

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2019

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Daniel Butler, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Cahillane, Collins, Costelloe, Daly, Gilligan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keller, Leddin, Loftus, Lynch, McCreesh, Ó Ceallaigh, O'Hanlon, Pond and Sheahan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Physical Development (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Social Development (Mr. G. Daly), Acting Director of Service, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), Senior Executive Officer (Ms. J. Leahy), Acting Senior Executive Officer (Mr. D. McGuigan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. F. McCormack).

At the outset, the Mayor welcomed the Journalism Students from University of Limerick to the Meeting.

The Mayor and Members extended their condolences and sympathies to the following on their recent bereavements:-

- The family of Tony McGann, Carrig East, Clarina.
- The family of Danny McInerney, Cosgrave Park, Moyross and Moyross F.C.
- The family of Bella Hughes, Sarsfield Gardens, Moyross.
- Mairead Corrigan on the passing of her father, Michael Stack.
- Aedin Foley on the passing of her mother, Nora Bennis.

A minute's silence was observed in their memory.

Members conveyed their congratulations to Jamie Morrissey on his outstanding achievement in winning the ISKA Middle Weight Championship.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 21st January, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon;
Seconded by Councillor Hourigan;
And Resolved:

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

2. Disposal of Land

- (i) Circulated, report of the Acting Director of Services, Capital Investment Directorate dated 13th February, 2019 setting out proposal to lease Culture House, Pery Square to Limerick Civic Trust and to bring a Section 183 Notice in relation to same before the March Council Meeting.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Members welcomed the proposal and referred to the historical significance of this building and the contribution that this building has played as a key events and arts space. Members highlighted the importance of retaining the building for that use and requested regular updates in relation to the use of the building. Cmhlr. O’Ceallaigh queried if this item could be included on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee.

The Director, Social Development noted the Members comments and confirmed that there was a clause built into the lease in order to safeguard the building and the ownership would revert back to the Local Authority if the lease agreement was not being adhered to.

- (ii) Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services dated 6th February, 2019 setting out proposal to lease Floor 2, Corporate Buildings, Dooradoyle to General Motors Ireland Ltd and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice in relation to same before the March Council Meeting.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Members queried the space already leased to General Motors and the additional space remaining.

The Head of Property Services confirmed that General Motors currently occupy Floor 3 and have a licence for part of Floor 2 and this lease is for all of Floor 2.

- (iii) Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services dated 6th February, 2019 setting out proposals to dispose of land as follows and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice in relation to same before the March Council Meeting.
- Disposal of 93 St. Munchin’s Street, St. Mary’s Park, Limerick to Barbara Troy in exchange for 180, St. Munchin’s Street, St. Mary’s Park, Limerick.
 - Disposal of 16, St. Ita’s Street, St. Mary’s Park, Limerick to Tony Kenrick and Julie Kenrick in exchange for 134, St. Munchin’s Street, St. Mary’s Park, Limerick.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

3. Fixing of Date

On the proposal of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Hourigan, it was agreed that the March Meeting of the Metropolitan District would be held on Tuesday, 19th March, 2019.

4. General Municipal Allocation

To seek approval for the allocation of €30,000 to Nicky Woulfe for Music Memories and Memorabilia from the General Municipal Allocation 2019 – D05 Tourism Development Recreation and Amenity.

On the proposal of Councillor O’Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Pond, it was agreed to defer this item for further discussion.

It was proposed by Councillor Loftus and agreed to allocate €1,000 to the following from the General Municipal Allocation 2019 – D05 Tourism Development Recreation and Amenity:-

- ONE, Patrick Sarsfield Branch
- Sudanese Community Centre
- Tait Residents Association.

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update in relation to Limerick City and County Councils request to United Metals to revise the Fire Risk Assessment under EPA guidelines.

REPLY: United Metals were written out to by Limerick City and County Council on 25th January, 2019 stating that their previous Fire Risk Assessment submission was not compliant. United Metals then resubmitted a revised Fire Risk Report on 11th February, 2019 which is undergoing review by Limerick City and County Council for compliance with the EPA guidance note: “Fire Safety at Non-Hazardous Waste Transfer Stations and Reducing Fire Risk at Sites Storing Combustible Materials”.

6. Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City and County Council have received any updates regarding the issues raised in submission made to EPA (Submission on Irish Cement Licence Review Application P0029-006)

REPLY: The Council’s submission on the Irish Cement Licence Review was made on 20th September 2018. The EPA acknowledged receipt on 27th September and stated the following:

“I am to advise you that your correspondence will be treated as a formal submission and will be considered as part of the examination and processing of the review. Your comments will be taken into account when determining same”.

On the 1st November, 2018, the EPA wrote to Irish Cement requesting additional information in relation to the following:

Waste Acceptance Capacity
 Best Available Technology (BAT)
 Emissions to Atmosphere
 Human Health
 Hydrology and Hydrogeology
 Accidents and Disasters
 Baseline report

On the same date the EPA informed the company that an Appropriate Assessment would be required in respect of the development and that a Natura Impact Statement would also be requested.

The Company submitted responses on 12th December 2018. This information is still under assessment by the EPA. The Environmental Section of Physical Development is also currently reviewing the information to see if a further submission by the Council would be appropriate.

The EPA has received a total of 4,011 submissions in relation to this application.

There is currently no determination date set.

7. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting at what stage phase 1 of a new 30 unit build in Cosgrave Park is at, considering approval was granted over 2 years ago.

REPLY: Construction of Phase 1 of Cosgrave Park (thirty units) is projected to commence in 2019.

The Regeneration Housing project will be delivered by an Approved Housing Body (AHB) under the Capital Advance Leasing Framework (CALF).

8. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting if funding has been secured for flood defences in vulnerable areas i.e. St. Mary's Park, Corbally, Castleconnell and Mountpelier.

REPLY: Funding of the proposed OPW CFRAM Phase II (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment & Management) flood relief schemes for Limerick City and County areas was approved by Minister of State, Kevin "Boxer" Moran TD on 3rd May 2018. The allocation is part of an overall 10-year programme of €1 billion investment in flood relief measures under the Project Ireland 2040 – National Development Plan. It is the intention of the Government to invest in a total of 118 flood relief schemes nationwide over the coming decade.

The first tranche of €257 million in funding will see 50 nationwide schemes advance to the detailed design and construction phase. Of these 50 schemes the following Limerick schemes will advance through direct investment of almost €60 million:

- Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme
- Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme
- Athea Flood Relief Scheme
- Rathkeale Flood Relief Scheme

This Tranche 1 of funding includes for the Corbally area as part of the Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme.

Whilst the OPW CFRAM Flood Risk Management Plan (Shannon Upper & Lower) allows for proposed flood defence works at Montpelier, funding has not been provided for in Tranche 1 at present. Montpelier may be included in a future Tranche 2 funding of schemes, which will be at the Minister's / Government discretion over the coming decade.

St. Mary's Park has been included in an earlier tranche of funding of flood defence works as part of the King's Island Flood Relief Scheme which is currently at design stage and will be incorporated into the overall Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme.

9. Question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting if the Regeneration Project is still on track to be completed by the envisaged date, and how many houses are to be built in each Regeneration area this year.

REPLY: The Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP) was adopted by the Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council on the 24th February 2014. The plan outlines a ten-year programme of works to 2023 under the physical, social and economic pillars. The National Capital Plan published in 2018 confirms the target completion date of 2023 and funding of €170 million over the period 2018-2023.

The LRFIP outlines a housing new build programme of five hundred and ninety three homes. Following a review of the Demolition and Retention Strategy in 2015 / 2016, forty-four houses were removed from the demolition zone, which reduced the new build requirement to five hundred and forty nine. As at the 31st December 2018, two hundred and sixty five new build homes are completed (50% of the programme). These include schemes such as :

Cliona Park Phase 1	34 Units
Cliona Park Phase 2	10 Units
Lord Edward Street	81 Units
Colivet Court, Southill	35 Units
Churchfield, O'Malley Park, Southill	42 Units
Wallers Well	10 Units

A further two hundred and sixty one homes have received funding approval from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. It is anticipated that a number of these projects will progress to construction state in 2019 including:

Cosgrave Park Phase 1, Moyross	30 Units
Churchfield Phase 2, Southill	38 Units
Palm Close, Southill	27 Units
45 – 46 Cliona Park, Moyross	2 Units

In addition to the new build programme refurbishment of voids and derelict homes is ongoing and these are generating new homes. The Thermal Upgrade Programme is also well progressed. This programme upgrades existing occupied private and Local Authority homes.

It is anticipated that the regeneration programme will be completed in line with the target completion date of 2023.

10. Question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update from Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh on the current situation and future plans for Rathbane Golf Club.

REPLY: The current situation with Rathbane Golf Course is that it remains under the management of Mack Trading Company Ltd. and is operating in line with the agreed contract. There is regular engagement under an agreed meeting structure between the Golf Club, Mack Trading and the Council. This aims to address any arising issues that the Club or other stakeholders may have and is proving beneficial to date. As there is a contract in place there are no immediate future plans for the golf course.

11. Question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Metropolitan District of Chomhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh invite the OPW to the next meeting of the District or the next meeting that suits, to discuss plans for flood defences in the District.

A/Senior Executive Officer, Dara McGuigan confirmed that the Physical Development Directorate will extend an invitation to the Office of Public Works to attend a future meeting of the Metropolitan District to discuss plans for flood defences in the District, and will itself give the Members an update on progress with the Plans, which are being led by the Physical Development Directorate in conjunction with the OPW, at a future meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council provide an all purpose facility for various Suicide Prevention Groups.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Costelloe emphasised the need for a facility to be provided for the various suicide prevention groups that work tirelessly patrolling the river. In seconding the motion, Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh spoke of the need for an adequate facility for the groups to operate from.

It was proposed by Councillor Collins to amend the motion to include Land Search and Rescue. This amendment was seconded by Councillor Costelloe and agreed.

REPLY: In response to the Notices of Motion submitted at the January meeting of District by Councillors Hogan and Secas and arising from the increased number of requests generally to provide facilities or property for community groups and organisations throughout Limerick, I advised at the January meeting that the Council intended as a first step to conduct an audit of existing community facilities. This work has now commenced in partnership with the local development companies. This audit will identify the existing provision of facilities across Limerick City & County and inform a strategy that will seek to ascertain future needs. Limerick City & County Council already supports a large number of organisations through the lease of property but it not possible to accommodate all requests. The audit will also seek to identify opportunities for groups to share facilities.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Comhairleoir S. Ó Ceallaigh (to be referred to Travel and Transportation SPC)

I will move at the next Meeting that Chomhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh extends the cycle lane on Childers Road the entire length of the road from the Parkway Roundabout to Ballinacurra Road.

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Lynch, Hogan, Daly, Sheahan, Ó Ceallaigh, Loftus, Gilligan and O’Hanlon

We will move at the next Limerick Metropolitan Meeting, to agree to allocate €30,000 to St. Patrick’s Day Parade out of the General Municipal Allocation.

The motion was proposed by Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, seconded by Councillor Daly and agreed that €30,000 would be allocated from the General Municipal Allocation 2019 – D05 Tourism Development Recreation and Amenity.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Dated: _____