

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 2020 at 9:45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Sarah Kiely, Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Benson, Butler, Collins, Costelloe, Daly, Hartigan, Kilcoyne, Leddin, Murphy, Novak Uí Chonchúir, O'Donovan, O'Sullivan, Sheahan, Sheehan, Slattery and Talukder.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

A/Director, Service Operations (Mr. H. McGrath), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), A/Senior Executive Officer, Physical Development (Mr. D. McGuigan), Head of Property and Community Facilities (Ms. J. Leahy), Administrative Officer, Property and Community Facilities (Ms. T. Knox), A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Mr. P. Williams), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll)

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors McSweeney and O'Dea.

At the outset of the meeting, the Cathaoirleach and Members congratulated the Limerick Senior Hurling Management and Team on their magnificent win in the All Ireland Hurling Final. Members also extended their congratulations to the Limerick Minor Hurling Team on their win in the Munster Final.

Members extended their condolences and sympathy to the family of William Mulcahy, Caherdavin who had passed away recently. Members also extended their condolences to those who had passed away from Covid in 2020. A minutes silence was observed in their memory.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 16th November, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Butler;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
And Resolved:

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

2. Disposal of Land

(a) Circulated, report of the Head of Property and Community Facilities dated 19th November, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of the Freehold Interest of premises situate at 151 Mayorstone Park Upper, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (b) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 19th November, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of the Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 13 Sarsfield Avenue, Garryowen, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (c) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 8th December, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of part of property situate at Clooncommons, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick under Folio LK67539F and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (d) Circulated, report of the Head of Property and Community Facilities dated 11th December, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of Property, by way of a lease, at 9-10 Patrick Street, Limerick (Ground Floor and Basement) and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (e) Circulated, report of the Head of Property and Community Facilities dated 11th December, 2020 setting out proposals to dispose of Freehold Interests (Ground Rents) off Lady's Lane / Hunt's Lane, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

3. Service Operations Directorate

Local Improvement Scheme

The A/Director, Service Operations gave a briefing to Members on the Local Improvement Scheme. He outlined the changes being proposed to the Local Improvement Scheme, which included where an applicant had a gated access to the property and the nature of agricultural holdings. He stated a Workshop would be arranged, if Members required.

Members queried changes to the scheme in relation to prioritisation of applications versus chronology of applications and the City and County Management Associations' revision of the scheme and the new requirements disallowing applicants that had a gate on the road.

The A/Director, Service Operations stated that his intention was to apply the scheme in a manner which satisfied the Elected Members but within the guidelines. He confirmed a reply to the letter sent to the Department of Rural and Community Development in October 2020 in relation to qualifying criteria under the Local Improvement Scheme had been received and he would arrange to circulate this to Members.

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council how much funding has been applied and secured from the Department of Transport to facilitate additional echarging stations and how many additional stations are planned.

REPLY: To date Limerick City and County Council has not made any applications for funding for additional Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points. Under the Climate Action Plan 2019 the Government has set an ambitious target of replacing 840,000 private internal combustion engine (ICE) powered cars with electric vehicles. In order to do this, the CAP2019 recognises that there will be a need to expand the charging offer available to the public, and as such contains an action that by 2030 local authorities will provide 2,000 on-street charging points. To incentivise this, SEAI has made available a grant of €5,000 per charging point (2 charging points per pillar).

EV car ownership remains relatively low in Ireland with less than 20,000 EV sold since 2010, although sales of EV are doubling on average year on year. This is symptomatic of an emerging market where cost of purchase of EVs, battery capacity, and re-charging availability have all contributed to the slow uptake.

European and UK studies show that 80% of EVs are charged at home, with about 10% charged at work, 5% on fast Motorway chargers (long distance journeys) and 5% on-street, and emerging Irish trends would appear to largely replicate this. Central Government grants are available via SEAI towards the cost of installation of an EV charging point at a private residence (50% of the cost up to €600), and incentives on the cost of new EVs and reductions in VRT on EVs remain at present. In the Irish context ESB eCars has introduced fees for EV charging at its 1,100 on-street charging points in 2019 (fast chargers) and 2020 (slow chargers) and this will push EV owners towards more home charging, where that is possible.

At a national policy level DCCA/SEAI is currently finalising guidelines for local authorities on the technical considerations of providing EV charging points, and the back office systems which come with the service. Simultaneously, a working group of the City and County Manager's Association Environment sub-committee is formulating a guidance document on the different business model options and the four Dublin authorities are finalising a study on best practice in the location of EV charging points. All these documents will be finalised in 2021 and will inform our approach to on-street EV charging.

5. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council what progress is being made on strengthening relationships between the Council and business community not represented by business organisations to facilitate plans to increase footfall in our city.

REPLY: Since the creation of the post of City Centre Revitalisation Officer (CCRO) in March 2020 a focussed approach of engagement with the city centre business community has taken place. A key objective of the CCRO is to work with the business community to increase footfall in the city centre.

In June 2020 the Council launched its Shop Limerick Campaign to assist businesses to trade on-line and to provide them with business supports (training, mentoring, trading on line vouchers etc.) to cushion them against the impact of COVID restrictions.

The Council worked in partnership with the business community, Limerick Chamber of Commerce, Independent Traders, and the Local Enterprise Office to provide a suite of business services to assist in preparing for businesses to re-open.

Direct contact was made with active businesses on each street and with Councillors to encourage participation in the initiatives resulting in the formation of an independent traders group. The Council now engages with over 200 businesses in the city, represented by the Independent Traders Group and the Limerick Chamber of Commerce.

The CCRO and relevant internal staff now meet with the City Centre Traders Steering Group every 6 weeks to discuss issues of common interest. This group is made up of representatives of the Independent Traders Group, Limerick Chamber of Commerce, and the Gardaí. This group is instrumental in the co-ordinated approach to the promotion of Limerick as a destination for the Christmas period.

The CCRO also meet with businesses on an individual basis to assist on local issues.

6. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council to conduct an audit of all empty Georgian buildings in the city and outline what level of engagement is or has taken place to encourage owners to redevelop their properties.

REPLY: The Forward Planning Department have carried out land use surveys of the city centre. The most recent of which was carried out in November 2019. The survey identified use and vacancy across floors in buildings. Separately, the Urban Innovation Department is currently carrying out a building condition survey of buildings in the Georgian core. The survey will be completed in early 2021.

The Council are actively working on encouraging and supporting the redevelopment of historic buildings in the city centre through a number of programmes:

- The Urban Innovation Department (UID) manage the Living City Initiative – a tax incentive scheme designed to support the refurbishment of historic (pre 1915) properties. Since its relaunch in 2018 the UID have actively promoted the scheme through the holding of events and seminars as well as the production of promotional material and videos. Furthermore, the UID have liaised with the auctioneers within the city to promote the scheme as part of the sales pack for properties within the qualifying area.
- To support people wishing to refurbish historic properties the UID operate “one stop shop” advice clinics for property owners and potential property owners which are attended by the Conservation Officer, Fire Officer, Area Planner as well as relevant staff from the Urban Innovation Department. These are held every 2 weeks on an appointment basis.

To date a total of 40 applications have been received for residential development under the initiative. Commercial developments are managed directly by the Revenue Commissioners.

- The Urban Innovation Department is also working on developing solutions to some of the specific challenges faced by people redeveloping these building.
- Funding has been secured under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund to redevelop two existing Council properties for residential use. The projects are at preliminary design stage.
 - The +City xChange EU project is examining methods that enhance the energy performance of historic buildings and potential financial mechanisms that could support these works.
 - In respect of fire safety, the Urban Innovation Department has secured funding from Enterprise Ireland under the Small Business Innovation Research to develop potential sensor based solutions to meet the requirements of the building regulations.

In both of these projects the Urban Innovation Department are working directly with property owners to develop solutions to these issues.

Other initiatives operated by the Council include:

- Conservation grants – The Planning Department through the Conservation Officer administer a number of conservation grant schemes on behalf of the Department on an annual basis. These schemes are advertised in the local press when the Council are advised by the Department.
- Department administrating the Derelict Sites Act who are actively engaging with property owners to bring derelict properties back into use.
- The Property and Community Facilities Department are responsible for operating the Derelict Sites Act and are actively engaging with property owners to bring properties out of dereliction and to compulsorily acquire them if necessary.

7. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on when derelict houses in Kennedy Park and Hyde Road that are in Council stock will be refurbished and allocated.

REPLY: At present we have carried out clear-out works to a number of houses. Our next step is to review the level of works required based on a detailed scope and costings. This information will then be submitted to the Department for approval. As soon as the funding approval is received, the works can be procured and contracted out. Within a set timeframe of the completion of works the allocations team review the Housing Waiting List and begin the allocations process. We will keep the area Councilor's informed of progress in relation to the houses in this area. At present, the detailed capital appraisal for the projects is being prepared for submission to the Department.

8. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting, following up from your response to my question in September 2020 in regards to flood defences for Mulcair Drive, Annacotty, Mountshannon Road, Castleconnell and Montpellier, have tenders been returned and the successful consultant appointed.

REPLY: Tenders for “Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme: Integrated Engineering and Environmental Consultancy Services” were returned on 23rd October 2020. Tenders are currently being assessed and, conditional on no appeals being submitted, it is expected that consultants will be appointed in January 2021.

9. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting if the noise action plan sent to Transport Infrastructure Ireland from Limerick City and County Council in regards to noise pollution from the M7 and M20 has been acknowledged.

REPLY: The report on noise mitigation options prepared by Limerick City and County Council for the M7 and M20 noise hotspots was submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in September 2020.

Representatives from Physical Development Directorate met with representatives of TII in October 2020 where the Council’s findings were presented. TII undertook to consider the content of the reports and provide feedback, including technical comments on the reports.

We are awaiting a response from TII.

10. Question submitted by Councillor E. O’Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting for a list of the criteria the Council uses to consider the location of parklets in the city.

REPLY: Applications from businesses for parklets are considered on a case-by-case basis. Among the criteria considered are:

- Health and Safety
- Traffic flow/pedestrian permeability
- Future development and road maintenance work
- Consultation with adjoining business
- Loading bays, click and collect and parking facilities
- If the premises serves food
- If the premises has no available outside space
- Hours of opening of premises

11. Question submitted by Councillor E. O’Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting the capacity for bike parking on the newly installed bike stands on Parnell Street and the reason behind this number of bike stands on this street.

REPLY: The location and number of cycle stands installed as part of the Parnell Street Improvements Project was based on available space and balancing allocation to loading bays/landscaping/footpaths/parking and cycle lanes. Each cycle stand can accommodate two bicycles, one either side.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting for information on the risk assessments carried out to determine the cycle safety equipment installed on Wickham Street could be removed without endangering the public.

REPLY: Where regulatory road markings known as continuous or solid white lines are provided (as they are on Wickham Street) to delineate cycle facilities from the vehicular carriageway, such road marking provide that motorists must not stop on, or cross, a solid white line, except for the purposes of loading/unloading goods and picking up/ setting down passengers.

In recent times we have (as have other roads authorities) installed 'wands' (collapsible light sticks) and other delineating highlighters in such locations for various reasons including enhancing delineation, discouraging parking and discouraging long duration set-down (in particular where strict enforcement is a challenge). Councillors will be aware of many successful installations such as those outside the nearby mainline railway and bus station (Colbert Station) whereby the installation of delineators has resulted in issues associated with blocking of the cycle lane being resolved at this location. It is important to clarify that wands are primarily used as a temporary visual aid to assist an already highlighted cycle lane and as such will not prevent errant drivers or deliberate driving across the solid white line (an act which is a road traffic offence). As cycle lanes are becoming more commonplace there is a need to increase awareness of the regulatory restrictions associated with them and such awareness will assist in compliance and as the general public develops an understanding of their status one hopes that the need for 'wands' and delineators will reduce.

As with all locations, prior to the installation of such measures, the Roads Authority gives careful consideration to ensuring that such measures do not inhibit unreasonably the facility of traders/residents to load/unload goods and pick up/ set down passengers.

While I am satisfied that we had made or could make such provision, in this case some of the traders did not accept our position and thus in the interests of good relations we agreed to remove a section of the installed wands to allow for a further review of options and regulatory provisions. This review will be advanced.

In summary it should be clear that the safety of the public is determined more through common courtesy, respect for others, and the understanding of and adherence to, the rules of the road than relying on the installation of flimsy delineators. The Installation of or removal of such delineators are a very poor relation to safe driving and cycling, and awareness and respect for others.

Notwithstanding this where (as is the case in most city centre facilities) full segregation of cycle facilities is not required or practical we will continue to consider any measures that

assist in highlighting such facilities in particular where strict regulatory enforcement is challenging.

13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask the Council to provide a costing spreadsheet for the €10m Active Travel fund, with a project by project breakdown of funding allocated, funding spent to date, expected delivery date, and, per project, the percentage of funding spent on road resurfacing versus walking and cycling infrastructure.

REPLY: The attached spreadsheet sets out the detail requested in relation to each of the schemes under the July Stimulus Package. All the projects detailed in the attachment are fully compliant with the requirements of the scheme.

Details of the 2020 Allocations under the July Stimulus Scheme were circulated as part of the reply.

14. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next meeting how many fines have been issued in relation to illegal dumping in the Northside this year 2020.

REPLY: A total of 32 Spot Fines have been issued by the Council in relation to illegal dumping incidents on the Northside in 2020.

15. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Council for a complete list of the projects proposed and completed and amount drawn down from the €10 million euro allocated by the NTA to the Council for active travel measures.

REPLY: Please find attached the full list of projects as approved by the NTA under the July Stimulus Scheme in August 2020. Currently the expenditure on this scheme is just over €3M. It is programmed to complete the schemes listed by the end of March 2021.

Details of the 2020 Allocations under the July Stimulus Scheme were circulated as part of the reply.

16. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Council for a list of the number of people fined and prosecutions issued for illegal dumping in 2019 and 2020.

REPLY: A total of 692 Spot Fines were issued by the Council in 2019.
A total of 345 Spot Fines have been issued to date in 2020.
The Council initiated 56 Prosecutions in 2019.
A total of 27 Prosecutions have been initiated to date in 2020.

NOTICES OF MOTION

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will move at the next Metropolitan Meeting to request that Limerick City and County Council write to the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to make provisions where drug trafficking monies confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Legislation be redirected from Central Government back into local addiction services, youth and community organisations to combat the effect of addiction on our communities, and that the necessary legislation is changed as a matter of urgency to allow this vital funding support to happen.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Kilcoyne, seconded by Councillor Costelloe and agreed.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Costelloe highlighted the drug issues in Limerick City. He commended the work carried out by Treatment Centres in the City, including Saoirse Addiction Treatment Centre and the Ana Liffey Drug Project.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council introduce an "Ancient Tree" scheme to encourage the planting or retention of a single community tree in all new housing developments and suitable existing communities with the Council and community pledging to care for this individual tree until it reaches the Ancient tree category age of 400 years +.

It was agreed to refer this motion to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

It was agreed that Items 19 and 21 would be taken together.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan requesting he sign off approval of the Limerick Northern Distributor Road and allow this vital project to continue to proceed as a matter of urgency.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will move at the next meeting that this Council, write to the Minister for Transport asking him to urgently make a decision on the Coonagh Knockalisheen Road and to express our concerns as Members regarding the delay.

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Benson and agreed.

In proposing the motion, Councillor O'Sullivan highlighted the concerns of constituents in relation to the delay in the commencement of the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Section of this project. The community of Moyross in particular are frustrated at the thirteen year wait for the project.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Benson outlined the importance of this project to the northside of the City, as the Moyross area is a cul de sac. The project would provide social, educational and economic opportunities in the area. She called for the commencement of the Coonagh to Knockalisheen section of the project as a matter of urgency.

The motion received broad support from the Members.

It was noted by Councillor Novak Uí Chonchúir that the project could lead to urban sprawl when the Government is trying to integrate deprived areas into the city.

In response to queries from Members, Councillor Hartigan confirmed that a decision had not been made to cancel the project.

Councillor O'Sullivan proposed to amend her motion as follows :

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan requesting he sign off approval of the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Section of the Limerick Northern Distributor Road and allow this vital project to continue to proceed as a matter of urgency.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Metropolitan Meeting that a pedestrian crossing be installed outside Castleconnell National School.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Slattery, seconded by Councillor Collins and agreed.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Slattery highlighted that there was no School Traffic Warden, pedestrian crossing or traffic lights in the vicinity of Castleconnell National School and in the interest of safety, a pedestrian crossing was required as a matter of urgency.

The motion received broad support from Members. Members noted that a pedestrian crossing should be considered as part of a wider view of the infrastructure in the general area of the school.

The A/Director of Service welcomed the Members comments and stated that traffic infrastructure could not be looked at in isolation. He also stated that operational issues should be dealt with at the Local Electoral Area Briefings.

Following a show of hands, it was agreed that matters of an operational nature would be referred to the Local Electoral Area Briefings.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors S. Benson and J. Costelloe (to be referred to the Decade of Centenaries)

I will move at the next meeting that this Council notes the centenary of the passing by the British Parliament at Westminster of the Government of Ireland Act in December 1920, the Act which provided for the Partition of Ireland. We recall the deep injustices, divisions and conflict caused by this Act. We reiterate our support for the Good Friday Agreement and the political process arising from it, including the revoking of the Government of Ireland Act. We reaffirm our support

for the self-determination of the people of Ireland as expressed in Article 3.1 of Bunreacht na hÉireann and for the bringing about of a United Ireland "by peaceful means with the consent of a majority of the people, democratically expressed, in both jurisdictions". Accordingly we call on both the Irish and British governments to fully implement the Good Friday Agreement and all their obligations with regard to the rights of citizens; we call on the British government to agree to set a date for the Irish Unity referendum as provided in the Agreement; we call on the Irish government to work for this outcome. We stand ready as a Council to work with all statutory bodies and with civic society to plan and prepare for the referendum on Irish Unity and for a positive outcome to the referendum.

It was agreed to refer this motion to the Decade of Centenaries.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick Council commission a consultancy firm to assess every school in the Metropolitan area for their suitability for school zones and school streets.

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

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick Council commission a feasibility study to progress with the development of the Coonagh Greenway (from Limerick City to Meelick Creek) along the existing riverbank.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Novak Uí Chonchúir, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and agreed.

Councillor Novak Uí Chonchúir requested a time frame for the Coonagh Greenway project.

In reply, the A/Senior Executive Officer, Physical Development confirmed that the Tender for Consultancy Services for the Limerick City and Environs Flood Relief Scheme, which includes the Limerick City to Meelick Creek Greenway, would close in Q1, 2021. He also clarified the funding schemes for the project.

REPLY: Meelick Creek is within the scope of the Limerick City and Environs Flood Relief Scheme (FRS). There were no embankment upgrades included in the CFRAM Preferred Option along these embankments, but the CFRAM Flood Risk Management Plan noted that an assessment of the integrity of the existing embankments needed to be included in the Flood Relief Scheme.

The public realm scope included in the tender for consultancy services for the Flood Relief Scheme includes for the Limerick City to Meelick Creek greenway. The tender for consultancy services for this CFRAMS project is currently underway.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council fast track the demolition of a number of

properties in St. Marys Park given that the issues of safety and ASB are of serious concerns to the residents.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Costelloe, seconded by Councillor Benson and agreed.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Costelloe highlighted the anti-social behaviour at the properties and urged the Council to complete the demolition of the properties.

Councillor Sheehan commended the residents of St. Mary's Park and reiterated the need to have the houses demolished as soon as possible.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next meeting of Limerick Council that this Council pledges its support for the rollout of the Covid vaccine, the public awareness campaign and when the time comes that each Councillor will take the Covid vaccine when they are deemed eligible and advised to.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehan, seconded by Councillor Butler and agreed.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Sheehan requested that Public Representatives would not undermine the vaccine roll out on social media or elsewhere.

There was broad support for the motion. Members agreed it was an individual decision to take the vaccine.

30. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

The Meetings Administrator agreed to request an update on the following resolution, which had been adopted at the October Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick:

I will move at the next meeting of Limerick Metropolitan District that we write to the Minister for Agriculture to impress upon him the urgent need to implement an updated Control of Horses Act to give more effective powers to the Department of Agriculture, Local Authorities and the Gardai to deal with the urban horse control problem and strengthen the powers in relation to animal cruelty.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Dated: _____