

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, AND ONLINE, ON FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 2024, AT 3.00 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Príomh Chomhairleoir Councillor D. McSweeney

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Moran;

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (M), Conway, Donoghue, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Hickey-O'Mara, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan (O), Pond, Ryan (E), Ryan (M), Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (C), Slattery, Stokes, Teefy, Teskey and Ward.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director General (P. Daly), A/Director, Support Services (Mr. J. Clune), Director, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Rural, Community and Culture Development (Mr. S. Duclot), Director, Transportation and Mobility (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, Planning and Place-Making (Mr. V. Murray), Financial Accountant (Mr. P. Murnane), Management Accountant (Ms. I. Griffin), Senior Planner (Ms. N. O'Connell), Head of Marketing and Communications (Mr. D. O'Sullivan), Meetings Administrator (Ms. C. Farrell), Administrative Officer, Mayoral Office (Mr. R. Corbett), Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. C. Sheehy), Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. L. Creamer).

1. Strategic Infrastructure Development

Circulated, Director General's report dated 23rd October, 2024, as an Agenda item in advance of the Special Meeting.

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Council was being asked to consider the Director General's Report under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) on the proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development at Knockshanvo, Co. Clare, including a temporary transition compound in Court, Kildimo, County Limerick.

The Members made the following comments in relation to the proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development :

- Queried the site location and whether the industrial site at Foynes was an alternative;
- Lack of consultation with community groups in the area;
- Traffic safety

In reply to Members queries, the Senior Planner noted the Members' comments and confirmed that they would be included in the Director General's Report, and that the planning decision would rest with An Bord Pleanala.

Proposed by Councillor B. Collins;
 Seconded by Councillor M. Collins;
 And Resolved:

"That the Director General's Report under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), on the proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development at Knockshanvo, Co. Clare, which includes a temporary transition compound in Court, Kildimo, County Limerick be approved".

2. Standing Orders

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services, dated 31st October, 2024, enclosing revised Draft Standing Orders 2024 for Limerick City and County Council, prepared by the Standing Orders Working Group.

The making of Standing Orders is a Reserved Function.

Proposed by Councillor B. Collins;
 Seconded by Councillor F. Foley;
 And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the making of Standing Orders for Meetings of Limerick City and County Council, as circulated, in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

Standing Order No. 53 : Removal of the wording '8 Questions'. To be reviewed, if necessary.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Standing Order No. 3 – Bi Monthly Meetings, would be brought back to the Working Group for further discussion and subsequent submission to the next Corporate Policy Group Meeting.

3. Foreign Travel

(a) Circulated, report of the Head of Trade and Investment, Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Directorate, dated 24th October, 2024, seeking the approval of the Council to foreign travel in respect of attendance by the Príomh Chomhairleoir at the Austin Sister Cities International Passport to the World Festival in Austin, Texas.

Proposed by Councillor S. Kiely;
 Seconded by Councillor J. Sheahan;
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to foreign travel in respect of attendance by the Príomh Chomhairleoir of Limerick City and County Council at the Austin Sister Cities International Passport to the World Festival in Austin, Texas.”

(b) Circulated, report of the Director, Transportation and Mobility, dated 24th October, 2024, seeking the approval of the Council to foreign travel in respect of Councillors partaking in a Cycling Study Tour in Copenhagen, Denmark. The report stated that while the attendance of six Councillors was approved at the September Meeting on 23rd September, 2024, the number of Councillors now attending had increased to seven.

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

“That, in accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to attendance by seven Councillors at a Cycling Study Tour in Copenhagen, Denmark.”

In reply to Members query, the Acting Director of Services, Support Services, stated that subsequent to the September Meeting held on 23rd September an extra invite was received.

4. Budget Meeting

The proposed date of 29th November, 2024 for the Budget Meeting was confirmed.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Príomh Chomhairleoir

Date: _____