

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2018, AT 3PM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor J. Collins, Mayor.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Butler, Collins (M), Costelloe, Crowley, Daly, Donegan, Foley, Galvin, Gilligan, Gleeson, Hogan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keary, Keller, Loftus, Lynch, McCreech, O'Brien, Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, O'Donnell, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, Pond, Ryan, Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Sheehy, Teefy, Teskey.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors McMahon and Prendiville.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive (Mr. C. Murray), Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Economic Development (Mr. P. Daly), Director, Service Operations (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, National and Regional Shared Services Centres (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Support Services (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Physical Development (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, Housing Development (Ms. A. Duke), A/Director, Social Development (Ms. P. Liddy), A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), Meetings Administrator (Mr. T. O'Callaghan), Senior Architect, Housing Development (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Researcher, Social Development (Dr. E. Humphreys), Senior Staff Officer, Water Services (Ms. F. McCormack), Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. C. Sheehy).

At the outset of the Meeting and with the Mayor's permission, the following matters were raised:

**Presidential Election 2018**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that all potential candidates for the Presidential Election would be invited to make a presentation to the Council in September, followed by a Special Meeting, and that the Members would be advised accordingly of the date for same.

**Votes of Sympathy**

Sympathy was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- Former Member of Limerick County Council, William (Willie) Sampson, Spittle, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick.
- Former Senator, Rory Kiely, Cloncrippa, Feenagh, Co. Limerick.

## **1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copies of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
- (c) Annual Meeting of the Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor Hurley;

And Resolved:

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed.”

Councillor Keary requested an update in respect of a previous Notice of Motion, which was passed at the May Meeting, that the Council would immediately commence the harmonisation of housing rent payable by tenants between City and County.

The Chief Executive informed the Members that the Single Differential Rents Scheme Working Group was reviewing this matter and work was ongoing in line with the budgetary process.

## **2. Disposal of Land**

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, concerning disposal of land at Moneteen, Mount Mungret, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Donoghue;

Seconded by Councillor Teefy;

And Resolved:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.0928 hectares of land situate at Moneteen, Mount Mungret, Co. Limerick, to Wayne Buckley and Vicki Grima, for the sum of €1 (if demanded), the disposal forming part of an ‘Accommodation Works Agreement’ between the Council and Wayne Buckley and Vicki Grima to facilitate the construction of the new road to provide future access to Mungret College lands and the newly constructed schools, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.”

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, concerning disposal of land at Lough Gur, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;  
Seconded by Councillor Teefy;  
And Resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.24 acres at Lough Gur, Co. Limerick, to Lough Gur Development Co-Operative Society Limited, for the sum of €200 per annum, the disposal to be by way of 12-year lease and subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018."

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, concerning disposal of land at the rear of 5, Beechwood Drive, Ballyorgan, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;  
Seconded by Councillor Teefy;  
And Resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.1312 hectares at the rear of 5, Beechwood Drive, Ballyorgan, Co. Limerick, to Maude O'Sullivan or her nominees, for the sum of €635, subject to no building or shed being erected on the plot and the Council having free access and permission to construct a sewer in the plot in the future without having to pay compensation or wayleave rights, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018."

- (d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, concerning disposal of land at St. Nessian's Road, Ballykeeffe, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;  
Seconded by Councillor Teefy;  
And Resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.0655 acres at St. Nessian's Road, Ballykeeffe, Limerick, to Dooradoyle Raheen Men's Shed Limited, for the sum of €1 per annum (if demanded), the disposal to be by way of 10-year lease and subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein and a right-of-way to be put in place in favour of the Lessees, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018."

- (e) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, concerning disposal of land at 20, East Singland Road, Garryowen, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;  
Seconded by Councillor Teefy;  
And Resolved:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 20 East Singland Road, Garryowen, Limerick to Conor Keane, for the sum of €125.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.”

- (f) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, concerning disposal of land at 26 Bourke Avenue, Lord Edward Street, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;  
Seconded by Councillor Teefy;  
And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 26 Bourke Avenue, Lord Edward Street, Limerick, to Yacine and Grace Aliouche, for the sum of €95.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.”

- (g) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, concerning disposal of land at Montpellier, O'Brien's Bridge, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;  
Seconded by Councillor Teefy;  
And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of land at Montpellier, O'Brien's Bridge, Limerick, to Teresa Burns, for the sum of €125.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.”

### **3. Support Services Directorate**

#### **(a) Chief Executive's Report**

Circulated, Chief Executive's Reports for the months of May and June, 2018.

The Chief Executive's Reports were noted by the Members.

#### **(b) Submission to the Local Government Funding (Baseline) Review – Consultation**

Circulated, report of the Director, Support Services, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, in relation to Local Property Tax Baseline Review, together with Submission which had been forwarded to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018.

The Submission was noted by the Council.

#### **(c) Granting of Refundable Contribution**

Circulated, report of the Director, Economic Development, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, setting out the background to the proposal to grant a refundable contribution of €150,000 to Limerick Gaelic Grounds in support of a cultural event.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);

Seconded by Councillor Lynch;

And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the granting of a refundable contribution of €150,000 to Limerick Gaelic Grounds in support of a cultural event, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, repayable by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.”

The Members welcomed this proposal and commended the Chief Executive and the G.A.A. for bringing such an event to Limerick.

#### **(d) Annual Report**

Circulated, Limerick City and County Council Annual Report 2017.

Proposed by Councillor Crowley;

Seconded by Councillor Daly;

And Resolved:

“That, the Annual Report 2017 for Limerick City and County Council be and is hereby adopted.”

**(e) Limerick Market Trustees**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services, dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, enclosing list of Members on the Limerick Market Trustees appointed at the Annual Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

The Meetings Administrator stated that under the Limerick Markets Act, 1852 (as amended), Limerick City and County Council was entitled to nominate the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, and the Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, together with a further 16 Members of the Council, as Trustees. Under the Act, the Council was required to make these nominations annually. The Grouping System applied, if so desired.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins (M), seconded by Councillor Hourigan, the following Members were appointed to the Limerick Market Trustees, in addition to the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor Collins (J), and the Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, Councillor Butler:

Councillors Leddin, McCreesh, Costelloe, Loftus, Teskey, O’Dea, Lynch, O’Hanlon, Crowley, Pond, O’Donnell, Mitchell, Sheahan (J), Hurley, Sheahan (M), Hogan.

**(f) Appointment of Chair – Cultural Strategic Policy Committee**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

The Meetings Administrator stated that the Council was required to consider the appointment of a Chairperson to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee consequent on the resignation of Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh as Chairperson of the Committee.

Councillor McCreesh requested a short adjournment to allow for a discussion on this matter among the Party Leaders. This was seconded by Councillor Secas and agreed.

On resumption, the following proposals were made:

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M):

Seconded by Councillor Donegan:

“That, Councillor O’Hanlon be appointed as Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee consequent on the resignation of Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh as Chairperson of the Committee.”

Proposed by Councillor Secas;  
Seconded by Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh;

“That, Councillor Leddin be appointed as Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee consequent on the resignation of Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh as Chairperson of the Committee.”

Proposed by Councillor Gilligan;  
Seconded by Councillor O’Brien;

“That, Councillor Loftus be appointed as Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee consequent on the resignation of Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh as Chairperson of the Committee.”

Following queries by the Members, the Meetings Administrator informed the Members that all three nominees were members of the Cultural SPC and that Councillor Leddin could be proposed in his absence from the Council Meeting.

A Vote was taken which resulted as follows:

**For Councillor O’Hanlon**

Councillors Butler, Collins (J), Collins (M), Crowley, Daly, Donegan, Galvin, Gleeson, Hogan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keary, Lynch, O’Donnell, O’Donoghue, O’Hanlon, Pond, Ryan, Scanlan, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Teskey. **(23)**

**For Councillor Leddin**

Councillors Costelloe, McCreesh, Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, Secas. **(4)**

**For Councillor Loftus**

Councillors Gilligan, Keller, Loftus, O’Brien, Sheehy, Teefy. **(6)**

There were no abstentions.

The Mayor declared Councillor O’Hanlon appointed as Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee for the remainder of the Council’s term of office.

**(g) Proposed Schedule of Dates for Strategic Policy Committee Meetings**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, setting out Schedule of proposed dates for Strategic Policy Committee Meetings up to May 2019.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Crowley, the Schedule, as set out, was approved.

**(h) Civic Reception**

Proposed by Councillor Daly;  
Seconded by Councillor Hourigan;  
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the grant of a Civic Reception to honour the Limerick Rugby Players represented on the Irish Rugby Team in recognition of winning the Grand Slam, in accordance with Section 74 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.”

It was agreed that the Members would be given advance notice at Council Meetings of the dates for Civic Receptions being held.

**(i) Strategic Policy Committee Reports**

- (i) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

Councillor O’Donnell, Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting and outlined the following Recommendations which were agreed at the SPC Meeting:

**Recommendation No. 1**

***“That, Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government urging him to take urgent action about the increasing rents in the cost of student accommodation.”***

On the proposal of Councillor O’Donnell, seconded by Councillor Galvin, Recommendation No. 1 was agreed.

**Recommendation No. 2**

***“That, an immediate and critical national review is carried out of the Tenant Purchase Scheme as long-term tenants of Limerick City and County Council continue to be discriminated against and deemed ineligible to purchase the homes that they have lived in and maintained for many years, and deemed ineligible despite having proof of the means to purchase and maintain the property.”***

On the proposal of Councillor O’Donnell, seconded by Councillor Galvin, Recommendation No. 2 was agreed.

**Recommendation No. 3**

***“That, Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to request that funding be re-appropriated from property acquisition to fund the repair of voids throughout the City and County.”***

On the proposal of Councillor O’Donnell, seconded by Councillor Galvin, Recommendation No. 3 was agreed.

- (ii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

Councillor Crowley, Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting and outlined the following Recommendations which were agreed at the SPC Meeting:

**Recommendation No. 1**

***“That, Limerick City and County Council conduct a consultation and research on the reasons behind business closure in the City in order to inform the development of a more effective policy of supporting City Centre business.”***

On the proposal of Councillor Collins (M), seconded by Councillor Gleeson, the wording of Recommendation No. 1 was amended to read as follows: “That, Limerick City and County Council conduct a consultation and research on the reasons behind business closure in the City **and County** in order to inform the development of a more effective policy of supporting City Centre **and County** business.”

On the proposal of Councillor Collins (M), seconded by Councillor Gleeson, Recommendation No. 1, as amended, was agreed.

**Recommendation No. 2**

***“That, this Council would call on the Taoiseach and his Government to legislate to ensure that employees who have a recognised degree would be legally entitled to be paid a liveable wage and that their employers would not obstruct these graduates from being in pensionable and unionised jobs and this recommendation would be circulated to each Local Authority in the country and to the Local Authority Members’ Association (LAMA) and the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG).”***

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (K), seconded by Councillor Ryan, Recommendation No. 2 was agreed.

- (iii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

Councillor Scanlan, Chairperson of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting.

The Report was noted by the Members.

- (iv) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee dated 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

Councillor Hurley, Chairperson of the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting and outlined the following Recommendation which was agreed at the SPC Meeting:

**Recommendation**

***“That, Limerick City and County Council substantially increase the Water Safety budget for next year.”***

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Sheahan (K), the Recommendation was agreed.

- (v) Circulated, (i) Report of the Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, and (ii) Recommendation Report of the Director of Service dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, outlining Panel recommendations for the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2018/2019.

The Mayor, Councillor Collins (J), disclosed an interest in this item and, in accordance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, he withdrew from the Meeting for the duration of discussion on Item 3 (i) (v). In his absence, the Chair was taken by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Collins (M).

Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, outgoing Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting and outlined the following Recommendations which were agreed at the SPC Meeting:

**Recommendation No. 1**

***“That, the recommendations from the Assessment Panel for the allocation of Grants from the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme Strand 1 be recommended to the Council for approval.”***

## **Recommendation No. 2**

***“That, the recommendations from the Assessment Panel for the allocation of Grants from the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme Strand 2 (a) and (b) be recommended to the Council for approval.”***

On the proposal of Cmhrl. Ó Ceallaigh, seconded by Councillor Hogan, both Recommendations were agreed and accordingly the allocation of grants (Strands 1 and 2) under the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2018/2019, as set out, was approved.

### **(vi) Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.**

It was noted that the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting, scheduled for Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, did not take place and accordingly there was no Chairperson’s Report.

## **4. Physical Development Directorate**

### **Flood Risk Management Plans – CFRAMS**

Circulated, report of the Director, Physical Development, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018, in relation to Flood Risk Management Plans – CFRAMS.

Proposed by Councillor Galvin;  
Seconded by Councillor Secas;  
And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with Regulation 20.(1), (2) and (3) of the European Communities (Assessment and Management of Flood Risks) Regulations, 2010-2015, the following Flood Risk Management Plans be and are hereby adopted:

- Unit of Management (UoM) 23 Tralee Bay – Feale, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Athea).
- Unit of Management (UoM) 24 Shannon Estuary South, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Adare, Askeaton, Foynes, Newcastle West, Rathkeale).
- Unit of Management (UoM) 25/26 Shannon Upper and Lower, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Limerick City and Environs, Castleconnell, Montpelier)
- Unit of Management (UoM) 27/28 Shannon Estuary North and Mal Bay, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Bunratty, Shannon).
- Unit of Management (UoM) 16 Suir, Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Tipperary Town).
- Unit of Management (UoM) 18 Blackwater (Munster), Flood Risk Management Plan 2018 (Freemount, Mitchelstown).”

## **5. Social Development Directorate**

### **(a) Council Rural Development Fund**

Circulated, report of the A/Director, Social Development, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, setting out details of the disbursement of the Limerick City and County Council Rural Development Fund (€2.3 million).

The report was noted by the Council.

### **(b) Urban and Rural Regeneration Development Funds**

Dr. E. Humphreys, Social Development, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on Project Ireland 2040 – Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) outlining the following key points -

- Implementation roadmap for National Planning Framework (NPF).
- NPF National Strategic Outcomes and Priorities National Development Plan (2019-2027).
- Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.
- Evaluation/Assessment Criteria.
- Potential Projects and sources of match funding.
- Proposed task and timelines to submission.

The Chief Executive informed the Members that the timeframe to prepare a list of submissions was intensive and challenging.

The Members thanked Dr. Humphreys for her comprehensive and informative presentation. The Members welcomed the potential projects and raised a number of issues including:-

- the source of funds and the timescale for drawdown.
- if individuals and community groups would have an opportunity to apply.
- support and involvement from private sectors.

These queries were responded to by the Chief Executive and he stated that the focus must be on what projects the Council could deliver and the Council would work with other agencies to support success.

In the course of discussion on this item, the Mayor had to leave the Meeting and the Chair was taken by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Collins (M) for the remainder of the Agenda.

**Suspension of Standing Orders:** It was noted that the time was approaching 5.30 p.m. and on the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), Standing Orders were suspended in order to complete the Agenda.

## **6. Service Operations Directorate**

### **(a) Shannon Foynes Port Company - Strategic Infrastructure Development Application to An Bord Pleanála**

Circulated, report of the Director, Service Operations, dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, together with Planning Report, in respect of Shannon Foynes Port Company – Strategic Infrastructure Development Application to An Bord Pleanála.

Members welcomed the report and discussed the potential capacity of Foynes Port to accommodate ships up to supertanker size and act as a trading gateway to Europe for countries around the world. Members raised queries as to the company’s plans in this regard. The Chief Executive noted that these issues could be raised directly by the Council with Shannon Foynes Port Company.

Members discussed a proposed amendment to the report and the Chief Executive pointed out that, while the report would remain in its current format, any amendment agreed by the Members would be appended to the report when it was sent to An Bord Pleanála.

Proposed by Councillor Keary;  
Seconded by Councillor Galvin;  
And Resolved:

“That, Point (d) under the heading ‘Conclusion’ on Page 29 of the Planning Report “*Shannon Foynes Port Company - Strategic Infrastructure Development to An Bord Pleanála*,” should be amended to read as follows: Due to the location of the overground lake elevated above the village and associated flood risk for the village, the applicant should relocate the existing water storage facility to a safer and more appropriate location, possibly within the confines of the Port footprint.”

### **(b) O’Brien’s Bridge / Montpelier Rehabilitation Works - Section 85 Agreement**

Circulated, report of the Director, Service Operations, dated 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, in relation to the making of an Agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and Section 14 of the Roads Act, 1993, with Clare County Council for proposed rehabilitation works at O’Brien’s Bridge / Montpelier.

Proposed by Councillor Hurley;  
Seconded by Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh;  
And Resolved:

“That, Limerick City and County Council agrees to the making of an Agreement, as presented, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and Section 14 of the Roads Act, 1993, with Clare County Council, for the carrying out by Clare County Council of the relevant statutory procedures and carrying out of the construction works and any other powers, functions and duties necessary for the O’Brien’s Bridge/Montpelier Rehabilitation Works.”

**(c) Litter Report 2017**

Circulated, report of the Director, Service Operations, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, enclosing report setting out measures taken by the Council in 2017 in relation to the prevention and control of litter, as required by Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Acts, 1997-2009.

The report was noted by the Members.

**7. Conferences**

**(i) Participation by Members at Conferences**

Details of the following Conferences had been circulated electronically to the Members: (a) Sean MacDiarmada Summer School 2018, held in Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim, on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June, 2018; (b) Conference on Local Electoral Area Boundary Commission, held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2018; (c) Conference on Changing Trends and Approaches to Drug and Alcohol Abuse, to be held in Tralee, Co. Kerry, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2018; (d) Conference on Workplace Relations Commission, to be held in Wexford from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018; (e) Conference on Evolution of the Irish State – Social and Political, to be held in Greystones, Co. Wicklow, on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018.

On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Council approved the attendance of the following Members:

**Letterkenny, Co. Donegal:** Councillors Teskey, Daly and Sheahan (K).

**(ii) Reports on Conference/Seminar/Meeting/Event**

Circulated, reports by Members who had participated at Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event.

The reports were noted by the Members.

**QUESTIONS**

Replies to the following Questions on the Agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Questions were therefore considered as having been dealt with:

**8. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

*I will ask at the next Meeting as to the number of tenants accommodated by this Authority who incur weekly rental costs in excess of: (a) €150; (b) €200 and (c) €300.*

**REPLY:** Of the 5,098 rent accounts in place as of 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, a total of 49 accounts exceed €150.00 per week, of which 10 accounts exceed €200.00 per week and 1 account exceeds €300.00 per week.

**9. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

*I will ask at the next Meeting (a) what the current numbers are in terms of those qualified for housing with this Authority, (b) the number of householders accommodated locally through HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) contracts and (c) how many remain in accommodation under RAS (Rental Assistance Scheme).*

**REPLY:** The following are the answers to the Question as outlined above: (a) there are currently 2,630 approved applicants on the Housing Waiting List for Limerick City and County (this figure excludes persons on HAP or RAS); (b) 2,134 HAP tenancies for Limerick City and County; (c) 1,105 RAS tenancies for Limerick City and County.

**10. Question submitted by Councillor E. Hogan**

*I will ask at the next Meeting, bearing in mind the current Housing Crisis in the Country, that a quarterly update be provided on the many Derelict Sites in Limerick with particular reference to 1 Grennan Villas, Wolfe Tone Street, Limerick, which is on the register for several years, and possibly including Belair, Ballinacurra Road, Limerick; 5 Spellacy Square, Wolfe Tone Street, Limerick; and 35 Lord Edward Street, Limerick, on the list of accommodation options.*

**REPLY:** The Urban and Village Renewal Department is actively targeting derelict properties within each Municipal District and will provide a quarterly report on progress.

**11. Question submitted by Cmhrl. S. Ó Ceallaigh**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the current status of the Limerick Northern Distributor Road Phase 2, and a projected timeline for planning and works to begin.*

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council, working with Clare County Council, the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Project Design Team, is currently proceeding with various studies, design work and environmental assessments on the Limerick Northern Distributor Road Scheme. Funding was provided in 2018 by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to continue advancing this important road scheme. The timelines for this scheme are dependent on the completion of design work and environmental

assessments by the Design Team which must be submitted to the Department for approval and consent to submit the scheme to An Bord Pleanála. At this time, it is expected that it will be at least late 2019 before the scheme is ready to submit to An Bord Pleanála. We will advise the Council further as the project progresses.

**12. Question submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh**

*I will ask at the next Meeting what is the current local authority housing target for building and refurbishing and re-letting for 2018, how many local authority homes have been built and refurbished and re-let so far this year, and what is the target for building and refurbishing and re-letting for 2019 for this local authority.*

**REPLY:      2018 Target:**

2018 Rebuilding Ireland Target for Limerick = 251 homes – New Build, Acquisition and Lease.

2018 Limerick City and County Council Projected Target = 133 homes – includes Approved Housing Bodies, Part V, etc.

2018 Limerick City and County Council Build Only = 102 homes.

**2018 Allocations:**

The following is a breakdown of homes allocated since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018:

Category	Number
Part V	10
Purchases	28
New Build	99
Re-lets	94
Leases	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>

**2018-2021 Rebuilding Ireland Targets for Limerick City and County Council**

Rebuilding Ireland – Limerick City and County Council Targets				
	New Build	Acquisitions	Leasing	Totals
<b>2018</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>427</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>351</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>1,365</b>

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan (to be referred to Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council implement a rental policy for its housing stock so as to ensure that none of its tenants are faced with monthly rental costs in excess of what a 25-year variable rate mortgage would be on a property comparable with that which they occupy.*

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

**14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan**

*I will move at the next Meeting that the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris, TD, and the Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Disabilities, Mr. Finian McGrath, TD, bring forward legislation that all Government Grants, Social Welfare Payments and all other State Supports be categorised as non-means tested Universal Payments for people with Disabilities.*

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J) and seconded by Councillor Galvin.

In the course of discussion, it was also mentioned that the amount of €30,000, available to people with disabilities to adapt their property, was inadequate and should be reviewed.

It was also agreed that the Motion would be circulated to all Local Authorities for support.

**15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey (to be referred to Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council review its schedule of Development Levies so as to ensure that such charges apply exclusively to new build scenarios.*

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

**16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Hogan (to be referred to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next Meeting, given the fact that Irish Water has indicated that it may need to curtail the water supply in parts of the country next week, that this Council write to Irish Water requesting that it address the various longstanding leaks in the City and County, particularly the leaks in Islanduane, Mungret.*

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

**17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council, in preparing the 2019 Budget, give consideration to an allocation of funding to the following - Limerick City and County Council Rural Development Fund and a Small Lighting Budget.*

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue.

**18. Correspondence**

The Correspondence circulated with the Agenda was taken as read.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDERS:**

The Register of Orders made by the Chief Executive up to the date of the Meeting was available on Alfresco for inspection by the Members.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

The Register of Decisions on Applications under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, was also available on Alfresco for inspection by the Members.

Signed:

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**Mayor**

Date:

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