



# 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 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### I LATHAIR

#### Comhairleoir Proinsias Ó Flíonn, Méara Chontae

**Comhairleoiri:** Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin Sean, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin D, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chróinín, Heinhold, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Uí Ní Charthaigh U, Bhuachalla, De Faoite, Daltún-Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conbhubhair Sean, Ó Conchubair Alan, MacCarthaigh N, Uí Bhriain, Dawson, Ó Laoghaire, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé Sean Pól, Ó Murchú Gearóid, Críod, Uí Muineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin M, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padriagh, Ó Murchú Gearóid, Ó Cionaithe, 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 Chaochlaioich, Ó Haodha Pól.

### PRESENT

#### Councillor Frank O'Flynn, County Mayor, presided.

**Councillor:** Coughlan G, Coleman, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O'Donovan, Collins D, Murphy PG, Cronin, Heinhold, McGrath, D'Alton, McCarthy U, Buckley A, White, Dalton O'Sullivan, 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, Murphy Gerard, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kenny, Madden, O'Shea Tony, Linehan-Foley, Healy, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services.

#### [a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/3-1

*Proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty*

*Seconded by Cllr. Karen Coakley*

### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

**[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

2/3-1

**TO:** Councillor Kay Dawson on the passing of her mother Sheila Quinlan.

**TO:** Councillor Ann Marie Ahern on the passing of her uncle Edmond Ahern.

**TO:** An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar on the death of his mother in law Maeve Barrett.

**TO:** Billy Biggane on the death of his brother Eddie Biggane.

**TO:** Jim Murphy on the passing of his wife Carmel Murphy.

**[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS**

**DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

**SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:**

3/3-1

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON/KINSALE:**

***Grant of Right of Way At 2 Woodvale, Ballinspittle, Co. Cork***

3(a)/3-1

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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Situation:** Grant of Right of Way at 2 Woodvale Drive, Ballinspittle, Co. Cork.

**Area:** Area measuring 40m x 2.5m width average, coloured yellow on attached map.

**Consideration:** €1.00.

***Grant of Right of Way At Ballydownis, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork***

3(b)/3-1

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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Situation:** Grant of Right of Way at Ballydownis, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork

**Area:** 490m<sup>2</sup>/0.049 hectares

**Consideration:** €1

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CARRIGALINE:**

*Section 183 of Area Engineers Office, Carrigaline, Co. Cork*

**3(c)/3-1**

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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Situation:** Area Engineers Office.  
Church Road,  
Carrigaline.  
Co. Cork

**Area:** As outlined in Red on Map (part of Folio CK156521F)

**Consideration:** €275,000

Councillor Marcia D’Alton and Councillor Ben Dalton O’Sullivan declared that they had a conflict of interest with this disposal and left for this section of the meeting.

Cllr. Jack White expressed his dissatisfaction with the disposal process. The Chief Executive advised that the Executive had listened to the Elected Members who wished the building to be used as a community building and this had been included as a condition of sale. CE advised that the process was above reproach.

**CHAPTER 2 SECTION 128B (1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT 2014**  
**2023 LCDC NORTH, SOUTH & WEST CORK ANNUAL REPORTS:**

**4/3-1**

Members resolved to approve the 2023 North Cork LCDC Annual Report, 2023 South Cork LCDC Annual Report and 2023 West Cork LCDC Annual Report.

*Proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath*

*Seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 179A OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED.**

5/3-1

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACROOM:**

5(a)/3-1

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive's report in respect of a Social Housing scheme at Hegarty Street, Liscahane, Millstreet, Co Cork.

The construction of a new housing development consisting of:

- 26 No. Residential Units including:
  - 2 No. three bed, two storey houses
  - 16 No. two bed, two storey houses
  - 8 No. 1 bed apartments
- 46 No. car parking spaces including visitor parking and designated parking
- Soft landscaping including green spaces, planting, and trees
- Connection to public utilities
- All associated site and ancillary works

5(b)/3-1

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive's report in respect of a Housing Development at Clonteadmore, Coachford, Co. Cork.

The construction of a new housing development consisting of:

- 26 No. Residential Units including:
  - 6 No. three bed, two storey houses
  - 10 No. two bed, two storey houses
  - 10 No. one bed apartments
- 46 No. car parking spaces including visitor parking and designated parking
- Provision of public footpath connecting the site with Coachford village
- Soft landscaping including green spaces, planting, and trees
- Connection to public utilities
- All associated site and ancillary works

Members resolved to approve Part 8 Chief Executive's report in respect of an extension of 8 no. new social houses to an existing housing scheme at St. Olan's Place, Aghabullogue, Co Cork.

The construction of a new housing development consisting of:

- 8 No. Residential Units including:
  - 7 No. two storey two bed Residential Units
  - 1 No. two storey three bed accessible Residential Unit
- 1 No. paved home zone area and a total of 9 No. car parking spaces including 1 No. accessible parking space.
- Soft landscaping including green space, planting, and trees
- Connection to public utilities
- All associated site and ancillary works

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

- Said these are positive housing schemes for the Macroom Municipal District
- Said there needs to be more done on Affordable Housing within the Macroom Municipal District
- Asked how fast track planning will affect the public consultation process

**FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES:**

Appointment of Councillor Eoghan Kenny to Committees as follows:

- Economic Development & Enterprise SPC
- Planning & Strategic Development SPC
- Audit Committee

*Proposed by Councillor Cathal Rasmussen*

*Seconded by Councillor Mary Linehan Foley*

**[d] FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**CORK COUNTY COUNCIL INVESTMENTS – REQUEST SANCTION TO INVEST IN CENTRAL TREASURY NOTES WITH THE NATIONAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED)**

“That Cork County Council is authorised to invest excess funds in Central Treasury Notes with the National Treasury Management Agency as set out in Part 3 of the NTMA (Amendment) Act, 2000, and as per Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended)”.

*Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath*

*Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty*

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

**8(a)/3-1**

**CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

Approval of attendance by Members at Conferences/Training on the Conference list for March 2024.

*Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty*

*Seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy*

**8(b)/3-1**

**PROTOCOL ON VOTES OF SYMPATHY/VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

Approval of Updated Protocol of Votes of Sympathy / Votes of Congratulations.

*Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty*

*Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath*

**8(c)/3-1**

**CORK COUNTY COUNCIL ARTIST REMUNERATION POLICY**

Approval of adoption of Cork County Council Artist Remuneration Policy.

*Proposed by Councillor Michael Looney*

*Seconded by Councillor Mary Linehan Foley*

**9/3-1**

**WEST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

“That the Members of Full Council would discuss the call for increased funding to come from Central

Government for road resurfacing and maintenance and that they would write to Minister McGrath to request an update on his commitment to review the AIRO report.”

***Councillor Joe Carroll proposed, seconded by Councillor Mary Linehan Foley***

Members noted the response from Niall Healy, Director of Services, Roads and Transportation, as follows:

**RESPONSE:**

Cork County Council has the largest road network of any local authority in Ireland, comprising 12,200km. Notwithstanding this, the Council receives one of the lowest allocations per km for Regional & Local road maintenance.

In 2024, Cork County Council has been allocated €70.2m in regional and local roads funding, a slight reduction on the 2023 allocation of €71.3m.

In 2024, Cork County Council has been allocated €61.82m in national roads funding, a reduction of a significant €21.8m (26%) on the 2023 allocation of €83.6m.

While the extent of Government funding support for the progression of key strategic projects such as Dunkettle Interchange, M28 Cork to Ringaskiddy, N22 Baile Bhuirne to Macroom, NM20 is welcomed, there are major concerns in relation to the rapid deterioration of regional and local road infrastructure, a key asset upon which the future development and growth of the county is dependent.

The following table sets out a comparative analysis of the Department of Transport’s Regional & Local Road grant allocations to Cork County Council from 2008 to date:

Year	DOT Grant
2008	€64,994,744*
2009	€43,880,723
2010	€42,384,713
2011	€42,900,800
2012	€45,330,750
2013	€39,724,206
2014	€36,978,939
2015	€32,213,276
2016	€29,651,945
2017	€36,049,508
2018	€44,092,735
2019	€50,465,240
2020	€57,884,935

2021	€64,008,032
2022	€65,817,488
2023	€71,340,042
2024	<b>€70,199,560</b>

While the positive is that allocations have trended upwards since 2016, this followed the overall national trend of increased budgetary provision to the sector. In essence, Cork County Council’s general positioning remaining unchanged and it is argued that due regard was not afforded to the relatively poorer quality standard of Cork roads. In fact, if the grant allocation had remained at a level no lower than the 2008 grant, an additional €273M would have been allocated by the DOT to R&L roads in Cork County since then.

The AIRO report commissioned by Cork County Council noted the following in particular:

- Cork County Council has 76% more local road than its nearest comparator – Galway County
- West Cork has the fifth-longest road network of any local authority area in the State;
- South and North Cork have the eighth and twelfth-longest road networks among the State’s local authority areas;
- All three divisions have road lengths that are considerably in excess of the mean and median values among local authorities.

The report has since been considered by the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform. The then Minister commented that the AIRO report “*provides useful insights into grant funding*” and that it “*highlighted a number of areas for potential future research on the distribution of grant funding*”. The Minister noted that “*a number of factors aside from per capital expenditure need to be considered when assessing the distribution of grant funding across counties. These factors include, but are not limited to:*

- *Sustainability of the grant funding model and overall Budget constraints*
- *Level of funding received from other programmes*
- *Current baseline level of services across counties*
- *Overall budget constraints, and*
- *Potential outcomes from projects need to be considered.”*

From a Cork roads perspective, it is clear that the current baseline quality of regional and local roads across the county falls far short of the standard that is demanded by residents, businesses and visitors alike. The continued deterioration and structural degradation of our county road network is an impediment in the Council’s efforts to promote investment and drive the sustainable economic development of our county towns and villages. This was acknowledged in the AIRO report which commented that long term sustained underinvestment in Cork’s roads infrastructure was impacting on the County’s “*capacity to contribute to the attainment of national policy objectives*”, and in particular the delivery of the National Planning Framework.

The Minister commented that “*I am writing to the:*

- *Department of Transport.....*  
*to bring the AIRO report to their attention and to ask them to give consideration to the points made”.*



In 2023, a county by county analysis of R&L grants per km shows the following 7 local authority areas as being awarded the highest allocations per km:

Kildare	€11,163.45
Limerick City and County	€10,062.97
Clare	€9,522.37
Meath	€8,262.95
Offaly	€7,565.38
Waterford City and County	€7,537.18
Kerry	€7,134.68

By comparison, Cork County was allocated €6,011 per km, the third lowest allocation in the country. If Cork County were to receive a similar level of allocation per km to, say, Limerick, Cork County would have received an additional €47.5m (€118.8m instead of the €71.3m that Cork received). The consequence of this shortfall is that Cork roads benefit from road strengthening and improvement works circa once every 50 years instead of once in 20 year intervals, i.e. 2% of Cork's network is improved annually instead of the accepted target of 5% of a local authority's network.

Increased funding from Central Government for critical resurfacing and maintenance works on Cork roads is an imperative in order to prevent the network from further sustained deterioration and degradation.

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

- Said West Cork has the fifth longest road network in the state
- Said the funding available for road maintenance is only enough to maintain 2% of the road network
- Said more funding is needed to fix and maintain the road network in West Cork
- Said Cork County Council should look at keeping the money from motor tax in our own county to do our roads
- Members said the roads in South Cork are also suffering and are dealing with high volumes of traffic
- Said the road network is now being maintained at 50 year intervals due to the lack of funding available to engineers
- Said the points addressed in the AIRO report need to be urgently addressed
- Said it is shocking that Cork is the third lowest recipient of funds for road maintenance
- Members said an audit of the road network needs to be carried out
- Said constituents are frustrated by the state of the road network
- Said nothing has changed since the AIRO report
- Said ongoing road improvements, maintenance and drainage is critical
- Members said it is critical that the road network improves if industry and foreign development are to be enticed to rural areas

The Mayor said he is very disappointed by the figures allocated to Cork for Regional & Local road maintenance. He said he will revert back to the Members on organising a delegation with Minister of State Jack Chambers.

The Chief Executive said Cork County Council is removed from the decision making process. Ms. O’Sullivan said the business cases put forward by the Executive of Cork County Council are falling on deaf ears. She said Cork has over 12,000 km in road network and 76% more local road than Galway but Cork still does worst in terms of funding.

*Members agreed to amend the motion to include all of Cork County.*

*Members agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to call for increased funding to come from Central Government for road resurfacing and maintenance and request an update on the AIRO report.*

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

**10/3-1**

### **CORK COUNTY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-2030:**

Approval of Adoption of the Cork County Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2030.

*Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty*

*Seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy*

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

- Thanked Sharon O’Connell and her team for their work on the LECP
- Said this plan shows a strong emphasis on consultation with stakeholders

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

### **UISCE ÉIREANN**

**11/3-1**

Correspondence received 27/02/2024 from Uisce Éireann in response to the Council’s letter dated 08/02/24 in relation to communication practices.

*Members noted the correspondence from Uisce Eireann.*

### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

**12/3-1**

Correspondence received 04/03/2024 from Department of Finance in response to the Councils letter dated 21/02/24 in relation to VAT reductions.

*Members noted the correspondence from Department of Finance.*

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

- Said the Government does not have their finger on the pulse regarding small businesses
- Said empty commercial buildings are at an all time high

**HSE**

13/3-1

Correspondence received 06/03/2024 from the HSE in response to the Councils letter dated 14/12/2023 in relation to rehabilitation mental health services in Cork County.

*Members noted the correspondence from the HSE.*

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES**

14/3-1

Correspondence received 06/03/2024 from Minister of State for Financial Services to the Councils letter dated 23/02/2024 in relation to reducing the cost of insurance for thatch properties.

*Members noted the correspondence from the Minister of State for Financial Services.*

**[h] NOTICES OF MOTION**

**LICENSING PROCESS FOR THE ERECTION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE**

15/3-1

*Cllr. Marcia D’Alton proposed, seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath*

“That Cork County Council would adopt a policy similar to that adopted by Dublin City Council in respect of the licensing process for the erection of telecommunications infrastructure on public ground:

1. That all licence applications for the erection of telecommunications infrastructure would be listed on [www.corkcoco.ie](http://www.corkcoco.ie)
2. That all applicants for a such a licence would be required to erect a public notice at the site to which to which the application refers to advise the public of the making of the application
3. That a period of public consultation in respect of the licence application would be permitted.”

Members noted the response from Pdraig Barrett, Director of Services, Planning & Development as follows:

**RESPONSE:**

The Statutory provision for Licensing of Telecommunications infrastructure is Under Section 254 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Licences under Section 254 are issued by different Directorates depending on the purpose for which the Licence is sought. The relevant Section of the Act states:

*“254. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person shall not erect, construct, place or maintain—*

*(a) a vending machine,*

*(b) a town or landscape map for indicating directions or places,*

*(c) a hoarding, fence, or scaffold,*

*(d) an advertisement structure,*

*(e) a cable, wire, or pipeline,*

*(ee) overground electronic communications infrastructure and any associated physical infrastructure,]*

*(f) a telephone kiosk or pedestal, or*

*(g) any other appliance, apparatus, or structure, which may be prescribed as requiring a licence under this section,*

*on, under, over or along a public road save in accordance with a licence granted by a planning authority under this section.”*

There is currently no provision under Section 254 that requires either erection of a Site Notice or public consultation and any such requirement may prove unwieldy, excessive, and potentially expensive given the nature of the items covered under this Section. Such requirements could also lead to delays in the processing of license applications. Many licences are issued at Area Office or MD level and require only local input and the requirement to hold a centralised listing could lead to delays in the processing of minor considerations.

Members will also be aware that the Planning and Development Bill is currently undergoing scrutiny through the Oireachtas and when enacted the Council will comply with any new statutory requirements.

I would not recommend any deviation from the requirements of the legislation (either current or proposed).

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

- Said the planning legislation for erecting mobile phone masts is divided between those on private land and those on public land
- Said any application for a mobile phone mast on private land must go through the planning process if the mast is greater than 12m in height
- Said the legislation for public land is very different
- Said all an operator has to do is apply for a licence from the local authority under Section 254 of the Planning & Development Act to erect a mast on public land
- Members said local authorities can refuse an application but a telecommunications company can then appeal the decision to An Bord Pleanala
- Said the public would not be aware of an application in Cork County so would not be able to make an observation on an appeal
- Said Dublin City Council's executive has developed a separate comprehensive Section 254 licence application form for telecoms infrastructure.
- Said this form contains a condition which requests that a site notice would be placed where the mast is proposed for erection so the public are aware of the application
- Asks that Cork County Council would publish the licence application on its website, require the applicant to erect a site notice and give the public a period of public consultation
- Said there needs to be a form of public consultation so that communities have a say
- Said the legislation does not state that local authorities have to make Elected Members aware but best practice needs to be shown
- Said the erection of masts near a property can damage the value of that property

The Chief Executive said she is willing to look at this matter. Ms. O'Sullivan said the Elected Members are the key people to inform in this instance.

*Members agreed to refer this motion to the Planning & Strategic Development SPC for further discussion.*

### **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

**16/3-1**

***Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien proposed, seconded by Cllr. Frank Roche***

“That this Council would request the Minister for Health to investigate into the workings of the Ambulance Service with regard to increasing delays in the service.”

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

- Said what could be treated at a Southdoc appointment is now a call for the Ambulance Service
- Said the increased pressure on the Ambulance Service means that no ambulance might be available in the event of an emergency call
- Said Ambulance Service staff are expected to cover a radius of up to 100 km at any one time
- Members said that they have had reports from constituents who have experienced medical emergencies and no ambulance was available
- Said the Fire Service is often the first on the scene when no ambulance is available
- Said another problem is beds are blocked when ambulances get to hospitals to drop off patients
- Said the Minister for Health must realise the pressure the Ambulance Service is under due to the reduction of Southdoc services

*Members agreed to write to the Minister for Health to request an investigation into the workings of the Ambulance Service with regard to increasing delays in the service.*

## **FUTURE PROVISION OF PUBLIC EV CHARGERS**

**17/3-1**

***Cllr. Gillian Coughlan proposed, seconded by Cllr. Sean O'Donovan***

“That Cork County Council seeks an update on the future provision of public EV chargers across County Cork.”

Members noted the response from Niall Healy, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation as follows:

### **RESPONSE:**

Cork County Council is currently preparing a brief for the appointment of a consultant in consultation with Zero Emissions Vehicles Ireland (ZEVl) for the development of a strategy for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the southwest region. Cork County Council is partnered with Kerry County Council in the development of the strategy (Cork County is the lead authority). This strategy, when developed, will set out the requirements for EV chargers across Cork county & Kerry.

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

- Said there was an 11.5% increase in electric vehicles in January of this year
- Said as a Local Authority, Cork County Council needs to facilitate drivers who are travelling in electric vehicles
- Said ducting needs to be included in towns to encourage people into our town centres
- Said any physical infrastructure and public carparks need to take EV charging into account
- Members said it is appropriate that Cork County Council is partnered with Kerry County Council from a tourism perspective
- Said towns around the County need to be future proofed with public EV chargers to encourage tourism
- Said it is vital that areas such as West Cork are future proofed from a tourism point of view
- Members said 113 public chargers in Cork County is a small number
- Said car rental companies are renting out electric vehicles to tourists
- Said there are only 2 EV charges in some towns around the County
- Members said private properties are not able to afford EV chargers
- Said there needs to be a protocol and strategy on this
- Said it is disappointing that a policy is still only being developed on this matter

The Mayor said EV chargers should be included in the retrofitting of houses. He said there is a niche in the market and this matter needs to be progressed quickly.

The Chief Executive said Cork County Council takes every possible opportunity when doing works in towns and villages to install EV chargers.

## **[k] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

**18/3-1**

**TO:** Cillian Murphy on winning an Oscar for Best Actor

**TO:** Tracey Kennedy on being appointed a trustee to the GAA

**TO:** Eadaoin and Ciarán Farrell on winning the first prize in the Intermediate Group Category in BT Young Scientist

**TO:** Daniel Hurley on his pupils winning first prize in the Intermediate Group Category in BT Young Scientist in biological and ecological science

## **[i] ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**19/3-1**

The Mayor asked Members to note that Development Committee will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10 am.

### **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**20/3-1**

Members said that all Council meetings should include the name of the Councillor in the body of the minutes. Western Divisional and Municipal District minutes should include the name of the Councillor in the body of the minutes as this was happening in both North and South Cork.

### **LEADER FUNDING**

**21/3-1**

Members asked if there was any update on the recent correspondence sent to the Minister regarding Leader Funding for Cork County.

The Mayor said there has been no update on this matter from the Minister. The Mayor said he has an upcoming meeting with the Minister and will raise the matter then.

### **PRE PLANNING MEETINGS**

**22/3-1**

Members said there are delays of between 3-6 months with Pre Planning Meetings. Members asked if applicants still have the option of face to face meetings for pre planning meetings.

### **REGISTER OF ELECTORS**

**23/3-1**

Members said the 5 – 6% of the Electoral Register is deceased. They said they had instances where constituents were not included on the register.

Karina Cremin, Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services said it is a national system and these are issues that have been raised nationally.

### **BIN SERVICES**

Members said there are areas of West Cork where bin companies are refusing to service houses.

The Mayor said he will contact these companies directly.

**CIVIC RECEPTION**

Members resolved that a civic reception would be held for Cillian Murphy:

*Proposed by Mayor Frank O'Flynn*

*Seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath*

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