



# 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> December 2022 at 11am.**

### I LATHAIR

#### **Comhairleoir Dónal Ó Coileáin, Méara Chontae**

Comhairleoiri: Uí Chochláin G, 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, Ní Mhuineachain G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin M, 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, 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, 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, Ian McDonagh Arts Officer, Meave Mulrennan Assistant Arts Officer, Senior Executive Officer.

### OPENING OF TENDERS

The following tenders were opened at the meeting:

Opening of Tenders for Letting of Lands 2023

### [a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/12-1

*Proposed by Councillor Karen Coakley*

*Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath*

### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

*Proposed by Councillor Kevin Murphy*

*Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath*

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

**[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

3/12-1

**TO:** Tracy Sheehan on the death of her mother Pat Sheehan.

**TO:** Cllr Alan Coleman on the death of his sister in law Rita Coleman.

**TO:** Cllr Kevin Murphy on the death of his aunt Mary Kate Desmond.

**TO:** Oliver Buckley on the death of his brother in law Richard O'Rourke.

**[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS**

4/12-1

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK:**

*Grant of Right of Way at Ballineen, Co. Cork.*

4(a)/12-1

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

**Situation:** Grant of Right of Way and receipt of Right of Way at Ballineen, Co. Cork.

**Consideration:** €1.00

*Grant of Wayleave at Wayside Park, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.*

4(b)/12-1

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

**Situation:** Grant of Wayleave at Wayside Park, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

**Area** Approx. 6m x varying widths

**Consideration:** €1

*Disposal of Land at Sheskin, Bantry, Co. Cork.*

4(c)/12-1

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

**Situation:** Disposal of land at Sheskin, Bantry, Co. Cork.

**Area** 0.0523 hectares/0.130 acres

**Consideration:** €1

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KANTURK/MALLOW:**

***Disposal of Land at Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork***

**4(d)/12-1**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

**Situation:** Site No 5, Pairc An Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork County Council

**Area:** Site measuring 0.053 hectares (0.132 acres) as outlined on Map (part of Folio CK91798F)

**Consideration:** €25,000

***Disposal of Land at Kingwilliamstown, Ballydesmond, Co. Cork***

**4(e)/12-1**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

**Situation:** Site No 1, Kingwilliamstown, Ballydesmond, Co. Cork

**Area:** Site measuring 0.092 hectares (0.23 acres) as outlined on Map (part of Folio CK21961)

**Consideration:** €20,000

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAST CORK:**

***Disposal of Land at 26 St Mary's Terrace, Midleton, Co. Cork.***

**4(f)/12-1**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

**Situation:** Disposal of land at No. 26, St. Mary's Terrace, Midleton, Co. Cork

**Area:** 0.009 hectares/0.022 acres

**Consideration:** €1

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON-KINSALE:**

*Grant of Wayleave at Commogue, Kinsale, Co. Cork*

**4(g)/12-1**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.

**Situation:** Grant of Wayleave at Commogue, Kinsale, Co Cork for watermain and foul sewer connections.

**Consideration:** €35,000

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

**5/12-1**

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

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KANTURK/MALLOW:**

*Proposed by Councillor John Paul O'Shea*

*Seconded by Councillor Michael Looney*

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive's Report for development involving the change of use of the outer administration area of the vacant theatre building in New Street, Mallow, and its conversion into offices.

**FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON THE NORTH CORK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

**6/12-1**

**Section 4(2) and Sections 32-35 of the North Cork Community Development Committee (Section 128E) Regulations 2014 (SI No. 234 of 2014):**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4(2) and Sections 32-35 of the North Cork Community Development Committee (Section 128E) Regulations 2014 (SI No. 234 of 2014).

Members resolved to approve the appointment of Ms. Majella Murphy as a replacement representative for Dept Social Protection on the North Cork LCDC. The previous nominee (Ms. Racheal Buckley) is hereby de-selected.

*Proposed by Councillor Frank O'Flynn*

*Seconded by Councillor Gerard Murphy*

**CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

**DRAFT COUNTY CORK CREATIVE IRELAND STRATEGY 2023-27.**

Mr. Ian McDonagh, Arts Officer, informed the members that a proposed County Cork Creative Ireland Strategy 2023-2027 had been presented at the Corporate Policy Group on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022. He advised that the Creative Ireland Strategy came about after the Commemoration Programme in 2016. He noted that the previous Creative Ireland strategy focused on engaging and interacting with communities with regards to arts, culture, heritage, language, environment, health and technology and was a great success overall. He stated the five pillars that are to be prioritised for the period of 2023-2027 are:-

- Creative Youth
- Creative Communities
- Creative Industries
- Creative Health and Wellbeing
- Creative Climate Action and Sustainability.

Ms Maeve Mulrennan, Assistant Arts Officer presented the 2023-2027 Creative Ireland Strategy.

She outlined that Creative Communities are deploying creativity to achieve greater integration across targeted policy priorities. This has delivered new creative engagement initiatives in relation to young people, older persons, climate action and local economies. Individuals and communities' perception about the role and value of culture and creativity is central to citizens' wellbeing and in its broadest sense is being enhanced.

She outlined that the strategy process began in March 2022 and consultation was held in a number of locations and online during the summer. From this, key themes were identified. The PPN Linkage Group also reviewed the plan.

The strategic priority objectives encompassing the primary role of the local authority in the delivery of the Creative Ireland Programme are:

- Connected, Creative Communities
- Creative Placemaking and Representation
- The Creative Economy
- Wellness and Creativity
- Creative Climate Action

**During a discussion, Members made the following points:**

- Members thanked Mr McDonagh and Ms Mulrennan
- Members said that this is an exciting scheme and a welcome strategy.
- Members noted that the Arts are extremely important.
- Asked in relation to Clonakilty if it's possible to create a storage area for arts group to store equipment.

The Mayor said that the issue of storage should be dealt with at West Cork MD level.

The Mayor acknowledged the collaborative efforts in the preparation of the Strategy.

Members Approved the County Cork Creative Ireland Strategy 2023-27.

*Proposed by Councillor John Paul O' Shea*

*Seconded by Councillor Karen Coakley*

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

**8/12-1**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL:**

Quarterly report of the Economic Development Directorate for the 3-month period 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

*Members noted the Economic Development Directorate Quarterly Report.*

Quarterly report of the Finance Directorate for the 3-month period 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

*Members noted the Finance Directorate Quarterly Report.*

## **[f] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS**

**9/12-1**

### **EPA**

Correspondence received 15<sup>th</sup> November from the EPA in response to the Council's letter dated 24/10/22 in relation to the waste criteria to support the circular economy and climate action.

*Members noted the correspondence from the EPA.*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members noted it was a disappointing response.
- Said the response shows a lack of a solution.
- Said that diesel is wasted in transporting materials throughout the country.
- Members said that Council should ask for a meeting.
- Members agreed to write back to the EPA to invite them to attend a Development Committee Meeting.
- Also agreed to write to the EPA to ask for indicative dates for the development of waste criteria for the three waste streams referenced in the EPA response.

**10/12-1**

### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, CORK KERRY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE**

Correspondence received 16<sup>th</sup> November from the Mental Health Services, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare in response to the Council's letter dated 10/10/22 in relation to the closure of Owenacurra Centre.

*Members noted the correspondence from the Metal Health Services.*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members said that this response was an insult to the Council.
- Said that HSE keep referring Council to local management.
- Members noted that the patients deserve better as they are transferring patients far outside of their communities and from single rooms to shared rooms.
- Said it was clinically and ethically indefensible.
- Said there were not enough replacement beds in East Cork and no local community based options.
- Said that house setting suits some patients but other patients need this type of residential care.
- Said that it was an unsatisfactory arrangement for all concerned.
- Member agreed to write to Stephen Mulvaney to ask him to meet with the families of the residents concerned in the closure of Owenacurra Care Centre.

11/12-1

### **MINISTER DARRAGH O'BRIEN**

Correspondence received 15<sup>th</sup> November from Minister Darragh O'Brien in response to the Council's letter dated 11/07/22 in relation to putting in place a programme to provide financial assistance for first time buyers, who acquire an old property in need of renovation.

*Members noted the correspondence from Minister Darragh O'Brien.*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members noted it was a welcome scheme for rural areas.
- Said that refurbishment is important.
- Said a greener solution is to renovate where possible.

12/12-1

### **BUS ÉIREANN**

Correspondence received 1<sup>st</sup> December from the Bus Éireann in response to the Council's letter dated 12/09/22 in relation to additional early morning services on Route 51, serving Charleville.

*Members noted the correspondence from Bus Éireann.*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members noted the reply was a positive result.
- Said they now have early morning services and is a fantastic route which runs every hour from Cork to Limerick linking the railway stations.
- Said that Iarnróid Éireann announced this week a shuttle servicing Charleville to Mallow.
- Members said that Bus Éireann need to look at adding bus shelters to other parts of the county such as Kinsale and this needs to be rectified.

## **[g] NOTICES OF MOTION FOGRAÍ RÚN**

13/12-1

### **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

“That Cork County Council would write formally to the Minister for Transport requesting that his Department (Department of Transport) would contribute financially to the LIS Scheme (Local Improvement Scheme). Presently, all funding comes from the Department of Community & Rural Development.”

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

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members discussed the importance of this scheme as it provides a huge lifeline to people in remote areas.
- Said this needs to be funded through the Department.
- Members said the criteria on the scheme changed suddenly and people who previously qualified no longer qualify and also people were taken off the list after the rules changed and had to start their applications again.
- Said the anomaly in the scheme needs to be closed which states there must be two active farmers on the scheme.
- Said this is hugely important to rural Ireland.
- Members agreed to write to the Minister for Transport regarding this motion.
- Members also agreed to write to Minister for Rural & Community Development.
- Members agreed to circulate letter to all Local Authorities.

14/12-1

#### **CUMANN NA MBAN**

“Iarr ar Comhairle Contae Chorcaí an timpeallán nua ar cúlbothar an N22 í gCúil Chomhair, Maigh Chromtha, ainmiú in onóir Cumann na mBan, chun comóradh a dheanamh ar an obair a dheineadar ar son Saoirse na hÉireann”

“Ask Cork County Council to honor the women of Cumann na mBan, by naming the new roundabout (at Coolcower), on the N22 Bypass after them.”

*Councillor Gobnait Moynihan proposed, seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly*

#### **RESPONSE:**

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

We would like to thank Cllr Moynihan for this NOM proposing to honor the women of Cumann na mBan, by naming the new roundabout (at Coolcower), on the N22 Bypass after them. This proposal will be assessed together with other naming proposals for new Junctions on the N22 Baile Bhuirne to Macroom Road Development Scheme, including Coolcower. Such assessment may include public consultation in the area and will be agreed by and with the Members of the Macroom Municipal District in due course.

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members said that no history would be complete without mentioning Cumann na mBan and the extremely brave work they did during the War of Independence and this would be a valuable way to commemorate them and show equal recognition to their male counterparts.
- Said women’s role had been whitewashed from history.
- Members congratulated the CE, Roads Department and TII on the great job done on the Macroom By-pass.



- Members acknowledged that this would be a fitting tribute to the women of Cumann na mBan.
- Said that Macroom Municipal District should name this roundabout.
- Members noted there was no legislation or procedure regarding namings.
- Members noted that it should be put out to public consultation.
- Said it was currently known as the “Coolcower Roundabout”.

The Chief Executive said that there is no specific legislation around placenames and is a matter for the Municipal District to consider. He also noted that the TII should be consulted on this matter as it was part of a national route.

5/12-1

### **REINTRODUCE FOOD AND BEVERAGES ON IRISH RAIL SERVICES**

“That Cork County Council call on Irish Rail to reintroduce the food and beverages service previously provided on rail journeys throughout the county.”

*Councillor Sean O’Donovan proposed, seconded by Councillor Gearoid Murphy*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members said that when travelling from Cork to Dublin no refreshments are available, which was in place prior to Covid.
- Said there was no set date for the return of this service.
- Said service is not good enough.
- Members agreed to write to Irish Rail to reintroduce this service.
- Members also agreed to write to the Minister for Transport regarding funding of this service.

16/12-1

### **INCOME TAX CREDIT SCHEME**

“That Cork County Council would write to the Government and the Minister for Finance to reintroduce an income tax credit scheme to incentivize and encourage many many more Irish people to take out personal health insurance cover.”

*Councillor Kevin Murphy proposed, seconded by Councillor Gearoid Murphy*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Members said that only 40 to 50% of people have health insurance cover which is not good enough and there is a need to incentivise people to take out health insurance cover.
- Said the maximum amount of tax relief that you can currently receive is €200 which is not good enough.
- Said that this tax relief was not raised despite inflation.
- Said that people need to have health insurance and the health service has been subject to years of under investment.
- Members agreed to amend the notice of motion to read as follows:-  
“That Cork County Council would write to the Government and the Minister for Finance to reintroduce an income tax credit scheme to incentivize and encourage many many more Irish people to take out personal health insurance cover while also preserving the existing rebate of up to €200 at the point of purchase.”
- Members agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and send a copy of the letter to all other Local Authorities.

## [h] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

17/12-1

- TO:** Avril Millerick from Youghal Athletics Club on achieving first place in the Under 19 girls 123IE National Cross Country.
- TO:** Youghal Athletic Club on Avril Millerick's recent achievement in the U.19 Girls 123.IE National Cross Country
- TO:** Podge Kelleher on Ireland's top Master Technician Status.
- TO:** The Organising Committee of the Commemoration Event remembering Brigadier Sean Hales TD.
- TO:** Ballygiblin GAA Club on winning Munster Junior A Hurling Final
- TO:** Mylie Murphy on her achievement of becoming under 14 National Surf Champion
- TO:** Castletownroche on winning a Bronze Medal in the SuperValu 2022 Tidy Towns Awards
- TO:** Coolagown on winning a Silver Medal in the SuperValu 2022 Tidy Towns Awards
- TO:** Glanworth Ladies Football Club on winning the Cork County 2022 Ladies Junior Football Championship
- TO:** Kilworth Ladies Football club on winning the 2022 Cork County Junior Football Championship
- TO:** Kilworth Camogie Club on winning the Cork County 2022 Minor Camogie Championship
- TO:** Kilworth GAA Club on winning the North Cork 2022 Under 21 Hurling Championship
- TO:** Kildorrery Camogie Club on winning the 2022 Cork County Junior Camogie Championship

## [I] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18/12-1

1. Members queried regarding salt & grit bins in estates. The Chief Executive said that salt and salt bins are provided free of charge for this week by request to local area offices. This is done by filling out an application which is available on the Council's website.
2. Members said there is a concern for the lack of communication and payment from government to some people hosting Ukrainian refugees as some haven't been paid for several months and are now threatening to withdraw their facilities. Members agreed to write the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to expedite payments due to accommodation providers.
3. Members said that they are concerned with new Planning Legislation coming before cabinet this week which will limit local Councillors powers. This Bill would also change the County Development Plan term to ten years which is far too long. Members agreed to write to Minister Darragh O'Brien and circulate the letter to all local authorities as well as LAMA and AILG.
4. Members noted that it is important for Ianróid Eireann and Bus Eireann to address the Roads SPC regarding bus stops and bus shelters.
5. Members requested a book of condolence to be opened for former Elected Member of Cork County Council, Donal Moynihan, R.I.P.
6. The Mayor informed the Members that there is no Development Committee in December and the Corporate Policy Group meeting has been moved to the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~