



# Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

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## 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 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### I LATHAIR

#### Comhairleoir Proinsias Ó Flíonn, Méara Chontae

**Comhairleoiri:** Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin Sean, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin D, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chróinín, Heinhold, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Uí Ní Charthaigh U, Bhuachalla, De Faoite, Daltún-Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conbhuhair Sean, Ó Conchubair Alan, MacCarthaigh N, Dawson, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé Sean Pól, Ó Murchú Gearóid, Críod, Uí Muineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin M, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padriagh, Ó Murchú Gearóid, Ó Cinnéide, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé Tony, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó hÉalaithe, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh Susan, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaoich, Ó Haodha Pól.

### PRESENT

#### Councillor Frank O'Flynn, County Mayor, presided.

**Councillor:** Coleman, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O'Donovan, Collins D, Murphy PG, Cronin, Heinhold, McGrath, D'Alton, McCarthy U, Buckley A, White, Dalton O'Sullivan, O'Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O'Connor S, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, Dawson, Roche, Moynihan B, 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, Healy, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services.

### [a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/1-1

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

Members proposed an amendment to the minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Members proposed the following amendment:

- Said the proposal for St. Stephen's hospital would centralise funding in a capital setting  
to
- Said the proposal for St. Stephen's hospital would centralise funding for adult mental health residential services in a hospital-campus setting, and that this would be at odds with A Vision for Change.

Members agreed to this amendment and agreed that the amended minutes would be brought to the next meeting of Full Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 for approval.

## **[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

**2/1-1**

**TO:** The Roche Family on the death of Jack Roche, a former Member of Cork County Council.

**TO:** Mary Boland on the death of her husband Frank Boland.

**TO:** Councillor Joe Carroll on the death of his sister in law Evelyn Carroll

**TO:** Dónal O’Connell on the death of his wife Margaret O’ Connell.

**TO:** Robert O’Sullivan on the death of his mother Mairín O’Sullivan.

**TO:** Councillor Noel McCarthy on the death of his father in law David L Roche.

**TO:** Senator Regina Doherty on the death of her father Paddy Dalton.

## **[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS**

### **DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

#### **SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:**

**3/1-1**

#### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KANTURK/MALLOW:**

##### ***Disposal of Land at Freemount, Co. Cork***

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

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 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Situation:** Disposal of land at Freemount, Co. Cork.

**Area:** Area of land measuring c.0.0143 hectares/0.0353 acres as per the attached map.

**Consideration:** €1,750.00

#### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACROOM:**

##### ***Disposal of Land at Millstreet Road, Macroom, Co. Cork***

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

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 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Situation:** Disposal of land at Millstreet Road, Macroom, Co. Cork.

**Area:** Area of land measuring c.0.712 hectares/1.76 acres as per the attached map.

**Consideration:** €60,000.00

***Disposal of Land at Waste Water Treatment Plant, Macroom, Co. Cork***

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

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 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Situation:** Waste Water Treatment Plant,  
Macroom,  
Co. Cork

**Area:** Land measuring 1.0231 hectares (2.528 acres) comprising of  
4 plots  
Plot 2 – 0.2365 hectares  
Plot 3 – 0.1195 hectares  
Plot 4 – 0.097 hectares  
Plot 5 – 0.5701 hectares

**Consideration:** €150,000

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK:**

***Disposal of Land at Ardmanagh, Schull, Co. Cork***

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

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 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Situation:** Disposal of land at Ardmanagh, Schull, Co. Cork.

**Area:** Area of land measuring c. 0.028 hectares/0.056 acres as per the attached map.

**Consideration:** €5,000.00

***Grant of Wayleave at Carraig Rossa, Rossmore, Co. Cork***

**3(e)/1-1**

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 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Situation:** Grant of a Wayleave at Carrig Rossa, Rossmore, Co. Cork, to facilitate Council housing scheme

**Consideration:** €1 nominal fee – as part of exchange of lands

***Grant of Right of Way at Knockeenbwee, Drimoleague, Co. Cork***

**3(f)/1-1**

**Situation:** Grant of Right-of-Way at Knockeenbwee, Drimoleague, Co Cork.

**Area:** 18m x 5m wide

**Consideration:** €1 plus Cork County Council's costs

***Disposal of Land at School Road, Durrus, Co. Cork***

**3(g)/1-1**

**Situation:** Disposal of land at Church Road, Durrus, Co. Cork.

**Area:** Area of land measuring c.0.0099 hectares/99m<sup>2</sup> acres as per the attached map.

**Consideration:** €1.00

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON/KINSALE:**

***Grant of Wayleave at Parnell St, Bandon, Co. Cork***

**3(h)/1-1**

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 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Situation:** Grant of a Wayleave at Parnell Street, Bandon, Co. Cork

**Area:** An approx. linear distance of 28m and area of 0.0069 hectares, shown coloured yellow between points A and B on attached map.

**Consideration:** €2,000

**SECTION 19 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:**

**4/1-1**

***Filling of the Casual Vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr Ross O’Connell.***

“That Chris Heinhold be co-opted as a Member of Cork County Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Ross O’Connell.”

***Proposed by Councillor Liam Quaide***

***Seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes***

At this juncture Councillor Chris Heinhold joined the meeting.

Members welcomed Chris Heinhold to the Chamber and said they look forward to working with him over the coming months. Members thanked Ross O’Connell for his work and wished him the best with his future endeavours. The Mayor welcomed Chris Heinhold to the Chamber and wished him every

success. The Chief Executive welcomed Chris Heinhold on behalf of the Executive. Chris Heinhold thanked all for their well wishes and thanked Ross O’Connell for his help with the handover.

## **[f] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS TUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó OIFIGH**

**5/1-1**

### **DRAFT CORK COUNTY COUNCIL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN – CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT**

Members noted the Chief Executive’s Report on submissions received during the public consultation period (from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023) of the Draft Climate Action Plan has been prepared and will be circulated by email to Elected Members on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, together with the Draft Climate Action Plan (edited to show proposed modifications) and SEA and AA documentation. A discussion on matters arising will take place at the Development Committee meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## **[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS**

### **MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**6/1-1**

Correspondence received 03/12/2023 from the Minister for Health in response to the Council’s letter dated 20/11/23 in relation to proposals for amendments to the International Health Regulations.

*Members noted the correspondence from the Minister for Health.*

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Said the motion comprised of 6 questions for the Minister to answer
- Said those questions were seeking clarity on the negotiation of amendments to a piece of international law that Ireland will be obliged to follow
- The response from the minister’s office has referred to only one of those 6 questions, question 4
- Said the response answers question 4 in relation to the Pandemic Treaty but the motion refers to the amendments to the international health regulations

*Members agreed to write back to the Minister for Health to ask that the Minister address questions 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of the motion. Members also agreed to ask that the Minister would answer question 4 in the context of the amendments to the international health regulations and not in the context of the Pandemic Treaty.*

### **MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, CREDIT UNIONS & INSURANCE**

**7/1-1**

Correspondence received 08/12/2023 from the Minister of State for Financial Services, Credit Unions and Insurance in response to the Council's letter dated 24/10/23 in relation to the accountability of insurance companies to homes and businesses damaged by flooding during Storm Babet.

***Members noted the correspondence from the Minister of State for Financial Services, Credit Unions and Insurance.***

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Said the response does not address the issues raised
- Said they are seeking representations and positive progress from Minister Carroll MacNeill in relation to homes, businesses and community hubs that have now lost flood insurance following Storm Babet
- Said they are asking the government to assist those who now have no flood insurance by indemnifying their policies or ensuring Insurance Companies work with those affected
- Said a policy must be in place until the flood relief schemes are installed in the particular East Cork Areas affected by the loss of flood cover.

*Members agreed to write to Minister Carroll MacNeill to seek representations and positive progress in relation to homes, businesses and community hubs that have now lost flood insurance following Storm Babet. Members also ask for the detailed information of the outcome of the Ministers meeting with the Insurance Companies in November 2023 and December 2023, in particular in relation to East Cork.*

#### **MINISTER FOR RURAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**8/1-1**

Correspondence received 28/12/2023 from the Minister for Rural & Community Development in response to the Council's letter dated 20/11/23 in relation to the provision of additional funding to Local Authorities for increased enforcement activity and the employment of additional Dog Wardens.

***Members noted the correspondence from the Minister for Rural & Community Development.***

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Welcomed the response from the Minister
- Said it is positive that a stakeholder group has been set up on this matter

*Members agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage to ask that a fund be made available for the specific purpose of employing additional Dog Wardens.*

#### **MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE**

**9/1-1**

Correspondence received 02/01/2024 from the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage in response to the Council's letter dated 14/12/23 in relation to seeking changes to the Planning and Development Bill to flush out anonymous objectors.

***Members noted the correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage.***

**[k] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

10/1-1

**TO:** Councillor Noel McCarthy on his marriage to his partner Sharon.

**TO:** CLG Cill na Martra on winning a place in the Intermediate All Ireland final.

**TO:** Tara Murphy on recently taking over Crosshaven Post Office

**TO:** O Donovan Rossa Ladies on being crowned All-Ireland junior club football champions

**TO:** Clonakilty Brass Band with Ger Condon as Conductor on performing a spectacular concert in MTU School of Music

**TO:** Gina & the Champions on 50 years in Showbusiness.

**[i] ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

11/1-1

**OLDIES & IRISH PROGRAMME 96FM**

*Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern proposed, seconded by Mayor Frank O'Flynn*

Members said the decision to reduce the Oldies & Irish slot on 96fm is a retrograde step and the programme should be reinstated to its four hour slot. Members said the programme has been engrained in Cork households for years and a lot of constituents have been complaining about the reduction of the programme. They said the programme has been important in promoting local Irish musicians. Members said the local broadcasting licence enshrines the provision for local content.

*Members agreed to write to the management of 96fm to ask for the reinstatement of the Oldies & Irish programme to its four hour slot.*

*Members agreed to write to the Minister for Communications to ask if content being beamed from other locations fulfils the terms of the local broadcasting licence.*

12/1-1

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY AWARDS**

The Mayor reminded Elected Members that closing date for submissions to the Mayor's Community Awards is 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~**