



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

Cork County Council

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on Monday 8th July 2024.

I LATHAIR

Comhairleoir Seosamh Ó Cearbhaill, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri: Uí Bhambaire, Uí Chochláin, Ó Coileáin S Ó Foghlu, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Coileáin D, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chróinín, Ó hArrachtáin, Mac Craith, Ó Fathaigh, Ní Charthaigh U, Uí Bhuachalla A, De Faoite, Daltún-Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Finn, Mac Iorlla MacCarthaigh N, Uí Bhriain, Ó'Laoighaire, O'Floinn, Mac Coitir, Ó Donochú, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé Sean Pól, Ní Mhurchú T, Críod, Uí Muineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin M, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padriagh, Ó Múrchú Gearóid, Kenny, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé Tony, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó Buachalla S, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheirn, Cocking, Ó' Maolchathaigh, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Seasnáin, Towse.

PRESENT

Councillor Joe Carroll, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Bambury, Coughlan, Collins J, Foley, O'Sullivan M, Collins D, Murphy PG, Cronin, Harrington, McGrath, Fahy, McCarthy U, Buckley A, White, Dalton O'Sullivan, O'Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Finn, Curley, McCarthy N, O'Brien, O'Leary, O'Flynn, Cotter, O'Donoghue, Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Murphy T, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kenny, Madden, O'Shea Tony, Linehan-Foley, Buckley J, Hegarty M, Ahern, Cocking, Mulcahy, Quaide, Kelly, O'Donovan, Sexton, Towse.

Chief Executive, Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1 (a)/7-1

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath
Seconded by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 21st June 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

1 (b)/7-1

Proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Kelly
Seconded by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea

RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Meeting held on 24th June 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

TO: Geraldine O'Mahony on the passing of her husband John O'Mahony.

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

3. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

3/7-1

Appointment of 4 Members to LCDC North, Grouping Size: 14 Members.

Position 1: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Tony O'Shea for a position on LCDC North, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 1: Councillors Anthony Barry, Rory Cocking, Michael Creed, Caroline Cronin, John Michael Foley, Michael Hegarty, Ted Lucey, Eileen Lynch, Liam Madden, Noel McCarthy, Una McCarthy, Trish Murphy, Noel O'Donovan, John Paul O'Shea

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 1 is filled by Councillor Tony O'Shea.

As there were no further groupings in place, the remaining 3 positions on LCDC North were opened to the remaining Members who had not formed a group to nominate an Elected Member.

As there were 3 positions remaining, the Senior Executive Officer asked the Members to vote and each of the remaining positions to be filled separately by simple majority.

Position 2: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Pat Hayes for a position on LCDC North, seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy.

For Councillor Pat Hayes: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen.

[27]

Against: **Councillors:** O'Shea T, O'Sullivan.

[2]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Fahy, O'Donoghue, Quaide, Sexton, Towse White.

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The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 2 is filled by Councillor Pat Hayes.

Position 3: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Bernard Moynihan for a position on LCDC North, seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly.

For Councillor Bernard Moynihan: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G,

Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan,
O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen.

[27]

Against: **Councillors:** O'Shea T, O'Sullivan.

[2]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Fahy,
O'Donoghue, Quaide, Sexton, Sheppard, Towse White.

[10]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 3 is filled by Councillor Bernard Moynihan.

Position 4: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Frank O'Flynn for a position on LCDC North, seconded by Councillor Nelius Cotter.

For Councillor Frank O'Flynn: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll,
Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton
O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Linehan
Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G,
Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan,
O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen.

[27]

Against: **Councillors:** O'Shea T, O'Sullivan.

[2]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Fahy,
O'Donoghue, Quaide, Sexton, Sheppard, Towse White.

[10]

Appointment of 4 Members to LCDC South, Grouping Size: 14 Members.

Position 1: Councillor John Paul O' Shea proposed Councillor Michael Hegarty for a position on LCDC South, seconded by Councillor Tony O'Shea.

Group 1: Councillors Anthony Barry, Rory Cocking, Michael Creed, Caroline Cronin, John Michael Foley, Michael Hegarty, Ted Lucey, Eileen Lynch, Liam Madden, Noel McCarthy, Una McCarthy, Trish Murphy, Noel O'Donovan, John Paul O'Shea

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 1 is filled by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Position 2: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Seamus McGrath for a position on LCDC South, seconded by Councillor Michael Looney.

Group 2: Councillors Ann Marie Ahern, Audrey Buckley, Joe Carroll, Nelius Cotter, Gillian Coughlan, Ian Doyle, Dominic Finn, Pat Hayes, Deirdre Kelly, Looney Seamus McGrath, Bernard Moynihan, Gobnait Moynihan, Patrick Mulcahy.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 2 is filled by Councillor Seamus McGrath

As there were no further groupings in place, the remaining 2 positions on LCDC South were opened to the remaining Members who had not formed a group to nominate an Elected Member.

As there were 2 positions remaining, the Senior Executive Officer asked the Members to vote and each of the remaining positions to be filled separately by simple majority.

Position 3: Councillor Alan Coleman proposed Councillor John Buckley for a position on LCDC South, seconded by Councillor Finbarr Harrington.

For Councillor John Buckley: **Councillors:** Buckley J, Coleman, Coughlan M, Curley, Dalton O’Sullivan, Harrington, Linehan Foley, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O’Brien, O’Callaghan, O’Donoghue, O’Flynn, O’Leary, Rasmussen. [15]

Against: **Councillors:** O’Shea T, O’Sullivan. [2]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Fahy, Quaide, Sexton, Sheppard, Towse White. [9]

Position 4: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Cathal Rasmussen for a position on LCDC South, seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly.

For Councillor Cathal Rasmussen: **Councillors:** Buckley J, Coleman, Coughlan M, Curley, Dalton O’Sullivan, Harrington, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O’Brien, O’Callaghan, O’Donoghue, O’Flynn, O’Leary, Rasmussen. [14]

Against: **Councillors:** O’Shea T, O’Sullivan. [2]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Fahy, Quaide, Sexton, Sheppard, Towse White. [9]

Appointment of 4 Members to LCDC West, Grouping Size: 14 Members.

Position 1: Councillor John Paul O’ Shea proposed Councillor John Michael Foley for a position on LCDC South, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 1: Councillors Anthony Barry, Rory Cocking, Michael Creed, Caroline Cronin, John Michael Foley, Michael Hegarty, Ted Lucey, Eileen Lynch, Liam Madden, Noel McCarthy, Una McCarthy, Trish Murphy, Noel O’Donovan, John Paul O’Shea

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 1 is filled by Councillor John Michael Foley.

As there were no further groupings in place, the remaining 3 positions on LCDC West were opened to the remaining Members who had not formed a group to nominate an Elected Member.

As there were 3 positions remaining, the Senior Executive Officer asked the Members to vote and each of the remaining positions to be filled separately by simple majority.

Position 2: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Patrick Gerard Murphy for a position on LCDC West, seconded by Councillor Patrick Mulcahy.

For Councillor Patrick Gerard Murphy: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen. [26]

Against: **Councillors:** O'Shea T, O'Sullivan. [2]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Fahy, O'Donoghue, Quaide, Sexton, Sheppard, Towse White. [11]

Position 3: Councillor Alan Coleman proposed Councillor Finbarr Harrington for a position on LCDC West, seconded by Councillor Martin Coughlan.

For Councillor Finbarr Harrington: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Donoghue, O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen. [28]

Against: **Councillors:** O'Shea T, O'Sullivan. [2]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Fahy, Quaide, Sexton, Sheppard, Towse White. [10]

Position 4: Councillor Finbarr Harrington proposed Councillor Alan Coleman for a position on LCDC West, seconded by Councillor Mary Linehan Foley.

For Councillor Finbarr Harrington:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Donoghue, O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen.

[29]

Against:

Councillors: O'Shea T, O'Sullivan.

[2]

Abstain:

Councillors: Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Fahy, Quaide, Sexton, Sheppard, Towse White.

[10]

Appointment of 13 Members to the International & European Affairs Committee, Grouping Size: 5 Members.

Position 1: Councillor John Paul O' Shea proposed Councillor Michael Hegarty for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Liam Madden.

Group 1: Councillors Anthony Barry, Rory Cocking, Michael Creed, Caroline Cronin, John Michael Foley.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 1 is filled by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Position 2: Councillor John Paul O' Shea proposed Councillor Marie O'Sullivan for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 2: Councillors Michael Hegarty, Ted Lucey, Eileen Lynch, Liam Madden, Noel McCarthy.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 2 is filled by Councillor Marie O'Sullivan.

Position 3: Councillor John Paul O' Shea proposed Councillor Jack White for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 3: Councillors Úna McCarthy, Trish Murphy, Noel O'Donovan, John Paul O'Shea, Tony O'Shea.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 3 is filled by Councillor Jack White

Position 4: Councillor John Paul O' Shea proposed Councillor Ann Bambury for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 4: Councillors Marie O'Sullivan, Liam Quaide, Sinead Sheppard, Jack White, Ann Bambury.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 4 is filled by Councillor Ann Bambury.

Position 5: Councillor John Paul O' Shea proposed Councillor Daniel Sexton for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 5: Councillors Isobel Towse, Danny Collins, John Collins, Ger Curley, Daniel Sexton.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 5 is filled by Councillor Daniel Sexton.

As there were no further groupings in place, the remaining 8 positions on the International & European Affairs Committee were opened to the remaining Members who had not formed a group to nominate an Elected Member.

As there were 8 positions remaining, the Senior Executive Officer asked the Members to vote and each of the remaining positions to be filled separately by simple majority.

Position 6: Councillor Finbarr Harrington proposed Councillor Ben Dalton O’Sullivan for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Martin Coughlan.

For Councillor Ben Dalton O’Sullivan:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O’Sullivan, Doyle, Fahy, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O’Brien, O’Callaghan, O’Donoghue, O’Flynn, O’Leary, Rasmussen.

[29]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 6 is filled by Councillor Ben Dalton O’Sullivan.

Position 7: Councillor Finbarr Harrington proposed Councillor Alan Coleman for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Martin Coughlan.

For Councillor Alan Coleman:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O’Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O’Brien, O’Callaghan, O’Donoghue, O’Flynn, O’Leary, Rasmussen.

[28]

Abstain:

Councillors: Fahy

[1]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 7 is filled by Councillor Alan Coleman

Position 8: Councillor Finbarr Harrington proposed Councillor William O’Leary for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Martin Coughlan.

For Councillor William O’Leary:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O’Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan

B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Donoghue, O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen.

[29]

Abstain:

Councillors: Fahy

[1]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 8 is filled by Councillor William O'Leary.

Position 9: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Deirdre Kelly for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Ann Marie Ahern.

For Councillor Deirdre Kelly:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, Rasmussen.

[26]

Abstain:

Councillors: Fahy, O'Donoghue.

[2]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 9 is filled by Councillor Deirdre Kelly.

Position 10: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Deirdre O'Brien for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Nelius Cotter.

For Councillor Deirdre Kelly:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, Rasmussen.

[27]

Abstain:

Councillors: Fahy, O'Donoghue.

[2]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 10 is filled by Councillor Deirdre O'Brien.

Position 11: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Ian Doyle for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Dominic Finn.

For Councillor Ian Doyle:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton

O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, Rasmussen.

[26]

Abstain:

Councillors: Fahy, O'Donoghue.

[2]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 11 is filled by Councillor Ian Doyle.

Position 12: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Sheila O'Callaghan for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Nelius Cotter.

For Councillor Sheila O'Callaghan:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen.

[28]

Abstain:

Councillors: Fahy, O'Donoghue.

[2]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 12 is filled by Councillor Sheila O'Callaghan.

Position 13: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Audrey Buckley for a position on the International & European Affairs Committee, seconded by Councillor Ann Marie Ahern.

For Councillor Sheila O'Callaghan:

Councillors: Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen.

[28]

Abstain:

Councillors: Fahy, O'Donoghue.

[2]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 13 is filled by Councillor Audrey Buckley.

Appointment of 1 Member to Cobh Heritage Trust.

Councillor Cathal Rasmussen proposed Councillor Dominic Finn for a position Cork Heritage Trust, seconded by Councillor Patrick Mulcahy.

Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Sinead Sheppard for a position Cork Heritage Trust, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

The Mayor called for a vote to be taken which resulted as follows:

For Councillor Dominic Finn: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, O'Leary, Rasmussen. [28]

For Councillor Sinead Sheppard: **Councillors:** Bambury, Barry, Cocking, Creed, Cronin, Foley, Hegarty, Lucey, Lynch, Madden, McCarthy N, McCarthy U, Murphy T, O'Donovan, O'Shea JP, O'Shea T, O'Sullivan, Quaide, Sheppard Towse. [20]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Collins D, Collins J, Curley, O'Donoghue, Sexton. [5]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed the position on Cobh Heritage Trust was filled by Councillor Dominic Finn.

Appointment of 8 Members to the County Library Committee, Grouping Size: 7 Members.

Position 1: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Anthony Barry for a position on the County Library Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 1: Councillors Anthony Barry, Rory Rocking, Michael Creed, Caroline Cronin, John Michael Foley, Michael Hegarty, Ted Lucey.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 1 is filled by Councillor Anthony Barry.

Position 2: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Rory Cocking for a position on the County Library Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 2: Councillors Eileen Lynch, Liam Madden, Noel McCarthy, Úna McCarthy, Trish Murphy, Noel O'Donovan, John Paul O'Shea.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 2 is filled by Councillor Rory Cocking.

Position 3: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Isobel Towse for a position on the County Library Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 3: Councillors Tony O'Shea, Marie O'Sullivan, Liam Quaide, Sinead Sheppard, Jack White, Isobel Towse, Ann Bambury.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 3 is filled by Councillor Isobel Towse.

Position 4: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Ian Doyle for a position on the County Library Committee, seconded by Councillor Frank O'Flynn.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 4 is filled by Councillor Ian Doyle.

Position 5: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Deirdre O'Brien for a position on the County Library Committee, seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 5 is filled by Councillor Deirdre O'Brien.

Position 6: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Audrey Buckley for a position on the County Library Committee, seconded by Councillor Bernard Moynihan.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 6 is filled by Councillor Audrey Buckley.

Position 7: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Gillian Coughlan for a position on the County Library Committee, seconded by Councillor Pat Hayes.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 7 is filled by Councillor Gillian Coughlan.

Position 8: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Michael Looney for a position on the County Library Committee, seconded by Councillor Gearóid Murphy.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 8 is filled by Councillor Michael Looney.

Appointment of 8 Members to the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee, Grouping Size: 7 Members

This item was deferred.

Appointment of 11 Members to the Commemorations Committee, Grouping Size: 5 Members

Position 1: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Úna McCarthy for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 1: Councillors Anthony Barry, Rory Cocking, Michael Creed, Caroline Cronin, John Michael Foley

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 1 is filled by Councillor Úna McCarthy.

Position 2: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Anthony Barry for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 2: Councillors Michael Hegarty, Ted Lucey, Eileen Lynch, Liam Madden, Noel McCarthy.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 2 is filled by Councillor Anthony Barry.

Position 3: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Noel McCarthy for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 3: Councillors Úna McCarthy, Trish Murphy, Noel O'Donovan, John Paul O'Shea, Tony O'Shea.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 3 is filled by Councillor Noel McCarthy.

Position 4: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Liam Quaide for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 4: Councillors Marie O'Sullivan, Liam Quaide, Sinead Sheppard, Jack White, Ann Bambury.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 4 is filled by Councillor Liam Quaide.

Position 5: Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor John Collins for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

Group 5: Councillors Isobel Towse, Danny Collins, John Collins, Ger Curley, Daniel Sexton.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 5 is filled by Councillor Daniel Sexton.

As there were no further groupings in place, the remaining 6 positions on the Commemorations Committee were opened to the remaining Members who had not formed a group to nominate an Elected Member.

As there were 6 positions remaining, the Senior Executive Officer asked the Members to vote and each of the remaining positions to be filled separately by simple majority.

Position 6: Councillor Alan Coleman proposed Councillor John Buckley for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Finbarr Harrington.

For Councillor Buckley: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy PG, O' Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Donoghue, O'Flynn, Rasmussen.

[27]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 6 is filled by Councillor John Buckley.

Position 7: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Michael Looney for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Pat Hayes.

For Councillor Looney: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy PG, O' Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Flynn, O'Leary,

[26]

Abstain: **Councillors:** O'Donoghue

[1]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 7 is filled by Councillor Michael Looney.

Position 8: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Gobnait Moynihan for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly.

For Councillor Moynihan: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O’Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy PG, O’Brien, O’Callaghan, O’Flynn, O’Leary,

[26]

Abstain: **Councillors:** O’Donoghue

[1]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 8 is filled by Councillor Gobnait Moynihan

Position 9: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Ian Doyle for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Dominic Finn.

For Councillor Doyle: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan M, Dalton O’Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O’Brien, O’Callaghan, O’Flynn, O’Leary,

[26]

Abstain: **Councillors:** O’Donoghue

[1]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 9 is filled by Councillor Ian Doyle.

Position 10: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Deirdre Kelly for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Ann Marie Ahern.

For Councillor Kelly: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan M, Dalton O’Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O’Brien, O’Callaghan, O’Flynn, O’Leary,

[25]

Abstain: **Councillors:** O’Donoghue

[1]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 10 is filled by Councillor Deirdre Kelly.

Position 11: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Nelius Cotter for a position on the Commemorations Committee, seconded by Councillor Ian Doyle.

For Councillor Kelly: **Councillors:** Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Dalton O’Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Harrington, Hayes, Kelly, Kenny, Linehan Foley, Looney, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy G, Murphy PG, O’Brien, O’Callaghan, O’Flynn, O’Leary,

[26]

Abstain: **Councillors:** O’Donoghue

[1]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that position 11 is filled by Councillor Nelius Cotter.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY
SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:

5/7-1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAST CORK:

Disposal of land at Beechwood Court, Middleton, Co. Cork to Gas Networks Ireland

5(a)/7-1

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 June 2024.

Situation: Disposal of land at Beechwood Court, Middleton, Co. Cork to Gas Networks Ireland measuring 8.6 sq. metres as per the attached map.

From Whom Acquired: In Cork County Council ownership since since 1984.

To Whom It Is Proposed To Dispose: Gas Networks Ireland.

Consideration: €1,000.00

Disposal of Land at rear 9 Mahon Terrace, Blackrock, Cork City

5(b)/7-1

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 June 2024.

Situation: Disposal of Land at rear 9 Mahon Terrace, Blackrock, Cork City. Land has comprised a residential garden since circa 1964.

Area: Land measuring 0.0185 hectares (0.0457 acres)

Consideration: €1

6. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 179A OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED.**

6/7-1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CARRIGALINE:

Members resolved to approve the Part 8 Chief Executives Report on Carrigaline Village Public Realm - Waterfront River Park. The proposed development includes provision of a new waterfront public space between Main Street and the Owenabue river, at the existing car park, which will encourage activities such as cycling, walking, local festivals, community events, etc. The public space will include inclusive street furniture, waterfront seating, rain gardens, trees, shrubs and a covered pavilion with associated landscaping, Biodiversity / Pollinator Planting and Sustainable Urban Drainage System. It also provides an attractive route along the river through the Owenabue Promenade with an increase in car parking spaces at the Bóthar Guidel entrance.

Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath

Secoded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty

[d] **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

7. **APPROVAL SANCTION TO BORROW FOR COST RENTAL HOUSING SCHEMES UNDER SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT 2014)**

7/7-1

“That Cork County Council is authorised to borrow a sum not exceeding €80.5m, from Housing Finance Agency, to support the delivery of Cork County Council’s Cost Rental Schemes, per Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001(as amended).”

Proposed by Cllr. Gillian Coughlan

Secoded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath

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

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

8(a)/7-1

Approval of attendance by Members at Conferences/Training on the Conference list for July 2024.

Proposed by Cllr. John Paul O’Shea

Secoded by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy

8(b)/7-1

Local Community Safety Partnerships (for information)

This was noted by members.

[e] **CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS**

9/7-1

9. Correspondence received 25/06/2024 from the Department of Rural and Community Development in response to the Council's letter dated 20/05/2024 regarding LIS & CIS schemes.

Members made the following points:

- They are both very good schemes.
- People should know where they are on the list.
- Many people waiting up to 4 and 5 years for works to be completed.
- Taking in charge of roads completed under the LIS scheme is important.
- Increase in government funding is needed.
- Can the work be contracted out ?

Chief Executive, Moira Murrell and Divisional Manager, Kevin Morey responded as follows:

- The 2 year allocation now allows the executive to plan more efficiently.
- Works can be very varied with these schemes making in difficult to contract out.

[h] NOTICES OF MOTION

ELECTORAL REGISTER

10/7-1

Cllr. Ian Doyle proposed, seconded by Cllr. Ann Marie Ahern

“That Cork County Council would put in place as a matter of urgency updating the voting register.”

Members noted the response from Nicola Radley, Director of Services, Corporate Services:

RESPONSE:

The National electoral registration process changed in October 2022 making it easier for individuals to register to vote and update their own personal details when *Check the Register*, an online platform, was introduced.

Since then, the Franchise Section has registered 34,149 voters, amended details (added date of birth, PPSN's, and updated addresses) of 30,794 voters and deleted a further 12,800 voters (deceased, moved to another local authority area or duplications).

It should be noted that the register is now a Rolling-register and, as such, is being continuously updated by Franchise Staff and by members of the public who choose to update their own personal details.

The updating and verification of the data on the Register is of utmost priority to Cork County Council, and as a measure of the importance of the register, we bolstered the Franchise Team by 12 additional members of staff across an 8 week period in the run up to the Local Elections when extensive work on updating the register was undertaken.

This targeted approach was in addition to multiple other measures and various communication campaigns encouraging members of the public to both register for the first time and to log onto the system to check their details. These measures have included:

- All schools and nursing homes were contacted in 2023, and were contacted again before the Referendum and before the Local Election in 2024 to encourage voters to register and/or check their details.

- The Franchise team attended the Summer Show in 2023 and were available on the day to help voters to register and update their details.
- A bilingual radio campaign was run in October 2023 for 2 weeks on local radio stations
- Bilingual advertisements were placed in local and regional newspapers (The Corkman, Southern Star, Cork Independent, Youghal & Middleton News, Lee Valley Outlook and Muskerry News) and on all Cork County Council online platforms in November 2023, with a recurring online message being shared prior to the Local Election.
- In an additional and targeted approach, in November and December 2023, 13,602 voters in the Macroom LEA and 11,222 voters in the Fermoy LEA were written to and asked to contact the Franchise team either by phone, letter or online to provide their date of birth, ppsn (optional) and Eircode so their details could be updated on the Register.

In the period post local-election to date, the following have been submitted to the Franchise Section for processing:

- 250 amendment forms (with an average of 10 amendments per form) received from the polling stations.
- 7660 applications (including 1,694 new registrations and 5,966 updates) on Check the Register
- Presently 400 paper forms to be processed.

The updating of these entries on the Register are currently being prioritised by the Franchise Section.

Members made the following points:

- Full acknowledgement of the body of work carried out by the Franchise team.
- Education programme for schools and non nationals is needed.
- The onus is on the individual to check if their details are correct.
- Polling cards were slow to be issued.
- The new system needs to be discussed at a national level.
- We have to ensure that people are not taken off the register.
- There is still a huge volume of work to be carried out post election.

Chief Executive, Moira Murrell and Director of Service, Nicola Radley responded as follows:

- There have been significant improvements made to the register.
- We have requested updates be made to the system.
- Any deletions are done with a reasoning and there is back up to support this.
- There is a huge degree of personal responsibility in notifying the franchise section.
- GDPR is first and foremost.

CHAIRPERSON AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS

11/7-1

Cllr. Isobel Towse proposed, seconded by Cllr. Liam Quaide.

“That Cork County Council will write to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, seeking a study on fairer ways to select chairpersons/committee positions, based on the suitability of the Councillor rather than through the grouping (voting) system.”

Members made the following points:

- Transparency is needed in this process.

- Political pacts are based on making up numbers.
- Many members disagreed with the motion and take offence to the word suitability.
- It is important to respect the democratic mandate of all members.
- The current system is a reasonable system.
- Many members were against the motion.

Councillor Isobel Towse proposed a vote on the motion, seconded by Councillor Jack White.

For the motion: **Councillors:** Bambury, Collins D, Collins J, Curley, O'Donoghue, Quaide, Sexton, Towse.

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Against the motion: **Councillors:** Ahern, Barry, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Cocking, Coleman, Cotter, Coughlan G, Coughlan M, Creed, Cronin, Dalton O'Sullivan, Doyle, Finn, Foley, Harrington, Hegarty, Kelly, Linehan Foley, Looney, McCarthy U, McGrath, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy, G, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Donovan, O'Flynn, O'Leary, O'Shea JP, O'Shea T, O'Sullivan.

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Abstain: **Councillors:** Lynch, White.

[2]

The motion was defeated.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

12/7-1

Cllr. Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea

“To request the amendment of standing orders to include change of date for receipt of Notice of Motions for Full Council Meetings, additional SPC to be put in place covering coastal -marine and flood policy, and titles of SPCs to be reflected correctly in Standing Orders.”

Members noted the response from Nicola Radley, Director of Services, Corporate Services:

RESPONSE:

Members will be aware that the amendment of Standing Orders comes under the remit of Standing Order No. 93 which states that

Subject to the provisions of any statute governing the procedure of local authorities, the Council may by resolution on notice of motion signed by three members amend any one or more of these Standing Orders or may review all these Standing Orders. Notwithstanding the foregoing any proposal to amend or review these Standing Orders within twelve months of their adoption shall comply with the provisions of Standing Order Number 24.

The Executive has assessed the request for Notice of Motion timeline change and for the provision of an additional SPC and following agreement to recommend the proposal at Corporate Policy Group on 2nd July, 2024, it is recommend for approval to Full Council.

The standing orders to be amended include the following:

Standing Order No. 8 – Place of Meeting and Address of Principal Offices

Strategic Policy Committee Meetings:

S.P.C. 1 – Planning & Strategic Development - Director of Planning, County Hall, Cork.

S.P.C. 2 – Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity -Director of Environment, Environment Department, Inniscarra, Co. Cork.

S.P.C. 3 – Economic Development & Enterprise - Director of Economic Development, Community & Tourism, County Hall, Cork.

S.P.C. 4 – Tourism - Director of Economic Development, Community & Tourism, County Hall, Cork.

S.P.C. 5 – Housing -Director of Housing, County Hall, Cork.

S.P.C. 6 – Roads & Transportation -Director of Roads, Council Offices, Annabella, Mallow, Co. Cork.

S.P.C. 7 – Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development -Director of Municipal District Operations & Rural Development.

S.P.C. 8 – Arts, Culture & Languages -Arts Officer, County Hall, Cork.

S.P.C. 9 – Coastal, Marine & Flood Policy – County Engineer, County Hall, Cork

Standing Order No. 18 – Notices of Motion timelines

All Notices of Motion shall be forwarded in writing to the Meeting Administrator or electronically to corporateservices@corkcoco.ie six clear working days prior to the Full Council Meeting (Friday by 10 am). Notice of Motion received after this time will be placed on the Agenda for the meeting following the next meeting of the Council.

Standing Order No. 64 – Names of SPCS

The Strategic Policy Committees of the Council shall be:-

S.P.C. 1 – Planning & Strategic Development

S.P.C. 2 – Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity

S.P.C. 3 – Economic Development & Enterprise

S.P.C. 4 – Tourism

S.P.C. 5 – Housing

S.P.C. 6 – Roads &Transportation

S.P.C. 7 – Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development

S.P.C. 8 – Arts, Culture & Languages

S.P.C. 9 – Coastal, Marine & Flood Policy

Standing Order No. 65 - The Membership of the Strategic Policy Committees

S.P.C. 1 – Planning & Strategic Development– 13 Councillors and 7 Sectoral Reps.

S.P.C. 2 – Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity SPC – 13 Councillors and 8 Sectoral Reps.

S.P.C. 3 – Economic Development & Enterprise – 12 Councillors and 9 Sectoral Reps.

S.P.C. 4 – Tourism – 12 Councillors and 8 Sectoral Reps.

S.P.C. 5 – Housing – 12 Councillors and 7 Sectoral Reps.

S.P.C. 6 – Roads & Transportation – 12 Councillors and 10 Sectoral Reps.

S.P.C. 7 – Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development-12 Councillors and 8 Sectoral Reps.

S.P.C. 8 – Arts, Culture & Languages – 12 Councillors and 8 Sectoral Reps.

S.P.C. 9 – Coastal, Marine & Flood Policy – 12 Councillors & 8 Sectoral Reps.

Standing Order No. 65 – Membership of SPCs

Under Standing Order No. 24 the adoption of this motion to amend Standing Orders will require that not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting vote in favour of this amendment.

Members made the following points:

- Important to have the OPW and Uisce Éireann as an external member.
- Coastal issues have been left slip over the last 5 years.
- Funding is critical to the success of this SPC.
- Need to use the coastline better.
- SAC's are causing major issues.
- This is a good news story and a sign of politics working.
- This SPC must have teeth.

A vote was taken as to amend Standing Orders requires that not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting vote in favour of this amendment.

For: **Councillors:** Ahern, Bambury, Barry, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Cocking, Coleman, Collins D, Cotter, Coughlan G, Creed, Curley, Doyle, Foley, Harrington, Looney, McCarthy U, McGrath, Moynihan B, Moynihan G, Mulcahy, Murphy PG, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Flynn, O'Leary, O'Shea JP, O'Sullivan, Sexton, Towse.

[k] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

13/7-1

TO: Goleen GAA on winning the Junior County Final.

TO: Ballinacurra GAA on winning the County Final.

TO: Finbarr Corcoran on his recent retirement from Cork County Council.

TO: Damien Egan on his recent election as an MP for Bristol North East

TO: Caoimhe Casey for competing in the Go Games in Croke Park.

TO: Michael Harte on his recent appointment as Chief Executive of Dairygold Co-op.

TO: Cork Senior Hurling team on reaching the All Ireland Final.

[1] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14/7-1

Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2025 to 2029.

Divisional Manager Kevin Morey informed that the draft Traveller Accommodation Programme for the period 2025 to 2029 is now open for public consultation.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~