



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 11th October 2021 at 11am.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Gillian Uí Chochláin, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri: Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé, Sean Pól, Ó Murchú, Gearóid, Críod, Ní Mhuineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin, M, Uí Loinaigh, Ó Luasa, Ó hAodha, Padraig, Ó Murchú, Gearóid, Ó Cinnéide, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé, Tony, Léanacháin - Uí Foghlú, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní hEachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh S, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaioich, Ó Haodha Pól, Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú, Caoimhín, Ó Suilleabháin, Sean, Uí Shuilleabháin Máire, Ó Shuilleabháin, Máire, Ó Murchú PG, Ó Conaill, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Ó Muirheartaigh, Uí Bhuachalla, Daltún Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conchubair S, Ó Conchubair A, Ó Flionn, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghaire, Dawson, De Róiste

PRESENT

Councillor Gillian Coughlan, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Doyle, O'Shea JP, Murphy Gerard, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kennedy, Madden, O'Shea, Tony, Linehan – Foley, Hegarty, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul, Coughlan G, Coleman, Murphy Kevin, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O' Donovan, Murphy P.G, O'Connell, McGrath, D'Alton, Murtagh, Buckley, Dalton – O'Sullivan, O'Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O'Connor S, O'Connor A, O'Flynn, O'Brien, O'Leary, Dawson, Roche

PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS & COVID SOP MANAGEMENT:

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty

The Mayor outlined the Public Health Restrictions at the beginning of the meeting and reminded Members of the COVID-19 SOP management requirements of the meeting.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr. Pat Hayes

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Seconded by Cllr. Gerard Murphy

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September, 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

1(a)/9-2

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/9-2

TO: Mr. Diarmuid Sheehan & Mrs. Andreana Sheehan on the death of Diarmuid's father, Jerry Sheehan

TO: Mr. Paul Farrell on the death of his father Paddy Farrell

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

3/9-2

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY:

SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:

Members noted the following disposal:

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FERMOY:

Disposal of land at Ballydoyle, Castletownroche, Co. Cork .

3(a)9-2

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 01st October, 2021.

SITUATION: Disposal of land at Ballydoyle, Castletownroche, Co. Cork.

AREA: 0.82 hectares/ 2.02 acres

CONSIDERATION: €2,000

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON/KINSALE:

Disposal of land at Curragh Hill, Riverstick, Co. Cork .

3(b)9-2

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 01st October, 2021.

SITUATION: Disposal of land at Curragh Hill, Riverstick, Co.Cork

CONSIDERATION: €1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KANTURK/MALLOW:

Grant of Right of Way at Velvetstown, Buttevant, Co.Cork

3(c)9-2

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 01st October, 2021.

SITUATION: Grant of Right of Way over non – public access road at Velvetstown, Buttevant, Co Cork

CONSIDERATION: €1

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE WEST CORK LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

**Section 4(2) and Sections 32-35 of the Local Community Development Committee
(Section128E) Regulations 2014 (SI No. 234 of 2014):**

A casual vacancy has arisen on the West Cork LCDC. 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), the members approved the appointment of Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin, CEO of Comhar na nOileán as a replacement representative for Comhar na nOileán on the West Cork LCDC. The previous nominee (Mr. John Walsh) was hereby de-selected.

Proposed by Councillor Declan Hurley

Seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly

4/9-2

[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

BETTER ENERGY WARMER HOMES SCHEME

Correspondence dated 1st October 2021 in response to the Council's letter dated 28th June 2021 in relation to Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme backlog.

Councillor John Paul O' Shea proposed, seconded by Councillor Kevin Murphy

During the discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Members expressed disappointment with the reply as no timeframe confirmed as to when the backlog will be dealt with
- They advised people who are in fuel poverty are not getting any clarity as to when this matter will be addressed and are waiting over 12 months for an update
- They stated fuel poverty is a critical issue for people on lower incomes
- Members pointed out that many of these houses are in poor condition
- The Mayor stated that another letter to Minister Eamon Ryan requesting a plan and specific deadline is required

5/9-2

[h] NOTICE OF MOTIONS

6/9-2

TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT DURATION FOR PARTICIPANTS CURRENTLY ON COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

Councillor Eileen Lynch proposed, seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry

“That Cork County Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection, to extend the contract duration of those currently on Community Employment schemes in situations where there are no new applicants to fill upcoming vacancies, and to urgently review the eligibility criteria of these schemes”.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

- Stated that this Notion of Motion has been raised following representations from community groups
- Members commended Minister Heather Humphries for extending scheme to February 2022
- They acknowledged that communities have benefited from the schemes but that they need to be broadened out
- They said that schemes cannot be extended, and schemes are struggling to get new applicants, with 2759 vacancies currently open nationally to applicants
- Members said that many participants want to continue on the schemes but have no opportunity to do so
- They stated that community groups will not be able to fill the places easily if people are forced off the schemes
- They noted that all communities are short of people on this scheme
- Stated the duration of the TUS and CF schemes are too short
- Members discussed the importance of the social element of these schemes
- They said that these schemes provide a sense of dignity and a sense of community for participants on the schemes
- Members stated that participants spend time on the schemes building up experience and queried the need to take participants off the scheme
- They noted that services are put under pressure when these schemes are not altered with demand
- They suggested that there should be flexibility on the schemes were people can be moved around as necessary
- Members requested that a letter should be written to the Minister considering the social employment of these schemes and a requesting a timeframe for review

[K] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

7/9-2

TO: Skibbereen Community School on winning the Girls U14 Gaelic Football Community Games Competition

TO: Rev. Ronan Sheehan who was ordained to the diaconate

TO: Kinsale golfer John Murphy for his recent success at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship

TO: All Cork County Council Councillors on their work and dedication

TO: Doneraile Golf Club on their win at the All Ireland Mixed Foursomes

[I] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8/9-2

CHANGE TO DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Date of next Council Meeting Tuesday 26th October to allow for bank holiday on 25th.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus McGrath

Seconded by Councillor Kay Dawson

8a/9-2

NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN

Members raised concerns from constituents as people are experiencing severe delays getting connected to broadband. They said that some people have been told they will not get connected until 2025/2026. Concerns have been raised on the progress of the plan and how this will impact on home working.

8b/9-2

GRANTS FOR THE ELDERLY

Members advised a P60 is no longer in use and a balancing statement is required. Some people are unable to do this or do not have internet to do it. Members noted that the requirement needs to change. Mayor confirmed it will be brought forward for discussion at SPC.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~