



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 24th October 2022 at 11am.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Deirdre Uí Bhriain, Leas-Mhéara

Comhairleoiri: Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin S, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chroinín, 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, Ó Laoghaire, Dawson, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé SP, Ó Murchú G, Críod, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padraig, Ó Murchú Gearóid, 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 Deirdre O'Brien, Deputy Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Coughlan, Coleman, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O' Donovan, Murphy PG, Cronin, 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, O'Leary, Dawson, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Murphy G, Creed, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea T, Linehan – Foley, Healy, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul

Deputy Chief Executive James Fogarty, Loraine Lynch Head of Finance, Senior Executive Officer.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Proposed by Councillor Joe Carroll

Seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly

Members agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss at 1pm the proposed works by Irish Water in Castletownshend involving the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and sewerage infrastructure,

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/10-2

Proposed by Councillor Declan Hurley

Seconded by Councillor. Michael Hegarty

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 10th October 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/10-2

TO: Mayor Danny Collins on the death of his aunt Mary Barry

TO: Councillor Winston Bennett on the death of his mother Martha Jean Bennett

TO: Noel Larkin on the death of his sister Brenda Lucey

TO: John Murphy and the Mortell family on the death of Marie Mortell

TO: Pdraig Barrett on the death of his son Ricky Barrett

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

3/10-1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAST CORK:

Lease of Old Fire Station, Mill Road, Midleton, Co. Cork

3(a)/10-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 the proposed disposal of property, as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 14th October 2022.

Situation: Lease of Old Fire Station, Mill Road, Midleton, Co. Cork.

Consideration: €500.00 per annum.

Disposal of Land at Knockgriffin, Midleton, Co. Cork

3(b)/10-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 the proposed disposal of property, as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 14th October 2022.

Situation: Disposal of land at Knockgriffin, Midleton County Cork.

Area: 0.1648 hectares/0.407 acres

Consideration: Exchange of land by agreement

Grant of Right of Way at East Ferry, Midleton, Co. Cork

3(c)/10-2

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 14th October 2022.

Situation: Grant of Right of Way over Council-owned, non-public roadway at East Ferry, Midleton, Co Cork, to facilitate access to a private residence.

Area: 45m x c. 3.8m wide

Consideration: €1

5/10-2

**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 CARRIGALINE:

Proposed by Councillor Audrey Buckley

Seconded by Councillor Michael Paul Murtagh

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive’s Report on road improvement works on the R600 at Bowen’s Cross, Ballygarvan, Co Cork.

Members agreed there were a number of design details to be assessed prior to construction.

[d] FINANCIAL BUSINESS

6/10-2

BRIDGING FINANCE & HOUSING LOANS FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Proposed by Councillor John Paul O’ Shea

Seconded by Councillor Seams McGrath

“Members resolved that the raising of loan up to €15 million from the Housing Finance Agency plc for purposes authorised under the Housing Acts and per section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001, be approved”.

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

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & BIODIVERSITY SPC

Proposed by Councillor Anthony Barry

Seconded by Councillor Marcia D'Alton

“Cork County Council calls on the EPA to put in place a full suite of end of waste criteria to support the circular economy and climate action. These criteria must allow for an efficient means to move materials out of the waste streams in all areas including

- construction and demolition waste materials such as concrete, topsoil, concrete products such as blocks and kerbs, timber, etc to reduce the demand for virgin materials and it must allow for materials from smaller projects coming to locations such as civic amenity sites.
- re-use schemes such as paint, bicycles, etc coming to locations such as civic amenity sites.
- Items such as furniture, toys, tools, equipment coming to locations such as civic amenity sites to extend their useful life or for parts to extend the life of other items.”

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said there are materials coming off construction sites that are deemed as waste but are of good quality
- They said they would hope that the EPA could bring forward guidelines to rectify this
- Members requested for schoolbooks to be added to the items mentioned in this motion
- Noted that thousands of schoolbooks are being shipped to Africa every year
- Said it is crucially important to find facilities to dispose of waste
- Members said this issue has been discussed many times previously with no answer from the EPA
- Stated there have been previous proposals to consider opening Bottle Hill as a depot
- They said that tarmac that has been dug up should be reclassified so that it can be reused on roads again
- Reclassifying tarmac would be a cost saving measure
- Members stated that Cork County Council should take the lead on this issue and not wait for the EPA to take action
- Said that the EPA has been sitting on this issue for years
- Said that it is an European legal matter
- Members asked for an update on the trial that was in place in Macroom Civic Amenity Site
- There is an opportunity from a business point of view to open units to resell this kind of material
- There are a lot of derelict farm buildings that could be used to store and resell these materials
- Members said there was a case in Fermoy recently where material from a construction site was sent to another county
- Said these materials were of good quality and should be kept locally

- Members agreed to circulate this motion to other Local Authorities, the Southern Regional Assembly and the Environment SPC

**[f] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS
TUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó OIFIGH**

8/10-2

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL:

Quarterly report of the Corporate Services Directorate for the 3-month period 30th June 2022

Members noted the Corporate Services Quarterly Report.

Quarterly report of the Library Services Directorate for the 3-month period 30th June 2022

Members noted the Library Services Quarterly Report.

**[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS**

9/10-2

ALL ISLAND RESEARCH OBSERVATORY (AIRO) REPORT

Correspondence received in respect of a request to meet the Taoiseach and Minister McGrath and Minister Coveney re the All Island Research Observatory (AIRO) Report.

Members agreed to that this item would be discussed at the next meeting of Development Committee.

**[h] NOTICES OF MOTION
FOGRAÍ RÚN**

10/10-2

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

“I call on Cork County Council planning department to consider traffic calming measures in all further planning applications for new housing estate’s, and I further call on them to consider connectivity into the town or village by way of footpaths and street lighting”.

Councillor Sean O’Donovan proposed, seconded by Councillor Audrey Buckley

RESPONSE:

Members noted the response from the **Director of Services, Planning Department** which outlined as follows:-

The Cork County Development Plan 2022 (CDP) contains a range of objectives to facilitate and promote sustainable transport including active travel. A key element of promoting sustainable transport is to enhance connectivity for pedestrians within our settlements and to create safe and pleasant environments for walking within our settlements.

This can be achieved through implementation of a range of CDP objectives including, in particular, objectives TM 12-1 and TM 12-2 of Chapter 12, Transport and Mobility, of the CDP. The most relevant extracts of these objectives are set out in the table below. In addition, Chapter 3, Settlements and Placemaking has an objective to achieve permeability and connectivity in our towns and villages. The CDP also highlights that the application of DMURS (Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets) national design guidance is mandatory and is to be implemented in the preparation of all statutory and non-statutory plans and through the development management process.

DMURS seeks to put well-designed urban roads and streets at the heart of sustainable communities It provides the practical measures to achieve:

- Highly connected streets which allow people to walk and cycle to key destinations in a direct and easy-to find manner.
- A safe and comfortable street environment for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages.
- Streets that contribute to the creation of attractive and lively communities.
- Streets that calm traffic via a range of design measures that make drivers more aware of their environment.

Implementation of these objectives will achieve calm traffic within new housing estates as well as connectivity both within new housing estates and between new housing estates and town and village centres.

Issue raised in Notice of Motion	CDP objectives which address this issue	CDP Page No.
Traffic calming	<p>TM 12-1: Integration of Land Use and Transport. Support and facilitate the integration of land use with transportation infrastructure, through the development of diverse, sustainable, compact settlements, to achieve sustainable transport outcomes, with the pattern, location and design of new development in the County to support existing and planned well-functioning, integrated public transport, walking and cycling transport modes.</p> <p>i) The design of all roads and streets within the urban areas, including suburbs, towns and villages within the 60 kph zone shall be as per the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, being the designated appropriate road design standards for such locations. DMURS will be implemented in the preparation of all statutory and non-statutory plans and through the development management process.</p>	259 Volume 1, Chapter 12

	<p>TM-12-2 Active Travel</p> <p>TM12-2-1: Deliver a high level of priority and permeability for walking and cycling to promote accessible, attractive, liveable, vibrant and safe settlements to work, live, shop and engage in community life, within a ten-minute walk of one’s home. Prioritise development in our settlements that is well located and designed to facilitate walking, cycling and public transport trips. Promote equal access for all through the adherence to universal design in the external built environment to facilitate greater use of public transport, walking and cycling.</p> <p>a) New development areas will be permeable for walking and cycling, via safe, convenient and enjoyable routes, and the retrospective implementation of walking and cycling facilities shall be undertaken where practicable in existing neighbourhoods, to give competitive advantage to these modes. See DMURS (2020 or later revision) and National Cycle Manual and Permeability Best Practice Guide (NTA) for guidance.</p> <p>b) All new developments are to be designed to latest DMURS standards, unless precluded by space or other constraints, to be accessible and permeable for pedestrians, cyclists and those of reduced mobility.</p>	<p>Page 268</p> <p>Volume 1, chapter 12</p>
<p>Connectivity</p>	<p>TM 12-1: Integration of Land Use and Transport</p> <p>b) Residential development will, where possible, be carried out sequentially, whereby lands which are within or contiguous with the existing urban areas, and which are, or will be, most accessible by walking cycling or public transport - including infill and brownfield sites – are prioritised.</p> <p>c) Future developments will be planned and designed to maximise their accessibility by public transport, walking and cycling and in particular, larger scale, trip intensive developments, such as offices and retail, will generally be focused into central locations highly accessible by sustainable transport modes;</p> <p>d) New employment and residential development will be consolidated and intensified in a manner which renders it serviceable by public transport and ensures that it is highly accessible, by walking, cycling and public transport. Within Metropolitan Cork, trip intensive developments or significant levels of development will occur in locations which are well served by existing or proposed high capacity public transport;</p> <p>e) Development in smaller rural towns will optimise public transport and sustainable travel integration within settlements. Public transport interchanges will be supported to encourage</p>	<p>259</p> <p>Volume 1, Chapter 12</p>

	<p>modal shift to public transport and sustainable travel between settlements and on approach to settlements.</p> <p>i) The design of all roads and streets within the urban areas, including suburbs, towns and villages within the 60 kph zone shall be as per the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets, being the designated appropriate road design standards for such locations. DMURS will be implemented in the preparation of all statutory and non-statutory plans and through the development management process.</p> <p>TM-12-2 Active Travel TM12-2-1: Deliver a high level of priority and permeability for walking and cycling to promote accessible, attractive, liveable, vibrant and safe settlements to work, live, shop and engage in community life, within a ten minute walk of one’s home. Prioritise development in our settlements that is well located and designed to facilitate walking, cycling and public transport trips. Promote equal access for all through the adherence to universal design in the external built environment to facilitate greater use of public transport, walking and cycling.</p> <p>a) New development areas will be permeable for walking and cycling, via safe, convenient and enjoyable routes, and the retrospective implementation of walking and cycling facilities shall be undertaken where practicable in existing neighbourhoods, to give competitive advantage to these modes. See DMURS (2020 or later revision) and National Cycle Manual and Permeability Best Practice Guide (NTA) for guidance.</p> <p>b) All new developments are to be designed to latest DMURS standards, unless precluded by space or other constraints, to be accessible and permeable for pedestrians, cyclists and those of reduced mobility.</p> <p>c) Applications for all new developments are to be accompanied by a statement of how enhanced and inclusive permeability will be achieved, to include a statement of compliance with DMURS (2020 or later revision) and a quality audit (as referred to in DMURS).</p> <p>d) Development should incorporate the retention of existing routes and linkages which contribute to permeability of an area, particularly those providing access to key services, facilities and public transport infrastructure. Loss of existing links shall not occur if their loss results in more circuitous trips.</p> <p>e) Walkability and accessibility by walking mode will be a central objective in the planning and design.</p>	<p>Page 268</p> <p>Volume 1, Chapter 12</p>
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	<p>PL 3-1: Building Design, Movement and Quality of the Public Realm</p> <p>Support measures to improve building design quality, accessibility and movement including investment in quality public realm across the settlement network of the County linked to the following design criteria:</p> <p>j. Achieve permeability and connectivity in town centre / village locations which contributes to the 10 Minute Town Concept and Sustainable Neighbourhood Infrastructure. The loss of existing laneways will normally not be permitted.</p>	<p>Page 74</p> <p>Volume 1, Chapter 3</p>
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During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said ramps should be included as part of the planning application process for housing estates
- Said it is not fair for the Council to come in after estates have already been developed to install ramps
- Noted that drivers must take responsibility for their driving behaviour in estates
- Members said they receive a lot of representations from residents asking for something to be done with the speed issues in their estates
- They said that footpaths and lighting as a minimum must be included in all housing estates
- Members said this is an issue that is discussed regularly at the Roads and Transportation SPC
- Stated there is no jurisdiction over estates that have not been taken over
- Said developers should not be allowed to build housing estates with no access organised for the estates
- Retrospectively installing ramps is not the best practice
- Members said it is important to have cycle lanes and walkways for pedestrians as connectivity is crucial
- Said footpaths and street lighting are an afterthought, but they need to be included in the planning process
- Said a budget needs to be looked at within Cork County Council for traffic calming measures

The Deputy Chief Executive noted the points made by the Members about traffic calming and connectivity. He said driver responsibility is important to manage traffic issues in estates. He said Cork County Council need national funding to resolve issues with connectivity in estates. Mr. Fogarty said the changes suggested by the Members cannot be made straight away as the system does not work that way. He said good progress has been made with traffic issues in the planning application stages. He noted there are still estates with historic issues and a national budget is required.

11/10-2

NUMBERS OF OUTDOOR STAFF RETAINED BY CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

“To seek a report on the numbers of outdoor staff retained by Cork County Council each year between 2008 and 2022. Where figures are available, the numbers should be given in Whole-Time Equivalents (WTE) for 1st January of each year”.

Councillor Gearóid Murphy proposed, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath

RESPONSE:

Members noted the response from the **Head of Function, Human Resource Management**, which outlined as follows:-

The figures below includes staff across a number of directorates including Roads, Housing, MDORD, Water, Environment etc. The outdoor categorisation in the returns to the department reflected in these figures covers a wide range of roles and includes roles such as sanitary caretakers, drivers, pool assistants, traffic wardens, school wardens, porters, cemetery caretakers, litter wardens, mechanics and harbour masters to name some.

It's important to note the reporting method, including categorisation of roles, has changed over the years. This has resulted in changes to how we capture the data, thus reporting on recent data with that from the 2000's is problematic and may not provide a direct comparison of like for like.

There are a number of factors that have had an impact on the staffing levels over the last number of years including the recruitment embargo in 2010 which saw the cessation of recruitment and the termination of temporary contracts, changes to operational and service delivery arrangements, and the boundary transition which saw the transfer of staff to Cork City Council.

In recent years at Budget time Council has been briefed on the core outdoor staff numbers associated primarily with Area operations. Such numbers can again be presented to Council such that it would provide a more informed position.

Please find breakdown of figures for Outdoor WTE @ 1st January from 2008 to 2022:

Headcount/WTE	1st Jan (Year)	Outdoor
WTE	2008	1162
WTE	2009	1109
WTE	2010	1104
WTE	2011	1015.5
WTE	2012	988.08
WTE	2013	942.1
WTE	2014	904.98
WTE	2015	863.26
WTE	2016	861.2
WTE	2017	853.53
WTE	2018	845.72
WTE	2019	883.15
WTE	2020	820.99
WTE	2021	766.79
WTE	2022	780.8

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said this motion was prompted by the 2016 Report from National Oversight & Audit Commission
- This report examined local government throughout the country and the reductions in outdoor staff

- The reduction in staff numbers stems from the public service recruitment ban
- The figures show a downward trend in staffing since 2019
- Members said the figures are very disappointing
- Some staff were transferred to Cork City Council during the boundary transition
- Said data regarding numbers of staff can get clouded due to the boundary change and recruitment ban
- The report shows that Cork County Council is down 40 staff since 2020
- This report highlights how thin outdoor staff are on the ground
- Members asked for an explanation on the reduction on staff numbers
- Noted that when a person leaves the organisation or retires, it can take quite a while in some cases to replace that staff member
- Members asked if there are currently enough staff members to carry out the extra works that are necessary
- Asked if there are works that are not being carried out due to a lack of staff
- Members asked for the ratio of how many clerical staff against outdoor staff were transferred during the boundary transition
- Said they have been requested the breakdown of figures previously on outdoor staff numbers at their Municipal District Meetings
- Members said outdoor staff numbers are of concern to Elected Members as it is crucial to their work
- Said that Elected Members have a duty and responsibility to the people that elect them to ensure towns and villages are maintained
- Said there is a reduction in staff members from 30 down to 13 over the past 17 years in Dunmanway
- Members said they were told that towns would be provided with the same service when town councils were being abolished
- Acknowledged that annual grants for tidy towns have been increasing but said reliance on volunteers must stop
- Community groups feel that they are being taken for granted
- Requested that this motion be brought to Development Committee for further discussion
- Members said they will not accept the budget unless extra funding is provided from the government
- Said as Elected Members they need to push the issue of adequate staffing
- Members stated they will not pass the budget unless there is a guarantee that outdoor staff is maintained

The Deputy Chief Executive said there is a commitment to come back to Members on the issue at Development Committee. He said the work of Tidy Towns and Community groups is appreciated. Mr. Fogarty said that extra staff will mean a budget implication. He said national support will be required and Cork County Council have already received great support from the government during the pandemic.

12/10-2

CONCRETE BLOCK LEVY

“The members of Cork County Council call on the Minister for Finance and Minister for Public Expenditure to reverse the planned introduction of the Concrete Block levy. The introduction of this levy will add unnecessary costs to the building of a new home and the purchase of a new home, further driving up property prices”.

Councillor Ben D’Alton O’Sullivan proposed, seconded by Councillor Declan Hurley

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said they have had contact from constituents who are very concerned about the proposed introduction of this levy
- Said the cost of building a house is high enough as it is
- First time buyers are also concerned about this proposal as developers will not accept this cost
- Members agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Minister for Public Expenditure to ask for the planned introduction of the Concrete Block levy to be reversed

13/10-2

ALLOCATE CONCESSIONARY MEDICAL CARDS TO PERSONS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURIES

“That this Council would recommend that, Department Health would allocate concessionary medical card to persons with Spinal Cord Injuries”.

Councillor Deirdre O’Brien proposed, seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said they find it shocking that the medical card is assessed by means and not assessed by need
- People with spinal cord injury often cannot return to their employment and can be vulnerable to being on the poverty line
- Carers of persons with spinal cord injury often have to give up their employment
- Members said we need to promote quality of life for people in wheelchairs
- Said that spinal cord injuries need to be included on the list of life long conditions with medical card entitlement
- Said the list of life long conditions needs to be reviewed and overhauled
- Members said having access to a medical card or not having access to a medical card can be the deciding factor in someone choosing to take up employment or not
- Members agreed to write to the Minister for Health to request that concessionary medical cards would be allocated to people with Spinal Cord Injuries.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

14/10-2

Members agreed to discuss the proposed works by Irish Water in Castletownshend involving the construction of a new sewerage infrastructure.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said they welcome the upgrading of the sewerage system in Castletownshend but cannot understand why only half the village is being completed
- Said they do not understand why Irish Water would only complete half of the works
- Said that Irish Water should complete the works in full while they are in the village
- The response that Members received from Irish Water is disingenuous

- Members said this is a countywide issue where works are not being completed in full by Irish Water
- When projects are started, they should be completed in full
- By not completing these works in full, the school in Castletownshend will be affected
- Members said it is not a lot of extra work to complete this project in full
- Members said they raised this issue at their clinic with Irish Water and got very little answers
- Said that Irish Water have to engage with public representatives from Cork County Council at the design stage
- Once the design stage is complete, it is very difficult to change it afterwards
- Members said a policy needs to be adopted where Irish Water are required to communicate with communities prior to the design stage
- Members agreed to write to Irish Water to ask for an explanation on this and to reverse the decision to complete just half of the works

Extension of Time to 2pm

Proposed by Cllr Joe Carroll

Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath

[K] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

15/10-2

TO: Ballygiblin Hurling Club on winning the County Final

TO: Inniscarra Hurling Team on winning the IHC Title against Castlemartyr

TO: Fr O'Neill's GAA Club on winning the East Cork Junior B Football Final

TO: Christina Desmond on winning the silver medal at the European Boxing Championship

TO: Millstreet U-17 Hurlers on their County Final win

TO: Kilshannig GAA on winning the County Intermediate A Football Final

TO: Kilshannig GAA on winning the North Cork Junior A Hurling Final

TO: Kinsale GAA Under 15's Hurling Team on winning the county final.

TO: Kinsale GAA Under 15's Camogie Team on winning the Under 15 South-East Final

TO: Councillor Gillian Coughlan on her LGiU Award in recognition of the hard work and dedication shown to the community

TO: Betty Fitzgerald and Cór Geal Choir on their outstanding performance at Cork Opera House

TO: St Dominic's GAA Club on winning the Cork County 2022 Under 17 Hurling Championship

TO: Courtmacsherry Rowing Club on being awarded Club of the Year at the South West Coastal Rowing Championship Awards

TO: Richard Hickey on receiving a Bronze Medal for bravery for assisting in the rescue of the crew of 'Fee Des Ondes' and for serving his time in Youghal RNLI

1. Members discussed the current rent reviews of tenants in Council properties. They said extra money allocated to people in the budget should not be taken into account when reviewing rents. Members said it is the wrong time of the year to carry out this review and asked for it to be suspended until next Spring. Members requested a breakdown from the Housing Department showing a breakdown on figures on rents and how many increased. Members asked that tenants would be made aware of the appeal process. They said a briefing note would be useful for Councillors.
2. Members said only 1 Bus Shelter has been allocated in North Cork even though 3 were promised. They said the finance is there for all 3 bus shelters. Members agreed to write to the National Transport Authority to ask them to attend a meeting of Development Committee.
3. Members said they had received an update on the proposals for the Bandon Clonakilty Water Main from the County engineer. They said there were concerns that the water supply to both Bandon and Kinsale could be impacted by abstraction of water from the River Bandon. Members said there needs to be a connection from the Inniscarra supply. Members said they are frustrated with a lack of communication from Irish Water. Members agreed to write to the Department to query the rules of engagement for Irish Water regarding communicating with Local Authority Elected Members.
4. Members agreed to write to Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA) to query why the bus stop for the Cork-Kinsale bus route has been changed from Parnell Bus Station to Camden Quay. Members also want an explanation as to why the bus stop in Camden Quay has no bus shelter. Members said that the buses on this route should be increased to double decker buses as this is a popular route and many people are being left behind, creating difficulties for many OAPs.
5. Members requested to send a reminder letter to Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) to request their attendance at a meeting of Development Committee to discuss increasing the access and number of flights to and from Cork Airport.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~