



# 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 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### I LATHAIR

#### Comhairleoir, Seosamh Ó Cearbhaill, Mhéara Chontae

**Comhairleoiri:** Uí Bhambaire, Ó Coileáin S, Ó Colmáin, Uí Chochláin G, Ó Foghlú, Uí Shúilleabháin M, Ó Coileáin, D, Ní Chróinín, Ó hArrahtáin, Ó Murchú PG, Uí Bhuachalla A, Daltún Ó Súilleabháin, Ó Fathaigh Ní Charthaigh U, Mac Craith, De Faoite, Barra, Mac Iorlla, Ó Finn, Ní Cheallacháin, Rasmussen, Sheppard, Mac Coitir, Mac Carthaigh N, Uí Bhriain, Ó Donnchú, Ó Floinn, Ó Dubhghaill, Ní Mhurchú T, Ó Sé T, Ó Sé SP, Ó Cochláin M, Críod, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Luasa, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Haodha, Ó Madaoin, Ó Murchú G, Ó Sé T, Ní Heachthigheirn, Ó Buachalla S, Cocking, Ó Héighheartaigh, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó Maolchathaigh, Quaide, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Seasnáin, Towse.

### PRESENT

#### Councillor Joe Carroll, County Mayor, presided.

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

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

#### [a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES DEIMHNIÚ MIONTUAIRISCÍ

1/11-1

*Proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty  
Seconded by Cllr. Finbarr Harrington*

### RESOLVED:

“That the minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.”

#### [b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY RÚN CHOMHBHRÓIN

2/11-1

**TO:** Mick Lewis on the passing of his mother Bridget Lewis

**TO:** Seán & Gina Hennessy on the passing of their daughter Shauna Hennessy

**TO:** Tim Lynch on the passing of his sister Fiona Lynch O'Connor

**TO:** Eileen Kelly on the passing of her husband Garrett Kelly

**TO:** The Lawless Family on the passing of Billy Lawless

**TO:** The Doherty Family on the passing of Gabriel Doherty

**[c] STATUTORY BUSINESS  
GNÓ RACHTÚIL**

**3/11-1**

**3. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES**

**Appointment of 1 Member to LCDC North**

Councillor Michael Hegarty proposed Councillor Trish Murphy for the position on LCDC North, seconded by Councillor Anthony Barry

**Appointment of 1 Member to LCDC South**

Councillor Deirdre Kelly proposed Councillor Ann Marie Ahern for the position on LCDC South, seconded by Councillor Frank O’Flynn

**Appointment of 1 Member to LCDC West**

Councillor Finbarr Harrington proposed Councillor Ann Bambury for the position on LCDC West, seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly

**[d] FINANCIAL BUSINESS  
GNÓ AIRGEADAIS**

**4/11-1**

**4. To agree date of Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for the Annual Budget Meeting 2025 of Cork County Council.**

*Proposed by Cllr. Frank O’Flynn  
Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty*

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

**5/11-1**

**5. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF WEST CORK**

“The Members of the West Cork Municipal District are urging the County Sheriff to reverse the recent decision to relocate the election count to Mallow. They are calling for the election count to continue in Clonakilty, emphasising the importance of maintaining local democratic practices”.

*Cllr. Deirdre Kelly proposed, seconded by Cllr. Danny Collins*

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

- The distance to travel from West Cork to Mallow is an issue.
- There will be an economic loss to businesses in Clonakilty.
- People will miss out on the count experience especially young adults and children.
- Mallow GAA Complex will struggle to hold the crowd.
- Important to allow as many people as possible to attend the count.

*Members agreed to write to the County Sheriff's Office to request that the decision to relocate the Cork South-West election count to Mallow from Clonakilty be reversed.*

**6. CPG Conference & Training List**

**6/11-1**

Approval of attendance by Members at Conferences/Training for November 2024.

*Proposed by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn  
Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty*

**7. SECTION 134 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, AS AMENDED:**

**7/11-1**

Recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group to extend the period for the preparation of the Corporate Plan to the end of March 2025

*Proposed by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn  
Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty*

**8. SECTION 48 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001**

**8/11-1**

- a. Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029

**8(a)/11-1**

*Proposed by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy  
Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty*

- b. Nominations to Strategic Policy Committees from sectoral interests

**8(b)/11-1**

*Proposed by Cllr. Finbarr Harrington  
Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty*

Senior Executive Officer, Karina Cremin informed members that there are still vacant positions on the SPCs and that an advert will be placed in the newspaper on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November inviting submissions with a closing date of December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**9. SECTION 134 AND 221 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, AS AMENDED:**

**9/11-1**

Recommendation of Corporate Policy Group to approve the Annual Report 2023 and the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024

*Proposed by Cllr. Frank O'Flynn  
Seconded by Cllr. Deirdre Kelly*

[g] CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS  
COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS

**MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE**

**10/11-1**

Correspondence received 29/10/2024 from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to the Council's letter dated 01/10/2024 in relation to the Croí Cónaithe

Scheme.

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

#### **MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE**

11/11-1

Correspondence received 29/10/2024 from Minister for Agriculture, Food, and the Marine in response to the Council's letter dated 01/10/2024 in relation to the ACRES Scheme.

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

- Many farmers have not yet been paid.
- Many farmers are contemplating withdrawing from the scheme.

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

12/11-1

Correspondence received 30/10/2024 from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in response to the Council's letter dated 01/10/2024 in relation to licencing for outdoor advertisement boards/signs.

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

#### **UISCE ÉIREANN**

13/11-1

Correspondence received 04/11/2024 from Uisce Éireann in response to the Council's letter dated 24/07/2024 in relation to ongoing issues with Wastewater Treatment Plants.

*Members noted the correspondence from Uisce Éireann.*

#### **[h] NOTICES OF MOTION FÓGRAÍ RÚN**

#### **SUBTERRANEAN INFRASTRUCTURE**

14/11-1

“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 25/11/2024.*

#### **[j] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS RÚN CHOMHGHARDIS**

15/11-1

**TO:** Watergrasshill GAA on winning the Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship

**TO:** Killeagh GAA on winning the East Cork Junior A Hurling Championship

**TO:** Scoil Naomh Eltin Girls on their Sciath na Scoil final win

**TO:** St. Fergal's National School Killeagh on winning the Sciath na Scoil DF6 Football Title

**TO:** Lisgoold GAA on winning the Intermediate A Hurling Championship

**TO:** Imokilly on winning the Senior Hurling Championship and celebrating their Centenary Year

**TO:** Valerie and Alan Kingston on winning the Hall of Fame Award at the West Cork Farming Awards

**TO:** Diarmuid Ó'Mathúna GAA on winning the Carbery Junior A Hurling Championships

**TO:** Avondhu GAA North Cork Board on celebrating their Centenary Year

**TO:** Marie and John Hurley on winning the Farming Family Award at the West Cork Farming Awards

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

## **POWER UP GRANT**

16/11-1

*Cllr Finbarr Harrington proposed, seconded by Cllr Sheila O'Callaghan*

### **During the discussion members made the following points:**

- Welcomed the extension of time to the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.
- Small and medium businesses struggling to deal with the cost-of-living crisis.
- Complimented Finance staff on the operation of the scheme.
- Grant criteria is very prescriptive.
- Businesses who did not apply for ICOB are not eligible to apply for the Power Up Grant
- Businesses may not have applied for ICOB as they missed deadline or were not aware of scheme or were not in business at the time.
- Change of company name affected eligibility.
- People found scheme very complex at application stage.
- Businesses who aren't trading 12 months but who will continue trading should be allowed apply.
- Laundries not entitled to apply for the grant.
- Those who received the grant were not notified that it was paid.
- Landlord collecting rates from the tenant and paying directly. This does not allow the tenant to apply for the ICOB or Power Up Grant.
- Small businesses within towns being pitted against each other, some businesses are eligible, and some are not.

### **Chief Executive, Moira Murrell responded as follows:**

- Noted acknowledgement of staff in the Finance section and advised this will be passed on.
- There is a high uptake of the grant, there are 2,934 potential businesses and 78% of businesses have declared their interest in taking up the grant.
- CE will raise the issue with the Department in relation to the landlord tenant situation.

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