



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 24th June 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 Murchú 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

1/6-2

*Proposed by Cllr. Pat Hayes
Seconded by Cllr. Michael Looney*

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/6-2

TO: Marie Allen on the passing of her husband Bernard Allen

TO: Claire Sheridan on the passing of her husband Micheál Sheridan

TO: Maura Walsh on the passing of her mother Mary Stack

TO: Sheila Walsh & Family on the passing of John Walsh

TO: Michael Goulding on the passing of his sister Esther Goulding.

TO: Martha Drake & Assumpta Walsh on the passing of their sister Kathleen Finn

3. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

3/6-2

Appointment of 3 Members to the Audit Committee, Grouping Size: 18 Members.

3(a)/6-2

Position 1: Councillor John Paul O’ Shea proposed Councillor Úna McCarthy for a position on the Audit Committee, seconded by Cllr. 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, Úna McCarthy, Trish Muphy, Noel O’Donovan, John Paul O’Shea, Tony O’Shea, Marie O’Sullivan, Sinead Sheppard, Jack White.

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

As there were no further groupings in place, the remaining 2 positions on the Audit Committee 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 2: Councillor Seamus McGrath proposed Councillor Gearóid Murphy for a position on the Audit Committee, seconded by Councillor Marly Linehan Foley.

For Councillor Gearóid Murphy: **Councillors:** Ahern, Bambury, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Cotter, Coughlan G, 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, Towse

Abstain: **Councillors:** Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Fahy, Quaide, Sexton

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 2 is filled by Councillor Gearóid Murphy.

Position 3: Councillor Mary Linehan Foley proposed Councillor Finbarr Harrington for a position on the Audit Committee, seconded by Councillor Ben Dalton O’Sullivan.

For Councillor Finbarr Harrington: **Councillors:** Ahern, Bambury, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Cotter, Coughlan G, Dalton O’Sullivan, Doyle, Fahy, 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, Towse

Abstain: **Councillors:** Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Quaide, Sexton

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed Position 3 is filled by Councillor Finbarr Harrington.

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

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Abstain: **Councillors:** Collins D, Fahy.

[2]

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed the position on the Board of Cork Opera House is filled by Councillor Gearóid Murphy.

Appointment of 1 Member to the Board of Visit Cork

3(b)/6-2

Councillor Mary Linehan Foley proposed Councillor Alan Coleman for a position on the Board of Visit Cork, seconded by Councillor Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

Councillor John Paul O'Shea proposed Councillor Jack White for a position on the Board of Visit Cork, seconded by Councillor Michael Hegarty.

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

For Councillor Alan Coleman: **Councillors:** Ahern, Buckley A, Buckley J, Carroll, Cotter, Coughlan G, 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.

[27]

For Councillor Jack White **Councillors:** **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, White.

[21]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Collins D, Collins J, Curley, Fahy, Sexton

[5]

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

4/6-2

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF EAST CORK:

Disposal of site at Briarsfield, Midleton, Co. Cork.

4(a)/6-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 14th June 2024.

Situation: Disposal of site at 9 Briarsfield, Midleton, Co. Cork

Area: 0.1102 hectares

Consideration: €178,00

Disposal of 44 no. CAS and CLSS properties at, Carrig Liath, Castleredmond, Midleton, Co Cork

4(b)/6-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 14th June 2024.

Situation: Disposal of 44 no. CAS and CLSS properties at, Carrig Liath, Castleredmond, Midleton Co Cork, on the basis of longstanding possession.

Area: 1.0934 Hectares

Consideration: €1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CARRIGALINE:

Disposal of lands at Strawhall, Monkstown, Co. Cork.

4(c)/6-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 14th June 2024.

Situation: Disposal of land at Strawhall, Monkstown, Co. Cork

Area: 0.1906 hectares

Consideration: €5,000

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACROOM:

Extinguishment of wayleave at Vicar's Glebe, Coachford, Co. Cork.

4(d)/6-2

In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 14th June 2024.

Situation: Extinguish Wayleave on Folio CK187840F at Vicar's Glebe, Coachford, Co. Cork

From Whom Acquired: Cork County Council wayleave since 1958.

Consideration: €1.00.

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

5/6-2

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF MACROOM:

Cork County Council propose a Social Housing scheme at Cloughduv, Coolmucky, Co. Cork.

The construction of a new housing development consisting of:

- 8 No. Residential Units including:
 - 4 No. 1 bed single storey houses
 - 2 No. 2 bed two storey houses
 - 2 No. 3 bed two storey houses
- 14 No. parking spaces including:
 - 1 No. paved home zone area with a total of 6 No. car parking spaces including 1 No. accessible parking space.
 - 8 No. on-plot parking spaces
- Soft landscaping including green space, planting, and trees.
- Connection to public utilities
- All associated site and ancillary works

Members noted the report.

6. Approval to amend the County wide speed limit bye laws to uphold two speed limit appeals and address road re-classifications due to the Macroom by-pass.

6/6-2

Niall Healy, Director of Service, Roads & Transportation went through the background of the proposal and invited questions from members.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Will speed limit changes be advertised before changing?
- Does the reclassification of the old N22 affect TII's obligation to fund repair works?
- That the increase in speed in Durrus is a concern.
- Will Local Authorities still have scope to change default speed limits?
- That enforcement of existing speed limits is an issue and not the speed limits themselves.
- Can traffic calming be included in TII works?
- Will existing 50kph zones reduce to 30kph zones?
- Public consultation in August is not feasible due to people being on holidays etc.
- Can maps for the areas in question be provided.

Niall Healy responded as follows:

- The reclassification of the old N22 does not affect TII's obligation to fund repair works.
- There will be a speed transition zone in place in Durrus.
- There will be scope for certain areas to differ from the default speed limits, this will be an exception rather than the norm.
- Enforcement of speed limits is an issue for the Gardaí.
- Traffic calming can be included in TII's works.
- The reduction to 30kph will take place in phase 3 of the overall plan.

Chief Executive, Moira Murrell made the following point:

- This issue can be brought to the next development committee and discussed.

Members agreed to defer this item.

*Proposed by Councillor Gillian Coughlan
Seconded by Councillor Danny Collins*

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

DIRECTOR OF HPSC

7/6-2

Correspondence received 21/05/2024 from the Director of HPSC in response to the Council's letter dated 15/09/2023 regarding public signage raising awareness of Lymes disease.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- This disease is not being highlighted enough.
- It is disgraceful that this signage is not yet in place.

Members agreed to write back to the HPSC and highlight their frustration at the lack awareness campaigns around Lymes Disease.

MINISTER OF FINANCE

8/6-2

Correspondence received 10/06/2024 from the Minister of Finance in response to the Council's letter dated 25/04/24 in relation to the Help to Buy Scheme

Members noted the response received.

MINISTER OF HEALTH

9/6-2

Correspondence received 10/06/2024 from the Minister of Health in response to the Council's letter dated 23/02/2024 regarding the fluoridation of drinking water.

Members noted the response received.

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

10/6-2

Correspondence received 10/06/2024 from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to the Council's letter dated 30/05/2024 regarding the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- It was good to see the review done but a decision is needed now.
- €8,000 grant is no longer sufficient.

- People should not have to attend a community welfare officer to seek the balance of costs.
- The grant has not been aligned with increased inflation costs.
- Income limits need to be increased also.

Members agreed to write to the Minister to seek a decision on the review process and request that income limits for the grant are increased.

MINISTER OF HEALTH

11/6-2

Correspondence received 17/06/2024 from the Minister for Health in response to the Council's letter dated 30/05/2024 in relation to Breast Check.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- Disgraceful that the age is set at 50.
- Lowering the screening age to 40 will reduce risk by 28%.

Members agreed to write to the Minister to review lowering the screening age to 40 as this is shown to significantly decrease risk.

[h] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

12/6-2

TO: Shane Crowley on winning the U18's County Road Bowling Final

TO: Phil Healy and her team on their Silver Medal at the European Athletics Championships

TO: Ballinadee National School on their victories in the Sciath na Scoil Finals

TO: Muinefliuch National School on being award a Gold Plaque in the Science Foundation of Ireland Curious Minds Awards.

TO: Summercove National School 5th Class and their teacher Sinead de Bháill on winning the Junior Entrepreneur Marketing Gurus Award.

TO: Kate & Lucy O'Connell on their great sporting achievements to date.

[i] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13/6-2

INDUCTION DATES

Karina Cremin advised members of the induction dates for new members are as follows:

- 26th June, 27th June and 4th July.

CORK CITY SPORTS LAUNCH

Karina Cremin reminded that a launch for the Cork City Sports was taking place in Vertigo at 2.30pm.

MINISTER EAMONN RYAN

Councillor Gillian Coughlan proposed to write to Eamonn Ryan to wish him well as he steps down as leader of the Green Party.

During the discussion members were both for and against this proposal and a vote was called, results are as follows:

For: **Councillors:** Ahern, Bambury, Buckley A, Cocking Coughlan G, Doyle, Finn, McGrath, Mulcahy, Quaide, Towse, White.

[12]

Against: **Councillors:** Buckley J, Carroll, Collins D, Collins J, Cotter, Cronin, Curley, Fahy, Harrington, Hegarty, Kelly, Looney, Lynch, Madden, McCarthy N, Murphy T, O'Callaghan, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Shea JP, O'Sullivan, Sexton.

[22]

Abstain: **Councillors:** Murphy G.

[1]

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