

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

A Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, 17th December, 2012 at 4.00 p.m.

The following were in attendance :

IN THE CHAIR : Cllr. G. McLoughlin, Mayor

COUNCILLORS : M. Byrne, G. Fahy, J. Gilligan, M. Hourigan, C. Hurley, P. Kennedy, J. Leddin, K. Leddin, J. Long, D. McCarthy, O. McLoughlin, K. O'Hanlon, M. Quinlivan, D. Scully and T. Shortt

STAFF : Mr. C. Murray, City and County Manager
Mr. P. Dowling, Director of Service
Mr. O. O'Loughlin, Director of Service
Ms. C. Curley, Director of Service
Mr. T. Enright, Director of Service
Mr. P. Crowe, Director of Service
Ms. J. Cotter-Coughlan, Director of Service
Mr. J. Feene, Director of Service
Mr. M. Connolly, Acting Head of Finance
Ms. S. Deegan, City Arts Officer
Mr. J. Delaney, Senior Executive Officer

APOLOGIES : Cllr. K. Kiely

Prior to the business proper of the Meeting, His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. McLoughlin proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the family of the late Kerry footballer Paudie O'Shea.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. McLoughlin also proposed votes of sympathies to the families of the late broadcaster Tony McMahon, Flan Haskett, Cemeteries Department on the death of his mother, Delia and Jennifer Chambers, Housing Department, on the death of her mother, Jeddy Moran.

All Members associated with the votes of sympathies.

The Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, associated with the vote of sympathy.

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. G. McLoughlin then advised that as he was attending the removal of the late Mr. O'Shea, the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Byrne would Chair the remainder of the meeting. Cllr. Byrne then took the Chair.

1. MINUTES

On the proposition of Cllr. Scully , seconded by Cllr. J. Leddin , it was unanimously agreed :

“That the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 26th November, 2012, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

2. MINUTES

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

“That the Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 3rd December, 2012, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, CULTURAL AND SPORTING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER, 2012.

The Chairman's Report, Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 4th November, 2012, was noted.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hourigan , seconded by Cllr. J. Leddin and unanimously agreed to approve the following recommendation from the Cultural and Sporting Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 4th November, 2012 :

“That Limerick City Council, in partnership with Limerick Regeneration, Weston Villas and Prospect FC, redevelop and upgrade Caledonian Park on a similar design and model used for Shelbourne Park, to include soccer pitches, perimeter running track and associated facilities”.

In response to a query from Cllr. J. Leddin, the City Manager advised that he was confident that the required structure and staffing would be put in place in time to ensure a comprehensive programme of events for the City of Culture in 2014.

Cllr. Scully reminded the Council, during the discussion on The Gathering, of Limerick links with the rest of the world through the 'Wild Geese'.

In reply to members' queries regarding the Museum, the City Manager advised that every effort would be made to find a permanent home for the Museum but reminded councillors that visitors figures in it's temporary location were actually up on last year.

Cllr.Fahy welcomed the improvement works to the Rathbane Golf Course.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Submitted list of tenders opened in respect of the following :

- Steel Work and Fencing for Local Authority Housing;
- Building Energy Rating (BER) Accessors Panel for Home and Community Department;

Cllr. O' Hanlon was critical of the lack of progress in arranging a meeting with Bus Eireann on the new bus Routes. It was noted that the National Transport Authority had a role in the new routes and it was unanimously agreed to write to both organizations requesting that they meet with the Council on the matter.

5. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Leddin , seconded by Cllr. Scully and unanimously agreed to approve Disposal of Property as follows in accordance with Notices already circulated under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 :

- (a) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 39, Ballyclough Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston, in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched red on Drawing No. TP 281 to Susan Dunne.
- (b) Disposal of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 12, Rowan Court, Kennedy Park, in the City of Limerick and outlined hatched red on Drawing No. TP 280 to Desmond and Mary Thompson.

6. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS AT CONFERENCES

It was proposed by Cllr. Hourigan, seconded by Cllr. Scully and unanimously agreed to approve participation by Members at the following conferences :

Elected Members Training Seminar organised by Esperanza Enterprises entitled 'Civil Liability Legislation and How it Affects Local Authorities'

Held in The Westport Plaza Hotel, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo

11th - 12th January, 2013

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €318.10

Conference Fee : €150.00

Conference organised by Ace Training entitled 'Budget Seminar 2013'

Held in The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth

11th - 13th January, 2013

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €578.31

Conference Fee : €100.00

National Tourism Conference organised by Clare Tourist Council and Clare County Council entitled 'Tourism in Recessionary Times'

Held in The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare

17th - 19th January, 2013

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €295.95

Conference Fee : €229.00

Elected Members Training Seminar organised by Esperanza Enterprises entitled 'The Criminal Consequences of Breaching Local Authority Regulations'

Held in The Manor West Hotel, Killarney Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry

18th - 19th January, 2013

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €229.49

Conference Fee : €150.00

Training Seminar organised by Kadenza Consultances entitled 'Local Electoral Area Boundaries'

Held in The Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

18th - 20th January, 2013

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €616.11

Conference Fee : €145.00

Conference organised by TGR Seminars entitled 'Domestic Water Meters for Ireland; Implications for Irish Communities and Business'

Held in The Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare

1st - 3rd February, 2013

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €86.12

Conference Fee : €145.00

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Submitted Financial Statement for the month of November, 2012 which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Scully , seconded by Cllr. Hourigan .

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2011, INCLUDING THE AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2011.

The Local Government Auditor's Report on Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2011, including the Audited Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2011.

9. EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OVER THEATRE ROYAL LANE, ROAD NO. 349A OFF GRIFFITH'S ROW, LIMERICK.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Leddin, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve Extinguishment of Public Right of Way over Theatre Royal Lane, Road No. 349A off Griffith's Row, Limerick.

10. CENTRALISED NATIONAL DRIVER LICENCE SYSTEM – NDLS

The report on the Centralised National Driver Licence System – NDLS was noted.

11. PLANNING PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS

The Meeting noted the list of Planning Proposals under consideration at 7th December, 2012 and Decisions taken from 19th November, 2012 to 7th December, 2012.

12. AN BORD PLEANALA

The Meeting noted the Decisions taken by An Bord Pleanala from 19th November, 2012 to 7th December, 2012.

13. DIRECTOR OF SERVICE REPORT DATED 21ST NOVEMBER, 2012

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Leddin, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve Director of Service Report dated 21st November, 2012 :

“Amendments to an existing Part 8 Approval Ref. No. C10/3 currently under construction to include – Change of use of the proposed plant room to a one bedroom apartment, reduction in the size of the community room and replacement of the existing large window with two smaller windows, - Provisional of additional parking spaces in the courtyard area – Inclusion of an ESB switch room adjoining bin store 01., - Repositioning of Bin Store 2 at Cliona Park, Moyross, Limerick” (C12/4)

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion, due notice of which was given, which was adopted unanimously on the proposition of Cllr. Shortt, seconded by Cllr. O. McLoughlin :

“That Limerick City Council requests the Minister for Justice to initiate legislation criminalising the purchase of sex in Ireland as part of a strategy to develop effective and appropriate responses to deal with the ever increasing trafficking in Ireland for exploitation and prostitution”

Signed : Cllr. Gerry McLoughlin, Mayor
Cllr. Orla McLoughlin
Cllr. Joe Leddin
Cllr. Tom Shortt

15. 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 :

“That Limerick City Council, in view of the changed structure both with Shannon Airport and Failte Ireland taking responsibility for tourism in the mid west, establish an events & festival group comprised of Elected Members, business and statutory organisations and officials, to maximise the economic potential that events can deliver to Limerick on a year long basis”.

Signed : Cllr. Joe Leddin

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The members agreed to hold an information meeting on the proposals contained in Putting People First in early January with a view to putting a formal submission to the Minister on the document.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

A TRUE RECORD

CONFIRMED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2012.

MAYOR OF LIMERICK