



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 10th July 2023.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Proinsias Ó Flíonn, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri: Uí Chochláin G, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin S, Uí Shuilleabhájin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin, Ó Conaill, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chroinín, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Uí Bhuachalla, Daltún-Ó Suilleabháin, De Foite Sean, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conbhubhair Sean, Ó Conchubair Alan, MacCarthaigh N, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghaire, Dawson, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé Sean Pól, Cochláin M, Uí Muineacháin G, Ó Mhurchú Gearóid, Críod, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padriagh, Ó Múrchú Gearóid, Ó Cinnéide, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé Tony, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó hÉalaithe, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh Susan, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaoich.

PRESENT

Councillor Frank O'Flynn, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Coughlan G, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O'Donovan, Collins D, O'Connell, Murphy PG, Cronin, McGrath, D'Alton, Buckley A, Dalton O'Sullivan, White J, O'Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O'Connor S, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, O'Brien, O'Leary, Dawson, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Lynch, Moynihan G, Coughlan M, Murphy Gerard, Creed, Looney, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea Tony, Linehan-Foley, Healy, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley.

Deputy Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty

1/7-1

Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Meeting held on 26th June 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

Proposed by Councillor Deirdre Kelly

2/7-1

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23rd June 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- TO:** Mairead Lucey on the death of her father Sean Lucey.
TO: Denise Cott on the death of her husband Gerard Cott.
TO: Mary Terry on the death of her brother-in-law Canon John Terry P.E.
TO: The Daly Family on the death of their family member Brendan Daly.
TO: Teresa Dolan on the death of her husband Anthony (Tony) Dolan.
TO: Mary Fleming on the death of her husband Martin Fleming.
TO: Den O'Donovan on the death of his wife Ann O'Donovan.
TO: Jim O'Keeffe on the death of his son-in-law David Latten.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

To discuss the suspension of roads projects around the country.

Proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty

Seconded by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea

To discuss the plans to reduce out-of-hours South Doc GP service in North Cork.

Proposed by Mayor Cllr. Frank O'Flynn

Seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien

To discuss the protest against changes to Ireland's nitrates derogation to be held in Bandon on 13th July.

Proposed by Cllr. John O'Sullivan

Seconded by Cllr. Sheila O'Callaghan

Members agreed to discuss the matters after 1pm.

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:

4/7-1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CARRIGALINE:

Disposal of area of land to the rear of 14 Dan Desmond Villas, Monkstown, Co. Cork.

4(a)/7-1

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 30th June 2023.

<u>Situation:</u>	Disposal of area of land to the rear of 14 Dan Desmond Villas, Monkstown, Co. Cork
<u>Area:</u>	Area measuring c.0087 hectares/0.0215 acres as outlined on map.
<u>Consideration</u>	€1.00

Grant of right of way over a Council-owned, non-public road at Rochfordstown, Bandon Road, Co Cork, facilitate access to private property.

4(b)/7-1

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 30th June 2023.

Situation: Grant of Right of Way over a Council-owned, non-public road at Rochfordstown, Bandon Road, Co Cork, to facilitate access to private property.

Area: 107m x 8m wide approx..

Consideration: €1

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

5/7-1

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

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON/KINSALE:

Proposed by Councillor Kevin Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Marie O’Sullivan

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive’s report for the new Council depot at the existing Civic Amenity Site Bandon moving from the existing site at Railway Place in the town.

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

6/7-1

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

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK:

Proposed by Councillor Deirdre O’Brien

Seconded by Councillor Danny Collins

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive’s report for the relocation of the playground at Bantry Peace Park including installation of new equipment, together with the relocation of some existing playground equipment to the Peace Park.

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

7/7-1

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

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FERMOY:

Members considered Part 8 Chief Executive's report for the Mitchelstown Georgian Quarter, Public Realm Improvements, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said that there were a number of issues from residents regarding this Part 8 and asked to defer this item to the next meeting of Full Council.

The Deputy Chief Executive informed the members that there is a statutory timeline to approve this part 8 which will run out on 20th July before the next meeting of Full Council would take place and advised that the Members approve this Part 8.

On the proposal of Councillor Michael Hegarty, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath, the Members agreed to defer this item to the end of the meeting.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

8/7-1

FILLING OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE:

8(a)/7-1

Members resolved to approve the appointment of Cllr Gearóid Murphy as a replacement to the position of Chair of the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Councillor Bernard Moynihan

SECTION 48 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE:

8(b)/7-1

Members resolved to approve the appointment of Mr. Denis Ryan as a replacement representative for Development/Construction on the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee. The previous nominee (Mr. Sean Carrigy) is hereby de-selected.

Proposed by Councillor Declan Hurley

Seconded by Councillor Gillian Coughlan

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE NORTH CORK LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

8(c)/7-1

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

Members resolved to approve the appointment of Ms. Nuala Glanton as a replacement representative for Cork ETB on the North Cork LCDC. The previous nominee (Ms. Geraldine Canning) is hereby de-selected.

Proposed by Councillor Gearóid Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Pat Hayes

[d] FINANCIAL BUSINESS

GNÓ ARGEADAIS

APPROVAL OF OVERDRAFT FOR 2024 – SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT 2014).

9/7-1

“That Cork County Council is authorised to borrow by way of overdraft a sum not exceeding €13m for the twelve month period ending 31st December 2024, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.”

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Councillor John Paul O’Shea

[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IRELAND

10/7-1

Correspondence received 23/06/23 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland in response to the Council’s letter dated 13/06/23 in relation to the request for a representative to attend at Development Committee to discuss Speed Limit at Raffeen Cross, Carrigaline and N71.

Members noted the correspondence from Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said they were not being listened to and were being ignored.
- Members were concerned with the speed limits at Raffeen Cross and encouraged further engagement with TII in this regard.
- Members asked to write to the Minister for Transport to encourage further engagement with the TII.
- Members noted concerns with regards to speed limits in a dangerous stretch of road in Ballylickey.
- Members expressed their dissatisfaction with regards to engagement with the TII and agreed to write back to the TII asking it to attend a meeting of Council to discuss queries raised.
- Members queried what the level of direction is between the Department of Transport and TII.

The Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that he will liaise with the Director of Roads to circulate the process of engagement with TII to the Members.

Members agreed to write again to TII to emphasise the need for engagement with Local Authority Elected Members and to again seek that representatives from Transport Infrastructure Ireland would attend a meeting with Elected Members of Cork County Council. Members also requested a response on the two specific speed limits as set out in the attached correspondence. It was agreed to circulate correspondence to the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan T.D.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

11/7-1

Correspondence received 29/06/23 from Department of Public Expenditure in response to Council’s letter dated 08/05/23 in relation to the proposed route being taken by Eirgrid at Churchtown North, Middleton.

Members noted the correspondence from the Department of Public Expenditure.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said that the response was unsatisfactory and East Cork was being treated unfairly.
- Said that communication is minimal and there needs to be increased governance with regards to Eirgrid.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE

12/7-1

Correspondence received 29/06/23 from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in response to Council's letter dated 12/06/23 in relation to support for the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel.

Members noted the correspondence from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said that there have been various negotiations, but basic pay was not addressed.
- Said they acknowledge the commitment with regards to extra personnel but pay must be addressed.
- Members said this issue be prioritised in upcoming national pay talks.

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to request confirmation that improvement in basic pay for Retained Fire and Rescue Service is prioritised in the upcoming public service pay talks.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE

13/7-1

Correspondence received 22/06/23 from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in response to Council's letter dated 28/04/23 in relation to Planning Bill that there is a period given where County Development Plans are paused to allow for translation into Irish.

Members noted the correspondence from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said that they acknowledge the concerns.
- Said tight timelines make it impossible to meet the obligations for translation.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

14/7-1

Correspondence received 05/07/23 from Department of Transport in response to Council's letter dated 22/05/23 in relation to requesting an update on plans to facilitate owners of electric vehicles regarding charging infrastructure.

Members noted the correspondence from the Department of Transport.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said that it was disappointing that no solutions are on the agenda anytime soon and the matter would be raised in the future.

[h] NOTICES OF MOTION

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOME LOAN

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea proposed, seconded by Cllr Seamus McGrath

“That this Council would support the call to have Disability Allowance considered as part of the repayment capacity for the Local Authority Home Loan. Currently, the State Pension (Contributory), State pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's/Widower's Pension, Blind Pension & Invalidity Pension are”.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said that if people have an intellectual disability and they are on permanent disability payments then this income is not considered as part of repayment capacity for the Local Authority Home Loan.
- Said that this income is not going to be removed and therefore should be considered.
- Said that each case should be looked at on a discretionary basis.
- Members said that this isn't something that can be dealt with at the Housing SPC and Council should write to the government to look at this as part of their criteria.

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to support the call to have Disability Allowance considered as part of the repayment capacity for the Local Authority Home Loan. Currently, the State Pension (Contributory), State pension (Non-Contributory), Widow's/Widower's Pension, Blind Pension & Invalidity Pension are.

MAINTENANCE OF CHAMBER COVERS ON FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Cllr. Joe Carroll

“To request that the Council engage at a high level with all Utility Companies regarding the maintenance of chamber covers on public footpaths and roads to put a more streamlined system of maintenance in place. Many of these covers are severely damaged, presenting significant health and safety risks and it is extremely difficult at present to get repair work carried out.”

RESPONSE:

Members noted the response from Mr. Ger Barry, S/Director of Services, Roads Directorate as follows:

Cork County Council is responsible for the maintenance of 425km of National Roads and 11,739km of Regional and Local Roads. The management and maintenance of third-party chambers and associated ironwork by certain Utility Companies continues to be a challenging issue for Cork County Council staff considering this extensive network of roads.

The Department of Transport developed a document setting out the legal framework relating to powers of road authorities and statutory authorities in opening or forming openings in public roads. This document known as “Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads (April 2017) prescribes standards and obligations for Utility Companies in respect of the chamber covers and associated ironwork. The ownership, maintenance and integrity of manholes/chambers and other ironwork remains the responsibility of the Utility Company/Licence Holder under this framework.

At present, Cork County Council's Area Engineering staff will identify and liaise with the relevant Utility Companies where defective chamber covers that pose safety risks for road and footpath users are witnessed by staff or reported on by members of the public. The majority of issues are closed out in this manner, and cooperation from Utility Companies is generally positive. Delays can however occur in resolving such issues, when it is difficult to identify the correct owner due to obsolete or unmarked chamber covers.

I have liaised with the Road Management Office (RMO) who have agreed to review the current systems in partnership with Cork County Council staff, with a view to improving engagement processes and timelines associated the maintenance and upkeep of chamber covers by Utility Companies. In addition, Cork County Council have a representative on a Joint Utility Local Authority Forum (JULA) which was established to facilitate the monitoring of road openings. Accordingly, this matter will be raised at their next meeting, scheduled on the 14th September.

During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members said that this is an ongoing issue and presents trip hazards.
- Said Utility companies are slow to fix damaged chamber covers and is very difficult to get repairs to be carried out.
- Said there needs to be a higher level of engagement with utility companies.
- Council has a serious duty to improve existing system and could be sued when people become injured.
- Members said in addition to the health and safety issue there is an issue with noise pollution and there could be a better standard of installation of covers put in place.
- Members requested a report in a few months following the meeting on 14th September with JULA.
- Said covers can be too low and this could impact wheelchair users.
- Said the covers should be flush with the road.

The Mayor thanked the Roads department for its reply and noted the meeting with JULA that will take place on 14th September where this issue will be raised.

The Deputy Chief Executive suggested that this be brought to the Roads SPC Meeting after the 14th September and he will raise this issue with the Director of Services of the Roads Department to ensure consistency throughout the county.

Members agreed to write to the Director of Services, Roads Directorate to request a report be brought to the Roads SPC following the meeting with JULA on 14th September.

[i] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17/7-1

OUTDOOR STAFF

Members noted the update on Outdoor Staffing numbers was brought to a previous Corporate Policy Group meeting but noted there is a strain on outdoor staffing levels and the length of time the recruitment process is very long.

The Deputy Chief Executive noted the request on a report for staffing and informed the Members there can only be a panel in place of the people who apply and those who pass the scrutiny process. He explained that this process takes time, and will raise this issue with HR. He said this is an appropriate discussion to be had when discussing the next budget.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR LEAGUE OF IRELAND FOOTBALL

Members asked to write to the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media of Ireland to request an increase in funding for League of Ireland soccer.

On the proposal of Cllr James Kennedy, seconded by Cllr John Paul O'Shea, Members agreed to write letter to Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

ESB POWER OUTAGES

Members asked to write to the ESB regarding recent network outages in Cork and asked if the people affected could be given an advanced warning as the regularity of outages is affecting businesses.

On the proposal of Cllr Deirdre O'Brien, seconded by Cllr Seamus McGrath, Members agreed to write to the ESB regarding network outages.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

At 12.15pm The Deputy Mayor Cllr John Healy took the Chair

SUSPENSION OF ROADS PROJECTS

Members agreed to discuss the suspension of roads projects around the country.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members said that there is a serious concern with the recent announcement by the Minister for Transport to suspend two major roads projects in County Cork, the Upgrade of the N25 between Carrigtwohill and Midleton and the development of the Northern Relief Road in Mallow.
- Members said it was misuse of Section 24 of the Roads Act 1993 by the Minister for Environment, Climate and communications and Transport.
- Said the N25 is at capacity and urgently needs a safety upgrade.
- Said once a project is deferred or stalled then it is like starting from scratch again with a project.
- Said that this was to include a junction at the former Amgen industrial site and due to the delay, it will prove extremely difficult for the IDA to attract major foreign companies to the site.
- Members urged the government to rethink this strategy.
- Members said that this will jeopardise the Council's planned development of a new town at Water Rock to the west of Midleton, which when completed will be home to around 10,000 people.
- Members said when decisions are made for the development of the county then infrastructure must be taken into account.
- Members said that 20% of the infrastructure budget went to cycling/pedestrians and 2% went to public transport.
- Said there must be a model shift to combat climate change.
- Said there is more spent on roads than active travel and we need to reduce our dependency on car.
- Members said Mallow is grinding to a halt in terms of gridlock and economic development because money has not been forthcoming for the relief road.
- Members said the town of Mallow is suffering from the lack of roads infrastructure.
- Members said that government need to strike a balance between active travel, public transport and car use and funding must be acquired.
- Members said that HGVs are causing blockages in Mallow town.
- Members asked to write to the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste to put these projects back on the funded programme.
- Members said that Cork is at crisis stage with the conditions of parts of the N25.

Members agreed to write to Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Tánaiste Mícheál Martin to request the reversal of the decision to delay works to be carried out for the upgrade of N25 between Carrigtwohill and Midleton and the development of the Northern Relief Road in Mallow.

At 1.10p.m. Mayor Cllr Frank O'Flynn resumed the Chair.

Extension of Time

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Councillor James Kennedy

OUT-OF HOURS SOUTH DOC SERVICE

Members agreed to discuss the plans to reduce out-of-hours South Doc GP Service in North Cork.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members said that there is a serious concern with plans to reduce out-of-hours South Doc service.
- Said there will be no service after 10pm at night
- Said the reduction in service is not adequate.
- Members are calling for the retention of full service.
- Members said night time cover is needed.
- Members said that not only is North Cork impacted but West Cork will be impacted also.
- Members said there was also a reduction in service in Kanturk and possibility that it will be removed.
- Said public deserves clarity regarding what services will be in place as delivery of local services is critical.
- Said there was no consultation with local representatives or with stakeholders.
- Said the reduction in service will impact the Accident and Emergency units.
- Members said Kinsale was impacted years ago and now people must travel to Bandon to seek South Doc services and it is unacceptable.
- Members said there is not enough incentives for people to work in rural areas.
- Said government need to look at the overall rural economy to bring workers in.
- Members said there is an issue with transparency and procurement. South Doc is a private company and has the state over a barrel.
- Asked what are the conditions of the contract and what are the other tenders.
- Members agreed to invite members from the Regional Health Forum to attend a meeting of the Development Committee.

Members agreed to write to Southdoc Management, HSE & The Minister for Health urging retention of full Southdoc services in Fermoy and Kanturk. The closure results in patients travelling long distances for out of hours GP services & patients being advised by Southdoc to call an ambulance. Members wish to express their concern at this and request for immediate measures to be taken to restore the service.

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

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

7/7-1

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

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK:

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Councillor Michael Creed

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive's report for the Mitchelstown Georgian Quarter, Public Realm Improvements, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

PROTEST AGAINST CHANGES TO IRELAND'S NITRATES DEROGATION

Members agreed to discuss the protest against changes to Ireland's nitrates derogation to be held in Bandon on 13th July

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Members said that there is a march for 'save the derogation' to be held on 13th July in Bandon and Councillors were urged to support the rally.
- Said there will be implications for farms to related businesses and will mean a huge reduction in cattle numbers.
- Members said this is a very important issue for the economic fabric of rural Ireland.
- Members said that certain members of the government are holding it to ransom and there will be a wipe out of farmers in rural Ireland.
- Members said farmers should not be solely to blame for water quality and other offenders should be identified in other industries.
- Said derogation must remain in place.
- Members spoke strongly against proposed climate action measures and their impact on farmers. One member used language that strongly depicts a form of violation to describe the impact of the proposed climate action measures on farmers.
- Members asked that other members mollify their language around these issues.
- Said water bodies are in an unsatisfactory state.
- Said the nitrates are higher now than in 2021 and is affecting water quality.
- Said steps need to be taken.
- Members said farmers are the backbone of Ireland and the load needs to be shared and not just with farmers.
- Members said food sustainability is an issue.
- Members said the government are not taking new measures into account that will impact Ireland in a positive way.
- Cllr Alan O'Connor asked that it be noted that he objected to one member using language that strongly depicts a form of violation to describe the impact of the proposed climate action measures on farmers.

On the proposal of Cllr John O'Sullivan, seconded by Mayor Cllr Frank O'Flynn, Members agreed to write to the Chairman of the IFA to support the protest against changes to Ireland's nitrates derogation to be held in Bandon on 13th July.

Members also agreed to write back to the Minister for Agriculture seeking that all efforts would be made to ensure that the current nitrates derogation of 250kg/hectare would be maintained for Irish farmers and the proposed interim review would be delayed.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~