

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on Monday 14th October 2024

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Comhairleoir, Seosamh Ó Cearbhaill, Mhéara Chontae

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PRESENT

Councillor Joe Carroll, County Mayor, presided.

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

Chief Executive, Divisional Managers, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

[a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1/10-1

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

RESOLVED:

"That the minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd September 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor."

[b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

2/10-1

TO: Councillor Dominic Finn on the passing of his Father, John Feery.

TO: Angus O'Rourke on the passing of his mother Mary O'Rourke.

TO: Maria, Vincent & Tadhg on the passing of Jeremiah O'Sullivan.

TO: Paul O'Donoghue on the passing of his sister Mary Glavin.

TO: Peter Burke on the passing of his mother Mary Burke.

TO: Naughton Family on the passing of John Naughton

[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS

3. <u>DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY</u> <u>SECTION 183 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001:</u>

3/10-1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BANDON KINSALE

3(a)/10-1

Disposal of Cottage, Crossbarry, Co. Cork

Situation: Disposal of Cottage, Crossbarry, Co. Cork

Area: As outlined on Folio CK157316F (disposing of whole folio)

Consideration: €10,000

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FERMOY

3(b)/10-1

Discharge of burden on at Garynacole, Rathcormac, Co. Cork

<u>Situation:</u> Discharge of burden on Folio CK14137 at Garynacole, Rathcormac, Co. Cork

Consideration: €1

3(c)/10-1

Disposable of unsold property at 26 Beech Walk, Crann Ard, Fermoy, Co. Cork

Situation: Unsold Affordable Property at 26 Beech Walk, Crann Ard, Fermoy, Co. Cork

Area: As outline in file plan CK153194F

Consideration: €194,000

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 & PART 8 ARTICLE 81 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED BY ARTICLE 17 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2006 (AND ARTICLE 83 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED BY ARTICLE 19 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPEMENT REGULATIONS 2006.

4/10-1

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FERMOY

Members resolved to approve the Part 8 Chief Executive Report on the proposed development of a New Public Car Park in Doneraile Co. Cork which includes the following:

- Demolition of existing disused building onsite and site clearance works.
- Alterations to front boundary wall, construction of new boundary walls and modifications to existing entrance and public footpath.
- Development of new hardscaped public car park including 23 spaces and 2 disabled spaces.

Proposed by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn, Seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien.

During the discussion members made the following points:

- A very welcome project for Doneraile.
- A very central location which is important to Doneraile.

[d] FINANCIAL BUSINESS

5. APPROVAL OF OVERDRAFT FOR 2025 – SECTION 106 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT 2014).

5/10-1

"That Cork County Council is authorised to borrow by way of overdraft a sum not exceeding €13m for the twelve-month period ending 31st December 2025, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage."

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

[e] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES TUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó CHOISTÍ

6. CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

6/10-1

Approval of attendance by Members at Conference/Training on the Conference List for October 2024.

Proposed by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea Seconded by Cllr Patrick Gerard Murphy.

7. WESTERN DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE

7/10-1

"Following the recent announcement by the National Ambulance Service to cut back on cover in Cork and Kerry with the new rosters due to commence on Monday 23rd September which will result in a loss in cover in Cork and Kerry, the members highlighted their concerns that this will have a detrimental effect on their rural communities. The members of the Western Divisional Committee are calling on the National Ambulance Service and the Minister for Health to reverse this decision."

Cllr. Gillian Coughlan proposed, seconded by Cllr. Danny Collins.

During this discussion, the members made the following points:

- The recent announcement was papering over the cracks.
- Paramedics are overly stretched.
- Emergency cars and motorbikes are needed.
- Need clarification how this decision was reached.
- Investment in the ambulance service is needed.

Members agreed to write the National Ambulance Service and Minister for Health to outline the ongoing issues and ask for clarity on how the decision to cut back on cover in Cork and Kerry was reached.

Cllr. Peter O'Donoghue proposed, seconded by Cllr. Deirdre O'Brien.

"That this Council would look to secure a site between Mitchelstown and Fermoy for the construction and operation of a civic amenity facility."

Members noted the response from Loraine Lynch, A/Divisional Manager, as follows:

Cork County Council operates 11 civic amenity sites across the county: 3 in the Northern Division, 4 in the Western Division and 4 in the Southern Division.

A study was carried out a number of years ago to determine what areas of the county was within 45 km (35 minutes approx.) travel of a civic amenity (CA) site. The relevant CA sites for the Fermoy MD were Mallow, Raffeen, Youghal, and Rossmore in Cork as well as sites operated by Limerick (Kilmallock), Tipperary (Clonmel and Cashel) and Waterford (Dungarvan) Councils. It was confirmed that the Fermoy MD was within this travel criteria of a CA site.

The Southern Waste Management Planning Office, a shared service of the sector, began a review of CA Sites nationally around 2020 and published a working draft containing 13 recommendations designed to realise and release the full, collective potential of the CAS network to provide sustainable public waste infrastructure, which responds to the needs of consumers and of policy challenges. Recommendations are made in three groupings: for the integration of the network of facilities; for the consolidation of arrangements and practices; and for the coordination of service provision. However, the implementation of the recommendations was then suspended pending the publication of the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy in 2023. It is anticipated that this project will recommence in 2025, having regards to the requirements of a circular economy. Local Authorities expect that where a need is identified for additional facilities, financial support will be made available by the DECC.

Cork County Council has no current plans to develop additional civic amenity sites; nor does it have the funding to do so. The Council proposes to await the outcome of the national review and the provision of capital funding from National Government.

During this discussion, the members made the following points:

- Fermoy is the only MD without a civic amenity site.
- Issue has been raised a number of times.
- Land owned by the Department of Defence in the Kilworth mountains would be perfect.
- The people of Fermoy are at a disadvantage by not having a site.
- Feasibility of a site needs to be investigated.

Chief Executive, Moira Murrell responded as follows:

- The National Waste Management Plan is looking at civic amenity sites as a whole.
- It can be looked at and brought back through the relevant SPC.

9. WEST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

9/10-1

Cllr. Danny Collins proposed, seconded by Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy.

"The Members of the West Cork Municipal District are calling for a rates waiver for the businesses affected by the flooding in Bantry town on Saturday 5th October 2024".

Members noted the response from Loraine Lynch, A/Divisional Manager, as follows:

The Council acknowledges the significant impact of the weather and flooding in Bantry town on 5th October and is committed, both locally and nationally, to work with those impacted and provide support.

Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Peter Burke TD, received approval from Cabinet to provide access to the Humanitarian Assistance Fund Scheme of up to €1 million for business, community, voluntary and sporting bodies directly impacted by the flooding in Bantry on Saturday last.

The scheme is administered by the Irish Red Cross on behalf of the Department with the co-operation of Cork County Council. It is aimed at providing assistance to return premises to their pre-flood condition. The first phase will provide up to €5,000 as quickly as possible If applicants have incurred significant damage (exceeding €5,000), they can seek further assistance up to €20,000 through an assessment process organised by the Irish Red Cross. Minister Burke has committed to seeking further approval for an enhanced scheme if assessment indicates more significant damage than advised.

In addition, a further Increased Cost of Business ICOB scheme is expected which will provide further vital assistance for small and medium businesses.

With particular regard to ratepayers, it is important to emphasise that the Council continues to take a proactive approach to engagement with those who wish to address their liability but may be experiencing challenges in doing so.

As always Cork County council will continue to engage with and support any business in Bantry. Our rate collection staff are available to meet with relevant businesses and work through any difficulties encountered through this time on a case-by-case basis. Any such ratepayer facing difficulties is encouraged to contact the Rate Collection Office at an early date to discuss and agree acceptable payment solutions.

During this discussion, the members made the following points:

- Want to thank all council staff and fire service staff for their excellent work during the floods.
- Businesses are struggling due to the flooding.
- A rate waiver is needed during the culvert works as businesses will be affected.
- 42 premises were affected by the flooding.
- High level of frustration and anger amongst residents of Bantry.
- Some members called for a dedicated group to relay information to people on the ground.
- The VAT rate should have been reduced to 9%.
- Bantry Project Group meet every two months to discuss issues on all aspects of Bantry town including flood relief.

Chief Executive, Moira Murrell responded as follows:

- Acknowledged the work carried out by council staff and the fire service.
- Part 8 for the scheme is coming soon.
- Commitment to funding of the scheme will be important.
- A rates waiver cannot be considered in the context of the 2025 budget but may be possible for 2026.

• There are other schemes available for businesses affected by flooding such as the ICOB grant.

[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS

MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE

10/10-1

Correspondence received 10/09/2024 from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to the Council's letter dated 03/07/2024 in relation to Housing Adaptation Grants.

Members noted the response.

[h] NOTICES OF MOTION

CIS & LIS SCHEMES

11/10-1

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea proposed, seconded by Cllr. Danny Collins

"That the roads directorate would outline the individual spend and specific roads approved for the CIS & LIS Schemes in Cork County for 2024. The report should also outline the list of roads where applications have been made for future years."

Members noted the response from Niall Healy, Divisional Manager.

During this discussion, the members made the following points:

- CIS & LIS should be completed earlier in the year.
- They are in demand schemes.
- Members are unable to inform people where they are on the list.
- Cork County Council should be receiving €4 €5million per year.
- There is confusion regarding the land holding size issue.
- Can private contractors be used?

Niall Healy, Divisional Manager responded as follows:

- The Department is currently prioritising land holdings of one hectare or more.
- There is currently a 2-year programme in place.
- Many projects were started earlier this year.

SUBTERRANEAN INFRASTRUCTURE

12/10-1

"That Cork County Council, would write to Eir, requesting a review of all subterranean infrastructure in the entire county, particularly in relation to Utility cover aprons on footpaths and roads."

At the agreement of the Members, it was agreed that this motion would be deferred to the next meeting of Full Council on 29/10/2024.

BATHING WATER TESTING

13/10-1

"That this council will test bathing waters weekly following a "do not swim" notice, and fortnightly all year round in areas that had a red flag raised at least twice during the bathing season."

At the agreement of the Members, it was agreed that this motion would be deferred to the next meeting of Full Council on 29/10/2024.

FAS AND TUS SCHEMES

14/10-1

Cllr. Ian Doyle proposed, seconded by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

"That Cork County Council would write to Minister Heather Humphreys TD to look at criteria for eligibility to sign up to FAS and Tus schemes given the present high employment in Ireland."

During this discussion, the members made the following points:

- These schemes were set up during different times.
- They are struggling to fill these schemes due to high employment levels.
- The criteria for these schemes needs to be adjusted.
- The lack of uptake of these schemes is putting pressure on voluntary groups.
- Schemes need an overhaul.

Members agreed to write to Minister Heather Humphreys to seek a change in criteria for eligibility to sign up to FAS and Tus schemes.

VACANT PROPERTIES

15/10-1

Cllr. Seamus McGrath proposed, seconded by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy.

"To request a written report on the number of vacant properties, categorised as Derelict or Dangerous, that Cork County Council has compulsorily purchased in the past five years. Please provide location details of the properties."

Members noted the response from Michael Lynch, Divisional Manager, as follows:

Response:

Vacancy and Dereliction

The Town Regeneration Office (TRO) oversees Councils own initiatives in this regard as well as the roll out of related Government Policy Initiatives across the County.

Compulsory acquisition (CA) of Derelict Properties under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 represents just one of the methods by which the Town Regeneration Office seeks to activate derelict and underutilised properties.

Other methods include engaging with property owners to promote owner-activation by:

- bringing the property to market
- availing of the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (VPRG)
- engaging with Cork County Council's Housing Department to identify properties where a negotiated acquisition can be advanced if the property is suitable for Social Housing Provision.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (figures to 20/09/2024)		
Applications received	906	
Applications approved	640	
Grants paid	50	
Value of grants paid	€2.5million	
Approved applications awaiting works to be completed	526	

In Q 4 of 2022 Cork County Council, working in collaboration with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, commenced a countywide survey of vacant residential properties to assess and address vacancy and dereliction in Cork County.

To date, 2,810 properties have been surveyed by the Town Regeneration Office for the purpose of:

- Vacancy validation
- Owner identification
- Owner engagement (promotion of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant / Croí Cónaithe, Repair and Lease Scheme, Buy and Renew Scheme, Capital Assistance Scheme)
- Progressing under the Derelict Sites Act 1990
- Identification of properties suitable for compulsory acquisition by CCC

This work is advanced through a DHLGH ArcGIS based system that provides for field survey and subsequent desktop analysis and reporting, and which informs Cork County Council's approach to addressing Vacancy and Dereliction in our towns and villages, including CPO/CA where necessary and appropriate.

The TRO works closely with the Vacant Homes Office to identify properties that may be suitable for social housing provision, and in 2023 a property in Milford, North Cork was acquired by Cork County Council under the provisions of the Housing Act.

In 2023, compulsory acquisition proceedings commenced on 5 properties as set out below under the Derelict Sites Act.

Year	Property Location	TRO Comments
commenced		
2023	Youghal	Successful – no appeal to An Bord Pleanála.
2023	Ringaskiddy	Successful – no appeal to An Bord Pleanála.
2023	Bandon	Appealed to An Bord Pleanála. Consent granted to CCC.
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Compulsory acquisition proceedings are at commencement stage in respect of 5 properties in the settlements of Fermoy, Kanturk, Bandon, Carrigaline and Ringaskiddy.

It is anticipated that a further 5 properties will be recommended for compulsory acquisition under the Derelict Sites Act by year end 2024.

There are currently 108 properties on the Derelict Sites Register for County Cork with additional properties to be added by year end. This figure represents an increase of 52% from year end 2023 at which time there were 71 properties listed on the Derelict Sites Register.

URDF Call 3 - Vacancy and Dereliction

In 2023 Cork County Council was allocated €5million to support the acquisition of vacant and derelict properties for the purpose of residential and community development, in the settlements of Cobh, Carrigaline, Passage West, Midleton, and Mallow. 28 properties have been identified and approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for activation under this scheme and work is underway to engage with owners to stimulate activation, and where necessary, to initiate compulsory acquisition proceedings.

In April 2024, a further €3million was allocated to Cork County Council as the settlements of Carrigtwohill, Clonakilty and Bandon became eligible for inclusion in URDF Call 3. A provisional proposal for 24 properties in these settlements is at draft stage and due to be submitted to the DHLGH for consideration in the coming weeks.

Town Regeneration Plans and Town Regeneration Projects

As well as working systematically to resolve vacancy and dereliction in our towns and villages, the TRO is also currently developing comprehensive town centre first plans for the purpose of programming regeneration projects and initiatives across the County. Skibbereen Town Centre First Regeneration plan was launched in April 2024 and is now moving into implementation, while Kanturk Town Centre First Regeneration Plan is in the early stages of development. In tandem, Town Teams are being established in the towns of Bantry, Mitchelstown and Macroom to aid in the Council's prioritisation of regeneration projects and associated funding applications.

In 2025, this work will be scaled up to include additional towns and villages across the County in accordance with Government policy and in collaboration with the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

In general, addressing vacancy and dereliction is supported by a range of centrally funded schemes such as the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF), Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS) and through the Council's own Community Fund Scheme and capital budget. Projects and initiatives advanced under these schemes help to stimulate and support development in our towns and villages.

During this discussion, the members made the following points:

- Cork County Council is in a better place in relation to town activation.
- Level of activity on the Croí Cónaither is encouraging.
- 5 CPOs in 2023 is a welcome improvement.

- We should not be afraid of using CPO's.
- What are the criteria needed to place a property on the derelict sites register?
- What happens when properties are not registered?
- Vulture funds are creating issues.

Divisional Manager, Michael Lynch responded as follows:

- The response set out a suite of measures being undertaken.
- There will be a briefing to Development Committee to outline the criteria needed to place a property on the derelict sites register.
- There will be increased activity in this area.

Chief Executive, Moira Murrell responded as follows:

• Important not to measure the amount of activity on CPO levels.

CARER'S ALLOWANCE

16/10-1

Cllr. Eileen Lynch proposed, seconded by Cllr. Caroline Cronin.

"That this council will disregard the half-rate Carer's Allowance in full, the Disability Allowance received by children aged between 16 and 18 in full, and the Carer's Allowance at the basic rate of social welfare when calculating the rent of Council tenants under the Differential Rent Scheme (DRS)."

Members noted the response from Kevin Morey, Divisional Manager, as follows:

Response:

'The making of the Differential Rent Scheme is an executive function pursuant to Section 58 of the Housing Act 1966 and subsequent regulations and circulars. The most recent revision of Cork Co Council's scheme was implemented on the 20^{th of} February 2021.

Carer's Allowance is not treated in the same way by all local authorities and the recommendations included in this motion formed part of a submission by Family Carers Ireland to the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage on the Review of Differential Rent Schemes.

Under the Council's current Differential Rent Scheme, the position is as follows.

- The half-rate Carer's Allowance is disregarded in full when assessing rent.
- The Disability Allowance received by children aged between 16 and 18 is disregarded, if the child is in full time education, and a dependent allowance is given for the child. Where the child is not in full time education the Disability Allowance is taken into consideration and the child is treated as a subsidiary earner. This is subject to a maximum rent contribution of €10 by each subsidiary earner.
- If the only earner in the household has a sole income from Carer's Allowance the rent is based on a minimum Social Welfare rate for the family (excluding a top-up for carers). The rent based on minimum social welfare rate is €37 per week. If a subsidiary earner is in receipt

- of Carers Allowance this is non assessable. Where there is no reckonable income for rent assessment the minimum rent as per scheme is €25 per week.
- The scheme also disregards the monthly Domiciliary Care Allowance of €340 from rent assessment'.

During this discussion, the members made the following points:

- The half rate carers allowance should not be included in rent assessments.
- Should be extended to 16–18-year-olds not in full time education.

Kevin Morey, Divisional Manager responded as follows:

• Extending to 16–18-year-olds not in full time education can be looked at through the relevant SPC.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

17/10-1

Cllr. Finbarr Harrington proposed, seconded by Cllr. Peter O'Donoghue.

"That this council would write to the Minister for Education Norma Foley to request that she would consider changing the Date for Schools to return after the Summer Holidays to early September as was the case previously. This would create a much-needed financial boost for the hospitality sector and allow families enjoy the end of summer holidays for the month of August."

Following discussion this motion was withdrawn.

PAYMENT AT GAA GAMES

18/10-1

Cllr. Peter O'Donoghue proposed, seconded by Cllr. Finbarr Harrington.

"That considering cash is the only available tender for members from many different cohorts in our society, which include our elderly, intellectually disabled, recent immigrants and homeless and that it is currently not being accepted by the GAA at games as payment to spectate, that Cork County Council would write to Cork GAA County Board, to the four GAA provincial Councils, to GAA Coiste Bainisti, to GAA central Council and to the president of the GAA Jarlath Burns and request that these boards, councils and the president of the GAA create an immediate provision for spectators to be able to pay using cash at all of the GAAs games"

During this discussion, the members made the following points:

- Not accepting cash alienates certain people in society.
- Many People are missing games due to cashless policy.
- Cash is a necessity for some people.
- Some members disagreed saying cash is accepted and nobody will be turned away for having cash.

Members agreed to write to the bodies outlined in the motion to create an immediate provision for spectators to be able to pay using cash at all of the GAAs games.

[i] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

TO: Barrys Centra Crosshaven on raising €200,000 for the local community.

TO: Colette O'Donoghue on completing the Chicago Marathon.

TO: Kilworth GAA on winning the North Cork Junior Hurling Championship.

TO: Glanworth Ladies Football Club on winning the Cork County Junior Football Championship.

TO: Pat & Helena Morris on winning the Irish Laurels at Cork Greyhound Stadium.

[I] ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

19/10-1

Members agreed to write National Parks & Wildlife Service to invite to a meeting of Development Committee to discuss ongoing issues being caused by Special Areas of Conservation.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

20/10-1

During the discussion members made the following points:

- There are a lot of legacy issues outstanding.
- Turnaround times for public lighting is an issue.

PLANNING FOR TELECOMMUNICATION MASTS

21/10-1

During the discussion members made the following points:

- There are issues throughout the county.
- Needs to be looked at a national level.

Michael Lynch, Divisional Manager, responded as follows:

• This is issue can be discussed at a Development Committee meeting.

~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~