



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 25th February, 2019.

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Comhairleoir P.G. Ó Murchú, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri MacCraith, Mac Seafráda, Daltúin, Ní Fhúarthain, D. Ó'Donnabháin Dheasmhumhnaigh, Ó Cainte, M. Ó Murchú, Ó hEarchaí, Ó Colmáin, Lombard, C. Ó Murchú, Ní Cochláin, J. Ó'Donnabháin, G. Ní Mhuimhneacháin, Críod, Ó Luasaigh, Ó Riain, Ó Conbhuí, P. Ó Suilleabháin, C. MacCárthaigh, Ó Ceocháin, Sheppard, De Barra, Ó Cadhla, Rasmussen, N.Ó Coileán, Ó hEachteirn, Uí Thuama, Ó hEigearthaigh, Léanacháin-Foghlú, Ní Bhrian, N. MacCárthaigh, Ó Floinn, Ó Dúghaill, Mhic Dháibhí, Uí Mhurchú, Ó Sé, Gearoid. Ó Murchú, G. Ó Murchú, B. Ó Muimhneacháin, Uí Mhaoláin, T. Ó Coileán, J' Ó Suilleabháin, Ó Cearúill, C. Ó Suilleabháin, Uí hEigearthaigh, Ó hAodha. D. Ó hUrthuile.

PRESENT

Councillor Patrick G. Murphy, County Mayor presided.

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, D'Alton, Forde, D. Ó'Donnabháin, Desmond, Canty, M. Murphy, Harris, Coleman, Lombard, K. Murphy, Coughlan, O'Donovan, G. Moynihan, Creed, Morley, Lucey, Ryan, Conway, P. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Ó Cadhla, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ahern, Twomey, Ml. Hegarty, Linehan Foley, O'Brien, McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J. Murphy, O'Shea, Gearóid Murphy, Gerard Murphy, Mullane, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J'OSullivan, C. O'Sullivan, Mary Hegarty, Hayes, Hurley. Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/2-2

Proposed by Councillor Kevin Conway

Seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th February, 2019, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/2-2

TO: Mr Christy Ring on the death of his mother, Rita

TO: Mrs Pauline Moriarty on the death of her father, Timmy

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER

Councillor Michael Murphy requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss Docklands Site at Passage West.

Councillor Alan Coleman also requested a Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss Closure of Oliver Plunket St, Bandon

Chief Executive said it was a matter for members and that Municipal Districts were already briefed, anything of a commercial nature wouldn't be discussed.

The Mayor confirmed these matters would be discussed under AOB.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Members noted the following disposals.

DISPOSAL OF SERVICED SITE AT OLD COURTHOUSE, RIVERSTOWN, GLANMIRE, CO.CORK

3(a)/2-2

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 13th February, 2019.

Situation: Disposal of Serviced Site at Old Courthouse, Riverstown, Glanmire, Co. Cork

Area: 0.0248 hectares as outlined on map.

Consideration: €100,000

DISPOSAL OF SERVICED SITE AT SCHOOL ROAD, DURRUS

3(b)/2-2

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 15th February, 2019.

Situation: Disposal of site at School Road, Durrus.

Area: As Above

Consideration: €30,000

DISPOSAL OF LAND AT SHESKIN, BANTRY. CO. CORK

3(c)/2-2

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 15th February, 2019

Situation: Disposal of land at Sheskin, Bantry, Co. Cork

Area: 0.0059 hectares

Consideration: In conjunction with compensation package for land being acquired for the development of the Bantry Relief Road.

Section 179, Planning and Development Act, 2000

4/2-2

Part 8 Manager's Report for proposed refurbishment of the Briery Gap Cultural Centre, Macroom, Co. Cork

Proposed by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan
Seconded by Councillor Ted Lucey

Members welcomed the report and outlined that the Planning process was almost finished and would like to see this progress quickly. Members conveyed their disappointment that there was no funding in the Rural Regeneration.

Members also asked that the properties on either side are addressed.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

5/2-2

SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT 2014)

Cork County Council Capital Infrastructure Funding - Sanction to borrow per Local Government Act 2001 (section 106)

Cork County Council's Development plan came into effect in January 2015 and is expected to remain in force until late 2020. The Development Plan is the County's principal planning policy document and contains 220 broad objectives to support the key strategic aims of the Plan which are to

- Achieve population growth targets.
- Sustainable Patterns of Growth in Urban and Rural areas.
- Enhanced quality of life for all
- Sustainable and balanced economic investment.
- Effective physical and community infrastructure.
- A quality built environment.

The 8 Municipal Local Area Plans for Cork contain another 204 objectives specific to individual settlements.

The implementation of these 204 strategic objectives and policies to provide for balanced development and to protect the sustainability of communities, and safeguard against social, environmental and economic negative impacts requires significant funding.

With the upcoming boundary change, Cork County Council are now focusing on an investment program to support communities and create the conditions where there is effective regional development and a program to drive the economic performance across the whole of the county.

Cork County Council has looked strategically at their development plans and 2018-2020 Capital Programme and the Council are well aware of the significant investment required in our towns and villages to promote growth and improve living conditions. Cork County Council currently envisages that there is a requirement for capital infrastructure investment of up to €244m within the next 10 years in areas such as

- Town centre public realm upgrades.
- Town Inner relief roads.
- Provision/upgrade of Parks and Amenities.
- Tourism related infrastructure.
- Protection of culture and Heritage
- Economic development.
- Energy efficiency projects.

Current sources of funding include:

- Government Grants
- Development Contributions
- Internal Capital receipts.
- Capital reserves.
- Provision in the Revenue Budget.
- Borrowing.

The announcement by the Government in early 2018 of the National, Urban and Rural Regeneration Funds (URDF & RRDF) of €2bn and €1bn respectively is to be welcomed and provides significant opportunities for Cork County Council to advance the objectives of the County development and Local Area Plans.

Cork County Council submitted 42 schemes for URDF funding in October 2018 with a total estimated Project cost of €366.2M requiring €63.1M of funding to advance these projects. A further 50 schemes

were submitted for RRDF funding requiring funding of €37.14M to allow these schemes advance. Local Authority match of funding of at least 25% is required under both URDF and RRDF.

In parallel with the above, Cork County Council have entered into discussions with both the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Council of Europe Bank (CEB) to provide loan funding to Cork County Council to progress a broad range of infrastructure projects and interventions across the County.

The loan funding will cover areas of infrastructure development as agreed by the financial institutions and will be broadly in line with the categories of expenditure outlined in the €244m capital infrastructure investment outlined above.

Both EIB and CEB are currently in the process of completing due diligence in relation to Cork County Council's proposal and it is envisaged that a total combined loan of €130M fund can be provided by the two Banks. The current proposal is that the loan fund of €130m will be phased over three 3-year cycles, with Cork County Council entering into a €40M loan finance contract in the first cycle.

This will be a framework loan with terms and conditions to be agreed.

All loan expenditure will need to be in accordance with both EIB and CEB criteria for eligible expenditure/projects. Furthermore there will be a requirement to agree and measure a set of indicators with the Banks to demonstrate the positive social/economic impacts of the investments.

The indicative projects to be funded/part funded under this loan will be set out in the schedule of the framework loan and agreed in advance with the banking institutions, as to both locations and nature of expenditure.

Should approval be received to proceed with this loan application, Cork County Council will proceed with the advancement including design and development to tender stage of a pipeline of up to 50 infrastructure projects spread geographically throughout the County as agreed by the financial institutions. Some projects may initially only include for feasibility studies to allow projects to advance through planning and design.

Before any projects proceed, they will be notified to Municipal District members.

Irrespective of any agreement between Cork County Council and EIB/CEB to provide loan funding for infrastructure projects, Cork County Council will continue to lobby vigorously and apply to the various government departments and relevant bodies for grant funding for the infrastructure projects mentioned above. Having access to loan funding by Cork County Council, to part finance projects that are not 100% grant funded would also put Cork County Council in a better position to draw down grant funds as they are announced and become available.

It can take several years from project inception to construction/implementation. The provision of loan funding, will allow Cork County Council put the appropriate measures in place, to develop and agree a more strategic and medium term Capital Investment Program and to advance various infrastructure projects to a sufficient level of design and statutory processes, to be in a position to avail of various funding streams for pipeline of "shovel ready" projects.

Cork County Council wish to proceed with this loan application to EIB/CEB of €130M as outlined above and are seeking approval of the Members per Local Government Act 2001 section 106.

Lorraine Lynch, Head of Finance outlined the contents of the report already seeking approval in advance to tender stage on circa 50 projects.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- A credit, creative solution and welcomed initiatives

- Gives Cork County Council an opportunity to put in place vital infrastructure
- A boost to local communities with funding available for Town Public Realm, parks & Economic Development
- Hopes there will be strong emphasis on disadvantaged rural areas.
- Commended the great team work done behind the scenes.

The Mayor welcomed the very innovative, creative loan framework. We will have the ability to prioritise projects and a great opportunity for rural towns.

The Chief Executive thanked members for their support and noted that members were briefed in CPG. The decision will go beyond life of this council and will prove very significant in years to come. This is the largest loan borrowing every before this council and the chief executive is satisfied after looking at our capital programme, that we can manage this strong financial modelling on this proposal.

Approval from the Department of Local Government and Department of Finance is needed and then we can go back to EIB and CEB

Proposed by Cllr Gearóid Murphy
Seconded by Cllr Frank O'Flynn

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

Corporate Policy Group

6/2-1

(a) Approval of attendance by Council members at Conferences on the Conference List for February, 2019

Proposed by Councillor Michael Hegarty
Seconded by Mary Linehan Foley

(b) Arts Grants Scheme 2019

Proposed by Councillor Frank O'Flynn
Seconded by Melissa Mullane

Members thanked the Arts Officer and his team, and the SPC.

Director of Services. Roads & Transportation, report to Full Council on Road Grant Allocations, 2019

7/2-2

The Director of Service Roads & Transportation Mr. Padraig Barrett outlined the details contained in the circulated report.

NATIONAL ROADS

Attached are details of the 2019 National Roads Allocations, as issued by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) on 21st December 2018, amounting to €34,503,812. The allocation represents an 85% increase on the initial 2018 allocation of €18,667,828.

The principal elements of the allocation are outlined below:

Major Schemes category allocation is €18,200,000 for 2019 which is a substantial increase on the 2018 allocation of €5,150,000. This is mostly accounted for by a significant allocation of €15m for the N22 Baile Bhúirne to Macroom scheme.

Pavement & Minor Works:

An allocation of €11,697,000 has been made for the Pavement and Minor Works, up from an initial allocation of €10,069,192 in 2018.

Maintenance Allocations: An allocation of €1,346,812 has been received for maintenance which is a 4% increase on the 2018 allocation. This allocation is still very far short of what is required to maintain the National Road network.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS

Attached are details of the 2019 Regional & Local Roads Allocations, as issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport on 30th January, 2019 amounting to €50,465,240. A further €451,921 is assigned from the Self Fund of the Local Property Tax bringing the total to €50,917,161. The allocation represents a 12% increase on the 2018 allocation of €45,468,088.

The principal elements of the allocation are:

- The Discretionary Maintenance Grant allocation is €10,513,421 (€10,061,500 + Self fund €451,921) which is a 14% increase on the 2018 allocation of €9,217,921. This is the main source of funding for ongoing maintenance tasks such as pothole repairs and drainage.
- The Drainage Works Grant allocation is €2,612,500 in 2019, which represents a doubling of the 2018 grant.
- The Restoration Improvement Grant of €27,354,000 is an 9% increase on the 2018 allocation of €25,017,000. This is the largest Grant and provides for the strengthening and overlay work on our roads and the fact that there is separate fund available for Community Involvement Schemes further increases the amount of work that can be done. The facility to divert some of this Grant to Discretionary Maintenance has been important in allowing the maintenance programme to continue in meeting the Council's labour costs. However, this facility is no longer available from this year
- Community Involvement Schemes An allocation of €859,959 has been received in 2019 which is similar to the 2018 allocation.
- The Restoration Maintenance Grant and Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grants amounting in total to €6,738,500 are specifically for Surface Dressing and represent an increase of 7.66% on the 2018 allocation of €6,259,000.
- Specific Improvement Grant of €200,000 for 2019 (same as 2018). There will be no new schemes starting in 2018. The allocations are principally to cover contractual land acquisition commitments.
- Bridge Rehabilitation Grant . The Bridge Rehabilitation Grant of €1,712,036 is similar to the 2018 grant. The listing of 32 bridges is only indicative as a number of failures to bridges and structures have occurred since the submission of the Council's application to the Department last September and these will have to take priority for the funding available.

- Strategic Road Allocations. There is no allocation under this Grant category this year as there have been no new starts under this category since 2013 and outstanding commitments by the Department to schemes in this category have been met.
- The Safety Improvement Works Safety allocation of €692,000 represents an 11.61% increase on the 2018 allocation and will allow progress on 16 schemes.
- An allocation of €12,525 is available towards the cost of signage for 30 kph Speed Limits in Housing Estates.

Local Improvement Scheme

The Department of Rural and Community Development has notified Cork County Council of funding of €900,000 for Local Improvement Schemes in 2019. In late 2018 a further €700,000 was granted which needs to be expended by 31st March 2019.

Town Centre and Public Realm

A considerable funding stream is emerging for Town Centre and Public Realm projects from the Urban and Rural Regeneration and other Grants. The Council will supplement this funding with its own footpath allocations, together with Regional & Local Roads funding to create synergies and project efficiencies and create a multiplier effect of the multiple funding sources.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Members welcomed the increase but noted that we still have a long way to go to catch up to 2008
- Pubic lighting on national routes are a serious safety issue and need to be addressed
- No figure included for strategic grants
- Transfer area resurfacing to be done by Cork City Council in 2019
- 13% increase, but have costs per square meter risen year in year out?
- Importance of value for money for maintenance and investment
- The bridge rehabilitation welcomed
- National primary maintenance not sufficient and national fencing not being replaced
- Delegation should meet with Minister as debate needs to happen

The Mayor welcomed the increase in allocation.

The Director of Service Roads & Transportation Mr. Pdraig Barrett addressed questions asked by Members:

- Ongoing funding applications will be made for Strategic funding
- Transfer area is included in Cork City Council's allocation which includes for roads that were on our program for 2019, but works will be carried out by Cork City Council
- Maintenance work is ongoing in the transition area, along with essential repairs
- Meeting with Cork County Council and Cork City Council is to be held to discuss their 2019 program for the transition area

Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Mr Pdraig Barrett will revert on specific queries

Chief Executive's Management Report to Council

8/2-2

Corporate Services Directorate period ending 31st December, 2018

Members noted the Corporate Services quarterly report.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- The Planning enquiry system is not fit for purpose

The Chief Executive outlined that the records are available to the public

Extension of time until 1.30pm

Proposed by Councillor Kevin Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Mary Hegarty

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, TOURISM & SPORT

9/2-2

Members noted correspondence dated 6th February 2019 in response to Council's letter dated 31st January 2019 regarding Driving Test waiting times.

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- Reply from Minister not sufficient given to the members on the waiting list
- Members requested a maximum waiting time for tests and suggested weekend testing

Members agreed to write to Minister for Department of Transport

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

10/2-2

Members noted correspondence dated 8th February 2019 in response to Council's letter dated 17th January 2019 regarding Adoptee Identity Rights.

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- Members expressed their disappointment with the poor response
- Doesn't deal with any issues outlined on the previous notice of motion

Members agreed to write to Minister to address each point on letter dated 17th January, 2019

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

11/2-2

- (a) Correspondence dated 11th February 2019 in response to Council's letter dated 30th November 2018 regarding unsold Affordable Properties.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Members expressed their disappointment with the response
- Members requested for a timeline to be outlined and asks the Minister to focus on the likelihood of occupants being able to purchase these units

Members agreed to write back to the Minister looking for a more detailed response

- (b) Correspondence dated 13th February in response to Council's letter dated 17th January regarding Social Housing income limits.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Members expressed their disappointment with the response
- Members requested for a timeline to be outlined

Members agreed to write back to Minister to seek a timeline.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION

12/2-2

Correspondence dated 14th February 2019 in response to Council's letter dated 25th January 2019 regarding Anti-Bullying Procedures.

Members welcomed response and said that low cost publicity measures could be put in place.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES

13/2-2

Councillor Noel Collins proposed, seconded by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan, the following notice of motion:

“That Cork County Council initiate a major revitalisation of policy, with regard to the care and maintenance of our cemeteries, particularly those closed for many years and where many poor souls are buried – among briars, weeds and broken headstones. Also, is one at liberty to apply, under the Planning Laws, to open a cemetery?”

Members noted the response Mary Ryan, Director of Services Municipal District Operations & Rural Development and Michael Lynch, Director of Services Planning which outlined as follows:

Report:

Cork County Council, currently maintains in excess of 150 cemeteries. There are many other cemeteries in the divisional area that are maintained by parish/community groups.

Cork County Council prioritises the maintenance of open council owned cemeteries and in particular, those with the highest number of burials. The introduction of 'Lawn' cemeteries has greatly assisted the council with its maintenance programme.

Where local parish/community groups undertake, or wish to undertake the maintenance of a cemetery, they may apply for funding to their local Municipal District from the GMA.

It should also be noted that there are many other cemeteries that are not under Council ownership or control. Responsibility for maintenance of these cemeteries rests with the owners.

In the case of ancient graveyards, their maintenance is complicated by the fact that they are Recorded Monuments and therefore subject to statutory protection under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994. This means that any works must be agreed by the National Monuments Service in advance and will normally require supervision by an archaeologist.

The Council's Historic Monuments Advisory Committee produced a very useful publication (Care of Historic Graveyards) that outlines many of the issues that one needs take into consideration. Of particular note some of the works that it is recommended should not be undertaken include:

- Uprooting trees, plants or gravestones
- Using any machinery to clear or level the site
- Cleaning vegetation from wall joints unnecessarily
- Pulling ivy off masonry walls or fragile headstones/vaults or uproot saplings
- Straightening headstones

With regards to the development of new cemeteries by individuals, there is no restriction on anyone wishing to open a cemetery, but they are required to have planning permission for the development.

The Principle Act - Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended does not preclude a prospective applicant from applying for planning permission to develop a cemetery. The assessment of any such application will have regard to proper planning considerations including traffic management, drainage/water table, impact on amenities of area and the appropriateness of the specific site for such a facility relative to policy objectives of the County Development Plan 2014, Town Plan where applicable or relevant Local Area Plan.

During the discussions that followed members made the following points:

- Voluntary Groups were commended on their hard work and asked for assistance to be given to Voluntary Groups
- Requested updated register of the graveyards within jurisdiction to be given to each Municipal District
- That Cork County Council should be doing more to support voluntary groups

USE OF GLYPHOSATE (ROUNDUP)

14/2-2

Councillor Diarmaid Ó Cadhla proposed, seconded by Councillor Danielle Twomey, the following notice of motion:

“That Council request a report on our use of Glyphosate (Roundup) during 2018, by volume and cost, and in what application; and on what briefings have taken place with staff regarding its use and public Health and Safety.”

Further, that Council adopts as policy a ban on the use of Glyphosate/Roundup throughout its functional area and will write to Minister for Local Government to recommend this nationally.”

Members noted the response Pdraig Barrett, Director of Services Roads and Transportation, Louis Duffy, Director of Services Environment Directorate and Eddie Ronayne CMIOSH Safety Advisor, Safety Section

Response:

The spraying of weeds and the eradication of invasive species is carried out as part of the general maintenance and grass cutting programmes. Records for the cost of weed spraying, carried out as part of this programme, do not exist as a separate charge as most of this work is done as part of the grass cutting contracts. However, I would estimate that CCC spends about €70-80k annually on weed control, mostly with the use of products containing glyphosate which is very effective in the eradication of general weeds and Japanese Knotweed. This is done by inviting tenders from private contractors. All users have to be Licensed and Approved as Professional Pesticide Users by the Dept. of Agriculture.

A small number of our own staff, who have received appropriate training, also carry out some spraying with glyphosate products.

Under the Noxious Weeds Act 1936, it is an offence not to control and prevent the spread of certain weeds. Cork County Council takes very seriously its obligations under the Act while at the same time complying fully with the implementation of the Sustainable Used of Pesticides Directive (SUD). We are not in favour of banning its use as this is not a EU or National requirement. The Council has no authority to ban its use by other property owners.

Each weedkiller comes with its own Safety Data Sheet which outlines all the safety requirements for the use, storage, transport and disposal of the weedkiller.

A specialist contractor was used to treat Japanese Knotweed on 2 sites. The Contractor complied with health and safety and the staff were all trained. The volume of Glyphosate used is not quantified.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Members spoke on how France had adopted a policy to ban its use
- The dangers of its use was outlined to the natural habitats at a recent biodiversity conference
- Sale of Glyphosate are regulated and all staff are properly trained to use it in compliance
- Product was examined by Department of Environment and has since been licensed and regulated
- Effects bees and earthworms which effects our entire ecosystem

Chief Executive is happy to use product in compliance with safety data sheets.

Members agreed to refer this matter to the Environment SPC for detailed discussion

HEALTH SERVICE EXECUTIVE

15/2-2

“That Cork County Council writes to Minister for Health stating that in light of all that has arisen in recent times that the HSE is not fit for purpose and should be abolished.”

[21/01/2019, deferred by member]

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER BODIES

HEALTH SERVICE EXECUTIVE

16/2-2

Correspondence dated 18th February 2019 in response to Council’s letter dated 25th January 2019 regarding Anti-Bullying Procedures

Members welcomed response and outlined that a lot of low cost publicity measures could be put in place

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

TO: Christina Desmond on winning the National Elite Senior Boxing Final

TO: St Francis College on winning the Tom Collum Cup for the first time

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Opening of Tenders

The following tenders were opened at the meeting:-

- Three tenders for six Social Housing Units at Radharc na Croise, Model Village, Dripsey

Dockland Sites of Passage West

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Members said it was a big blow for the Municipal District
- Decision made by Doyle shipping may be temporary
- The €1.9m that was granted how long will it be held onto by Cork County Council

Chief Executive explained that we haven’t had any formal urban fund allocation yet and assumed that the €1.9m will still be available to us.

Closure of Oliver Plunkett St, Bandon

Members spoke about the closure of Oliver Plunkett St, Bandon since mid December.

Chief Executive said the matter is being dealt with Cork County Council did act swiftly in serving demolition notices on properties giving 18 days notice. County solicitors are to go to District Court

due to non response. Chief Executive not satisfied that they can allow pedestrian access as public safety is a paramount.

This concluded the business of the Meeting