

Press Releases - Costello welcomes incorporation of plebiscite idea in Council Parking Byelaws - 03/07/01

Costello welcomes incorporation of plebiscite principle in Council Parking Byelaws

At the adjourned Council meeting on Monday 2nd July the new Council Parking Byelaws were adopted by the Councillors. There were series of amendments to the Byelaws placed by Councillors.

Concerned by the fact that problems with the parking restrictions proposed by the Council still exist in certain areas Councillor Costello sought to have a provision for local input to be enshrined in the Byelaws. His motion to establish local review groups was adopted by the Council.

His motion provides that review bodies will be established in each area affected by the proposed parking restrictions within six months of their implementation in the relevant parking area.

These local review bodies will be made up of representatives from the residents associations, business associations, gardai, council officials and local councillors.

The motion goes on to provide that the report produced by these local review bodies will form the basis for the amendment of parking restrictions in the area covered by each review group. Councillor Costello's motion provides that in the event of a failure to reach agreement the review groups will consider whether they would recommend a plebiscite of the area be carried out. The reports of the review groups will then be presented to the Council for a vote by the elected members.

Councillor Costello stated that parking restrictions were long overdue, indeed most provincial towns around Ireland have implemented Parking Byelaws.

The situation in certain areas of the County has become desperate due to traffic inflows. This can only worsen as time goes on he said.

Councillor Costello went on to say that the parking restrictions must take account of local circumstances and the establishment of the local review groups will help ensure that the democratic wishes of the majority of local residents are taken account of.