

**LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL**  
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A Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2007 at 4.00 p.m.

The following were in attendance :

**IN THE CHAIR :** Cllr. J. Leddin, Mayor

**COUNCILLORS :** M. Hourigan, K. Leddin, J. Cronin, K. Kiely, J. Ryan, J. Gilligan, K. Walsh, G. McLoughlin, G. Fahy, D. Scully, J. Houlihan, L. Wallace, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne and J. Long

**STAFF :** Mr. T. Mackey, City Manager  
Mr. K. Lehane, Director of Service  
Mr. P. Dromey, Director of Service  
Mr. P. Dowling, Director of Service  
Mr. A. Wallace, Acting Director of Service  
Mr. J. Field, Head of Finance  
Mr. R. Tobin, Senior Planner  
Mr. J. Delaney, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. P. Foley, Senior Executive Officer

**APOLOGIES :** Cllr. K. O'Hanlon

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**Prior to the business proper of the Meeting, Cllr. Kiely expressed concern at the alleged removal of a planning file from the planning office and the Director of Service (Planning) agreed to check the matter out.**

**1. MINUTES**

On the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Fahy, it was unanimously agreed :

“That the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2006, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

**2. MINUTES**

On the proposition of Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. Ryan, it was unanimously agreed:

“That the Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2006, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

Cllr. Wallace asked that the lights on the Childers Road/Kennedy Park be repaired. The Director advised that the Council will shortly be entering into a service agreement with the ESB in respect of complaints about public lighting.

### **3. MINUTES**

On the proposition of Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. Ryan, it was unanimously agreed:

“That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2007, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

### **4. MINUTES**

On the proposition of Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. Ryan, it was unanimously agreed:

“That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2007, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

### **5. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2007.**

Members paid tribute to outgoing Director of Service (Housing) Mr. Pat.Dowling and wished him well in his new position .

The Chairman’s Report, Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendation from the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 :

Notice of Motion

To consider Item referred from Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2006 as follows :

“That Limerick City Council instructs the Director of Housing and Social Policy :

- (i) Not to enter into any agreement to purchase turnkey housing developments without the prior and explicit approval of the elected members of Limerick City Council.
- (ii) Not to enter into any agreement to purchase individual houses without prior and full consultation with the elected members for the Ward in which such houses are located”.

Signed : Cllr. Diarmuid Scully.

It was agreed to adopt Part II of the Notice of Motion, namely :

“That Limerick City Council instructs the Director of Housing and Social Policy:

‘Not to enter into any agreement to purchase individual houses without prior and full consultation with the elected members for the Ward in which such houses are located’.

Regarding Part 1 of the motion, it was agreed, in view of the significant improvements in communications between officials and members that had taken place over the past period, that this matter be removed and be revisited in six months time in the context of the rollout of turnkey developments.

The Director, in response to members queries, advised that progress was being achieved in respect of those tenants living in Knocklisheen Road. He further advised that Respond had confirmed their decision to withdraw from future housing projects in Limerick city.

In response to Cllr. Ryan regarding private rented dwellings he advised that the Council would be engaging a full-time official to carry out inspections.

In response to Cllr. O’Loughlin he stated that RAPID was an inter agency initiative.

In reply to a query from Cllr. Scully regarding drug abuse he acknowledged the need to re-examine the structures currently in place to tackle the issue. He advised the members in respect of vacant units that a significant number were identified for regeneration.

## **6. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2007**

The Chairman’s Report, Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendations from the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2007, which were adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Scully :

### Removal of Railings at Arthur’s Quay Park

It was unanimously agreed that the railings enclosing Arthur’s Quay Park be removed.

### Draft Roads Programme 2007

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Draft Roads Programme 2007.

### Rhebogue Area Action Plan

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Rhebogue Area Action Plan.

Cllr. Gilligan welcomed the removal of the railings enclosing Arthur’s Quay Park. He expressed concern at rubbish being dumped by King John’s Castle and asked that it be removed.

Cllr. Long suggested that the railings removed from Arthur's Quay Park be given to other clubs throughout the city who may have a use for them.

In reply to Cllr. Ryan regarding the Riverside Walk the Director advised that the immediate priority should be the City Centre section and that once completed a detailed work on other areas could commence. He further advised the members that the Canal Project should be completed in advance of the opening of the Corbally Link road this summer.

In response to Cllr. Gilligan regarding railings at the Canal he said he would investigate the matter.

In response to Cllr. Hourigan he said a draft delivery strategy was now prepared and that he would revert to the members on that issue. He further advised that he would discuss with the Gardai the possibility of traffic lights at the Condell Road Shelbourne Road junction.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Submitted list of tenders opened in respect of the following :

Fuel / oil requirements 2007

Report for implementation of a Neighbourhood Regeneration Programme for St. Mary's Park

Demolition of 20 no. bungalows at Sarsfield Gardens and Hartigan Villas, Moyross, Limerick

## **8. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

Submitted the following Disposal of Property in accordance with Notices already circulated under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, which were adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Ryan :

Disposal of Freehold (Ground Rent) to Tenant Purchaser holding under a Transfer Order which created a Leasehold Interest.

## **9. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS AT CONFERENCES**

It was unanimously agreed to approve participation by members at the following conferences :

Merriman Winter School 2007 – 'Anocht is uaigneach Eire Imeacht na nIarlai 1607'

To be held in Westport Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €23.55

Conference Fee : €50.00

Training Seminar for Councillors ‘ The Local Government Planning Service’

To be held in Clonea Strand Hotel, Clonea, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €460.00

Conference Fee : €245.00

18<sup>th</sup> Colmcille Winter School 2007 ‘ The contribution of the GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) to the Sporting and Social Life in Ireland’

To be held in Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €28.97

Conference Fee : €190.00

Association of County and City Councils Annual Conference 2007 ‘ Keynote address: Driving economic development – the role of Councils’

To be held in The Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €470.50

Conference Fee : €200.00

## **10. REPORT ON THE WETLANDS**

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr Fahy and unanimously agreed to approve report on the Wetlands.

## **11. NOMINATE TWO MEMBERS ONTO THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE WETLANDS**

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely and seconded by Cllr. Fahy to nominate Cllr. Hourigan onto the Steering Committee for the Wetlands.

It was proposed by Cllr. Walsh and seconded by Cllr. McLoughlin to nominate Cllr. Ryan onto the Steering Committee for the Wetlands.

It was proposed by Cllr. Cronin and seconded by Cllr. Gilligan to nominate Cllr. K. Leddin onto the Steering Committee for the Wetlands.

It was therefore unanimously agreed that Cllrs. Hourigan, Ryan and K. Leddin be nominated onto the Steering Committee for the Wetlands.

## **12. PLANNING PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS**

The Meeting noted the list of planning proposals under consideration at 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 and Decisions taken from 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

Members paid tribute to outgoing Director of Service (Planning) Mr. Kieran Lehane and wished him well in his new position.

In reply to members queries the Senior Planner agreed to meet with Ward members in relation to the Redemptorist Church.

He advised that he had no further meetings in respect of the Condell Road . He further advised that if members had an issue with the location of the recycling centre this was more appropriate for the relevant Director

### **13. AN BORD PLEANALA**

The Meeting noted the Decisions taken by An Bord Pleanala from 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

### **14. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to Area Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council totally reinstate and resurface the South Circular Road from it’s junction with the Ballinacurra Road to Fennessy’s Roundabout, and that it upgrades and makes clearly visible the speed ramps on the said stretch of road”.

Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

### **15. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Meeting:

“Recognising that many low points in relation to the water supplies and pressure have recently arisen in Limerick City causing much concern to many domestic and industrial consumers, that Limerick City Council take immediate measures and embark upon a comprehensive programme to deal with the present and future needs of residential and business consumers in relation to such matters as :

- (i) adequacy of water supplies;
- (ii) water pressure;
- (iii) water storage capacity;
- (iv) upgrading of Water Treatment Plant at Clareville;
- (v) Water Conservation;
- (vi) Replacement of lead pipes;
- (vii) Other such matters;

And that the Executive furnish a full Report and Recommendations”.

Signed : Cllr. Pat Kennedy

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was referred to the Economic Policy Development and Future Planning Strategic Policy Committee Meeting :

“That Limerick City Council, in the granting of any planning applications, make it conditional that the developer be responsible for the clearing and unblocking of any gullies within the area where the work is being carried out to help alleviate the hardship for people living in the area as a result of flooding”.

Signed : Cllr. Maria Byrne

**17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business

**THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED**

**A TRUE RECORD**

**T. MACKEY  
CITY MANAGER**

**CONFIRMED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2007**

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**MAYOR OF LIMERICK**