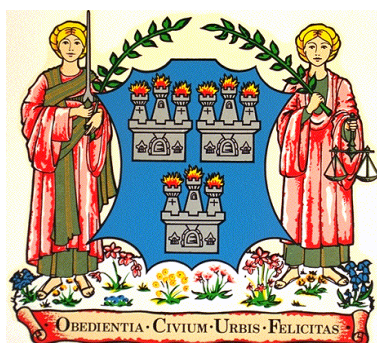


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COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



Miontuairiscí Chruinniú Míosúil a cuireadh ar atráth a tionóladh ar 14 Iúil 2014 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 6.45 i.n.
I Láthair an tArdmheara Christy Burke sa chathaoir

Comhairleoir:

Chris Andrews
Catherine Ardagh
Kieran Binchy
Paddy Bourke
Janice Boylan
Tom Brabazon
Christy Burke
Claire Byrne
Cathleen Carney Boud
Brendan Carr
Anthony Connaghan
David Costello
Patrick Costello
Ciáran Cuffe
Daithí De Róiste
Daithí Doolan
Jonathan Dowdall
Pat Dunne
Mannix Flynn
Mary Freehill

Comhairleoir:

Alison Gilliland
Paul Hand
Seán Haughey
Deirdre Heney
Jane Horgan-Jones
Vincent Jackson
Andrew Keegan
Teresa Keegan
Greg Kelly
Frank Kennedy
Dermot Lacey
John Lyons
Mícheál Mac Donncha
Tina MacVeigh
Paul McAuliffe
Paddy McCartan
Ruairí McGinley
Séamas McGrattan
Ray McHugh
Denise Mitchell

Comhairleoir:

Andrew Montague
Rebecca Moynihan
Emma Murphy
Críona Ní Dhálaigh
Michael O'Brien
Jim O'Callaghan
Kate O'Connell
Damian O'Farrell
Ciáran O'Moore
Naoise Ó Muirí
Larry O'Toole
Cieran Perry
Noeleen Reilly
Nial Ring
Noel Rock
Éilis Ryan
Brid Smith
Paddy Smyth
Sonya Stapleton

Oifigigh

Owen Keegan
Kathy Quinn
Brendan Kenny
Dick Brady

Cathal Morgan
John O'Shee
Michael Phillips

Vincent Norton
Carmel Walsh
Elaine Fitzpatrick

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by informing the Members that the Protocol Committee had agreed to the request from SAFE Ireland to erect a banner on Liberty Hall as part of the MANUP campaign to raise awareness of violence against women and children. The City Council approved this request.

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He then informed the Members of the forthcoming retirement of Charlie Lowe, Area Manager for the Central and North West Areas and expressed on behalf of the Members of Dublin City Council his gratitude for his professionalism, commitment and dedication to the city. He wished him well for his retirement.

A minute's silence was observed for the 162 civilians of Gaza killed by Israeli Military. It was agreed that the Council write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Charlie Flanagan, requesting him to meet a delegation of this Council with regard to the ongoing conflict. It was also agreed to write to the Israeli Ambassador condemning the recent deaths. Councillors Naoise Ó Muirí and Kieran Blinchy wanted it to be recorded that they condemn the actions of both sides in the conflict.

The Chief Executive provided an update following on recent reports that the ESB was considering the demolition of the iconic Poolbeg Chimneys. He confirmed that the Poolbeg Chimneys cannot be demolished without planning permission. An EIS would also be likely to be required. The Chief Executive advised that Dublin City Council had written to the ESB after operations ceased in March 2010 enquiring about the future of the chimneys. A written commitment was received from the ESB that the chimneys would not be demolished without prior consultation with Dublin City Council. Councillor Dermot Lacey said that an Emergency Motion had been submitted to the South East Area Committee regarding the Poolbeg Chimneys and that the Committee had agreed to initiate the process to include these chimneys on the list of protected structures. It was also agreed that Members be circulated with a copy of the statement read by the Chief Executive.

2. Two vacancies on the Dublin North East Regional Health Forum – 1 vacancy to be filled from Ballymun LEA and either Beaumont/Donaghmede or Clontarf LEA. It was proposed by Councillor Séamus McGrattan and seconded by Councillor Ciaran O'Moore "That Councillor Noeleen Reilly be appointed the Dublin North East Regional Health Form and it was proposed by Councillor Paul McAuliffe and seconded by Councillor Jim O'Callaghan "That Councillor Deirdre Heney be appointed to the Dublin North East Regional Health Forum " The motion was put and carried.
3. Submitted Report No. 225/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executives (*P. Maguire and R. Brady*) – Vacant Council Housing Construction Lands. Following discussion the Council agreed to refer this report to the Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.
4. Submitted Report No. 228/2014 of the Assistant Chief Executive (*R. Brady*) - Measures to address Homeless Situation in Dublin. An overview of this item was given by Richard Brady and Cathal Morgan. It was noted that housing supply and lack of available finance are the key issues. The Council agreed to and noted the report and asked that the balance of Allocations referred to in the conclusion of the report be reviewed in one year's time. Councillor Andrew Montague asked that a report be given with regard to the cost of bringing voids back into stock. It was agreed that Threshold be invited to the next Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting and that Councillors would be advised of Threshold telephone numbers. "The Dublin City Council noted the contents of Report No. 228/2014. The motion was put and carried.

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The Lord Mayor sought the approval of Council to extend the meeting until 11 o'clock and this was agreed.

5. Councillor Nial Ring agreed that his motion at Item 18 on the Agenda could be swapped with Councillor Greg Kelly's Motion 28. It was proposed by Councillor Greg Kelly and seconded by Councillor Daithí Doolan "With the knowledge that Anaphylaxis is on rise following a W.H.O. (World Health Organisation) survey in 2010, and considering the preventable death of 14 year old Emma Sloan, in Dublin from Anaphylaxis, on O'Connell Street, Dublin after her mother was refused an EpiPen by a pharmacist as she didn't have Emma's prescription with her.

I call on Dublin City Council to give their full support to the campaign Emma's Voice and request that HSE and Minister for Health, Dr. James Reilly, ensure legislation and codes of practices be put in place to ease the restrictions on the availability of Epinephrine auto injectors (commonly known as EpiPens) and other Anaphylaxis medicines and make them available in public areas, and that the Council explore the possibility of having staff training in the administering of EpiPen applications".

The motion was put and carried.

6. It was proposed by Councillor Daithí Doolan and seconded by Councillor Mícheál Mac Donncha "That Dublin City Council supports the maximum reduction of 15% in Local Property Tax as allowed under legislation. An addendum to this motion was proposed by Councillor John Lyons and seconded by Councillor Brid Smith as follows "and further calls on the government to abolish the Local Property Tax and replace it with a wealth tax."

The motion with the addendum "That Dublin City Council supports the maximum reduction of 15% in Local Property Tax as allowed under legislation and further calls on the government to abolish the Local Property Tax and replace it with a wealth tax." was put to the Council and agreed.

7. It was proposed by Councillor Tina MacVeigh and seconded by Councillor Bríd Smith "*Dublin City Council*
 - Noting that at least 125 Palestinian political prisoners have been on hunger strike for over 60 days in Israeli prisons in protest at their conditions and the occupation's use of Administrative Detention orders to imprison Palestinians;
 - Recognising that Administrative Detention is a form of internment "without charge or trial for periods of up to six months, which can be renewed repeatedly";
 - Noting that Israeli Administrative Detention violates international laws including the Geneva Convention and that Amnesty has said that the policy "violates the right to a fair trial", has been used "to trample on the human rights of detainees for decades", and is used to "suppress the legitimate and peaceful activities of activists";
 - Noting that Amnesty says many prisoners "have suffered torture and other ill-treatment during interrogation, as well as during their detention, sometimes as punishment for hunger strikes or other protests", and that the Israeli government is trying to implement legislation that will allow force feeding of hunger strikers, a practice condemned by the World Medical Association;

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- Noting that Amnesty has said that "Israel must release all Palestinians held under long-standing administrative detention laws or charge and try them promptly and fairly";
- Recognising that a fair trial is unlikely under the Israeli military court system which has a 99.74% conviction rate for Palestinians, and which Amnesty has said does "not meet international standards for fair trial;

This Council

- Expresses a message of solidarity to those Palestinian political prisoners currently on hunger strike in Israeli jails;
- Condemns, and calls for the immediate end of the use of Administrative Detention by Israeli occupation forces and the immediate and unconditional release of all such detainees;
- Condemns any measure that will allow the force feeding of hunger strikers;
- Calls upon the Irish government to make the same demand, and to use its influence to ensure the hunger strike is brought to a swift and safe conclusion for all fasting detainees.

The motion was agreed without debate.

8. It was agreed that a report be sent to Councillor Noeleen Reilly on the following motion standing in her name at Item no 34 on the Agenda Paper:
"That the Chief Executive removes the ban on Rent Allowance in Ballymun. This is causing huge distress for families as they are having to move away from the area they grew up. I would also ask the Chief Executive to give an update on whether the New Housing Assistance Payment will be accepted in Ballymun".

The meeting concluded at 10.15 pm and all items remaining on the Agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the City Council to be held on the 1st September 2014.

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LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR