

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall on Monday, 23rd April, 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. O’Hanlon, K. Walsh, G. McLoughlin, G. Fahy, D. Scully, J. Houlihan, P. Kennedy, M. Byrne and J. Long

STAFF :
Mr. K. Lehane, Deputy City Manager
Ms. C. Curley, Director of Service
Mr. P. Dromey, Director of Service
Mr. P. Dowling, Director of Service
Mr. P. Foley, Acting Director of Service
Mr. J. Field, Head of Finance
Mr. R. Tobin, Senior Planner
Mr. V. Murray, Senior Engineer
Mr. J. Delaney, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. D. Crowe, Administrative Officer
Ms. E. Creamer, Staff Officer

APOLOGIES : Cllr. L. Wallace

1. MINUTES

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

“That the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 26th March, 2007, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

2. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND APRIL, 2007

The Chairman’s Report, Environmental Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 2nd April, 2007, was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendation from the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 2nd April, 2007 which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan :

“To approve the Environment Improvement Initiative Grants Scheme 2007”.

Cllr. Cronin asked that litter bins be installed from Peppers Corner to Thomondgate as presently there are no litter bins along this route.

In reply to Cllrs. Ryan and O’Hanlon, the Director of Service (Environment) stated that consideration is presently being given to the removal of the cigarette bins in the City Centre.

Cllr. Fahy referred to the former St. Kieran’s School site which is being used as an illegal dumping ground and asked that this site be developed into a community facility as soon as possible.

Cllr. Houlihan expressed concern at illegal dumping taking place in boarded up houses and was advised by the Director of Service (Environment) that these houses will be cleared out.

The Director of Service shared members concerns regarding bonfires.

3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS, CULTURAL AND SPORTING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH APRIL 2007

The Chairman’s Report, Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 10th April, 2007 was noted.

Submitted the following Recommendations from the Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 10th April, 2007 :

- (a) “To request the Mayor to call a Protocol Meeting to honour four local sport teams”.

This matter was dealt with at the Protocol Committee Meeting held at 3.00 p.m. on 23rd April, 2007.

- (b) “That Limerick join the Walled Towns Friendship Circle as an individual town at a cost of €180 per annum”.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Houlihan and unanimously agreed to approve this recommendation.

In reply to Cllr. Gilligan, the Director of Service stated that every effort is being made to proceed as quickly as possible with the erection of the Richard Harris sculpture. He agreed to check the progress on the nameplate for Seamus O’Cinneide. He stated that he intends to bring a report before City Council in relation to the relocation of the city museum and the city library.

The Director informed members that it is hoped to go to tender again in the next ten days in relation to the skateboard park. He added that the design and concrete structure for the skateboard park was requested by the skateboarders hence, mobile units could not be used. He added that the Docker’s Monument will be completed as part of the skateboard park.

Cllr. K. Leddin asked that a presentation on the EVA Exhibition be organised for all the members of City Council.

Cllr. Fahy expressed concern at St. Enda’s Sports Complex which is in financial crisis and which needs extensive remedial works.

It was agreed that a Delegation consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman of St. Enda’s Sports Complex and the Ward Members meet with the Minister for Education and Science regarding St. Enda’s Sports Complex.

In reply to Cllr. Cronin, the Director of Service stated that a discussion document on the LPYMA Grounds will be submitted to City Council before the end of the year.

The Head of Finance informed Cllr. Houlihan that Toppins Field was to be developed by Respond, however, this is not going ahead now and the site is being looked at again with a view to another development.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Submitted list of tenders opened in respect of the following :

Construction of a skateboard park at Steamboat Quay, Limerick.
Contract 3.7 – Westbury Pumping Station
Architectural Services for Fire Station
Removal of chewing gum soiling from selected city centre footways

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Submitted Financial Statement for the month of March, 2007, which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. Cronin.

In reply to Cllr. Scully, the Head of Finance stated that almost all of the €13m spent on water and sewage will be recouped. The main drainage contracts are presently nearing completion and expressed assurance that the matter is progressing satisfactorily. He added that interest is not an allowable cost for recoupment.

In reply to Cllr. McLoughlin, the Director of Services (Transportation and Infrastructure) stated that all contractors are bound by their contract to repair any damage which may have occurred during work. Cllr. McLoughlin to inform him if there is any particular contract which he is concerned about and he will check the matter out.

Cllr. Ryan asked for a meeting to be organised with the Ward Members and the Director of Service (Housing) in relation to lands in Thomondgate and a proposed crèche.

6. 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. Scully :

- (a) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 16, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to George and Helen O'Neill.
- (b) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 3, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Gillian Goodwin.
- (c) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 2, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Dermot Laffan and Mary Hogan.
- (d) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 11, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Daniel Moore.
- (e) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 13, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Thomas O'Connor.
- (f) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 1, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Jackie Walsh.
- (g) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 12, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Geraldine Prendergast.

- (h) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 17, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Mary Moloney and Gearoid O'Neill.
- (i) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 15, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Shirley Long and Stephen Ryan.
- (j) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 14, Annadale, Bengal Terrace in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched black on Drawing No. 0509-01 to Rosemary Devine.

7. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS AT CONFERENCES

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely, seconded by Cllr. O'Hanlon and unanimously agreed to approve participation by members at the following conferences :

Building the platform for Peace and Prosperity "The Role of Local and Regional Government in North-South Economic Co-Operation"

To be held in Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

27th April, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €88.53

Conference Fee : €190.00

National Conference for the Community and Voluntary Sector "Changing Times/Challenging Times"

To be held in Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin 3.

2nd May, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €465.14

Conference Fee : €140.00

Limerick City : Heritage and Regeneration Conference

To be held in City Hall, Limerick

10th May, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : Nil

Conference Fee : €65.00

Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) National Conference

To be held in Mall House, Youghal, Co. Cork

17th – 18th May, 2007

Estimated Travel and Subsistence per member : €19.87

Conference Fee : Nil

8. NOMINATE A MEMBER OF LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL TO THE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD (THIS VACANCY IS DUE TO RESIGNATION OF CLLR. JIM LONG)

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiely and seconded by Cllr. Cronin to nominate Cllr. Kathleen Leddin to the Sports Partnership Board.

It was proposed by Cllr. McLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. Ryan to nominate His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Leddin to the Sports Partnership Board.

Cllr. Kathleen Leddin withdrew her name.

It was therefore unanimously agreed to nominate His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. J. Leddin to the Sports Partnership Board.

9. PLANNING PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS

The Meeting noted the list of planning proposals under consideration at 13th April, 2007 and Decisions taken from 19th March, 2007 to 13th April, 2007.

In reply to Cllr. Ryan, the Senior Planner stated that additional details were requested on 26th February, 2007 in respect of 06/213 development at Clancy Strand. Some of the details have been submitted.

Cllr. O'Hanlon expressed concern at a fast food outlet development in O'Connell Street which has no planning permission and was informed by the Senior Planner that a report is presently being prepared and a Warning Notice has been issued to the developer.

In reply to Cllr. O'Hanlon, the Senior Planner said there are still a number of old planning applications still on the planning list as these were lodged before the new Planning Act came into force and are now being dealt with on a gradual basis.

Cllr. Kennedy stated that there are huge transport and residential implications in respect of the Redemptorist development. The Senior Planner agreed that the density of the development gives cause for concern however, the planning application is presently being processed.

The Senior Planner informed Cllr. Kennedy that the planning application for the property beside St. Michael's Church has been withdrawn.

In reply to Cllr. K.Leddin, the Senior Planner stated that no pre planning discussions have taken place with the Planning Department in respect of development at Limerick Boat Club. The Head of Finance added that he had approaches from members of the Boat Club asking for clarification in respect of title of property however, no mention was made of a planning application. He assured members that he will inform them if any planning application is lodged for development at the Boat Club.

In reply to members, the Senior Planner stated that planning permission has been granted for apartments at the rear of the Clarion Suites. Included in the planning permission is a condition that the trees be retained.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

A TRUE RECORD

**T. MACKEY
CITY MANAGER**

**CONFIRMED THIS _____ DAY OF _____
2007**

MAYOR OF LIMERICK