



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

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 23rd May 2022 at 11am.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Seamus Mac Craith, Leas-Mhéara

Comhairleoiri: Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin S, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin, Ó Conaill, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Ó Muircheartaigh, Uí Bhuachalla, De Faoite S, Daltún Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Ó Conchubair S, Ó Conchubair A, MacCarthaigh N, Ó Flionn, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghaire, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé SP, Críod, Ní Mhuineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó, Ó Cochláin M, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Pádraig, Ó Murchú Gearóid, Ó Cinnéide, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé T, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaioich, Ó Haodha Pól

PRESENT

Councillor Seamus McGrath, Deputy Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Coughlan, Coleman, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O' Donovan, Collins, O' Connell, McGrath, D'Alton, Murtagh, Buckley A, White J, Dalton – O' Sullivan, O' Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, O' Connor S, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, O'Flynn, O'Brien, O'Leary, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea T, Linehan – Foley, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/5-2

Proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty

Seconded by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 9th May, 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/5-2

- TO:** Donal Burke on the death of his wife Frances Burke.
TO: Cathy Cahalane Lynch on the death of her mother Breeda Cahalane.
TO: Helen O'Donovan on the death of her mother in law Hannah O'Neill.
TO: Paud O'Keeffe on the death of his mother Eileen O'Keeffe.
TO: Beechinor family on the death of their father Bob Beechinor.
TO: George O'Malley on the death of his father Bill O'Malley.
TO: Denis Browne on the death of his brother Sean Browne.

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

3/2-2

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY:

SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:

Members noted the following disposals: _

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KANTURK/MALLOW:

Grant of Right of Way at Greenane, Kanturk, Co. Cork

3(a)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

<u>Situation:</u>	Grant of Right of Way at Greenane, Kanturk, Co Cork
<u>Area:</u>	0.0005 hectares/0.0013 acres
<u>Consideration:</u>	€1

Disposal of site no. 15, at Pairc An Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork.

3(b)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

<u>Situation:</u>	Disposal of site no. 15, Pairc an Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork
<u>Area:</u>	Site measuring 0.097 hectares (0.242 acres) as outlined on Map (part of Folio CK91798F)

Consideration: €30,000

Disposal of site no. 16, at Pairc An Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork.

3(c)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

Situation: Disposal of site no. 16, Pairc an Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork

Area: Site measuring 0.070 hectares (0.174 acres) as outlined on Map (part of Folio CK91798F)

Consideration: €25,000

Disposal of site no. 18, at Pairc An Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork.

3(d)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

Situation: Disposal of site no. 18, Pairc an Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork

Area: Site measuring 0.106 hectares (0.262 acres) as outlined on Map (part of Folio CK91798F)

Consideration: €30,000

Disposal of site no. 21, at Pairc An Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork.

3(e)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

Situation: Disposal of site no. 21, Pairc an Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork

Area: Site measuring 0.055 hectares (0.136 acres) as outlined on Map (part of Folio CK91798F)

Consideration: €25,000

Lease of building and Right of way to the Public Road – Kilshannig Church, Newberry, Mallow, Co. Cork.

3(f)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

Situation: Lease of building and Right of way to the Public Road – Kilshannig Church, Newberry, Mallow, Co. Cork.

Term of Lease: 2 years

Consideration: €1.00

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FERMOY:

Discharge of Right of Way and Wayleave registered in favour of Cork County Council over property at No. 7 Bearn Deara, Kildorrery, Co Cork.

3(g)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

Situation: Discharge of Right of Way and Wayleave registered in favour of Cork County Council over property at No. 7 Bearn Deara, Kildorrery, Co Cork.

Consideration: €N/A

Disposal of ESB substation site and grant of wayleave at Lana Chill Na Mallac, Doneraile, Co Cork.

3(h)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

Situation: Disposal of ESB substation site and grant of wayleave at Lana Chill Na Mallac, Doneraile, Co Cork.

Area: Disposal of land measuring 0.003 hectares/0.007 acres and grant of wayleave measuring 6m x 5m wide.

Consideration: €1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAST CORK:

Grant of Right of Way at Owenacurra Business Park, Midleton, Co Cork

3(i)/5-2

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 13th May, 2022.

Situation: Grant Right of Way at Owenacurra Business Park, Midleton, Co Cork.

Area: 217m x c. 10.5m wide

Consideration: €1

4/5-2

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 WEST CORK

4(a)/5-2

Proposed by Councillor Declan Hurley

Seconded by Councillor Karen Coakley

Consideration of Part 8 Chief Executive's Report for development at Carrig Rossa, Kilmeen, Rossmore, Co. Cork.

RESOLVED:

Noting that in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended), notice of the proposed development was published, 1 submission was received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Section 179 of the Act is given for the following:

The development comprises of the construction of 2 no. residential units, each being a two storey two-bedroom house. New access and parking to connect to existing road. Hard landscaping, including boundary walls, footpaths and street lighting. Soft landscaping including green areas, planting and trees. Connection to public and private existing utilities and all associated site works.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CARRIGALINE

4(b)/5-2

Proposed by Councillor Audrey Buckley

Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Consideration of Part 8 Chief Executive's Report for development at R611 Cork Road Crossing & Active Travel Link to CETB Site.

RESOLVED:

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

The proposed development comprises of the construction of a new pedestrian/cycle path linking the R611 regional road with the Carrigaline Educational Campus.

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

5/5-2

HERITAGE GRANT SCHEME 2022

Members resolved to approve the Cork County Heritage Grant Scheme 2021 which was considered by the Corporate Policy Group at its meeting on the 3rd May, 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Ian Doyle

Seconded by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

5/6-2

COMMEMORATIONS GRANT SCHEME:

Members resolved to approve the County Cork Commemorations Grant Scheme 2022 which had been considered by Commemorations Committee and also by the Corporate Policy Group at its meeting on 3rd May, 2022.

Proposed by Councillor Declan Hurley

Seconded by Councillor John Paul O'Shea

- Members welcomed the Grant Scheme as it means a lot to the groups that received funding.

**[h] NOTICES OF MOTION
FOGRAÍ RÚN**

INCREASED PAY FOR REGISTERS OR A CENTRALISED COMPUTER SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL

7/5-2

Councillor Liam Madden proposed, seconded by Councillor John Paul O'Shea

“Following a recent Mallow/Kanturk Municipal District meeting and motion re grave registration and remuneration for registers I am looking for Councillors support to progress this matter for increased pay for same or a centralised computer system operated by Council. These records are of enormous importance going forward for our records.”

RESPONSE:

The Council has a working group with staff representatives from the Municipal Districts & Rural Development Directorate, the Human Resources Department, Health & Safety and the Roads Directorate actively looking at the digitisation of the cemeteries and graves registration records. Councillors will be aware that many of the graveyards in West Cork have had the records digitised via the Skibbereen Heritage Centre. The working group is liaising with the Heritage Centre Manager in relation to the possible further roll out and is also researching models of best practice throughout the Country.

Regarding the rate of pay for registrars, the Council is governed by public sector pay policy and the pay provisions of the Public Service Agreement. The Council is happy to engage through the normal employee relations systems, including with the trade union representing registrars to discuss any issues arising.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members stated that there are no longer Caretakers in every Burial Ground.
- Said they have an important role as they liaise with families and Undertakers. They look after people in their time of bereavement.
- Registrars often have to go on site to locate graves.
- Members stated the pay is poor for the job.
- Members asked whose job is it when there is no Registrar, and it is necessary to find a grave on site.
- A better payscale is needed as there are important responsibilities.
- Members are concerned with the number of Registrar vacancies and the present system in place for their appointments.

- Members asked if these vacancies could be advertised.
- Members also asked how many Caretakers were in place and how many vacancies were there.
- They asked what process was in place for Caretaker appointments.
- Said the Skibbereen Heritage Centre recently gave a briefing at a Social Inclusion SPC.
- Members complimented the Centre on the great work they are doing digitising the records for West Cork.
- It was noted the digitising of records would be extended to the rest of the county.
- Stated the upkeep of Burial Grounds records is of prime importance.
- Suggested that Municipal Districts/Divisional or countywide teams be appointed to look after Burial Grounds.
- Noted that Undertakers and Grave Diggers are very professional and have great knowledge of our Burial Grounds and take responsibilities seriously.
- Recommended that local heritage groups get funding as they compile detailed records.
- Noted that there is a book that was recorded in scroll in Grenagh now in possession of the Council.
- Members are aware that some Burial Grounds records are lost.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to send it to the Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development SPC for review.

PAINT AN ESTABLISHED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN RAINBOW COLOURS IN SUPPORT OF PRIDE WEEK

8/5-2

Councillor Danielle Twomey proposed, seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy

“That this council on a pilot basis, would paint an established pedestrian crossing in rainbow colours in support of Pride week, with a focus on the three larger towns firstly, Mallow, Midleton, and Carrigaline. That a feasibility study be done on where these would be best placed within the three townlands previously mentioned. “

RESPONSE:

The roadmarkings associated with zebra crossings are prescribed in Traffic law by the Traffic Signa Manual and various Traffic Acts & Regulations. Pedestrian Crossing signage, roadmarkings, and layouts are prescribed and the convention for these layouts are well known, understood and expected by motorists and pedestrians. Any deviation from the established conventions would be unsafe, unexpected and could present a danger to road users.

In summary any deviation from the prescribed signage and markings would be illegal, could diminish the validity of the crossing, be unsafe for pedestrians and motorists and could potentially expose Cork County Council to liability or prosecution and therefore cannot be allowed.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members stated that Pride has been celebrated across the world for the past 50 years.
- Member asked if it was possible to do similar to Cork City Council and Dublin City Council who have installed rainbow crossings within the guidelines.
- Members noted that road safety was very important.
- Stated that Health and Safety issues must be considered.

- Recommended that the Council check with other Local Authorities to see how to comply with the guidelines and put a policy in place.
- Stated that it appears to be anomalies across the country.
- Asked if they could be put on a push button controlled crossings?
- The local BRÓD group in West Cork would like to progress one as a sign of solidarity if it could be rolled out.
- Recommended writing to the Department to seek clarification.
- Noted that there were issues with various types of crossings already in place. It may add to confusion.
- Asked what does someone with colour blindness see?
- Recommended that one should be tried as a pilot scheme and see what feedback is given.
- It is a positive idea as a symbol of inclusivity.
- Requested that the Council address the issues that have arisen, and that proper consideration be given.
- Noted rainbow flag is flying in the County Hall and other Council locations.
- Stated that the Social Inclusion SPC is open to receiving further suggestions.
- Asked if clarity be sought on where the signs are put at the crossings.
- Suggested it should be raised at the Roads SPC to iron out the safety concerns.
- Asked that a clear Motion be resent to the Director of Services.
- Members apologised for causing any negative sentiment against the Director of Services.

The Chief Executive reiterated that the Council is to the forefront in promoting equality and diversity. He stated that the criticism is misplaced. The Motion asked specifically to paint an established pedestrian crossing and that was responded to. The Members must understand that the response was to the motion put forward. He suggested that the Roads and Transport SPC would address the matter and Members were in agreement with this. Cllr. Twomey will write to the Director of Services for Roads and Transport to clarify the matter to be considered by the SPC.

9/5-2

NOTICE OF MOTION – DEFERRED TO FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2022

CLLR. CATHAL RASMUSSEN

“That a report be given on how many applications for social housing were received from January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and how many have being received from Jan 2022 to end of April 2022.

Can a breakdown be given on the length of time it has taken for all these applications to be processed and can an explanation be given as to why it takes 12 to 16 weeks to process an application in general. Can a breakdown be given on how many of the applications year ending 2021 were successful or not. Also can a report be given on the length of time it has taken for those successful applicants in 2021 to receive their link to the CBL system.”

RETROFIT PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE AN GRANT AIDED SOLAR PANELS AS A SOURCE OF HEAT IN APPROPRIATE HOUSES.

10/5-2

Councillor Ian Doyle proposed, seconded by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

“That Cork County Council would write to Minister Eamon Ryan TD to look at retrofit programme and include and grant aided solar panels as source of heat in all appropriate houses. This would ensure alternative source of heat in line with Green Agenda.”

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members said that the retrofit programme of homes was costly and cumbersome.
- Members said it is necessary to change the source of energy as the country is facing a ban on fossil fuels.
- It is noted that retrofitting is taking a long time.
- Asked that the Council would look at alternative heating sources for Social housing e.g. Air to Water and solar heating.
- Stated that Macroom town was lucky to get 100 new social houses. Some have solar panels. There is an Energy Programme in place to retrofit more houses, but this programme does not include solar.
- Stated that the existing retrofit package does not suit many householders.
- Noted that Air to Water is the policy going forward but solar panels should also be used when refurbishing homes.
- Recommended that solar panels should also be installed in a wider range of buildings.
- Noted that the carbon footprint must be reduced. It is also noted that it will reduce the costs to householders.
- Stated there is a 5 – 7 year payback period on solar panels.
- Said there is multiple reasons to increase micro generation grants to householders.
- Need to reduce the reliance on foreign oil and gas.
- Stated there are huge savings for householders by generating their own electricity.
- Said that the grant of €2,400 to €3,000 is insufficient to cover the cost of retrofitting a home.
- Noted that heat pumps do not suit older homes.
- Recommended that more grant supports are necessary.
- Stated that everything to address the environment / climate change should be considered.
- Asked if planning is required for solar panels.
- Stated that the Minister should be asked if there is any update on legislation for exemption of solar panels to require planning permission.
- Teagasc should also provide grants and supports for farms. The older buildings in farms should also be exempt from planning permission.
- Stated that the National Home Energy upgrade scheme covers heat pumps.
- Noted that solar panels use a lot of materials in their manufacturing. The materials include hazardous waste. Management for end-of-life panels is necessary. New ways must be found to manage it.
- Noted the schemes in place are not adequate and must be looked at.
- Stated it must be reviewed at the Housing SPC.

“Members agreed to write to the Minister Eamon Ryan TD and Minister Darragh O’Brien TD to look at retrofit programme and include grant aided solar panels as source of heat in all appropriate houses. This would ensure alternative source of heat in line with Green Agenda.”

Noted at 12.08 p.m. the Mayor took the Chair.

She stated extensive investment in Merck in Carrigtowhill was announced which was of benefit to the county.

[K] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

11/5-2

- TO:** Katie O’Keeffe on winning a Bronze medal at the European Boxing Championships.
- TO:** Fountainstown Community Group in recognition of Fountainstown Beach achieving Blue and Green Flag status.
- TO:** Under 12 Girls Carrigaline Soccer Club on winning the National Cup Final.
- TO:** St. James GAA Club, Ardfield, Clonakilty on their All Ireland success in the Scór na nÓg competition in Killarney recently.
- TO:** Ballinadee Community Hall and all the volunteers in the refurbishment of the hall.
- TO:** Charlie Murphy on his recent achievement in the U14 bowling tournament.
- TO:** Cork County Hurlers for their recent win in the League.
- TO:** Kilworth Community Council for receiving second place in their category in the Price of Place Awards.
- TO:** Chief Executive, Mayor and Cork County Council regarding Recognition of Covid Volunteers Events held in County Hall.
- TO:** The TY Team ‘Pole Pals’ of Boherbue Comprehensive School for winning the Senior Category in the National Final of the Intellectual Property Awards 2022.
- TO:** Randal Óg GAA Club for winning the Munster Junior B Football Final 2021.

[I] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12a/5-2

RIVER ST., CLOYNE

Members stated that River St. in Cloyne (R629) was closed for 6 months because a building was in danger of collapsing. It was repaired and the road re-opened. Last week a swallow hole appeared. The street is now closed. The detour is through a housing estate. There is interruption to businesses. Members asked that the situation be rectified.

The Chief Executive said the Council will expedite the solution.

12b/5-2

HOGWEED & MAINTENANCE OF ROAD VERGES

Members stated that there is exceptional growth in hogweed on narrow country roads. This is a danger to road users. Members asked if the verges could be cut as they are getting telephone calls regarding this.

The Chief Executive said he will ask the Area Engineers to respond to any local Health and Safety issues in an appropriate manner.

12c/5-2

NORTH CORK

Members congratulated the Council in the great work done in Kanturk including the Fire Station and the link Road. Members asked if an update could be given for N72 Ballymaquirke junction and problems with the sewer in Castlemagner.

The Chief Executive said Members will be briefed at the Municipal District Meeting regarding the matters raised.

12d/5-2

DOG FOULING

Members stated that dog fouling is a growing issue in every community. Members asked if there is any new initiatives or innovation that are used else where that could be used in Cork county. A zero-tolerance approach is needed.

12f/5-2

KINSALE HARBOUR

Members stated there is a berthing issue in Kinsale Harbour. It is causing problems for all users of the harbour. Members requested that a survey of the Harbour be done as soon as possible.

The Chief Executive stated that dredging is required at a number of locations. He stated that national funding is required as it is very expensive.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~