



MINUTES OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 25 JANUARY 2024

- 1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2023 and matters arising.**
Minutes proposed by Cllr. Dermot Lacey and second by Councillor Mannix Flynn.
Order: Minutes agreed.
- 2 **Receptions of the Lord Mayor and Engagements of the Deputy Lord Mayor**
Order: Receptions noted and approved.
- 3 **Approval of Councillor attendance at Housing Ireland Conference 2024: "A sustainable housing system for all." 6th March 2024, Croke Park, Dublin.**
Order: Councillor attendance at Housing Conference approved.
- 4 **Request from the Dublin Lunar New Year Festival and the Dublin City Arts Office to illuminate City Hall Red in support of the "Year of the Dragon Festival" on 3rd - 11th February 2024.**
Order: Illumination request agreed.
- 5 **Correspondence from St. Patrick's Festival Board**
The Members expressed their disappointment with the response from St. Patrick's Festival.
Order: Correspondence noted. It was agreed to write again to Minister Martin on the matter and also to President Higgins as Patron of St. Patrick's Festival. The Chair would also speak to the Lord Mayor to advance the case.
- 6 **Local Community Safety Partnerships**
Cllr. Horner confirmed that she had forwarded her observations on the issue to the Manager. She would consider circulating them to the other Members if they so wished.
Order: The report on the proposed Local Community Safety Partnerships was noted.

7 **Motion in the name of Councillor James Geoghegan:**

Cllr. James Geoghegan spoke to his motion which was seconded by Mannix Flynn. The motion was put to a vote and the following is a breakdown of the result. Cat O'Driscoll, Deirdre Heney and Anne Feeney abstained. Mannix Flynn, Naoise O'Muirí voted in favour. Anthony Connaghan, Racheal Batten, Noeleen Reilly, Janet Horner, Dermot Lacey and Fiona Connelly voted against.

Order: The motion was defeated.

8 **Visit to San Jose (26th February 2024)**

The Manager informed the Committee that two Councillors had to be selected to accompany the Lord Mayor on the visit to San Jose in February 2024. It was agreed that only those Councillors who had not visited previously should be considered.

Order: It was agreed that nominations should be made through the Group Leaders and forwarded to the Chair and the Manager.

9 **Friendship City, Seoul, South Korea and proposed ban on consumption of dog meat for human consumption**

Order: It was agreed to write to the City Council's counterparts in the Seoul Metropolitan Government to ask them to confirm the position around proposed legislation on this issue.

10 **Proposal to reinstate Flower Planters along the balustrade situated at the front of City Hall.**

Cllr. Pigeon requested that the Parks Department investigate reinstating the decorative flower planters situated on the front balustrade of City Hall.

Order: It was agreed that the Park Department would investigate the greening of City Hall and would consider the feasibility of Cllr. Pidgeon's request as part of that process.

It was also agreed that an update report on the Newcomen Bank project would be brought to the next meeting.

11 **Manager's Report**

The Manager informed the Committee that the Referenda on Family and Care are scheduled for 8th March 2024. The closing date for the public to register to vote is 20th February. The deadline for applying for a postal vote is 12th February (eligibility criteria applies). The public can use the Voter.ie and Check the Register online systems to check if they are registered or to amend their details.

The Franchise section will circulate the Sharefile link tomorrow with the most up to date copy of the register. Advice on how to access the sharefile link will be included on the email. There will be one file for each LEA. The Franchise Section will also advise on voter eligibility for the referenda and Local Elections.

The Manager put forward a proposal to lock the register on 11th April in order to provide copies of the register to all Councillors and candidates for the Local Elections. It was agreed to review this in March when the timeline for Local Elections was confirmed.

The Manager reminded Members the March Council meeting will be held in Irish. The meeting will be conducted fully through Irish and there will be live translation to English (in chamber and remote). The front pages of the agenda will be translated and available in English and Irish.

- There will be some meeting etiquette required – the interpreting service has suggested the following to assist them:
- We will require cameras to be switched on when Councillors are making a contribution on Zoom – the interpreter will need this.
- People will need to be extra vigilant in terms of switching on and off their microphone in the chamber.
- For those remote – the interpreters have requested that wired headphones must be used for clarity (if you don't have any we can provide them for you if you wish)
- We have been reliably informed that people who are reading Irish do so quicker than those speaking off the cuff so we have been asked that if you are reading from a script to please take your time.

Conradh na Gaeilge will assist in translating any contributions / questions and provide one to one practice on pronunciation if required.

12 **A.O.B.**

There were no items for discussion.

13 **Proposed date of next meeting: 22nd February 2024 at 8am**

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Deirdre Heney
Chairperson
Thursday 25 January 2024

Attendance:

Members:

Deirdre Heney (Chairperson)
Racheal Batten
Anne Feeney
Dermot Lacey
Cat O'Driscoll

Members:

Anthony Connaghan
Mannix Flynn
Briege MacOscar
Michael Pidgeon

Members:

Fiona Connelly
Janet Horner
Naoise Ó Muirí
Noeleen Reilly

Officers

Ruth Dowling

Michael Gallagher

Non-Members:

James Geoghegan