



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 27th May 2024.

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Comhairleoir Proinsias Ó Flíonn, Méara Chontae

Comhairleoiri: Uí Chochláin, 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 Conbhubhair Sean, Ó Conchubair Alan, MacCarthaigh N, Uí Bhriain, Ó'Laoighaire, 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, Kenny, 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 Chaochlaioich, Ó Haodha Pól.

PRESENT

Councillor Frank O'Flynn, County Mayor, presided.

Councillor: Coughlan, 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, O'Brien, O'Leary, Dawson, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kenny, 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

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Proposed by Cllr. Deirdre Kelly

Secoded by Cllr. Seán O'Donovan

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 13th May 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/5-2

TO: Daniel O'Donovan on the death of his Mother Sheila O'Donovan.

TO: Cllr. Kevin Murphy on the death of Norma Fitzsimon.

TO: Cllr. Kevin Murphy on the death of Leo Fitzsimon.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:

3/5-2

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK:

Exchange of lands at Coomerkane Road Junction, Shrone, Glengariff, Co. Cork.

3(a)/5-2

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 17th May 2024.

Situation: Exchange of lands at Coomerkane Road Junction, Shrone,
Glengariff, Co. Cork.

Area: 0.012 hectares as per map A attached in exchange for 0.0043 hectares
as per map B attached.

Consideration: €1.00

Disposal of land at Old Playground, Newtown, Bantry, Co. Cork.

3(b)/5-2

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 17th May 2024.

Situation: Old Playground,
Newtown,
Bantry,
Co. Cork

Area: 0.2063 hectares (0.5097 acres) as per Folio CK34487

Consideration: €1 (nominal fee)

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KANTURK/MALLOW:

Disposal of site at Ballydesmond, Co. Cork.

3(c)/5-2

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 17th May 2024.

Situation: Disposal of site at Ballydesmond, Co. Cork.
Area: CK164060F Plan 33 as per the attached map.
Consideration: €16,000.00

Disposal of site no. 4, Buttevant Industrial Estate, Buttevant, Co. Cork.

3(d)/5-2

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 17th May 2024.

Situation: Disposal of site no. 4, Buttevant Industrial Estate, Buttevant, Co. Cork.
Area: 0.1967 hectares as per map.
Consideration: €30,000.00

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON/KINSALE:

Disposal of site at Railway Bar, Innishannon, Co. Cork.

3(e)/5-2

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 17th May 2024.

Situation: Disposal of site at Railway Bar, Innishannon, Co. Cork.
Area: c. 0.029 hectares as per the attached map.
Consideration: €1.00

**[d] FINANCIAL BUSINESS
GNÓ AIRGEADAIS**

Cork County Council Audit Committee Report on the Audited Financial Statement 2022 and the Local Government Audit Report, pursuant to Section 121 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

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Members noted the report.

[e] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

TUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó CHOISTÍ

Consideration of Tree Policy 2024-2029 developed by the Environment, Climate Action & Biodiversity Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).

5/5-2

Members made the following points during the discussion:

- The policy was a long time in development.
- There were 77 submissions received and all were analysed and considered.
- A tree policy was an objective of the climate action plan.
- There was a pragmatic and sensitive approach take to the plan.
- A special thanks was given to Cllr. Marcia D’Alton and Ted O’Leary who headed the subcommittee.
- There was tremendous work done to get the policy to this stage.

Proposed by Cllr. Audrey Buckley

Seconded by Cllr. Susan McCarthy

[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONHFHREAGAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS

HSE

6/5-2

Correspondence received 05/04/2024 from the HSE in response to the Council’s letter dated 11/09/23 in light of findings from the Your Opinion Counts HSE staff survey.

Members made the following points:

- The correspondence only referred to dignity at work cases.

Members agreed to write to the HSE to seek assurances and ask how they have addressed workplace bullying.

Uisce Éireann

7/5-2

Correspondence received 08/05/2024 from Uisce Éireann in response to the Council’s letter dated 12/04/2024 regarding the Carrig Na bhFear wastewater treatment plant.

Members made the following points:

- They were utterly disappointed with the response received.
- Towns & Villages are being held at ransom by Uisce Éireann.
- How do we ensure that this does not continue.
- Uisce Éireann are ducking and diving.
- Other areas on the list should have been completed by now.
- The first seven on the list have been approved since 2019.
- Things are developing at a snail’s pace.
- The situation in Crossbarry is also ridiculous.
- Decisions taken by Uisce Éireann do not make sense.

- Uisce Éireann should be abolished as it is not working.

Chief Executive, Valerie O’Sullivan made the following points:

- It is great to hear the members are as frustrated as the executive.
- Cork County Council put forward a list of 35 areas.
- 7 were focused on in 2019 and nothing has progressed since.
- Cork County Council granted 8,000 permissions only 3,000 were completed.
- There is a massive shortfall of water infrastructure.
- There is sufficient land zoned to absorb increase of housing.
- Crossbarry is 100% an Uisce Éireann issue.
- Uisce Éireann is not agile when it comes to change.
- Cork County Council wholeheartedly reject the stance set out by Uisce Éireann.

Members agreed to write to the Minister and seek clarity on the response received and to outline the frustrations of members.

Uisce Éireann

8/5-2

Correspondence received 14/05/2024 from Uisce Éireann in response to the Council’s letter dated 25/04/2024 regarding assessments for new wastewater treatment projects.

Members made the following points:

- All projects not approved by March are abandoned due to lack of funding.

Members agreed to write to the Minister to seek clarity on projects abandoned without prior approval by March.

Department of Health

9/5-2

Correspondence received 16/05/2024 from Department of Health in response to the Council’s letter dated 23/11/2023 regarding amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005).

Members made the following points:

- Irish public were denied input.
- Questions were not answered.
- The process was not transparent.
- There are legal implications.

[h] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS RÚN CHOMHGHAIRDIS

10/5-2

TO: Joe McCarthy on his retirement from Cork County Council after many years as East Cork Municipal District Officer.

TO: Billy Buckley on his retirement from Cork County Council after many years as Midleton MD foreman.

TO: The team at Camden Fort Meagher on winning an ICE award.

TO: The students and staff and at Christopher Newport University for their outstanding volunteer work in Carrigaline and Crosshaven.

TO: Cian O’Driscoll and his win in the USA National Four Wall Championship in Los Angeles,

TO: JJ and George Murphy on training White Birch to win the Tattersalls Gold Cup in the Curragh.

**[i] ANY OTHER BUSINESS
AON GHNÓ EILE**

Kinsale Toilet Part 8

Members made the following points:

- The current Part 8 is not sufficient for what is needed.
- Increased scope and revision of the plan is needed.
- The current plan is not sufficient for tour bus and cruise ship traffic.
- Lack of public toilets in the county cause great issues.

Retiring Members

Mayor, Cllr. Frank O’Flynn thank all staff and members for their work over the last year and the four years previous also.

Chief Executive, Valerie O’Sullivan, thanked all members and staff for their hard work. She added that they have been the finest Council that she was worked with and wished all retiring members well and all running members all the best in the election.

Cllr. Kevin Murphy

Cllr. Murphy described it as a lonesome day and that he felt it was time to say enough is enough. He thanked everybody who has helped him throughout his career. He thanked all the staff who he described as fantastic. He added that as a council there was some excellent work carried out. Finally, Councillor Murphy thanked his constituents.

Cllr. John O’Sullivan

Cllr. O’Sullivan thanked everyone for their hard work and support over the years. He added that he was proud to have chaired the LCDC and was glad to see that the Leader programme is in good hands.

Cllr. Susan McCarthy

Cllr. McCarthy said that it was a bittersweet moment and that she had great memories and that she would miss the role. She said it was enriching dealing with everyone and that it was an honour to serve with everyone.

Cllr. Marcia D’Alton

Cllr. D’Alton said that it was a pleasure to be part of the Council and that she believes Local Government is the most important level of government. She added that she will continue to be involved in community groups.

Cllr. Paul Hayes

Cllr. Hayes thanked all his colleagues and staff. He added that it is a day of mixed emotions as he will miss the role and all his colleagues. He thanked his family and friends for their support over the years.

Cllr. Danielle Twomey

Cllr. Twomey thanked all her colleagues and that they all worked effectively together. She added that she will cherish the time and wished everyone running the best of luck. She will continue to work in the community.

Cllr. James Kennedy

Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen wished Cllr. Kennedy all the best in his retirement.

Cllr. Alan O’Connor

Cllr. O’Connor thanked all members and staff for their hard work. He described the council as a world class group fighting on behalf of the county and that he is grateful for the last 5 years.

Cllr. John Healy

Mayor, Cllr. Frank O’Flynn described Cllr. Healy as an excellent Deputy Mayor and that he was always there when needed.

Cllr. Healy thanked all members and staff for their support. He thanked Julie from the Mayors office for her support. He added that he hopes he worked to the best of his ability.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy

Mayor, Cllr. Frank O’Flynn said that it was an honour to serve with Cllr. Murphy and that he was a friend to all us and the heart and soul of local politics.

Cllr. Michael Hegarty said the certificate was much appreciated from both Cllr. Murphys family and the Fine Gael party.

Party Leaders made the following comments on the retiring members:

- It was a day of mixed emotions.
- They commended the work carried out by all members.
- Paid tribute to all colleagues both retiring and running for election.
- That as a council everybody worked effectively together.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~

