MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CORK ON MONDAY 8TH JULY, 2019

Chairing:

Cllr. P. O'Sullivan

Present:

Cllr. A. Barry, S. Sheppard, C. Rasmussen and S. O'Connor

Officials:

S. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer; P. Lynch, Municipal District

Officer; C. McDonnell, Cobh Municipal District

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Cllr. A. O'Connor.

- 1. Part 8 Planning Application for Development consisting of Installation of Jack Doyle Statue at John F. Kennedy Park, Westbourne Place, Kilgarvan, Cobh, Co. Cork, in partnership with the Jack Doyle Statue Committee.
- P. Lynch told the Members that under current legislation, a decision has to issue in relation to the project on or before 9th August and that a failure to make a decision would result in the application lapsing. He also stated that if permission is granted for this project, there is no legal deadline for completion of the works. Concerns were expressed from the Members that if permission is granted for the development, and the necessary funding to complete the project is not available, no other development could proceed on the site of the proposed statue.

Members raised their concerns that they had not been given an exact costing for the project and that they were unaware of what finances had been raised to date by the Jack Doyle Statue Committee. As a grant of €8,000 was allocated from the Pay Parking Dividend in 2018 and brought forward to 2019, Members requested clarity on the costings and finances.

It was agreed that P. Lynch would contact the Jack Doyle Statue Committee to seek clarification in relation to the finances for the project. Members also asked that P. Lynch seek costings for the project, as well as proof of funding currently available for the project.

- P. Lynch stated that this proposal would be on the Agenda for the July monthly meeting Cobh Municipal District, scheduled for Thursday 18th July at 3pm. Members can then consider the application in light of any details provided in relation to the funding issue. The matter can then be forwarded to full Council for consideration at its meeting on Monday 22nd July, which is the last meeting of Cork County Council before the deadline of 9th August.
- 2. Proposed Part 8 Planning Application for Development consisting of Installation of Sculpture at Velvet House Cross, Carrignafoy, Cobh, Cork, in partnership with Cobh Tidy Towns Committee.
- P. Lynch told the Members that no objections were received in relation to the proposal.

On the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. Sheppard it was agreed to forward the proposal to Full Council for their consideration.

Any Other Business

- P. Lynch read letter from Cobh/Ploermel Town Twinning Assoc. looking for an elected member to travel with the Cobh group to Ploermel from 20th to 27th July. No Members were available to travel.
- P. Lynch reminded the Members that the official opening of the School Art Poster Competition held in conjunction with the Tidy Towns to raise awareness of picking up after your dog, would take place in Cobh Library on Friday 12th July at 12 noon.
- P. Lynch notified the Members that Ervia would like to meet with the Members to discuss the Lower Harbour Drainage Project. It was agreed that the meeting would take place on Thursday 11th July at 9.30am, in Carrig House.

This concluded the business of the meeting:

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICER