



COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 11th March, 2019.

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Comhairleoir P.G. Ó Murchú, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri MacCraith, Mac Seafraida, Daltúin, 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, Ó Ceocháin, Sheppard, De Barra, Rasmussen, N.Ó Coileán, Ó hEachteirn, Uí Thuama, Ó hEigearthaigh, Ní Bhrian, N. MacCárthaigh, Ó Floinn, Ó Dúghaill, Mhic Dháibhí, Uí Mhurchú, Gearoid. Ó Murchú, G. Ó Murchú, B. Ó Muimhneacháin, Uí Mhaoláin, T. Ó Coileán, D. Ó Coileán, J' Ó Suilleabháin, Ó Cearúill, C. Ó Suilleabháin, Uí hEigearthaigh, Ó hAodha.

PRESENT

Councillor Patrick G. Murphy, County Mayor presided.

Councillors McGrath, Jeffers, D'Alton, 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, G. Keohane, Sheppard, Barry, Rasmussen, N. Collins, Ahern, Twomey, Ml. Hegarty, O'Brien, N. McCarthy, O'Flynn, Doyle, Dawson, J.Murphy, Gearóid Murphy, Gerard Murphy, B. Moynihane, Mullane, T. Collins, D. Collins, Carroll, J'OSullivan, C. O'Sullivan, Mary Hegarty, Hayes.

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/3-1

Proposed by Councillor Frank O'Flynn

Seconded by Councillor Kevin Conway

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th February, 2019, be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/3-1

TO: Gobnait O'Regan on the death of her Father, Dan

TO: John Walsh on the death of his Mother, Mary

TO: Seamus O'Flynn on the death of his Mother, Kathleen

Councillor Pdraig O'Sullivan requested a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the traffic issues in Little Island as a result of the Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade.

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry.

Members agreed to the suspension of Standing Orders being taken at 1pm.

N71

Councillor Seamus McGrath then requested to mention for the record that he had expected the N71 to be on the agenda for today's meeting and a number of residents had were in attendance at the meeting. He then confirmed that he had spoken with the Director of Roads and a meeting had been arranged with him, Municipal District Members and residents.

STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Members noted the following disposals.

DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD AT 50 ST. JOSEPH'S TERRACE, ROCKENHAM, PASSAGE, WEST, 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 28th February 2019.

LAND HELD UNDER LEASEHOLD INTEREST:

50 St. Joseph's Terrace, Rockenham, Passage West,
Co.Cork

FREEHOLD INTEREST:

Folio No. 11138L
Folio No. CK42439

CONSIDERATION:

€ 350.00 inclusive of administration charges

COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND AGREEMENTS:

Conditions pursuant to Housing Act, 1966 and
Landlord & Tenant Acts, 1947 – 1984.

GRANT OF WAYLEAVE AT LEHENAGHMORE, 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 28th February 2019.

Situation: Grant of wayleave at Lehenaghmore, Co Cork.

Area: 21.9m x 6m wide

Consideration: €3,000

DISPOSAL OF SITE, GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY AND WAYLEAVE AT ARD NA MARA, CAPPAGH, KINSALE 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 28th February 2019.

Situation: MV Substation Site at Ard na Mara, Cappagh, Kinsale, Co Cork.

Area: (1) Disposal of Site measuring 9 sq. metres/0.0009 hectares/0.0022 acres, and (2) grant of 3m wide right-of-way to public road, and (3) grant of general wayleave over green areas.

Consideration: €1

DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD AT 3 ST. JOSEPHS TERRACE, KINSALE, CO.CORK

3(d)/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 27th February 2019.

**LAND HELD UNDER
LEASEHOLD INTEREST:**

3 St. Josephs Terrace, Kinsale, Co.Cork

FREEHOLD INTEREST:

Folio No. 11093L
Folio No. CK6616F

CONSIDERATION:

€ 350.00 inclusive of administration charges

**COVENANTS, CONDITIONS
AND AGREEMENTS:**

Conditions pursuant to Housing Act, 1966 and
Landlord & Tenant Acts, 1947 – 1984.

DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD AT 13 ST. MARY'S TERRACE, FERMOY, CO.CORK

3(e)/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 27th February 2019.

**LAND HELD UNDER
LEASEHOLD INTEREST:**

13 St. Mary's Terrace, Fermoy, Co. Cork

FREEHOLD INTEREST:

Folio No. 11093L
Folio No. CK6616F

CONSIDERATION:

€ 350.00 inclusive of administration charges

**COVENANTS, CONDITIONS
AND AGREEMENTS:**

Conditions pursuant to Housing Act, 1966 and
Landlord & Tenant Acts, 1947 – 1984.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS OF COBH AND EAST CORK

4/3-1

Resolution under Section 179 of the Planning Act 2000, as amended

Members noted the Part 8 Report for the proposed Water-Rock Urban Expansion Area Infrastructure Works.

Proposed by Councillor Anthony Barry

Seconded by Councillor Susan McCarthy

Resolved:

“Noting that in accordance with Article 83, Part 8 of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 as amended, notice of the proposed development was published, 35 No. entities made submissions in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Article 179 of the said Act is given for the following:-

Water-Rock Urban Expansion Area Infrastructure Works

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK

5/3-1

Resolution under Section 179 of the Planning Act 2000 Section 3 (4a & 4b), as amended

Members noted the Part 8 Report for the proposed construction of an extension and alterations to the Town Hall Theatre, Skibbereen to improve accessibility to the building and provide an accessible public convenience. The proposed new structure will also serve as a Ticket Box Office

Proposed by Councillor Joe Carroll

Seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes

Resolved:

“Noting that in accordance with Article 179 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 2000, notice of the proposed development was published, 3 No. submissions were received in respect of the proposal, approval pursuant to Article 179 of the said Act is given for the following:-

The construction of an extension and alterations to the Town Hall Theatre, Skibbereen

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

CORK BOUNDARY ALTERATION

6/3-1

Members noted the Implementation Oversight Committee’s Implementation Plan

The Mayor stated that he was pleased that the City Council had agreed to fully takeover all services except rates on the transfer date of the 31st of May; this would ensure a clear break and clarity around service delivery.

He commended Niall Healy and the High Level Implementation Team for all their work to date.

He thanked all transferring staff for their service and wished them luck in their new roles.

He added that it had been a pleasure to deliver services in the transition area and hoped that same level of service would be maintained and the transition seamless.

The Chief Executive added that this was a milestone achievement and that the Implementation Oversight Committee would be in place for the next two years.

The plan covers every area of business and there are more detailed plans at directorate level and more meetings are planned with the Implementation Oversight Committee.

There have been 29 such meetings since the 31st of January and this process has had a huge impact on the organisation.

203 Staff will transfer to the City Council, 199 on the Transfer date and 4 rates staff in January 2020.

All transferring staff have now been notified and an appeals process is now in place.

The breakdown of Staff Transfers is as follows:

62 Expressions of interest

41 Automatically transferring due to geographic location

57 vacant posts

43 on a ‘last in first out basis’ in accordance with National Partnership Agreements

Financial arrangements are still being worked out.

The register of electors work has been completed for the Local Elections on May 24th.

A joint communications strategy has been agreed and correspondence will issue to all service users in the transition area, first from Cork County Council, followed with correspondence from Cork City Council.

All property assets in the transition area will automatically transfer to the City Council except where there is agreement e.g. Ballincollig depot will transfer to Cork City Council with access for the County Council and the Glanmire depot will remain with Cork County Council with access for the City Council until they develop their own.

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- Glad to see that there is a communications strategy in place
- Concerned regarding the appeals process, no case for hardship, only in place to check correct procedure was followed
- Many of the transition areas feel in limbo as it seems as though work programmes have been suspended
- MD Members need to be fully briefed in order that they can ensure that communities have the services they deserve
- Concerns regarding some individuals on the register and the outline of the new boundary
- This is difficult and challenging and especially difficult for staff who have to leave
- Credit is due to both Local Authorities for moving this issue on
- Some of the changes to the MDs and LEAs are incredulous
- What arrangements have been made with area engineers and staff regarding planned projects
- There is a need to be able to liaise with the executive in the City Council on behalf of former constituents
- There are concerns regarding the depopulation and dereliction in Douglas and what the future plans for the area are
- There have been concerns raised regarding the location of polling stations

The Chief Executive responded to members stating the following:

- The Ballincollig area has received a phenomenal level of service and funding over the years and there has been no change to the approach to work in the transition area
- Once Council is satisfied that funding is available and that it won't become a liability on Cork County Council's balance sheet projects are not being delayed
- The Director of Roads will be giving a detailed plan to Municipal Districts regarding the roads work programme
- The register reflects the line drawn by the Boundary Implementation Oversight Group
- The City and County Councils have no control over polling stations in the upcoming elections as the City and County Sheriffs have responsibility for the European Elections
- There is no final outcome regarding the financial compensation package, a detailed methodology and process has to be determined
- There may be changes to local engineering areas and the level of work involved cannot be underestimated
- Hopeful that the transition will be seamless but it will up to the City Council to communicate with their elected members and communities regarding service delivery in the transition area after the transfer date

The Mayor added that investment and services are still being delivered in the transition area and will continue until the transfer to the City Council.

Corporate Policy Group

Approval of attendance by Council members at Conferences on the Conference List for March, 2019

Proposed Councillor Michael Hegarty

Seconded Councillor Gerard Murphy

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

National Dementia Strategy

8(a)/3-1

Members noted correspondence dated 25th February 2019 in response to Council's letter dated 17th January 2019 regarding the National Dementia Strategy.

Fluoridation of Water

8(b)/3-1

Members noted correspondence dated 25th February 2019 in response to Council's letter dated 17th January 2019 regarding the Fluoridation of Water.

NOTICES OF MOTION

SEGREGATED PUBLIC LITTER BINS

9/3-1

Councillor Gearóid Murphy proposed, seconded by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan, the following notice of motion:

“That a programme for segregated public litter bins, with separate sections for general waste and recycling, be implemented by Cork County Council, and to seek a written report on any segregated public litter bin programmes which are currently in operation.”

Members noted the response from the Director of Services, Environment & Emergency Services which outlined as follows:

Litter bins in public places across Cork County Council's functional area are managed by the Municipal District Services teams.

The litter bin service is the subject of constant abuse where general waste is deposited in them, filling them at a rate that makes them unavailable for their intended collection of litter. As a consequence, areas around litter bins become littered and unsightly. It is for this reason that the council is reluctant to provide additional bins and in some areas has been forced to remove existing ones.

The provision of segregated bins would result in a significant increase in the cost on their management and would have a high risk of contamination of recyclable materials by other waste streams.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Directorate has referred the matter to the Regional Waste Management Planning office for details of any successful segregated litter bin programmes that are currently in operation and will bring a report back to members in due course.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- The response is not satisfactory, this is done as a matter of course in Germany
- A pilot programme could be implemented
- Could a costing for a trial period be given to members
- People can't recycle when they are out and about
- If there is an issue with the areas around litter bin being unsightly then there needs to be increased CCTV in these areas
- Takeaways should be obliged to provide litter bins outside their premises as part of the planning process
- There is already such a scheme in operation in Clonakilty, maybe a report could be given to members on their operation
- Tidy Towns are finding it hard to tick the sustainability box and schemes such as this could help
- Potential failure is not a reason not to do something
- This is an opportunity for Cork County Council to provide leadership on the issue
- Better education through the schools could lead to better outcomes

Members agreed the Members on the Environment SPC would raise the issue under AOB at the Environment SPC's meeting scheduled for the afternoon.

WASTE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

10/3-1

Councillor Ronnie Morley proposed, seconded by Councillor Danielle Twomey, the following notice of motion:

“To seek a written report on the number of licences issued by Cork County Council for waste disposal since the privatisation of waste collections and if licence applicants are still active. The report to additionally state what powers Cork Council have in supervising and regulating afore mentioned waste companies to insist in all waste to be collected in near proximity to all residences and businesses across the county.”

Members noted the response from the Director of Services, Environment & Emergency Services which outlined as follows:

Waste Collection in Ireland is comprised of a set of very complex and geographically distinct markets where State, commercial and consumer interests continually overlap and conflict with each other. Subject to authorization, waste collectors can offer their services in any location of the country, with the decision to enter an area being based on commercial considerations; therefore it is possible for more than one operator to provide services in a given area. This type of market structure is often referred to as “side-by-side” competition. In the past, Local Authorities also acted as waste collectors in the household waste market and in some areas also provided a similar service for commercial customers.

Private sector involvement was encouraged by Government policy in 1998 in a document entitled “Waste management – Changing our Ways”. The increased competition from the private sector forced local authorities to exit the market as they were expected to subsidize the cost of collection for low income families while the private sector operators were not. This inequity led to cherry picking of customers by private sector.

The regulation of this commercially driven side-by-side market extends only to environmental control and matters of waste management hierarchy. While the authority to issue waste collection permits has been granted to local authorities under the Waste Management Acts, it is now carried out by the National Waste Collection Permit Office under a sectoral shared services agreement. The NWCPO

website gives details of all authorized waste collectors in the country.

<https://www.nwcpc.ie/permitsearch.aspx>

234 of the national list of collectors have reference to Cork in their permits and nationally 63 collectors are authorized for household waste collection. This may include kerb-side and skip waste.

There is no statutory provision for the state or local authorities to require waste collectors to provide a service in any area.

On 4th July 2017 Dáil Éireann passed a motion calling on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment to ask the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) to report on the operation of the household waste collection market in order to inform the development of national waste policy. The CCPC reported on the matter in September 2018:

<https://www.ccpc.ie/business/ccpc-report-recommends-introduction-of-economic-regulation-in-the-household-waste-collection-market/the-operation-of-the-household-waste-collection-market-2/>

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- Families are being refused service if their bins aren't brought to the main road as the company says the road is not suitable for the road, however there is no issue with having a skip delivered
- Private companies won't provide services when it is not profitable to do so
- It's a shame that there is no statutory obligation on behalf of Local Authorities to provide waste collection services to individuals

The Chief Executive responded that the Council's role is only in relation to environmental concerns and that they were not in a position to dictate terms to private companies.

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Planning, Housing and Local Government.

SHELTERED HOUSING

11/3-1

Councillor Noel Collins proposed, seconded by Councillor Danielle Twomey, the following notice of motion:

“That this Council, due to the chronic shortage of social housing, request the Department of the Environment and Local Government to make additional funding available for the provision of sheltered housing to non-profit housing bodies, for the elderly and others.”

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- The state cannot cope with the soaring demand for housing
- Non profit organisations manage 10,000 units nationwide
- Renting is becoming less affordable and risk of dispossession is continuing
- There is a chronic shortage of social housing and its becoming more evident that emergency accommodation is not available in people's local areas
- People are being evicted due to bogus claims regarding selling of houses
- Tenants are being intimidated even after they win PRTB cases by landlords wanting them out
- This funding is in line with a previous motion and would support a section of society that needs it

- Rents are increasing rapidly in areas that are not rent pressure zones and this is contributing to increasing homelessness

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Planning, Housing and Local Government.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

12/3-1

Councillor Susan McCarthy proposed, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty, the following notice of motion:

"In light of the recent refusals by An Bórd Pleanála on much needed housing developments in Midleton, Castlemartyr and Carrigtwohill, due to lack of water infrastructure and road infrastructure, and the blatant lack of foresight, coordination and communication between ABP, IW and TII, that this Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to highlight same and initiate formal communication between aforesaid government agencies."

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- A crisis point has been reached in Midleton regarding housing
- Planning Applications are being refused due to Irish Water claiming a shortfall in capacity despite this issue having been highlighted over the past five years
- The N25 is over capacity and the upgrade is going to take eight years
- The Whitegate Village Renewal Scheme is on hold due to Irish Water issues
- Strategic Housing Developments are not fast tracking planning – there are only three under construction
- The densities are worrying as it may not be viable for developers to build
- Irish Water issues are holding up development in many areas of the County

STANDALONE DEPARTMENT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE PREVENTION

13/3-1

Councillor Christopher O’Sullivan proposed, seconded by Councillor Seamus McGrath, the following notice of motion:

“That Cork County Council would request this government to establish a standalone department for climate change prevention”

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- On March the 15th, students are participating in the ‘Youth Climate Strike’
- There is a need for leadership in this area
- We are amongst the worst performers with regard to climate action, emissions, plastic and habitat destruction
- This is a critical issue and the greatest challenge of our generation
- The actions of the students will ring loud, many changes to society come as a result of actions by young people
- A full time minister is needed to bring about these changes
- It will require a revolution to bring about the changes that need to happen
- There is a need for a designate of the Climate Change Department in all other Government Departments

Members agreed to write to the Taoiseach and to confirm their support for the Students' Strike.

Extension of time until 1.30pm

Proposed Councillor by Kay Dawson
Seconded Councillor by Melissa Mullane

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Councillor Padraig O'Sullivan requested a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the traffic issues in Little Island as a result of the Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade.

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry.

Councillor Padraig O'Sullivan stated that while the works at the Dunkettle Interchange are welcome there has been traffic gridlock and congestion at the Little Island turnoff for the past week and a half.

He asked that following three questions be addressed:

1. Can the traffic management plan be altered
2. Can the construction plan be altered to include evening and weekend work
3. What is TII's input as the roads abutting are National Roads

During the discussion members made the following points:

- There is a knock-on effect in areas like Mahon, Douglas and Glanmire
- Accepts that disruption is inevitable but that TII should be taking responsibility for the issues
- The job should be going 24/7
- Any action that can be taken to alleviate the effects should be taken

The Chief Executive responded as follows:

- This is a shared Cork County Council and TII project
- Cork County Council is also incurring Garda Traffic Division costs
- Some options are currently being discussed with TII as a matter of urgency either to reduce the duration of the works by incorporating weekend works or keeping more lanes open, however this would increase the duration of the project
- TII will have to agree to any changes and increases in cost. The traffic management plan would then be updated accordingly and members will be kept updated

ABOLITION OF THE HSE

14/3-1

Councillor Michael 'Frick' Murphy proposed, seconded by Councillor Danny Collins, the following notice of motion:

“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.”

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- The HSE is not fit for purpose when the length of waiting lists, misdiagnoses and other scandals are taken into account
- Nurse and paramedics have been striking
- 27 busloads have travelled to Northern Ireland for cataract operations
- The health boards should be restored
- There is no accountability and increases in funding are showing no signs of improved service delivery
- Could the motion be amended to add ‘and revert back to Health Authority’
- There are huge inefficiencies in the system, elderly people are being given needless appointments and appointments are too close together

The amendment to the motion was not accepted. Members agreed to write to the Minister for Health

BYE-LAWS FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC AREAS

15/3-1

Councillor June Murphy proposed, seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes, the following notice of motion:

Cork County Council hereby makes the following bye-laws for the regulation and control of public areas within a 500 meter area of a healthcare facility.

Prohibited behaviour includes:

- i) purposely observing a service provider and patients entering or exiting a healthcare facility.
- ii) engaging in intimidating behaviour directed at health care providers, their friends and family.
- iii) attempting to interfere with a patient's right to access legal health care by means of intimidation or obstruction.
- iv) digitally recording footage or audio of healthcare professionals or patients without their consent.
- v) recording and publishing any private information about a service provider and their patients without consent.
- vi) distribution of literature from unregulated organisations or literature based on non peer reviewed scientific evidence.
- vii) affixing literature (posters, stickers etc) on property owned or used by healthcare providers.
- viii) taking part in demonstrations or public gatherings relating to abortion services.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Individuals accessing legal healthcare services should not be subject to harassment or intimidation and that action needed to be taken on this issue.

The Chief Executive responded by stating that the council can only make bye laws in relation to its own functions where the Council has a legislative role and must have the capability to enforce and monitor same. The Council does not have the authority to make these bye laws and National legislation will have to be introduced.

**THE PETROLEUM AND OTHER MINERALS DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT)
(CLIMATE EMERGENCY MEASURES) BILL**

16/3-1

Councillor Marcia D’Alton proposed, seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes, the following notice of motion:

“That Cork County Council asks the government, both TDs and Senators, to bring the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Amendment) (Climate Emergency Measures) Bill before the Dáil for consideration such that in this time of climate emergency it may be considered for passing into legislation, with or without appropriate amendments, without delay.”

During the discussion that followed members made the following points:

- We are in a climate emergency. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) has warned that the next ten years will be the most important in our history in making a fast and fair transition to a decarbonised economy.
- If we exploit all the fossil fuel reserves already on the books of fossil fuel companies, it would result in a rise in global temperatures well in excess of the temperature limits agreed to in the Paris Agreement.
- Ireland’s current path will see us missing our 2020 climate and energy emission reduction targets. Rather than decrease, our greenhouse gas emissions actually increased by 7% since 2015. If we continue as we are, it will be virtually impossible to make our 2030 targets.
- The Climate Emergency Bill is stuck in a procedural limbo such that it cannot be voted on by the legislators whom those same people voted into office.

Members agreed to amend the motion slightly to better reflect that state of climate emergency:

“That Cork County Council asks the government, and members of the Joint Committee on Communications Climate Action and Environment (both TDs and Senators) to bring the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Amendment) (Climate Emergency Measures) Bill before the Dáil for consideration such that in this time of climate emergency it may be considered for passing into legislation, with or without appropriate amendments, without delay as an acknowledgment of the fact that we face a climate emergency and cannot hope to limit global temperature rises without leaving 80% of already proven reserves in the ground.”

It was also agreed to circulate the motion to all local authorities.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- TO: Middleton CBS on winning the Harty Cup
TO: Middleton CBS on winning Munster Schools Senior Cup

TO: Sarah Harrington and Kathy O'Hare for the four-episode broadcast "Access 'n' Attitudes"
TO: Sarah Harrington and Kathy O'Hare for achieving 2nd place in the Athena Swan, Equality and Inclusion Award
TO: Dee Begley for Winning the First Ever Female MMA Championship Fight
TO: Sacred Heart Secondary School Clonakilty on winning the All Ireland Junior A Camoige Championship

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Opening of Tenders

The following tenders were opened at the meeting:-

- Youghal Eco-Boardwalk Phase 2 (Consultancy Services) – 1 tender received
- Fermoy Weir Remediation & Fish Bypass Channel Project (Consultancy Services) – 1 tender received

WORKS IN THE TRANSITION AREA

The Chief Executive made a statement responding to concerns raised by members regarding projects in the transition area.

A number of projects have been scheduled to take place across the transition area in advance of the transfer to Cork City Council, which will take place on May 31st 2019.

Works scheduled for the Inniscarra Bridge have been split into two distinct schemes in order to maintain day time traffic flow. Tenders for Phase 1 works (night time micro-trenching in order to avoid daytime traffic disruption) are due to be returned by tenderers this week with a view to construction commencing next month, while Phase 2 - which includes traffic light installation, resurfacing and lining- will go to tender in April.

Further works including the €350,000 Donnybrook Hill Pedestrian Enhancement Scheme Phase 2 will commence in early April with a view to be being complete by end of June, while the Ballybrack Pedestrian and Cycle Route Phase 4 Part 8 public consultation process has recently been launched.

Major Road Schemes including Lehanaghmore, Cork Science & Innovation Park, Clarkes Hill, Maryborough Hill and Douglas Land Use and Transportation Study continue to be proactively advanced. In the case of the latter, walkway designs - together with an overbridge, connecting the Grange Road to Tramore Valley Park - are currently ongoing and will continue under Cork City Council post boundary implementation.

Safety improvements at Kilcully and Cloghroe, together with public realm improvements between South Douglas Road and Tramore Valley Park footways, are also progressing.

The extension to walkways within Ballincollig Regional Park are proceeding as planned. Cork County Council will continue to maintain Public Lighting within the transition area up to the end of 2019 as agreed with Cork City Council, while various infill schemes within the transition area will be completed prior to the transfer day.

When preparing its Roads Programme for 2019, Cork County Council was specifically asked to exclude the Transition Area from its programme of resurfacing works and when funding was allocated the DTTaS confirmed that the funding to Cork County Council excluded the transition area. The Transition Area was included in the City Council area for 2019 funding from DTTaS with works to take place post 31st May 2019.

GLASHABOY FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Members agreed to write to the Minister regarding the Glashaboy Flood Relief Scheme.

This concluded the business of the Meeting