

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

The Adjourned Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, 5th June, 2012 at 4.00 p.m.

The following were in attendance :

IN THE CHAIR : Cllr. K.Kiely

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

STAFF : Mr. K. Lehane, City Manager
Ms. C. Curley, Director of Service
Mr. O. O'Loughlin, Director of Service
Mr. V. Murray, Acting Director of Service
Mr. G. Dillon, Acting Director of Service
Mr. P. Murnane, Acting Head of Finance
Mr. K. Reeves, Acting Senior Planner
Mr. J. Delaney, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. P. Foley, Senior Executive Officer
Mr. J.O'Shaughnessy, Senior Executive Engineer

APOLOGIES : His Worship the Mayor, Cllr.Long

1. MINUTES

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

“That the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 23rd April, 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 Special Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 22nd April , 2012, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

3. MINUTES

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

“That the Minutes of Special Meeting of Limerick City Council held on 2nd May , 2012, copies of which were circulated, be and the same are hereby confirmed”.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, SOCIAL POLICY AND HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30TH APRIL, 2012.

The Chairman's Report, Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 30th April, 2012, was noted.

It was proposed by Cllr. Scully, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve the following Recommendation from the Social Policy and Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 30th April, 2012 :

“To approve Social Intervention Grants as per schedule submitted to the meeting”.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Submitted list of tenders opened in respect of the following :

Refuse from Low Income Households

Coonagh / Knockalisheen Distributor Road – Archaeological Service Contract

Submitted list of tenders awarded by Limerick City Council to date in 2012:

Printing Contract 2012

Engineering Consultancy Services for non-national road resurfacing and minor road repairs 2012

Leak Detection Contract

Leakage Repair Contract

Water Service Reinstatements

Three Year Plumbing and Gas Heating Services Panel for Housing Maintenance

Three Year Electrical Services Contract for Housing Maintenance

Quantity Surveying Services for Lord Edward Street Sheltered Housing Accommodation

Civil and Structural Engineering Services for Lord Edward Street Sheltered Housing Accommodation

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Services for Lord Edward Street Sheltered Housing Accommodation

7. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS AT CONFERENCES

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

Elected Members Training Seminar organised by Esperanza Enterprises
'Draft performance standards for domestic wastewater treatment systems'
Held in The Westport Plaza Hotel, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo
1st - 3rd June, 2012

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €318.10

Conference Fee : €150.00

Elected Members Training Seminar organised by Esperanza Enterprises
'Getting to grips with the Nation's debt'
Held in The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway
15th - 16th June, 2012

Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €225.95

Conference Fee : €150.00

18th Byrne / Perry Summer School entitled 'A Decade of Commemorations 2012 – 2022'
Held in Gorey, Co. Wexford
22nd - 24th June, 2012
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €474.34
Conference Fee : €130.00

Conf.organised by Celtic Conferences 'Advancing Technology in Majority World Education'
Held in Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork
22nd - 24th June, 2012
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €425.91
Conference Fee : €100.00

Elected Members Training Seminar organised by Esperanza Enterprises
'Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2010 Draft'
Held in The Westport Plaza Hotel, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo
29th - 30th June, 2012
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €318.10
Conference Fee : €150.00

The Synge Summer School 'Irish Drama : Making it New'
Held in Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow
28th June - 1st July, 2012
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €624.68
Conference Fee : €250.00

Tipperary International Peace Conference
Held in Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co. Tipperary
5th - 8th July, 2012
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €374.23
Conference Fee : €150.00

Seminar organised by TGR Seminars 'Reform of Local Government; Implications and consequences for Councillors, provision of services and communities'
Held in Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare
6th - 8th July, 2012
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €123.93
Conference Fee : €145.00

It was proposed by Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed that the following also be included in the list of conferences approved for attendance :

IBIS Evening Lecture entitled 'Should ambulances stop at the border? The challenge of co-operation in healthcare provision'
Held in the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin
13th June, 2012
Estimated Travel and Subsistence : €340.54
Conference Fee : Nil

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

9. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 2011

It was proposed by Cllr. Scully, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve the draft Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 2012.

10. TO APPOINT THREE NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF PAUL PARTNERSHIP

It was proposed by Cllr. Scully, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to nominate Cllr. McCarthy to the Board of Paul Partnership.

It was proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon , seconded by Cllr. Shortt and unanimously agreed to nominate Cllrs.Orla McLoughlin and Maurice Quinlivan to the Board of Paul Partnership.

11. TO APPROVE LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL CEMETERY BYE LAWS

It was proposed by Cllr. Scully, seconded by Cllr. Hourigan and unanimously agreed to approve the Limerick City Council Cemetery Bye Laws

12. TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS 2012

It was proposed by Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Scully and unanimously agreed to approve the payment of Environmental Improvement Initiative Grants 2012 as per list submitted to the meeting.

13. TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY OF LIMERICK VEC TOWARDS THE ROYAL- CREATIVE DIGITAL HUB PROJECT

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Leddin , seconded by Cllr. Shortt and unanimously agreed to approve the application for grant assistance from the City of Limerick VEC towards the ROYAL – Creative Digital Hub Project.

Cllr. Scully raised the matter of the location of the new headquarters for the new amalgamated VEC for Clare and Limerick City and County. All councillors were unanimous in their view that the Offices must be located in the City Centre particularly when the VEC already owned offices and property in the City Centre. It was unanimously agreed that the Mayor would write to all four Oireachtas Members for Limerick City urging their support at National and Government level to locate the new Headquarters in the City Centre.

The councillors were of the strong view that a location outside of the City Centre would be detrimental to the economic activity within the City Centre as existing jobs would be relocated and the opportunity to enhance employment in that area would be lost. It would also be contrary to the key challenge for the current Limerick Reorganisation Implementation Group to revitalise the Limerick City Centre.

14. TO APPROVE SECTION 85 AGREEMENT -LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL AND LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE PROVISION OF REAL TIME PASSENGER INFORMATION SIGNAGE

It was proposed by Cllr. Joe Leddin , seconded by Cllr. Shortt and unanimously agreed to approve the Section 85 Agreement between Limerick City and Limerick County Councils regarding the provision of real time passenger information service.

15. TO APPOINT CLLR.JOHN GILLIGAN AS CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE FROM THE 1ST JULY 2012 (THIS VACANCY ARISES AS A RESULT OF THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR.KATHLEEN LEDDIN)

It was proposed by Cllr. Shortt, seconded by Cllr. O'Hanlon and unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr. Gilligan as Chairman of the of the Environmental Strategic Policy Committee effective from the 1st July, 2012 (this vacancy arises as a result of the resignation of Cllr. Kathleen Leddin).

16. PLANNING PROPOSALS AND DECISIONS

The meeting noted the list of Planning Proposals under consideration at 18th May, 2012 and Decisions taken from 16th April, 2012 to 18th May, 2012.

Cllr.O'Hanlon raised a planning matter in Dromroe, Rhebogoe. In reply, the Acting Senior Planner stated that he would meet the members specifically on that particular estate.

Cllr.O'Hanlon raised the redevelopment of the Markets Field. The site was purchased by LEDP through funding from JP McManus which was a welcome development. He said it was great that the home of Limerick Soccer was being kept for that purpose. He cautioned though that the local community must be involved in the preparation of plans for the site. He said that Garryown was one of the few communities left in the city without a community centre.

In response to the member queries regarding planning, the Acting Senior Planner stated that the Green Park application was one to extend the duration of an original permission.He said he would check the issues raised regarding the rear of the Ardhu Ryan site on the Ennis Road and the site adjacent to the Holy Rosary Church. He said the application on the LPYMA was refused. Regarding Ballynanty Youth Centre, further information had been requested and a site evaluation was part of that request. He said there had been discussions with the LEDP on the Markets Field and that all councillors would be invited to a briefing in the future.

17. TO NOTE DECISIONS TAKEN BY AN BORD PLEANALA FROM THE 16TH APRIL 2012 TO THE 18TH MAY 2012

The Meeting noted the decisions taken by An Bord Pleanala from the 16th April, 2012 to the 18th May, 2012.

18. TO CONSIDER MANAGER'S REPORT DATED 23RD MAY 2012

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Leddin, seconded by Cllr. Kennedy and unanimously agreed to approve Manager's Report dated 23rd May, 2012 :

“The construction of a mixed housing development consisting of the following elements :

- 79 housing units (58 of which being elderly houses and apartments) ;
- A retail commercial unit ;
- A community facility (incorporating a function room, exhibition area, meeting areas and ancillary facilities) ;
- All necessary roads, services and site works ;
- The proposed development consists of the carrying out of works which would materially affect the character of a protected structure, the former Tait Clothing Factory Building-RPS No. 335.

At No. 26 & 27, Lord Edward Street, Limerick.”

(C11/8)

It was noted that consultation with residents and councillors was and will continue to be an important feature of this scheme.

Cllr. Scully said construction of such schemes, along with the reduction in rates and the Retail Incentive Scheme, were important factors in moving the local economy forward.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

On the proposition of Cllr. O'Hanlon seconded by Cllr. G. McLoughlin, it was unanimously agreed to award a Civic Reception to the Shannon/St.Mary's U19 Rugby team who won the All Ireland beating Malone for the title and to Richmond RFC who won the Munster Junior Division 1 league.

On the proposition of Cllr. Byrne seconded by Cllr. Scully it was unanimously agreed to award a Civic Reception to the Garryowen RFC who won the All Ireland Cup.

On the proposition of Cllr. Fahy seconded by Cllr. Scully it was unanimously agreed to award a Civic Reception to Janesboro FC who won the Munster Junior Cup beating Nenagh AFC.

Cllr.Byrne wished to place on record her and her family's appreciation to His Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Long, Members, Management, Staff of the City Council and to the people of Limerick City for sympathies expressed to them on the passing of her father, Bobby Byrne, former Mayor of Limerick City.

Cllr.Shortt requested support for the Belltable's summer programme of productions.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

A TRUE RECORD

**K. LEHANE
CITY MANAGER**

CONFIRMED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2012.

MAYOR OF LIMERICK