**COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHORCAÍ**

**Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork on 9th March, 2020.**

**I LATHAIR**

**Comhairleoir Ian Ó Dubhghaill, Méara Chontae**

**Comhairleoiri:** Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé J.P., Ó Murchú Gearóid, Críod, Ní Mhuineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin M, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha P, Ó Múrchú Gearóid, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé T, Léineacháin Ui Foghlú, Ó Coileáin Ui Foghlú, Ó Coileáin N, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacUaid, NÍ Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaoich, Ó Haodha Pól, Ó Murchú Caoimhín, Ó Shuilleabháin S, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin D, Ó Murchú P.G, Uí Mhurchú Cáit, Ó Conaill, MacCraith, UÍ Daltún, Lombard, UÍ Bhuachalla, Ó Conchubair L, Daltún Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conchubair S, Ó Conchubair A, MacCarthaigh N, Ó Flionn, Uí Bhriain, Ó Laoghaire, Dawson, De Róiste.

**PRESENT**

 **Councillor Ian Doyle, County Mayor, presided.**

**Councillor**: Moynihan B, Doyle, O’Shea J.P, Murphy Gerard, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Madden, O’Shea T, Linehan – Foley, Collins N, Hegarty, Ahern, Twomey, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul, Murphy Kevin, O’Sullivan John, O’Sullivan M, O’Donovan S, Collins D, Murphy P.G, Murphy Katie, O’Connell, McGrath, D’Alton, Lombard, Buckley, O’Connor L, Dalton – O’Sullivan, O’Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O’Connor S, O’Connor A, McCarthy N, O’Flynn, O’Brien, O’Leary, Dawson, Roche.

Deputy Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer.

**[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

***Proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty* 1/1-3**

***Seconded by Cllr. Frank O’Flynn***

**RESOLVED:**

“That the minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

**[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

**2/1-3**

**TO:** Mr. Jerry Daly on the death of his wife, Pearl.

**TO:** Mr & Mrs John & Mary Horgan on the death of their daughter, Bernadette.

**TO:** Cllr Liam O’Connor on the death of his aunt Eileen Behan.

**TO:** Ms. Mary Crowley on the death of her husband, Raymond.

**TO:** Mrs. Chrissie Hayes on the death of her husband, Tadhg

**[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS**

**3/1-3**

**Disposal of Property**

**Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001:**

# Members noted the following disposals.

**Municipal District of Cobh**

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

***Grant of 2 no. Wayleaves at Five – Footway, Cobh.***

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, 2020.

**Situation:** Grant of 2 no. Wayleaves at Five – Footway, Cobh, Co. Cork

AREA: 115m x 2m wide and 26m x 10m wide

**Consideration:** €1.00

**Part 8 Managers Reports 4/1-3**

**Section 179(3) of the planning & development act 2000 (as amended):**

**Municipal District of Kanturk/Mallow**

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

# Part 8 – Mallow Castle, Proposed development of the walled gardens to the north of Mallow Castle House, improving public access to Castle Grounds and providing a natural themed, inclusive children’s playground amenity, with associated site works and landscaping.

***Proposed by Cllr. Pat Hayes***

 ***Seconded by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy***

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

* Members welcomed the development
* Commended the work of the Council officials
* Outlined the benefits it would have on the area e.g. tourism and job creation
* Members described it as an amazing rejuvenation of the amenity
* Concerns were raised for Castle Park Residents regarding privacy issues

**Municipal District of West Cork**

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

# Part 8 Development – The proposed development will consist of amendments to the Part 8 proposal previously permitted on 09/07/2018, as follows: the conversion of an outbuilding within the cartilage of Lower Tawnies Cottage, which is a protected structure from external stores and a meter room to 2 no. Additional 1 bed dwelling units at Beechgrove, Fernhill Road, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

***Proposed by Cllr. Joe Carroll***

 ***Seconded by Cllr. Declan Hurley***

**Municipal District of West Cork**

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

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***Proposed by Cllr. Joe Carroll***

 ***Seconded by Cllr. Declan Hurley***

**Municipal District of East Cork**

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

# Part 8 Development – The construction of 2 no. Semi detached 2 storey 2 bed units at Cúirt Na Siliní, Cloyne, Co. Cork

***Proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty***

 ***Seconded by Cllr. Noel Collins***

**Municipal District of Cobh**

**4(d)/1-3**

# Part 8 Development – Cycle Corridor from Bury’s Bridge to Carrigtwohill.

***Proposed by Cllr. Anthony Barry***

 ***Seconded by Cllr. Alan O’Connor***

**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001:**

**5/1-3**

**Filling of Vacancies on Committees and external bodies**

**Nominations to Cork County Council’s Strategic Policy Committees & External Bodies 2019 – 2024**

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|  **Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern** | SPC 3: Economic Development & Enterprise |
| SPC 6 : Roads & Transport |
| Coastal Management Committee |
| County Library Committee |
| CASP Joint Policy Committee |
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| **Cllr. Deirdre Kelly** | SPC 2: Environment, Climate Action & Biodiv. |
| SPC 4: Tourism  |
| Coastal Management Committee |
| West Cork Islands Interagency Committee  |

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| **Cllr. Sheila O’Callaghan** | SPC 1: Planning & Strategic Development |
| SPC 8: Arts, Culture & Languages |
| CASP Joint Policy Committee |
| Regional Assembly  |
| Bottlehill Liaison Committee |

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| **Cllr. Ross O’Connell** | SPC 2: Environment, Climate Action & Biodiv. |
| SPC 8: Arts, Culture & Languages |
| Coastal Management Committee |
| West Cork Islands Interagency Committee |

***Proposed by Councillor Frank O’Flynn***

***Seconded by Councillor Declan Hurley***

**[e] REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

**Corporate Policy Group:**

**6(a)/1-2**

Attendance by Council Members at Conferences on the Conference List for March 2020 was approved by the

Members.

***Proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty***

***Seconded by Cllr. Frank O’Flynn***

 **[h] NOTICES OF MOTION**

**All Ireland Pollinator Plan: 7/1-3**

Councillor Danielle Twomey proposed, seconded by councillor Marcia D’Alton

***“Can this Council report on progress of plans to date, on signing up to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.”***

Members noted response from Mr. Michael Lynch, Director of Services, Planning & Development.

**RESPONSE**

The National Pollinator Plan (NPP) was developed by the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC), who are an initiative of the Heritage Council and funded via the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The plan lays out a total of 81 actions with the objective of protecting and increasing pollinator populations on farmland, public land and private land. It seeks to implement the actions in partnership with a wide range of partners including Government Depts, State Agencies, Local Authorities, Community Groups and other NGOs.

Under the current NPP, local authorities who  sign up to become a partner commit to over time implement a total of 30 actions – key focus of the actions is promoting the growth of pollinator friendly wildflowers on council owned land through things like direct planting, changes to our grass cutting practices, pesticide use policies,  partnering with local communities etc.

Becoming a partner would require a structured approach to implementing the actions required. Cork County Council has undertaken a number of intitiatives that it considers meet the qualifying criteria for the National Pollinator Plan, including development of wildflower meadows on Council owned land and the development of a Biodiversity Action Plan for Inniscarra Campus. More specifically the East Cork Municipal District adopted the Midleton Pollinator Plan at their meeting on Monday the 3rd of February 2020. Following on from this a cross directorate Working Group has been established to progress the development of a Pollinator Plan for a town in each Municipal District in 2020. Support has also been provided via the Community Environment Action Fund (CEAF) (formerly Local Agenda 21) to a number of biodiversity projects being undertaken by community groups.

In this context Cork County Council is giving effect to the principles of the National Pollinator Plan on a case-by-case basis and as far as is practicable at this time.’

Policy in this area is also on the current year’s work programme for the Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).’

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

* Members acknowledged the work done locally on Pollinator Plans
* Acknowledge their frustration on how Cork County Council was not signed up as a National Partner
* Members stressed the fact that the matter had not been included on Planning and Environment SPC agendas for further discussion
* Acknowledged that a more formal approach is needed

Members agreed to refer this matter to both the Planning and Environment Strategic Policy Committees for further discussion.

**AEDS**

**8/1-3**

Councillor Ben Dalton O’Sullivan proposed, seconded by Councillor Pat Hayes

***“There are an estimated 9,000 to 11,000 AEDS nationally, so you would assume that if you were having a heart attack a wording serviced AED would not be far away. This is not the case. When a local community or sports group buys and inputs and AED it is this volunteer group that is responsible for maintaining and servicing the AED. Volunteers come and go and % of AEDs are not being serviced and maintained properly, it is an oversight that needs to be addressed. It could be a life that could be at risk because a AED was not serviced or maintained. This is of great concern to people and we need to address the servicing and maintaining of our AEDs, the location could be address with an app! Inaccessibility to an AED is a factor with some locked in cabinets, who has the key!***

***An AED battery needs to be replaced every 3 to 5 years, the electrode pads have a life shelf of 2 to 3 years. A potential asset we have in communities could the local fire services have access and be involved in checking and making recommendations to the volunteer/sports groups? This would also ensure that a volunteer group is still involved.***

***Can we ask that question?***

***As once an AED is installed no one organisation is responsible for them and someone should have that responsibility, after all it could be a life and death situation.”***

Member noted the response from Mr. Louis Duffy, Director of Services, Environment, Emergency Services, Climate Action and Rural Broadband.

**RESPONSE:**

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| All Cork County Fire Firefighters are trained in First Aid and all first attending appliances carry an AED on board. This training allows the firefighters to assess patients and use the AED where appropriate. The Fire Service can be requested to attend by the National Ambulance Service where there is a medical emergency requiring Fire and Rescue Service response. The NAS also alerts any local established Community First Responder Group if a Cardiac Response Call is received to ensure the closest AED is responding.Fire Service personnel carry out periodic checks on the AEDs in the Cork County Council appliances and arrange for servicing to be carried out by the supplier or agent for the specific brand of AED carried on them. The Fire Service would not have the resources to facilitate the service and maintenance of third party AEDs and firefighters would not be trained to check different makes and models of AEDs. Furthermore, firefighters would not be trained or qualified to give advice to community groups on maintaining the various AEDs. It is suggested that the National Ambulance Service may be better placed give the appropriate advice and support to community groups. In addition, community groups should provide for a maintenance contract for the AED when procuring and installing it. During this discussion the Members made the following points: |

# Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the response

* Requested that Cork County Council check to see what AEDs are registered with the National Ambulance Service
* Advised that Community Groups may have registered with National Ambulance Service
* Members requested that Cork County Council set up an awareness campaign on AEDs and Cardiac Arrest
* The need for clarification on where AEDs are located within the County
* Complemented local communities on fundraising for maintaining and updating of AEDs
* Suggested that any new grants from CCC should have a condition/responsibility to notify us of the AEDS location

Members agreed to write to the Department of Health looking for a National System on AEDs and Members also requested to write to the HSE requesting an update on the Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Steering Group.

**Vacant property**

**9/1-3**

Councillor Ben DALTON o’sULLIVAN PROPOSED, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PAT HAYES

***“Often, owners of commercial properties in towns in County Cork will have***

***vacant upstairs space above their ground floor retail space which would be***

***appropriate to convert into 1 bed apartments.***

***Therefore, In order to address the significant shortage in housing supply***

***facing this county, I am asking that Cork County Council would introduce a new***

***housing scheme, whereby;***

***- Property Owners can apply to Cork County Council to join the new housing***

***scheme, where upstairs space would be assessed by a Cork County Council***

***housing officer who will make an assessment whether the unit is appropriate or***

***not to be included in the new scheme.***

***- If such upstairs space is appropriate to convert into a 1 bed unit, the***

***property owner would enter into a term agreement with Cork County Council (i.e.***

***5 or 10 years). Cork County Council would provide up to 15% of the renovation***

***and conversion costs (up to a capped amount), and an initial 10% rebate on***

***commercial rates payable for the year in which the agreement is entered into.***

***- Cork County Council could then offer the 1 bed space to an applicant on the***

***housing list and the commercial property owner would receive the adequate HAP***

***payment.”***

Members noted response from Mr. Michael Lynch, Director of Service, Planning & Development and Mr. Maurice Manning, Director of Services, Housing.

**RESPONSE:**

Traditionally many upper floors of shops were occupied by the owners or staff and would have been classified as residential.  However, a large proportion of such spaces, many of which are in prime central locations, are no longer occupied as the owners or staff have moved out, with the spaces in question largely being used for storage purposes or lying vacant.  Owners of such spaces face a number of regulatory requirements however in order to bring such properties back into use.

In recognition of this issue, new exempted development Regulations came into operation on 8 February 2018 (Planning and Development (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2018) to simplify and streamline this process to assist in addressing vacancy in empty underutilised areas.  These regulations allow for the change of use, and any related works, of certain vacant commercial premises to residential use without the need to obtain planning permission.  The exemption applies to premises that have been vacant, for a period of two years prior to the exempted development being availed of, and the change of use and related works must occur between 8 February 2018 and 31 December 2021.

There are a number of conditions and limitations that apply to the exemption including, in broad terms, the following:

1. The works to the building must primarily relate to works which only affect the interior of the structure
2. External works to the existing ground floor shop fronts must be consistent with the fenestration details and architectural and streetscape character of the remainder of the structure or of neighbouring structures,
3. Works on ground floor of any structure shall not conflict with an objective in a Development Plan for the structure.
4. No more than 9 individual residential units can be provided in any building.
5. Minimum standards shall apply to residential units being developed in relation to overall floor areas, storage space requirements, and the need for adequate natural light in living rooms and bedrooms.
6. No development shall contravene a condition of permission
7. No development shall consist of or comprise the carrying out of works to a protected structure, unless a Section 57 Declaration has been issued by Council

The Planning Authority is required to maintain a record of developments availing of the exemption which is required to be available for inspection.

To date Council has received 17 notifications under this Regulation.

Rebuilding Ireland provides for a number of different schemes to assist property owners in bringing such vacant spaces back into use, namely the Repair & Lease and Buy & Renew Schemes. The Repair & lease Scheme would be the most appropriate scheme for these over the shop units. This Scheme is targeted at vacant properties needing repairs to bring them up to the standard for required for rented properties. The RLS will pay for the repairs up-front, to a maximum value of €40,000, in return for the property being made available to be used as social housing for a period of at least 5 years under either a direct lease or Rental Availability arrangement with the local authority.

These are national policy initiatives and any new schemes or revisions to existing arrangements would require Departmental approval.

If members are aware of properties where the owner would be interested in pursuing either the Repair & Lease or Buy & Renew Schemes, they should make contact with Cork County Council’s Vacant Homes Officer (Seamus De Faoite SEO) to discuss same.

# During this discussion the members made the following points:

* Members welcomed the response
* Expressed that existing scheme needs to be promoted by Cork County Council
* Requested that information leaflets be sent out to Estate Agencies and Rate Payers
* Acknowledged the fact that this could address the housing crisis and noticeable vacancy in towns and villages
* Members stressed the need to increase the funding nationally
* Commented on how hard it was to get financial support needed to bring properties up to standard
* Impediments to uptake of the scheme should be identified

Members agreed to write to the Minister for Housing requesting him to review this scheme and the need to increase the funding. Members also agreed to refer this matter to Housing SPC for further discussion.

**Rent Freeze**

**10/1-3**

# Councillor William O’Leary, seconded by Councillor Ann Marie Ahern

***“That this Council would call on the governing body of university college cork to put in place a fixed term rent freeze on campus owned student accommodation given the fact that there has been an 19 percent increase in same over the past three years, and to further call on the governing body to consult with the students union and with Students Welfare bodies before any future alterations are made to the cost of rent on university owned accommodation.”***

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

* Members expressed their anger at the huge increase in UCC student accommodation
* Acknowledged the financial pressure on students and families
* Members asked for fixed rent scheme on campus owned properties
* Member expressed concerns that it will lead to only wealthy families applying for third level education

Members agreed to write to the President of UCC and governing body of UCC to put in place a fixed term rent freeze on campus owned student accommodation.

**Register of Electors**

**11/1-3**

# Councillor Liam Madden, seconded by Councillor Frank o’flynn

***“A few months back I had a motion about reforming voting system. I am asking Cork County Council to look at present registers to properly update these as people that have moved out of areas or that have died are still on registers ten years later.”***

Members noted the response from Ms. Patricia Liddy, Director of Service, Corporate Services.

**RESPONSE:**

**Preparation and management of the Register of Electors**

The Franchise Section of Cork County Council undertakes work to update the Register of Electors, in line with **national procedures** and all obligations are met with regard to the maintenance of same. The following are some of the additional steps undertaken by Cork County Council to review the Register:

* Forms in use are supplied by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government – supplies are circulated to post offices, Garda stations, public libraries and Council offices.
* Schools are contacted to register students who turn 18.
* Communication with Nursing Homes and Hospitals to register residents.
* Death Events notices are reviewed on a weekly basis to remove voters who have passed away.
* National and local media campaigns are undertaken.

The onus is on individual voters to ensure that their name appears on the register and that their registration details are correct.

**Updates in cases of people who have died**

Cork County Council regularly reviews the Death Events Publication Service provided by the General Register Office and which is available to all public sector bodies. In addition, family members provide details of those who have died which the local authority then cross-checks with the Death Events Service. The removal of names can only be effected when the new register is prepared – in November each year. The Department has indicated that this rigidity will be addressed as part of the ongoing national modernisation project.

In December, 2019 the government announced approval of a series of policy proposals aimed at modernising the electoral registration process.

The proposed reforms include:

1. Simplification of forms and the registration process
2. A rolling (continuously updated) electoral register
3. Optional online registration (with the option of registering with paper forms continuing) and secure self-service
4. A move to individual registration only (replacing the household registration process)
5. Enabling a single national electoral register database with unique identifiers
6. A move to a system of identify verification using one’s PPSN
7. Limited data sharing between public bodies and electoral registration authorities (local authorities) to maintain accuracy and comprehensiveness
8. A system of anonymous registration for persons whose safety may be at risk
9. Improved provision for registration for those with no fixed address
10. Pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds

The Department of Housing Planning and Local Government is preparing the outline of proposed legislation to implement these reforms.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

* Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the system which is not fit for purpose
* Members discussed how a system using PPSN numbers needs to be put in place
* Deceased people not being deleted off the register which is upsetting for families
* Members suggested that census 2021 is a strong base to update this system nationally

The Deputy Chief Executive outlined that a written request is required to remove a person from the Register of Electors. He also outlined that there is a delay in giving effect to changes as the new register comes into force in November of each year.

Member requested that the Council would write to the Minister requesting an update on the review into modernisation for the Register of Electors.

**irish water**

**12/1-3**

# Councillor Deirdre O’Brien, seconded by Councillor Joe Carroll

***“That this Council furnish a Countywide full list in respect of all planning developments for dwellings that are unable go ahead due to pending connection to Irish Water.”***

Member noted response from Mr. Michael Lynch, Director of Services, Planning & Development.

**RESPONSE:**

It is not clear whether the query relates to (a) development with planning permission and which are unable to secure a connection to necessary infrastructure, (b) whether the query relates to developments in preplanning stage communication with Irish Water or (c) to current live planning applications.

While Cork County Council is aware that prospective developments have been impacted by the unavailability of necessary Irish Water infrastructure, the Planning Authority is not in a position to provide a list of dwellings unable to proceed pending connection to Irish Water infrastructure.

Irish Water is best positioned to provide the necessary information.

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

* Members expressed frustration on delayed housing developments due to lack of water services
* Requested increase in government funding to Irish Water to allow capital works proceed
* Stated that zoning of lands in the County Development Plan is a waste of useful resources because of Irish Water failure to update systems
* The development of towns and villages is being delayed because of lack of water services

Members agreed to write to Irish Water requesting that senior representatives meet with the Mayor and a delegation from Cork County Council to discuss matters.

**EXTENSION OF TIME: *An extension of time to 1:30pm was agreed.***

***Proposed by Cllr. Declan Hurley***

***Seconded by Cllr. Frank O’Flynn***

**lagoon In Cork Harbour**

**13/1-3**

# Councillor Alan O’Connor, seconded by Councillor Liam Quaide

***“That this council would write to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht with respect to the unlawful deposition of approximately 45,000 tons of rubble into a lagoon which is within both the Cork Harbour Special Protection Area and the Great Island Channel Special Area of Conservation, at Brown Island, Carrigtwohill, to request that she use her powers under S.I. No. 477/2011 - European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, section 36 (Restoration of land in a European site following damage) to 'require the owner, occupier or user of the land or the person who carried out the activity, plan or project, or such of those persons as he or she considers appropriate, to restore the land in accordance with the Direction.”***

During this discussion the Members made the following points:

* Members expressed their anger with loss of habitat
* Requested that remediation was needed
* Members stressed the importance to restore land to original estate
* It is important that Cork County Council looks after Cork Harbour

Members agreed to write to Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to request that the restoration be carried out.

**EXTENSION OF TIME: *An extension of time to 1:30pm was agreed.***

***Proposed by Cllr. Declan Hurley***

***Seconded by Cllr. Frank O’Flynn***

**[k] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

**14/1-3**

**TO:** Tom Burke on being inducted into Cork County Board Athletic Club hall of fame

**TO:** Lewis O’Regan on winning Cork Youth Darts All-Ireland

**TO:** Pobaíl Scoil na Tríonide Under 19 Boys Basketball team on winning the All-Ireland school league final

**TO:** Ríon Walsh and the Under 16 Ladies Football Team and All Youghal G.A.A on winning first round of the Munster Championship in University Limerick.

**[l] ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**5G**

**15/1-3**

Councillor Karen Coakley proposed, seconded by Councillor Kevin Murphy

Members requested that the Council write to Comm. Reg again requesting a date to brief Members at Development Committee Meeting.

**CORONAVIRUS**

Councillor Sean O’Donovan proposed, seconded by Councillor Danny Collins

Members requested that the Council write to Community Groups requesting them to cancel St. Patrick’s Day Parades and make them aware of health issues.

**GHOST SHIP**

Councillor Joe Caroll spoke on foot of “MV Alta”.

* Expressed the need to upgrade the Irish Navy
* Raised concerns that the Country was awash with drugs
* Member stressed there is not enough navy patrol

**CHANGE OF DATE**

Members noted change of date of Full Council Meeting to Tuesday 14th April, 2020 due to bank holiday.

**~ This concluded the business of the Meeting ~**