



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 25th July 2022 at 11am.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Dónal Ó Coileáin, Méara Chontae

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

PRESENT

Councillor Danny Collins, County Mayor, presided.

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

Chief Executive, Mr. Maurice Manning, Director of Services Housing, Senior Executive Officer.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Proposed by Cllr. Declan Hurley

Seconded by Cllr. Michael Paul Murtagh

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July, 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Proposed by Mayor Danny Collins

Seconded by Cllr. Declan Hurley

To discuss the issue of AIB going cashless. Members agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss this matter at 1.00pm.

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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TO: Margaret Crotty on the death of her husband Kieran Crotty

TO: Michael Cremin on the death of his wife Joan Cremin

TO: Helena Aylward on the death of her husband Bobby Aylward

TO: Seamus O’Flynn on the death of his father Christy O’Flynn

TO: Fr. Dick Hegarty on the death of his sister Sr. M Immaculata Hegarty

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

3/7-2

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY:

SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:

Members noted the following disposals:

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACROOM

Disposal of Wayleave at Bawnmore, Macroom, Co. Cork

3(a)/7-2

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 15th July, 2022.

Situation: Discharge of wayleave registered in favour of Macroom UDC on FolioCK169212F, Part 3, No. 2, over lands at Bawnmore, Macroom, Co Cork.

Area: Wayleave dimensions not available.

Consideration: N/A

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAST CORK:

Disposal of land at Woodview Court, Youghal, Co. Cork

3(b)/7-2

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 15th July, 2022.

Situation: Land Adjoining No 17, Woodview Court, Youghal, Co. Cork

Area: 0.00172 hectares (0.00425 acres) – part of Folio CK77333F

Consideration: €1,500

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SECTION 11 OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT 2021

Approval of Adoption of Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements

Mr. Maurice Manning, Director of Services Housing, said the draft scheme was considered on 27/06/2022. It was sent to the Minister for Housing for review where further clarifications and modifications were made. The Department recommended that the link to the MD map would be

included for clarification. The Department also recommended that the 10 km would be reserved as the crow flies.

Proposed by Cllr. Kevin Murphy

Seconded by Cllr. Paul Hayes

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said they are happy that affordable housing is kept local
- Said they are getting queries from people who want the scheme up and running
- Queried a timeline on the scheme in Clonakilty
- Asked for a timeline on the scheme and for a press release with information on how to apply for the scheme
- Members said the Housing SPC did a lot of work on this scheme
- Members asked about the income limits to qualify for the scheme

The Director of Services said they will aim to get a Part 8 submitted for Clonakilty early next year. Mr. Manning said they are waiting for an update on income limits for social housing, a review is to take place. He said there is a difference in income limits between the City and the County. Mr. Manning said the house price is dependent on what a buyer can afford to pay, a discount of up to 20% is expected.

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ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2021
SECTION 221 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Proposed by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea

Seconded by Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley

RESOLVED:

“In accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Annual Report for 2021 be hereby adopted”

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

6/7-2

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES:

Appointment of Councillor John Healy to Committees as follows:

- Housing SPC
- Planning and Strategic Development SPC
- Library Committee

Proposed by Cllr. Declan Hurley

Seconded by Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley

[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS

7/7-2

IARNRÓD ÉIREANN & NTA

Correspondence received 7th July 2022 from Iarnród Éireann in response to the Council's letter dated 13/06/2022 in relation to Rail Options on N/M20 re opening of stations like Buttevant, Mourneabbey & Rathduff.

Correspondence received 11th July 2022 from the National Transport Authority in response to the Council's letter dated 13/06/2022 in relation to Rail Options on N/M20 re opening of stations like Buttevant , Mourneabbey & Rathduff.

Members noted the correspondence from Iarnród Eireann and the NTA.

- Members said a positive meeting has taken place with Iarnród Éireann
- Said there needs to be continued engagement with the updating and engagement of services
- Said this is an easy way of being sustainable
- This is important to promote connectivity between rural areas and urban Cork City
- Said light rail services are important to connect to areas of employment
- Members agreed to write to Iarnród Éireann & TII to arrange a meeting between the stakeholders involved to progress this further
- Members also agreed to clarify how an application for RRDF funding could be progressed

The Chief Executive said this is a matter for Iarnród Éireann. He said the opening of railway stations is dependent on business growth, as this will create funding.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Correspondence received 20th July 2022 from the Minister for Health in response to the Council's letter dated 11/07/2022 in relation to Carers allowance

Members noted the correspondence from the Department of Health

UPDATE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PORTS & HARBOURS

“Asking the Environment Department of Cork County Council for an update on the waste Management plan for Ports and Harbours in Cork County.”

Councillor Mary Linehan Foley proposed, seconded by Councillor Alan Coleman

RESPONSE:

Members noted the response from the **S/ Director of Services, Municipal District Operations & Rural Development** which outlined as follows:-

In collaboration with BIM and the Clean Technology Center of MTU, Cork County Council is currently in the process of drafting a Port Waste Reception and Handling Plan for submission to the Department of Transport under the European Union (Port Reception Facilities for the delivery of Waste from Ships Regulation 2021 (S.I. No. 296 of 2021).

It is hoped that the plan will be in place in early 2023.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said this will be welcome when it comes
- Fishermen will work to keep it clean
- Members requested to keep this item on the agenda and further updates

CIS & LIS SCHEMES

“That the Road Directorate would outline the individual spend and specific roads approved for both the CIS & LIS Schemes for Cork County for 2022.”

Councillor John Paul O’Shea proposed, seconded by Mayor Danny Collins

RESPONSE:

Members noted the response from the **Director of Services, Roads & Transportation** which outlined as follows:-

DOT allocated CIS funding of €2,081,708.75 for 2022 and the attached are the schemes approved to progress under this grant scheme in the current year.

Local Improvement Scheme funding of €1,058,320 has already been allocated by DRCD for 2022.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME 2022				
No.	Road Number/Road Name	Townland/ Description of Location i.e. from x to y	Engineering Area	Budget
1	Farthingville West, Dromina	Farthingville West Dromina	Charleville	27,951
2	Ballygiblin	Mitchelstown	Mitchelstown	21,560
3	Caum	Caum Macroom	Macroom	152,502
4	Ballyourane	Ballyourane	Schull	82,368
5	Kealties	Kealties	Bantry	35,750
6	North Cregg	North Cregg	Fermoy	51,546
7	Gortavehy East	Gortavehy East Rathmore	Millstreet	36,036
8	Monagurra, Shannagarry	Monagurra, Shannagarry	Midleton	50,160
9	Reavouler	Reavouler, Drinagh	Skibbereen	38,610
10	Gokane, Tragumna	Gokane, Tragumna, Skibbereen	Skibbereen	36,850
11	Ardgehane	Ardgehane, Clonakilty	Bandon	59,522
12	Coole East	Coole East	Glanmire	32,725
13	Greenane, Bere Island	Greenane, Bere Island	Castletownbere	113,600
14	Grenane, Bere Island	Grenane, Bere Island	Castletownbere	96,283
15	Castle Farm, Monkstown	Castle Farm, Monkstown	Carrigaline	222,857
				1,058,320

Community Involvement Schemes 2022

	Road Number	Project Name	Engineering Area	Budget
1	L-12031-0, L-1203-30	Rathnee Ballyclough	Mallow	49,410.00
2	L-96281-1	L96281-1 Pellick	Fermoy	34,020.00
3	L-78631-0	CIS L78631 Ballincourlea, Ladysbridge	Youghal	44,000.00
4	L-69601-0	Ballynabortagh - L-69601-0	Glanmire	122,530.00
5	L-92201-0	L92201 Slieveriaacht	Macroom	64,428.00
6	L-6129-0	L6129_Estate off Dunmanway road in Bandon at entrance to the school	Bandon	21,394.00
7	L-4010-22, L-40103-0	L40103 Duneen	Clonakilty	52,000.00
8	L-95863-1	CIS Murray Garranes	Bantry	63,835.00
9	L-96132-1	CIS L96132 Fivemile	Carrigaline	89,200.00
10	L-50911-0	L50911 Knocknaugh, Kiskeam	Newmarket	40,862.25
11	L-56871-0	L-56871 Kylebeg / Kilmurry	Mitchelstown	160,740.00
12	L-3643-0, L-36431-0	L 36431 Lahard , Whitegate	Midleton	99,000.00
13	L-34002-0, L-3400-79	L34002 Gortnatubrid	Macroom	17,850.00
14	L-4018-61, L-4023-0	L4018_Road from Barryroe Coop to Cemmetry	Bandon	145,000.00
15	L-46272-0	CIS-Clonamara	Dunmanway	24,685.00
16	L-13061-0	L13061-0 Killabraher North Dromina	Charleville	22,240.00
17	L-5688-0	L5688 Ballynaparka	Mitchelstown	19,300.00
18	L-7901-1	L7901 Magnershill, Youghal	Youghal	15,000.00
19	L-32042-0	L32042_Horsehill Ballinadee	Kinsale	115,000.00
20	L-86613-0	Kenneigh L86613-0	Dunmanway	22,017.50
21	L-10131-0	L10131 Commons, Newmarket	Newmarket	32,472.00

22	L-56294-0	156294 Labbamolloga	Mitchelstown	14,760.00
23	L-76491-0	L76491 Baneshane, Midleton	Midleton	49,000.00
24	L-74181-0	L-74181 - Coomnaclohy	Millstreet	88,200.00
25	L-49045-0	CIS Knockanroe	Castletownbere	21,000.00
26	L-10322-0	L10322 Kiskeam North, Kiskeam	Newmarket	37,422.00
27	L-5784-0	L96141-3 Maulane	Fermoy	36,000.00
28	L-68111-17	L-68111 Fergus	Millstreet	59,535.00
29	L-4021-0	Staunton's Resurface L4021	Bandon	91,000.00
30	L-13211-0	L13211-0 Egmont Churchtown	Charleville	35,980.00
31	L-95121-6	L95121-6 Ballylegan	Mitchelstown	39,600.00
32	L-92205-0	L92205 Lissacressig	Macroom	50,620.00
33	L-96002-4	Ballinvragnosis	Kinsale	57,749.00
34	L-55121-0	L55121 Ardaprior Lisgriffin	Charleville	59,740.00
35	L-6201-0, L-62011-0	L62011 Classes	Macroom	55,600.00
36	L-97213-0	Carrig	Mallow	30,800.00
37	L-4229-20, L-42294-0	Bawnfune L42294-0 CIS2	Skibbereen	22,700.00
38	L-86631-0	Gurtaleen- CIS- L88631	Dunmanway	35,619.00
39	L-42422-0	Froe L42442	Skibbereen	41,400.00
				2,081,708.75

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said the Department are asking for Local Authorities to roll out these schemes earlier in the year
- Only 1 LIS scheme has been approved so far this year in the Kanturk/ Mallow MD
- Said the budget is not sufficient
- Asked for this issue to be referred to the Roads SPC for further discussion
- Said there needs to be a better process in place to take up these schemes within the year
- Members said that some applications may no longer be eligible as the criteria changed 3 years ago
- Stated applications from before the criteria was changed need to be assessed under the old criteria
- Expressed concern that there are no fall back schemes
- Said that some roads are in very bad condition, especially cul de sacs
- Stated waiting times are a big issue
- Members asked if some of the works could be contracted out
- Said LIS schemes are very restrictive in urban areas due to agricultural constraints
- Said there needs to be a system where 60% of this year's money can be spent before it is approved
- Members agreed that this motion would be referred to the Roads SPC for further discussion
- Members agreed to write to the Minister to request that the application forms for LIS schemes would be simplified and made more user friendly.
- Members also agreed to ask request that any applications in the system before the introduction of the new scheme should be assessed under the old criteria

11/7-2

REVIEW THE HOUSING ADAPTATION, MOBILITY & OLDER PERSON GRANTS

“This Council calls on the Minister for Housing to review and update the Housing Adaptation, Mobility and Older Person Grants. In light of rising construction costs, the grant amounts need to be increased and the income thresholds also require updating. The range of works permissible should also be reviewed, particularly for the Older Person Grant, taking account of the need to promote renewable energy and new technologies.”

Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Councillor Sean O'Donovan

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said a review is long overdue especially with rising construction costs
- The grants have not been reviewed for a number of years
- Income limits are restrictive and need to be reviewed
- The qualifying income limits need to be adjusted
- People are getting less work done with the money provided
- The cost of materials is gone up by 50% in some cases

- Stated some applicants are not applying for the grants as they know they won't get the works done with the money available
- Said these grants provide essential funding for people to carry out works
- These grants can help people to live at home independently
- Members said the outcome of the review needs to be published and changes need to take effect
- Members agreed to write to the Minister to ask for the grant amounts to be increased, income threshold amounts to be updated & the promotion of renewable energy technologies

[K] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

12/7-2

TO: Cork Camogie Team on their victory against Waterford

TO: Denise Murphy on winning the Munster Intermediate Women's Bowling Championship

TO: Irisney Lima who won 1st place in the Jiu Jitsu in the world police and fire games in Rotterdam

TO: Nicola Dwyer on her recent wins on the National Special Olympics Kayaking Championships in Lough Rynn

TO: Carrigaline Junior A Football team for winning the South East league

TO: Diarmuid O'Mathuna GAA Club who are the Cork County Junior B Football Champions

TO: Skibbereen Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann who were prize-winners in the music and singing competitions at Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan

TO: The Under 18 Skibbereen Ladies 8 Hand Céilí Dancing team on winning 2nd place in their competition

TO: Karen Minihan and Pauline O'Driscoll on the wonderful presentation in Baltimore Castle on Karen's book and monologue on the Extraordinary Ordinary Women of the War of Independence

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

13/7-2

Members agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss the issue of AIB banks going cashless.

Mayor Danny Collins proposed, seconded by Councillor Declan Hurley

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members said the government are out of touch with their citizens
- Said that they are worried that this move has been paused not stopped
- Stated that banks have a social responsibility to citizens

- Positive sign that Central Bank has intervened
- Members said that AIB and the government are out of touch with rural Ireland
- Said the loss of banks in towns is marginalising rural communities
- Said customers should have a choice whether they want to engage in digital banking or not
- It is important that Post Offices and Banks are supported
- Public interest directors should be reinstated in AIB
- Members said AIB abandoned its customers and the government abandoned their citizens
- Said it was reckless of AIB to try and implement this move
- Said that rural communities cannot operate in a cashless society
- Said there needs to be a blended approach to banking
- A practical and working solution to digital literacy needs to be implemented
- Stated cash is an essential part of our community, banks have to continue to give that service
- Positive that Central Bank intervened and should be thanked for their intervention
- Members said Central Bank should only issue licenses to banks with cash included

The Mayor said that people were devastated with the announcement of cashless banking by AIB. He said this announcement should not have been made. He said that post offices need to be developed further and expanded nationally. He said the Kiwi bank system, currently used in New Zealand, needs to be introduced here. He said AIB need to explain why this decision was made and to ensure that it will not happen for at least 10 – 15 years. Members agreed to write to the CEO of AIB, Minister for Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank.

[I] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14/7-2

1. Members agreed to write to the Minister to ask how many planning applications granted in rural Cork have been overturned by An Bord Pleanála
2. Members discussed silting in Kinsale Harbour. The Chief Executive said he will arrange for the County Engineer to follow up with Members.

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