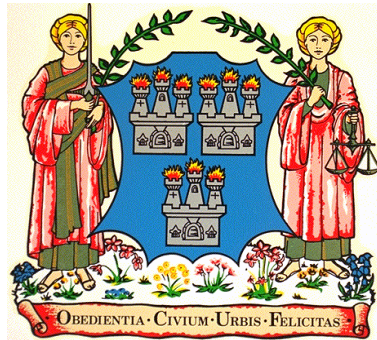


COMHAIRLE CATHRACH BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH



**Miontuairiscí chruinniú Speisialta a tionóladh ar 29 Meitheamh 2015 i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla na Cathrach, Cnoc Chorcaí ag 4.00 i.n.
I Láthair an tArdmheara Christy Burke sa chathaoir**

Comhairleoir:

Chris Andrews
Catherine Ardagh
Kieran Binchy
Paddy Bourke
Janice Boylan
Christy Burke
Claire Byrne
Cathleen Carney Boud
Brendan Carr
Aine Clancy
Anthony Connaghan
David Costello
Patrick Costello
Daithí De Róiste
Daithí Doolan
Pat Dunne
Gaye Fagan

Comhairleoir:

Mannix Flynn
Mary Freehill
Gary Gannon
Alison Gilliland
Paul Hand
Seán Haughey
Jane Horgan-Jones
Vincent Jackson
Andrew Keegan
Teresa Keegan
Greg Kelly
Frank Kennedy
Dermot Lacey
John Lyons
Mícheál Mac Donncha
Tina MacVeigh
Ray McAdam
Paul McAuliffe

Comhairleoir:

Paddy McCartan
Séamas McGrattan
Ray McHugh
Denise Mitchell
Andrew Montague
Rebecca Moynihan
Emma Murphy
Criona Ní Dhálaigh
Michael O'Brien
Jim O'Callaghan
Kate O'Connell
Ciáran O'Moore
Naoise Ó Muirí
Larry O'Toole
Noeleen Reilly
Nial Ring
Brid Smith
Sonya Stapleton

Oifigigh

Owen Keegan
Jim Keogan

Oonagh Casey
Michael Gallagher

Fanchea Gibson
Joanna Travers
Carmel Walsh

1. The Lord Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming former workers of Clerys Department Store who were seated in the public gallery. He informed the Members that meeting would conclude at 5pm and asked how they wished to conduct proceedings.

The City Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders and to debate the following motion submitted in the names of Councillors Mary Freehill, Dermot Lacey, Rebecca Moynihan, Jane Horgan-Jones, Brendan Carr, Andrew Montague and Alison Gilliland: -

“That the actions of Clery’s over the past week is the worst type of vulture capitalism that we have ever seen in this country. Dublin City Council condemns this action absolutely

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and it is important as a city that we take action to demonstrate that Dublin will not tolerate such actions from companies wishing to settle here. Dublin is a society as well as an economy.

This is an issue for society and we as Dublin City Council need to lead a campaign by combining with Chambers of Commerce, other business organisations and Trade Unions to demonstrate that such sharp practice is not tolerated in Dublin. Ireland gave “boycott” to the English language in other times and we must always be alert to such expedient practice and in the absence of appropriate legislation that we facilitate Dubliners to isolate such vulture capitalists.

Therefore:

- Dublin City Council agrees to open a social media platform to facilitate a very loud and persistent campaign of disapproval and that an offer of rejuvenation of O’Connell Street is not acceptable given their treatment of staff and concession holders.
 - This Council confirms by this resolution that it will not agree to alter the use of the entire Clery’s building because of the iconic status of Clery’s and resolves that it must continue to be used as retail space which is an essential part of the retail experience of the city centre and that change of use is not appropriate and will not be entertained.
 - DCC calls on the Government to amend company law to protect our economy and society”.
2. Jim Keogan, the Assistant Chief Executive responsible for planning, informed the meeting that any planning applications lodged in relation to the redevelopment or change of use Clerys Department Store would be considered in line with the existing planning legislation. Any attempt to link the approval of planning permission to the treatment of employees by the new owners of Clery’s would be *ultra vires*.
3. The following amendment to the substantive motion was put forward by the Sinn Fein Group: –
- That Dublin City Council calls on the Directors of Natrium to meet with Clerys staff and their trade union representatives to discuss the liquidation of the company, the manner of the liquidation and its impact on the loyal workforce.
 - Dublin City Council calls on Natrium to guarantee employment of the current workforce in any new development.
 - Dublin City Council demands the Government to review and amend current legislation, including Protection of Employees Act and the Companies Act, with a view to ensuring the unacceptable treatment of Clerys’ staff cannot be repeated again.
 - Dublin City Council will extend beyond September 2015 the Special Planning Control Scheme for the O’Connell Street area”.

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There followed an extensive discussion with contributions from the following Councillors; Brendan Carr, Daithí De Róiste, Paddy Bourke, Kieran Binchy, Alison Gilliland, Brid Smith, Pat Dunne, Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Michael O'Brien, Vincent Jackson, Paddy McCartan, Nial Ring, Mannix Flynn, Larry O'Toole, Paul Hand, Paul Costello, Mary Freehill. The motion as modified by the amendments submitted by the Sinn Fein group was put and carried.

4. It was proposed by Cllr. Brendan Carr and seconded by Cllr. Teresa Keegan "That this City Council recognises the historic relationship that the Clerys Department Store on O'Connell Street had with the citizens of Dublin and its elected representatives prior to its sudden closure. Recognising the importance of maintaining this good relationship and co-operation into the future, the City Council calls on Natrium, the new owners of Clerys, to:
 - Meet with the former Clerys workers' representatives to address the concerns and issues they have as a result of the sudden closure of the department store.
 - Provide all workers who were employed by Clerys prior to its closure, a written guarantee that they will be offered employment in the store as soon as it re-opens in the future.

Furthermore, the City Council calls on the Chief Executive to initiate the process of renewing the Special Planning Control Scheme for the O'Connell Street Architectural Conservation Area ensuring that the policy related to Clerys is included". The motion was put and carried.

5. It was proposed by Lord Mayor Cllr. Christy Burke and seconded by Cllr. Nial Ring "That the Lord Mayor Councillor Christy Burke, Independent, calls on the new owners of Clerys, Natrium Limited, comprised of Irish Investment Group D2 Private and Cheyne Capital Management U.K. with financing from Quadrant Real Estate Advisors, to immediately meet with the workers of Clerys in order to give them the opportunity of employment at Clerys". The motion was put and carried.
6. It was proposed by Cllr. Brid Smith and seconded by Cllr. Tina McVeigh "That Dublin City Council refuses to grant any "change of use" planning application in respect of the Clerys Store on O'Connell Street to Natrium (the new owners of the Clerys store) unless the company meet with workers representatives to discuss securing jobs and/or compensation by way of enhanced redundancy payments to the former employees of Clerys". The motion was put and carried.

The meeting concluded at 5.00pm.

Correct.

LORD MAYOR

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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