



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 12th June 2023.

I LATHAIR

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PRESENT

Councillor Danny Collins, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Coughlan G, 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 Gerard, Creed, Looney, Coughlan M, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea Tony, Linehan-Foley, Healy, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul.

Chief Executive, S/Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Proposed by Councillor Joe Carroll

Seconded by Mayor Danny Collins

To address unused IDA landbanks in West Cork.

Proposed by Councillor Ann Marie Ahern

Seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty

To discuss Eirgrid ceasing works in Middleton.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor Declan Hurley

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Seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/6-1

- TO:** The McCarthy Family on the death of Teddy McCarthy.
- TO:** Mrs Paula Farr on the death of her husband Abraham Farr.
- TO:** Conor O’Neill on the death of his uncle Jerry Murphy.
- TO:** Margot Farrell on the death of her husband Edward Farrell.
- TO:** Ann Davern on the death of her father Austin Davern.
- TO:** Finin O’Driscoll on the death of his father Joseph O’Driscoll.

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:

3/6-1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FERMOY:

Disposal of land at Corrin, Fermoy, Co Cork

3(a)/6-1

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 12th June 2023.

Situation: Disposal of land at Corrin, Fermoy, Co Cork, on the basis of longstanding possession.

Area: 0.07 hectares/0.18 acres

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON/KINSALE:

Grant of Wayleaves at Ard na Gréine, Courtmacsherry, Co Cork,

3(b)/6-1

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 12th June 2023.

Situation: Grant of Wayleaves at Ard na Gréine, Courtmacsherry, Co Cork, to facilitate Council housing scheme.

Area: (1) 43m x 11.9m average width, and (2) 31.6m x 11.2m average width.

Grant of Wayleave at Brady’s Lane, Bandon, Co Cork.

3(c)/6-1

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 12th June 2023.

Situation: Grant of Wayleave at Brady's Lane, Bandon, Co Cork.

Area: 25.35m x 10m wide

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CARRIGALINE:

Grant of Wayleave at Carrigaline Middle, Carrigaline, Co Cork,

3(d)/6-1

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 12th June 2023.

Situation: Grant of Wayleave at Carrigaline Middle, Carrigaline, Co Cork, to facilitate Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project.

Area: 167m x 10m wide

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF COBH:

Grant of wayleave at Castlelake, Carrigtwohill, Co Cork

3(e)/6-1

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 12th June 2023.

Situation: Grant of wayleave at Castlelake, Carrigtwohill, Co Cork for gas pipeline.

Area: 14m x 10m wide

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 (BYE-LAWS) SECTION 199

Members resolved to make Cork County Council's Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws for National Routes, 2023.

Proposed by Councillor Kevin Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members asked that the TII would reduce the speed limit at Rafeen Junction
- Said the junction is exceedingly dangerous
- Stated this is an application of a speed limit at a junction that could cause a fatal accident
- Members said they are making a representation on behalf of the people that they represent
- Said that TII have not given a technical assessment and have not engaged with Members
- Members said TII are not accepting the concerns of elected Members about speed limits in areas
- Said there has to be a mechanism in place going forward where Elected Members can discuss issues about speed with TII
- Said a review should take place every 2 years
- Noted there is no mechanism in place to readjust speed limits after implementation
- Members said they need to be able to discuss changes with TII after a year to discuss if changes are working or not
- Members said they are conscious that there are multiple proposals in this report and they do not want to delay them
- Said they are asking for the executive to follow up with TII to express the concerns of Councillors
- Said they are signing off on something they are not entirely happy with

Mayor said he agrees with all that has been said. He said this issue is a problem from Bantry Golf Club, Ballylickey to Snamh beach along the N71. He said Councillors are the people on the ground and communication needs to improve with TII.

The Chief Executive said it should be recognised that there are a lot of speed limits in this document that will improve speed limits around the County. He said there seems to be a lot of frustration around communication with TII. He recommended that the Members adopt the revised speed limits as many of the proposals are to reduce speed limits.

Members agreed to write to the TII request that a representative attend a meeting of Development Committee to discuss issues with the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2023 on the Speed limit at Raffeen Cross, Carrigaline and from Bantry Golf Club, Ballylickey to Snamh beach along the N71.

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

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

5/6-1

Approval of attendance by Members at Conferences/Training on the Conference list for June 2023.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty

Seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn

COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

6/6-1

Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen proposed, seconded by Cllr. Sinead Sheppard

“That Cork County Council would look to have the master plan for the 57 acres of Council land in Newtown, Cobh, expediated as a matter of urgency in order to help develop this land bank for housing and other activities.”

RESPONSE:

Members noted the response from Mr. Michael Lynch, Director of Services, Planning and Development as follows:

This relates to land owned by Cork County Council within the Ballynoe Urban Expansion area (UEA) in Cobh. The Ballynoe UEA comprises approx. 72 hectares to the north of the town which is intended to provide mixed use residential growth area, delivering a minimum of 1366 units.

The existing local road network serving Ballynoe is challenged and is a key issue for future development.

From a proper planning and sustainable development perspective the UEA should be master planned as an integrated entity, to help ensure development is co-ordinated and sequenced in a manner that will not prejudice the comprehensive delivery of the overall landbank and will protect existing/future amenities.

In order to progress the development of the UEA, significant investment is envisaged in the County Development Plan (by the Council and other agencies), which would include the following:

- R624/Belvelly Bridge upgrade.
- Water Services (water supply infrastructure),
- Connectivity to rail services and consideration of the future Ballynoe Rail Stop
- New roads and upgrade of existing roads infrastructure
- Surface Water Drainage infrastructure

Based on the current County Development Plan and to address the significant topographical and environmental constraints associated with this land bank, the Council would need to procure Consulting Engineers to undertake studies, surveys, and assessments and then prepare an infrastructure framework plan containing the designs and details of the on-site infrastructure interventions required for servicing the lands; identify/quantify the dependency of the development on off-site infrastructure interventions as well as a landscape strategy.

The Housing Infrastructure Implementation Team (HIIT) has responsibility for the local infrastructure implementation at Urban Expansion Areas in the County and is currently engaged with the delivery of such infrastructure within the Water-Rock and Carrigtwohill UEAs. These UEAs have received funding under LIHAF and URDF respectively.

Council sought funding for the upgrade/realignment of Tay Road under LIHAF in 2017 but this bid was unsuccessful.

Funding under URDF Call 2 was also sought by the Council in 2020 to progress design of infrastructure at Ballynoe UEA but this too was unsuccessful. The amount of design stage funding sought at that time in respect of the entire UEA area was c.€1.1m (Incl. VAT) and it is noted the Ballynoe UEA application was unsuccessful at a time when significant funds were being made available to projects across the State, including approx. €353 million for the Cork Docklands Project and €47 million at the Grand Parade in Cork City.

In April 2023, and on the basis the overall landbank is within the Main Town of Cobh, has been zoned appropriately for some time, includes public lands and is near public transport nodes (rail/bus) Council made a submission in response to the Department Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and Department of Transport (DoT) Transport Orientated Development (TOD) in Major Urban Centres initiative. The TOD process stipulates candidates sites proposed by Local Authorities should:

“be in close proximity to existing or proposed high capacity public transport services including commuter rail, light rail and/or BusConnects Corridors (within c. 1,000 metres from a stop/station) and be capable of delivering development at scale over multiple phases based on the following thresholds:

- *Brownfield or infill sites that are in excess of c. 5 hectares (approx.). This may include lands that contain existing structures or lands that have been previously built upon (including industrial or engineering operations). These sites should be capable of delivering in excess of 500 dwellings at high densities.*
- *Greenfield sites that are in excess of c. 20 hectares (approx.). This refers to lands which have never been intensively developed and are (or were last) used for agricultural purposes. These sites should be capable of delivering in excess of 1000 dwellings at medium to high densities.”*

Cork County Council made a comprehensive submission which included for the Ballynoe UEA and the lands at Newtown.

It should be noted this is not a funding process. It is understood that the outputs from the TOD initiative will inform work within both DHLGH and DoT in support of the Strategic National Outcomes of the National Planning Framework/Project Ireland 2040, in particular outcomes relating to Compact Growth, Sustainable Mobility and Transition to a Low Carbon and Climate Resilient Society.

However, while at this time no funding has been secured for the design/delivery of infrastructure at Ballynoe UEA, Council has allocated HIIT resources to commence the early stage assessments including the lands at Newtown.

The successful implementation of the UEA as provided for in the County Development Plan will require multi-annual Government supports in terms of funding, including the necessary expert resources; but, also to help ensure the required level of engagement by State Agencies/Government Departments as regards infrastructure investment and delivery is forthcoming.

In the immediate term Cork County Council will continue to allocate resources from HIIT to advance early stage surveys at the Ballynoe Urban Expansion Area while concurrently engaging with DHLGH to advocate for funding to prepare a comprehensive masterplan and address infrastructure challenges. The Elected Members of the Cobh MD will be updated as regards progress in both respects in Q3 2023.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members welcomed the reply from the Director of Services Planning & Development
- Said that road infrastructure is a key issue in all applications
- Members said they understand that a large amount of work by engineers needs to be carried out to progress this project
- Said it is great to see a plan in place for this land and hope that the funds will be drawn down
- Stated that this area is a massive gap in the County Development Plan
- Said that this land is needed to help with housing issues in Cob

CORK KERRY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

7/6-1

Correspondence received 20/05/23 from Cork Kerry Community Healthcare in response to the Council's letter dated 24/04/23 in relation to the lack of Southdoc services in Mallow over the weekend dated 21st to 23rd April.

Members noted the correspondence from Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said the reply and the lack of service from Southdoc is not good enough
- Said Southdoc are not providing the service they are meant to be
- Patients lives are being put at risk by asking patients to travel longer distances to access out of hours GP services
- Members said the community are very concerned about a lack of out of hours GP service going forward
- Said there are safety issues with the distance Southdoc services are covering
- Said the fundamental effect this has on people's lives is very real
- Appreciate this issue is not easy to resolve but the importance of this service needs to be reiterated
- Members said there are other solutions to be looked at and retired GP's might be willing to work Southdoc shifts
- Said the extra workload cannot be pushed on to the ambulance service and A&E
- Members noted this issue has already happened in Kinsale and the service did not return

Members agreed to write back to Cork Kerry Community Healthcare to ask for a firm commitment to provide Southdoc services after 10 pm.

GAA

8/6-1

Correspondence received 24/05/23 from Cork GAA in response to the Council's letter dated 08/05/23 in relation to the lack of television coverage of the Cork & Tipperary match on Saturday 6th May and a request for a review of the "GAAGO" App.

Members noted the correspondence from the Cork GAA.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members welcomed the commitment in the letter that nobody will be turned away from the gates of a match

MINISTER FOR HOUSING LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE

9/6-1

Correspondence received 29/05/23 from the Minister for Housing Local Government & Heritage in response to the Council's letter dated 23/05/23 requesting that the Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme under the Capital Programme 2020 – 2023 be expedited.

Members noted the correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said that over 35 projects were put forward for funding
- Said that the projects mentioned in the letter need to be progressed urgently
- Said no progress has been made on these projects over the past 4 years

Members agreed to write back to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage again to request that the date on implementing the seven approved WWTP upgrade projects for Cork County under the Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme under the Capital Programme 2020-2024 should be moved up as a much quicker solution is required.

AN COIMISINÉIR TEANGA

10/6-1

Correspondence received 30/05/23 from An Coimisinéir Teanga in response to the Council's letter dated 24/04/23 requesting that there is a period given where County Development Plans are paused to allow for translation.

Members noted the correspondence from An Coimisinéir Teanga.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage as outlined in the response received

[h] NOTICES OF MOTION

LIFELONG LEARNING INITIATIVES

11/6-1

Cllr. Kay Dawson proposed, seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty

“That Cork County Council work with Cork ETB in conjunction with UCC & MTU in the role out of Lifelong Learning initiatives in the County. A number of initiatives have already been rolled out by Cork ETB in the Cork City area in conjunction with Cork City Council”.

RESPONSE:

Members noted the response from Emer O'Brien County Librarian & Niall Healy Municipal Districts Operations & Rural Development as follows:

The promotion and nurturing of lifelong learning is a key consideration in all of Cork County Council Library & Arts Service's programming and service development, and is embedded into the vision, mission, and values of the service as a whole.

“Cork County Library aims to empower communities by providing access to resources that educate, inform, enlighten and enrich the lives of their citizens by supporting and promoting literacy and a love

of reading and by collecting and preserving resources relating to the cultural heritage of Cork.” –
Library Development Plan 2020 – 2025 – Mission Statement

Through engagement with education stakeholders such as Cork ETB, UCC and MTU, Cork County Council Library Service continues to develop a varied programme of events and training programmes to appeal to adults of all ages and learning abilities.

A small sample of some of the events which have recently taken place in libraries across the county in partnership with these stakeholders include:

- Gut health, and fermented food talks presented in branches across the county by University College Cork’s APC Microbiome Ireland team – Healthy Ireland at Your Library.
- Women’s Studies Dept. UCC presented a series of talks to coincide with International Women’s Day programme – Inclusion.
- Events arranged in branches across Cork county as part of local Lifelong Learning Festival programmes in partnership with Cork ETB – e.g. Family History Research with Genealogist, Helen Sisk, in Bandon Library.
- Series of climate awareness talks and workshops presented in various libraries by
- Family history research, and local history talks presented in branches by staff from Cork County Council Library & Arts Office Local Studies Dept.
- Creative writing workshops for adults supported by County Arts Writer-in-Residence, Matthew Geden.
- **Technology Week** – April 17th – 23rd, music technology event with student from MTU/Cork College of music planned in Skibbereen Library. The children will learn about sound design through listening and identifying sounds and emotions. The facilitator, Caitlin Kelly, will email the resulting sound track to the school for the children to listen with teacher and parents. Promethean white board art sessions with spot prizes will take place in Bandon and Skibbereen Libraries.

Cork County Council Library & Arts Service also promotes ‘Right to Read’, a National Public Libraries initiative that supports literacy development for individuals, families, and children, and provides core services, resources and initiatives for a range of user groups. A Right to Read Network Partners group is already in place and is lead by the Library Right to Read Co-ordinator and has the following reps: CETB, County Childcare Committee, School Principals and NALA.

The County Right to Read network consists of the following partners:

- Sinead Maloney – Regional Literacy Coordinator (Cork ETB)
- Raymond O’Regan – Resource worker, Bandon Further Education and Training Centre, Cork ETB
- Dr Dympna Daly – Director, West Cork Education Centre
- Tina Hayes – Acting Coordinator, Cork County Childcare Committee
- Lorraine Hogan – CYPSC member/Comhairle na nÓg Coordinator, Cork County Council
- Rachel Burke – Diversity and Inclusion, Cork County Council Library Service
- Rory Bunce – Diversity and Inclusion/Local Studies, Cork County Council Library Service
- Christina O’Sullivan - Healthy Ireland/Digital Services, Cork County Council Library Service.
- Maeve Mulrennan – Assistant Arts Officer, Cork County Council

Through engagement with the *Adult Literacy for Life (ALL)* strategy, we will engage Cork ETB to identify ways that the library service can support and further the ambitions of the ALL strategy through:

- Digital learning and technology loan schemes such as the Library's *Techsteps* (one-to-one introduction to ICT training and Acorn tablet loan initiative), introduction to Library online resources – including Universal Class service which offers up to 500 different online courses on a variety of topics, and Transparent Languages Online.
- Plain English training for library staff to ensure that all information is presented to the public in an accessible and clear manner.

Contact with MTU, and Cork ETB to promote the Library's DAF funded NEWstart Literacy programme, and TTRS (Touch, Type, Read, Spell) language skills and typing development programme to its students has been welcomed and will strengthen connections with these stakeholders.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members acknowledged the positive reply from the County Librarian and Director of Services Municipal Districts Operations & Rural Development
- Said that lifelong learning is an approach to learning
- Said that ETB are very involved in driving these initiatives forward
- Members said there need to be as many channels open as possible to provide continuous learning
- Members said Cork is a hotbed for collaboration between UCC & ETB
- Said clear pathways have been identified between ETB, UCC & MTU
- Stated that regional & working hubs are a positive development

PAY AND CONDITIONS FOR RETAINED FIRE FIGHTERS

12/6-1

Cllr. Danielle Twomey proposed, seconded by Cllr. Ian Doyle

“That County Councillors support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and their continued struggle for improvements in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off and call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations”.

“That Cork County Council would write to Minister Daragh O'Brien, Minister for Public Expenditure and Minister for Finance to look at the pay and conditions for retained fire fighters in Cork County and Nationally”.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said the current pay rate for retained fire-fighters does not reflect the level of their commitment to their communities
- Said the role of a retained fire-fighter can no longer be seen as a hobby
- Said it is a professional role that deserves decent pay and a decent work/life balance
- Members said there must be engagement with the union and relevant bodies to avoid an escalation of planned industrial action
- Said a financial package must be brought forward giving better pay and conditions for current and future members of the service

- Members said pay and working conditions are a stumbling block to recruit new retained fire-fighters
- Said that retained fire-fighters are often the first responders at the scene of an emergency and their pay does not reflect that
- Said that the level of commitment to the job goes far above what retained fire-fighters are currently paid
- Stated that over the last five-years, 222 retained fire-fighters had retired and further 495 had left the service
- Said millions of Euros over the past 18-months have been given to communities and organisations
- Said that retained fire-fighters deserve a lot better than the treatment they have been getting

The Mayor stated that the Ministers would need to be contacted immediately after the meeting before the midnight deadline for the escalation of industrial action by fire-fighters.

The Chief Executive said that a code of practise is in place to ensure that all emergency calls involving a life-threatening situation would be responded to around the clock.

Members agreed to email and write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, the Minister for Public Expenditure and the Minister for Finance to support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and their continued struggle for improvements in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off and call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations.

VACANT SHOP/BUSINESS PREMISES WINDOWS

13/6-1

Cllr. Sean O'Donovan proposed, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Kelly

“I call on Cork County Council to allow vacant shop/business premises windows to be dressed with display products from other shops in the town, while not be liable for rates. At present if a vacant shop window is dressed with products it is liable for rates. To help regenerate and improve how a town centre looks these empty windows make a town look derelict and empty and by having dressed windows instead of vacant empty windows it would make the town more attractive to new business setting up and the public in general”.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said there are 13 vacant premises in Bandon
- Said owners of premises are liable for rates if something is displayed on the windows
- Said a dressed window looks significantly better than an empty window
- Said that Tidy Towns groups also use vacant windows for display
- Members said clarity needs to be sought on the criteria for charges
- Said the business of other businesses in the town would be improved by dressed windows
- Might also encourage other businesses to open in the town
- Members said we have to think what is best aesthetically for towns
- Said dressed windows gives a vibrancy to an area that would otherwise look derelict
- Members said it is very off putting to see vacant and derelict premises in towns
- Vacant and derelict premises do not encourage people to visit towns
- Members asked if there could be a workaround so that rates do not have to be charged
- Said that seeing windows dressed in paper gives a bad impression of the town

- Said that windows should be used for advertising and to lift the town
- Said that business and premises owners should be incentivised to avail of the new paint scheme that is available

The Chief Executive said that the response to the motion is of a technical nature. He said that he would welcome this motion to go forward to SPC level. He said there may be a policy that could be of value for this issue.

Members agreed to forward this motion to the Economic Development & Enterprise Policy SPC for further discussion.

DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTIONS

14/6-1

Cllr. Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern

“Domestic Waste Collection Permits specify that bin truck collection activity should not commence prior to 6am. I would ask that the Environment Section clarify/report how this specification is enforced. I have received several complaints of bin trucks in residential areas prior to 6am”.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said this has been an ongoing issue for some time
- Said that bin collections are happening much earlier than 6 am
- Said that there are restrictions in the permits for a reason
- Said that restrictions are put on construction for the same reasons
- Members said that bin trucks make a high level of noise in estates and disrupt resident’s sleep
- Said that these companies need to operate their business within the guidelines of the permits
- Members said they have received calls from residents who are concerned where collections are happening before 6 am
- Said it is a logistics issue for domestic waste companies to avoid early morning traffic in built up areas

Members asked for the Environment Directorate to follow up with each operator to remind them of the importance of adhering to the guidelines.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

15/6-1

IDA IRELAND

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said the IDA have unused landbanks in West Cork
- Said an unused landbank in Skibbereen is currently undergoing a private sale
- Said Cork County Council should have been given first refusal on this landbank
- Members said the IDA seems to be focusing on metropolitan areas rather than rural areas
- Members said people are finding it very difficult to get employment in West Cork
- Said young people are emigrating due to a lack of employment in the area

- Said it is clear that the IDA are not focused on rural employment and are focusing instead on metropolitan areas
- Members said they are concerned about what IDA landbanks are being sold for
- Asked if there is any scrutiny as to what the land will be used for once sold
- Said the IDA should pass their interests to Cork County Council if they don't have to part to play in providing business in rural areas
- Members said that Tourism, Farming and Fishing are all under pressure and rural areas need to be supported by the IDA
- Said there is no future for these industries unless employment can be brought into peripheral areas
- Members said IDA and Council sites are full in Charleville
- Said more land is needed to facilities new businesses there
- Members said the IDA need to make their strategy for rural Ireland clear and they need to engage with Cork County Council

The Mayor said he supports this suspension of standing orders. He said the youth in Bantry are emigrating and there is not enough employment in the area.

Members agreed to write to the IDA to request that a representative from IDA Ireland attend a meeting of Development Committee to discuss issues with regards to lack of industry and employment in West Cork.

EXTENSION OF TIME

Proposed by Mayor Danny Collins

Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath

16/6-1

EIRGRID WORKS

- Members said that Eirgrid have stopped their ground works in East Cork
- Asked if the instruction to stop works came from Cork County Council
- Said they are asking for the Executive to clarify if they asked Eirgrid to stop these works
- Said it is disappointing that this project has stopped as it is of local, national & international significance
- Stated any construction will cause a lot of disruption to commuters
- Members said they are disappointed with how Eirgrid are handling these works

The Chief Executive said some of the questions asked by Members at today's meeting are for Eirgrid. He said Eirgrid were granted planning permission on May 19th and there are still a number of issues that need to be agreed.

[k] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

17/6-1

- TO:** Coomhola National School Boys & Girls on winning the West Cork Primary Schools Sciath Na Scol
- TO:** Cork Under 20 Hurling Team on winning the All Ireland Final
- TO:** Sean Daly of Randal Óg GAA Club on winning the All Ireland Inter County Medal in the U20 Hurling Final – first for the club

- TO:** Ballinhassig U12's Cork School Boys on winning their school boys league
- TO:** Organisers & Participants of the Cork Harbour Ocean to City Festival On a fantastic event showcasing all that our harbour waterways have to offer
- TO:** Fr Pat Stevenson on the occasion of his retirement and Golden Jubilee Anniversary
- TO:** Gaelscoil Charraig Uí Leighin Girls on winning the FAI Primary Schools All Ireland Final at the Aviva Stadium
- TO:** Watergrasshill United on winning the A.U.L County Cup

[i] **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

18/6-1

CARRIGALINE TRPEP PROJECT

Members said they are concerned with the delay in the Part 8 process for the Public Realm element works as part of the Carrigaline TRPEP project. Members said they were due to get a briefing on this matter in May but have been informed that the briefing has been delayed until July. Members queried the delay on this and asked the Council to speed up progress.

PIPER FUNFAIR

Members said they have received intimating emails re the Piper Funfair in Kinsale town and have been intimidated on social media. The contents of the email are intimidating towards the Bandon / Kinsale Municipal District Members. Members said they will no longer engage with this group.

ANNABELLA REGIONAL OFFICES

Members noted that the Annabella Regional Office is currently not contactable by telephone due to issues with the phone service providers.

DPG's

Members asked for an update on DPG's as they have been curtailed due to budgetary constraints.

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