

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2019 AT 3PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor J. Collins, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Butler, Cahillane, Collins (M), Costelloe, Daly, Donegan, Foley, Galvin, Gilligan, Gleeson, Hourigan, Hurley, Keary, Keller, Leddin, Loftus, Lynch, McCreesh, Mitchell, O'Brien, Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, O'Dea, O'Donnell, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, Pond, Ryan, Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Teefy, Teskey.

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), Director, Social Development (Mr. G. Daly), A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), Senior Architect, Housing Development (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. F. McCormack).

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

Votes of Sympathy

Sympathy was extended to the following on their recent bereavements:

- John Cregan on the passing of his daughter Mary.
- P.J. O'Grady on the passing of his wife Mary.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copies of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28th January, 2019.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 25th February, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);

Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);

And Resolved:

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

2. Fixing of Date

It was proposed by Councillor Collins (M), seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J) and agreed that the May Meeting of Council would be held on Monday, 29th April, 2019.

3. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 19th February, 2019, concerning disposal of land at 8 St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (K);
 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 8 St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick to Annette Hogan, administrator in the estate of James Hogan, deceased, 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 19th February, 2019."

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 8th March, 2019, concerning disposal of land at 16 St. Ita's Street, St. Mary's Park, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Costelloe;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (K);
 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 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 and subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 8th March, 2019."

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 8th March, 2019, concerning disposal of land at 93 St. Munchin's Street, St. Mary's Park, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Gilligan;
 Seconded by Councillor Costelloe;
 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 93 St. Munchin's Street, St. Mary's Park, Limerick to Mary McGrath and Gerard McGrath, in exchange for 180 St.

Munchin's Street, St. Mary's Park, Limerick and subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 8th March, 2019."

- (d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 8th March, 2019, concerning disposal of land at Floor 2, Corporate Buildings, Dooradoyle, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (K);
 Seconded by Councillor O'Dea;
 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 Floor 2, Corporate Buildings, Dooradoyle, Limerick (9,826 square feet), to General Motors IT Services (Ireland) Limited for the sum of €196,520 per annum in respect of rent, insurance and service charge, and subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 8th March, 2019."

- (e) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 8th March, 2019, concerning disposal of land at 2 Pery Square, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

Cllr Gilligan raised a number of concerns including the proposed war memorial in dedication to the soldiers who died in World War 1. Following further discussion, Cmhlr O' Ceallaigh referred to the disposal of 2 Pery Square, which was raised at the Metropolitan Meeting and his request to have it discussed at the Cultural SPC. As a result Cmhlr O'Ceallaigh proposed to reject this disposal and was seconded by Councillor McCreesh.

Following this proposal to reject the disposal the Meetings Administrator confirmed that a vote would be taken on the disposal of 2 Pery Square which resulted as follows :

For

Butler, Collins (J), Collins (M), Donegan, Galvin, Gleeson, Hurley, Leddin, Lynch, Mitchell, O'Brien, O'Dea, O'Donnell, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, Pond, Ryan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M).

(21)

Against

Browne, Cahillane, Costelloe, Daly, Gilligan, Keller, Loftus, McCreesh, Ó Ceallaigh.

(9)

Abstentions

Keary, Scanlan, Teskey

The Mayor declared the Motion defeated and accordingly the following resolution was adopted;

(3)

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);
 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 2 Pery Square, Limerick, to Limerick Civic Trust, for the sum of €1 per annum for a period of 25 years, the disposal to be by way of lease for a period of 25 years and subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 8th March, 2019”.

- (f) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 12th March, 2019, concerning disposal of land at Lansdowne, North Circular Road and O’Callaghan Strand, comprising former Cleeves Factory Site and adjacent lands.

Proposed by Councillor Browne;
 Seconded by Councillor O’Dea;
 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 property at Lansdowne, North Circular Road and O’Callaghan Strand, Limerick – comprising former Cleeves Factory Site and adjacent lands to Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development Designated Activity Company, for the sum of €3,337,743.48, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 12th March, 2019”.

- (g) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 12th March, 2019, concerning disposal of 0.918 hectares of land at North Circular Road, Limerick, comprising of Salesian Convent Secondary School and Grounds.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Galvin;
 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 0.918 hectares of land at North Circular Road, Limerick, comprising of Salesian Convent Secondary School and Grounds to Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development Designated Activity Company, for the sum of €1,106,015, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 12th March, 2019.”

- (h) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 12th March, 2019, concerning disposal of 2.7836 hectares of land at Coolaboy, Dromcolliher, County Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Scanlan;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of land comprising 2.7836 hectares of land at Coolaboy, Dromcolliher, County Limerick to Dromcolliher Community Council for the sum of €1 (if demanded), the disposal to be by way of a 20 year lease and subject to the covenants and conditions contained therein, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 12th March, 2019.”

4. Support Services Directorate

(a) Chief Executive’s Report

Circulated, Chief Executive’s Reports for the months of January and February, 2019.

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

(b) Annual Report

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 19th March, 2019, together with draft Annual Report 2018.

The Meetings Administrator stated that the draft Annual Report had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and set out details of the various activities of the Council for 2018. The final version of the Annual Report would be brought before the April Meeting of the Council for adoption.

The draft Annual Report 2018 was noted by the Members.

(c) Granting of Loan Facility to Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC

Members commended the Limerick 2030 Strategic Development DAC on the projects being delivered. Members discussed the objectives of the Limerick 2030 company and sought clarity regarding the request for a further loan facility of €1,775,000 and the purpose of this loan. Members also requested an update on the progress to date of the Limerick 2030. Members also queried when the property is fully occupied will commercial rates be levied on the building.

Director of Services, Mr Coughlan confirmed to Members that the previous loan granted to Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC was for shell and core for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Floors. This further loan request is to complete CAT A fit out for the Ground, First and Second Floors. Mr Coughlan confirmed that Limerick City and County Council are 100% Shareholders and that a quarterly review can be provided to the Members.

Mr Coughlan also confirmed that once the property is occupied Limerick City and County Council will be in receipt of commercial rates.

(i) **Gardens International**

Circulated, report of the Director, Support Services, dated 19th March, 2019, seeking the Council's approval to the granting of a further loan facility to Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC of €1,775.000 for the Gardens International Development to facilitate CAT A Fit Out for Ground, First and Second Floors.

Proposed by Councillor O'Dea;
 Seconded by Councillor Browne;
 And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the granting of a further loan facility to Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC of €1,775.000 for the Gardens International Development to facilitate CAT A Fit Out for Ground, First and Second Floors".

(ii) **Cleeves and Former Salesians Convent**

Circulated, report of the Director, Support Services, dated 19th March, 2019, seeking the Council's approval to the granting of a loan facility to Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC of €4,443,758.48 to facilitate the purchase of Cleeves and former Salesians Convent.

Proposed by Councillor O'Dea;
 Seconded by Councillor Browne;
 And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the granting of a further loan facility to Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC of €4,443,758.48 for the purchase of Cleeves and former Salesians Convent".

(d) **Audit Committee**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 20th March, 2019, together with copy of Limerick City and County Council Audit Committee Annual Report 2018.

The Report was noted by the Members.

(e) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

- (i) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee dated 11th March, 2019, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 11th February, 2019.

Councillor Crowley, Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting.

The Report was noted by the Members.

- (ii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee dated 5th March, 2019, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 25th February, 2019.

Councillor O'Donnell, Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting

The Report was noted by the Members.

- (iii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee dated 4th March, 2019, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 11th February, 2019.

Councillor Daly, Chairperson of the Travel and Transportation 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 Environment Strategic Policy Committee dated 5th March, 2019, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 25th February, 2019.

Councillor Scanlan, Chairperson of the Environment 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

“I will move at the next meeting of the Full Council that all election candidates of this Council agree to a voluntary ban on the erection of election posters for all elections”.

A discussion took place regarding the voluntary ban on the erection of election posters and the importance of the ban on one off plastics in schools and public buildings. Members emphasised the importance the adhering to this Directive in the run up to the local elections. Members also referred to the timing of this recommendation and that most candidates have

their orders submitted for posters at this stage. Members referred to the importance of removing posters and cable ties within the prescribed time period.

Following further discussion, the Members noted that this was a voluntary ban on election posters and will be the decision of each candidate to decide if they wish to run a campaign with or without posters.

- (v) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Community Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee dated 15th March, 2019, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 18th February, 2019.

Councillor Hurley, Chairperson of the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting.

The Report was noted by the Members.

- (vi) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee dated 10th March, 2019, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 12th February, 2019.

Councillor O’Hanlon, 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 Guidelines for the Strategic Fund Award Scheme go forward to Full Council for approval”.

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

Recommendation No. 2

“That the recommendations for the International Mobility Awards Scheme 2019, Round 1, go forward to Full Council for approval in the amount of €5,950”.

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

Recommendation No. 3

“That the recommendations and allocations from the recent workshop for strategic investment in the delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy for 2019 go forward to Full Council for approval in the amount of €497,000”.

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

5. Social Development Directorate

(a) A Pathway to Cultural Confidence for Limerick

To hear presentation by Mr Damien Brady, Senior Manager, Libraries, Museums and Gallery of Art and Ms Sheila Deegan, Culture & Arts Officer: 'A pathway to cultural confidence for Limerick' Update on investment 2014 – 2019'.

Mr Brady outlined that the Library, Museum and Gallery collectively received 3.9million visits over the last 5 years. Mr Brady confirmed to Members that Cappamore Library and Artist Studios opened in 2014 with €1 m investment - 75% grant aided by the Department and 24% funding from the Council. 1% contribution was received from Cappamore Development Association.

Mr Brady referred to the enhanced customer offer through business improvements by way of roll out of Self-Service wireless printing, scanning and photocopying from any device, phone, PC and laptops. These enhanced services were funded by €564,000 ICT investment which was 75% grant aided by Department and 25% funding by the Council. Mr Brady confirmed that a series of Digital Skills workshops have been delivered throughout the City and County. He also confirmed that a new Self-Service Issue/Return System has been introduced in 8 Libraries.

Mr Brady outlined the 1916 Commemoration Events that had taken place in Limerick and referred to the Decade of Centenaries and a major national travelling exhibition 'Women in Politics and Public Life' curated by historian Sinead McCoolle was hosted at Istabraq Hall in Feb 2019'.

Mr Brady outlined the plans for a 21st Century Library which forms part of the Council's ambitious plan for the re-development and re-imagining of the Limerick City Centre landscape. Mr Brady confirmed that approval in principle has been granted and initial €2m capital grant from the Department has been approved.

Ms Deegan outlined the investment in Culture since the official designation by Minister Deenihan in July 2012 of Limerick as the first National City of Culture in 2014. Ms Deegan referred to the challenges for Limerick such as the creation of a much stronger economic base to attract and retain young people and to tackle issues of social exclusion and deprivation and how culture was recognised as having an important role in addressing this challenge. Ms Deegan outlined how the programme was divided into 4 strands; International, Legacy, Commissioning and Made in Limerick and outlined various events within each strand.

Ms Deegan outlined the additional revenue and visitors to the City and County and generate a €17.3 million extra tourism spend. Ms Deegan referred to the visit of 'the Granny' through the streets of the City and the significant impact that this event had on residents and visitors to the City.

Ms Deegan referred to the legacy of 2014 Limerick City of Culture which created a vibrant Limerick open to new ideas, leveraged national funding and corporate support.

Ms Deegan recalled the significant measure undertaken by Limerick City and County Council in 2017 in setting up of the Cultural SPC with an agreed investment of €600k which was responsible for evaluated Open Calls and helped organisations instill good governance.

Ms Deegan outlined the future plans and continue to work with national agencies such as Failte Ireland and the Arts Council.

Working with the Arts Council and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has seen a quarter of a million Euros provided in extra funding under a framework agreement with the Arts Council and with Creative Ireland through Limerick Culture and Creativity Strategy. Ms Deegan confirmed that over the past 2 years there have been 115 festivals funded and a total investment of €1.191million. Over the past 2 years a total of 36 Bursaries have received €138,000 and 4 capital projects - Belltable, Dance Limerick, Limerick City Gallery of Art and Fidget Feet have received in total €600,000 from Limerick City and County Council and leveraged Government investment of €600,000.

Members thanked Mr Brady & Ms Deegan for the comprehensive overview of Culture and Arts, Libraries, Museums and Gallery of Art. Members also welcomed the capital investment in the projects outlined. Members commended the work to date and the events that have been held and in particular noted the success of 'the Granny' event. Members referred to the Wild Geese statue and if the original features could be reinstated. Members also discussed the return of a rifle used in Limerick in the 1916 era from the National Gallery. Members also referred to the St Patricks Day parade in the County and if support could be provided to the County towns. The Members requested if the opening hours of the museum could be extended in order to cater for the growing visitor numbers. Members also queried the position regarding a library for Castletroy.

Ms Deegan confirmed that the original features will be reinstated on the Wild Geese fountains. Mr Brady confirmed that the extension of Museum opening hours are being reviewed within the current resources available. Mr Brady also confirmed that an application had been made to the National Gallery and it is necessary to have met the climatic conditions in the Museum in the first instance before receipt of the rifle. This preparatory work is ongoing. Mr Brady confirmed to Members that Capital Library building projects would be examined in the context of the forthcoming Library Development Plan which will be prepared later this year and will be aligned with Limerick City and County Council Corporate Plan.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Sheahan (K), seconded by Councillor Keary, that the Limerick City and County Council to investigate the possibility of extending the Library in Askeaton.

(b) Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2018

Circulated, report of the LCDC Chief Officer, Social Development Directorate, dated 1st March, 2019, enclosing Annual Report on the activities of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee for the year ending 31st December, 2018.

The LCDC Annual Report was noted by the Members.

6. Economic Development Directorate

Food Strategy for Limerick 2016 – 2018

To receive presentation from Eamon Ryan, Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office on progress on the implementation of the Food Strategy and the plans for 2019.

Mr Ryan outlined to Members the vision of the Food Strategy; To enhance Limerick's reputation for great food and to build on existing support structures designed to help maximise the economic prosperity for its food stakeholders.

Limerick Food Strategy Steering Group comprised of 17 Members and met once a quarter in 2018. Mr Ryan outlined the strategy recommends the development of a Regional Food Brand and Logo. The Council are developing an overall Limerick Brand and the next phase of this process is the implementation of the brand strategy for Limerick.

Mr Ryan confirmed that www.limerickfood.ie is a "one-stop shop" to promote, support and develop the food & drink industry in Limerick. Mr Ryan confirmed to Members that a Food News Friday Newsletter is published 1st Friday of every month and is re building database following the implementation of GDPR. There are currently 70 subscribed and there is a newsletter signup functionality which the Local Enterprise Office will be actively promoting. Mr Ryan outlined the events that had taken place in 2018 and referred to the Food on the Edge conference which was held on Galway. Following this Conference an excursion for 50 of the conference speakers, world renowned chefs and international media on 24 and 25 October was hosted by Limerick and a member of Limerick Food Group, prepared a menu showcasing the very best of local produce. The group visited Limerick's best known attractions including King John's Castle where they sampled some Treaty City Beer and Jim O'Brien's cheese. On the second day of the excursion the group took time to visit some local producers including Attyflin Estate and Rigney's Farm, finishing with a visit to the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes and an Irish Coffee tasting session.

Mr Ryan outlined to Members the plans for 2019 as follows;

- Appointment of consultant as food strategy co-ordinator
- Review of Food Strategy 2016 – 2018
- Agree calendar of food and drink events and activities that will be supported by LEO and Council in 2019 (Riverfest, Limerick Show, Limerick Chowder, Urban Food Festival, Pigtown Food Series etc.)
- Launch of www.limerickfood.ie and continuous development and updating of the site
- Increase the use of social media to promote Limerick Food
- Develop an annual Limerick Food Training and Development plan
- Market exploration study tour for producers

Members thanked Mr Ryan for his comprehensive presentation and stated that the implementation of the Food Strategy is important to add to the tourism offering within Limerick City and County.

7. Conferences

(i) Participation by Members at Conferences

Details of the following Conferences had been circulated electronically to the Members:

- (a) "Eurocities Creative Competitive Cities 2018" held in Edinburgh, Scotland on 28th, 29th and 30th November, 2018.
- (b) "The Finance Act, 2018 Cost Analysis" held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork on 22nd, 23rd and 24th March, 2019.
- (c) "Register of Electors and Boundary Changes" held at New Lind Road, Wexford on 22nd, 23rd and 24th March, 2019.
- (d) "Nuclear Free Local Authorities All Ireland Forum Spring Energy & Nuclear Policy Seminar" held at High Street, Kilkenny on 22nd March, 2019.
- (e) "Cross Border Tourism Conference 2019" to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth on 10th April, 2019.
- (f) "Ireland and Plastic Waste" to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth on 12th, 13th and 14th April, 2019.

The Council approved the attendance of the following Members:

Conference "Politics Needs Women" North Wall Quay, Dublin – 1st - 14th December, 2018
Councillor Hurley.

Conference "The Finance Act 2018" Carlingford, Co. Louth - 11th, 12th and 13th January, 2019
– Councillors Butler, Leddin, Sheahan (M).

Conference "Good Governance of Community, Voluntary & Charitable Organisations in Ireland" Clonakilty, Co. Cork - 22nd, 23rd and 24th February, 2019 - Comhairleoir Ó Ceallaigh.

(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 Comhairleoir S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting how many cases have been logged on the CRM System in the last year, how many have had to be re-opened, and what actions are being taken to ensure that cases which are not completed are not being closed without completion.

REPLY: There were 35,471 cases created on SugarCRM in 2018.

While it is not possible to determine how many were reopened during the year, there were 29,190 cases closed in 2018 from the ones created in 2018. This represents an 82% closure rate on cases created last year.

There is intensive ongoing training across the organisation to ensure that:

1. The correct status is used when a case is being closed namely; Resolved, Closed Unresolved, or Closed with Commitment.
and
2. That the accompanying update to the representative should reflect the status of the case and set out clearly the Council's position in relation to the request.

There are a number of approaches to ensure this occurs in conjunction with ongoing training and support in the use of the CRM system. These include, monthly reporting to Management re case statistics, reporting to Operations Senior Team regarding case management and ongoing contact with both Councillors and assignees to ensure proper responses are received.

9. Question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting why no meeting of the sub committee on animal welfare and control or the sub committee on centenary events have taken place as of yet, and when it is intended for these sub-committees to meet.

REPLY: The Animal Welfare and Control committee meets on an ad hoc basis and reviews the operation of animal control services generally. In the past, a number of visits were carried out to horse projects to inform the group on the operation of these projects. The most recent visit took place to Clondalkin in August, 2018. A report was prepared following the visit to Clondalkin.

A meeting of the group will be convened at the earliest possible convenience.

The National Expert Advisory Group on Commemoration issued a recommendation to the Government in late 2018, which was noted by Cabinet at its January 2019 meeting.

The Expert Advisory Group advised that the Decade of Commemoration Programme will be based on a four strand approach comprising:
State Ceremonial Strand, Historical Strand, Community Strand, Creative Imagination Strand.

At the Council Meeting of 28th January it was agreed to reconvene the Cross Party Committee for Commemoration and to appoint a co-ordinator and deputy co-ordinator for the period.

On 13th March, 2019 the Department held its first briefing for co-ordinators on the Centenary Plans for the period 1919 to 2023. Both nominated officials from Limerick City and County Council attended. At this briefing the Department issued a mission statement and a guidance document to all co-ordinators in City and County Councils.

Following this briefing, it is now proposed to call a meeting of the Cross Party Committee on Monday, 8th April to discuss plans for commemorations in Limerick.

NOTICES OF MOTION

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Gilligan (to be referred to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting, as Ireland has failed to reach its carbon emission reduction target, we will have to pay a fine for exceeding our quota. As this will constitute an extra cost on all our building activities, I propose that this be factored in on all our major developments.

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

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Cahillane (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

We will move at the next Limerick City and County Council meeting that the following steps be taken to immediately alleviate some of the transport problems being felt across Limerick city.

That Limerick City and County Council:

1) Monitor and enforce penalties for anyone who is parking in the red line designated bus stops.

2) Propose that the terminus for the 304 route be moved from Debenhams to a new terminus in O'Connell Street between Roches Street and Cecil Street which is easier for buses to access, saving time.

3) That the Council demand an input with the National Transport Agency into the planning of bus routes in Limerick.

4) Expand the 301 Augustinian bus stop to avoid congestion.

5) Investigate bus corridors from the City Centre to the University of Limerick.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin (to be referred to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Full Council Meeting that all community council shops be exempt from commercial rates in all rural villages where no shops exist.

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

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. O’Dea (to be referred to the Protocol Committee)

I will move that Limerick City and County Council investigate the possibility of a philanthropic or commercial partner to commission a lasting memorial to Limerickman Donogh O’Malley, T.D. as Minister for Education, to be situated at an appropriate location in his home city where his legacy lives on to this day.

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

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Loftus

I am calling on Limerick City and County Council, to write to Minister Zappone's department requesting/demanding that they allow adoptees access to their own information on Health, History and Heritage, in line with the equality and personal autonomy rights of other citizens and as voted for in two referenda.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Loftus and seconded by Councillor Costelloe.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan (to be referred to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting of Limerick City and County Council that Limerick City and County Council provide yearly funding for the day to day running of the Maigue River Trust, funding required in the region of €3,000 per year.

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

16. 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:

Mayor

Date:
