, and Culinary and Hospitality skills.*

- Members requested that the letter be forwarded to Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary local authorities because part of the counties fall within the catchment area of Mannix college, Charleville.

**PROVISION OF BI-LINGUAL PACKAGING ON GOODS IN IRELAND**

*Councillor Gohnait Moynihan proposed, seconded by Councillor Gillian Coughlan*

“Íarr ar an Aire Fiontar, Trádála and Fosaíochta, agus an Aire Stáit Gaeltachta staidéar féidearthacha dheanamh ar lipéad dátheanach ar an pacáistíocht a mbíonn ar earraí in Éirinn”.

“Call on the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, as well as the Minister for the Gaeltacht to carry out a feasibility study on the provision of bi-lingual packaging on goods in Ireland.”

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members suggested that all goods should be labelled in both Irish and English to promote Irish.
- Suggested that it should begin with a Feasibility Study.
- Members are not suggesting that extra costs be incurred by Businesses. Suggested that businesses avail of the Business Support Scheme provided by Foras na Gaeilge to assist with the extra costs.
- Stated that in school pupils learn by looking at an object and saying the word in Irish and that if people see Irish words regularly in every day packaging, they will learn some of the language.
- Stated that it is important that we use Irish language when we can to promote it.
- Suggested that practicing the language helps to improve the fluency.
- Stated that it ties in with the ‘Guaranteed Irish Logo’.
- Members suggested that it is also necessary to reduce the amount of packaging which will then reduce the amount of litter which will reduce pollution,
- Said ‘Tír gan teanga, Tír gan anam’ – ‘A country without its language is a country without its soul’.
- Stated that people pick up terms without realising it when they are listening to the language.

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*Members agreed to write to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, as well as the Minister for the Gaeltacht to carry out a feasibility study on the provision of bi-lingual packaging on goods in Ireland.*

**[K] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO:** Cork Team on winning the Bord Gais Energy U20/21 All Ireland Hurling Final 2020.

**TO:** Gavin Coombes for earning his first senior international cap for Ireland in Irish Rugby.

**TO:** Skibbreen Rugby Club for Gavin Coombes success.

**TO:** Mallow Football team for winning the 2020 Junior B Football Championship Final.

**TO:** Alison Bergin who was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Under 23's World Rowing Championships.

**TO:** Daire O'Leary on winning the All Ireland Under 20's Hurling Championship as a member of the Cork Team.

**[I] ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**13a/7-1**

**POINT OF INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS**

Correspondence from EirGrid stated that Public Consultation regarding Celtic Interconnector Strategic Infrastructure Development starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and will run for a 7 week period. The Planning Department are awaiting details from An Bord Pleanala and will give effect to same and update the Members accordingly. Members will be emailed copy of correspondence after this Full Council meeting.

**13b/7-1**

Members agreed that the Development Committee meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 would be a blended meeting.

*Proposed by Councillor Noel McCarthy*

*Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath*

**13c/7-1**

Members thanked the Chief Executive, Jacqueline Hunt and the IT Team and the Corporate Services Dept for the upgrading work done on the Chamber and for preparing a return to a safe environment for all. The Chief Executive thanked the Members for the compliments and stated that Cork County Council was the first Local Authority to use blended technology in this way.

**~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~**