

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014.**

- PRESENT** An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. Clancy in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. D. Buggy, Deputy City Manager.  
Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development.  
Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance.  
Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation.  
Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs.  
Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Gosch, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to discuss item no. 14.23 on the agenda.

**MEETING WITH NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

‘As a result of numerous complaints received by myself and other Councillors in respect of the changes to Washington Street, North Main St., Popes Quay etc. it was proposed by me at a Council Meeting some months ago that a representative from the National Transport Authority be invited to attend a Roads Functional Committee Meeting of Cork City Council in order to discuss these changes. In the interim, I have on several occasions endeavoured to have my proposal acted upon, but to no avail.

I am now requesting, through this motion that a Representative from the National Transport Authority be invited to travel to Cork and attend a meeting whereby he/she will have an opportunity to listen to the problems and offer solutions to stakeholders who are required to live with these decisions that they say are threatening their businesses on a daily basis.

My proposal suggested that the meeting be attended by the Elected Members, Cork City Council Engineers, An Garda Siochana, a Representative of the Traders, a Representative from Cork Taximans Association.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 14/081)

**It was agreed to take this item at the end of the Agenda.**

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to discuss Item No. 15.1, on the agenda.

#### **15.1 NORTH MONASTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

‘That Cork City Council supports the campaign to retain the North Monastery Primary School, Council recognises the rich tradition & history of the school & its over 200 year contribution to Cork & the nation in general. Therefore Cork City Council calls on the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST) to reverse it's decision & accept the recent votes of the parents of both the North Monastery Primary & St Vincent's Primary Schools that there is no consensus or support by schools & among the wider community for its decision to close the North Monastery Primary & move the students to St Vincent's Primary school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould, M Nugent 14/078)

**It was agreed to take this item after item No. 4 on the Agenda.**

#### **1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to:-

- The Bullman Family on the death of Maureen Bullman.
- Fr. Eugene Barrett O.F.M on the death of Rev. Fr. Seraphin Kennedy OFM.
- The Neiland Family on the death of Ellen Neiland.
- The Long Family on the death of Christy Long.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Maigread Morrissey Murphy.
- The O’Connor Family on the death of William O’Connor.
- Sr. Rosarie Lordan on the death of Sr. Lua Lordan.
- The Murphy Family on the death of John Paul Murphy.
- The Ryan Family on the death of Donie Ryan.
- The Allison Family on the death of Denis Allison.
- The Dowling Family on the death of Jacinta Dowling.
- The Egan Family on the death of Noirin Egan.

#### **1.2 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-

- U.C.C Gaelic Football team and management on winning the Sigerson Cup for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.
- Ronnie McDowell on retiring after 40 years in Public Service.

- Neil Fitzpatrick on retiring after 39 years in Public Service.
- Ellen O’Keeffe c/o Mahon Community Centre on the organisation of a Valentines Party in association with The Hut, Gurranabraher.

1.3.1 **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

There were no issues raised under this item.

1.4 **CITY MANAGERS ITEMS**

There were no issues raised under this item.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the following:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **SOCIAL HOUSING**

The following question was submitted by Comhairleoir T. Gould.

*How many plots of land has Cork City Council available for building social houses?*

*How many social houses would Cork City Council fit on these areas?*

*How much would it cost to build these social houses?*

*Would it be possible for Cork City Council to borrow money to build social houses or seek funding from Central Government?*

**This question was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

3.2 **COST OF CLEANING UP ELLIS’S YARD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Could the Manager please inform the Council what the cost is for cleaning up the Ellis’s Yard Site of the illegal dumping?*

**REPLY**

The cost of currently clearing Ellis Yard and environs of illegally dumped materials has not been estimated.

As an indication, however, the costs of previous clean ups of the area were as follows :

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contractor Costs</u>	<u>Landfill Charges</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jan / Feb 2003	€78,300	€198,900	€277,200
Sep / Oct 2007	€59,600	€100,000 ( Est’d )	€159,600
Feb / Mar 2009	€56,750	€ 83,300	€140,050

3.3 **PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANTS IN 2013**

The following question was submitted by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons.

*Could the Manager please inform the Members as to how much Cork City Council paid consultants during 2013? (Anyone who was paid directly or indirectly by the Council to carry out work on their behalf)?*

**This question was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

3.4 **SCHEME FOR ADAPTATION GRANTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY SCHEME**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Under the Scheme for Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with Disability Scheme to Cork City Council housing stock:*

- a) How many applications in total are awaiting programme of works to our own housing stock in regards to Adaptation for Older People and People with Disability Scheme?*
- b) How many applicants are priorities in this scheme?*
- c) How are priorities decided in order of illness/disability, please give details?*
- d) How often are applicants given a written up date on their applications progress?*
- e) How much capital would it take to clear this waiting list?*
- f) How long would it take with current funding levels from the department to clear this waiting list?*

**REPLY**

- a) Extensions : 53 No awaiting a programme of works  
Minor adaptations : 35 No on hold from 2012 & 2013

- b) Extensions: Of the 53 applications:                   44     Priority 1  
  8     Priority 2  
  1     Priority 3

- Minor Adaptations: Of the 35 applications:       21     Priority 1  
  10     Priority 2  
  4     Priority 3

- c)       There are 3 general levels of medical priority identified by the Grant regulations  
          **Priority 1**  
          Terminally ill or fully/mainly dependant on family or carer; or where alterations/adaptations would facilitate discharge from hospital or alleviate the need for hospitalisation in the future;  
          **Priority 2**

Mobile but needs assistance in accessing washing, toilet facilities, bedroom etc; or where without the alterations/adaptations the disabled person's ability to function independently would be hindered;

**Priority 3**

Independent but requires special facilities to improve the quality of life, e.g. separate bedroom/living space.

- d) Applicants or anyone writing on their behalf are given a written update on their application upon receipt of correspondence concerning same.

Most applicants or someone on their behalf ring the Architects office regarding updates on their applications. A record of the telephone conversation is placed on the individual file.

- e) Minor Adaptations : No individual quotations have been sought to date.

Based on an average cost of minor adaptations carried out in 2013 of €6,200 ( incl VAT), the 31 adaptations on hold from 2013 & 2013 would require €192,200.

Extensions : Based on the average cost of previous Extensions (50,000 euro) – a cost estimate in the range of €2.65 million euro would be appropriate

- f) Minor Adaptations : 8 months to clear backlog from 2012 & 2013

Extensions : On average for the last number of years 3 No. extensions per year have been undertaken due to lack of funding.

3.5 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BY THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH ON SKEHARD ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*To ask the Manager when the traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing by the Holy Cross Church on Skehard Road will be switched on? They were installed well over 2 years ago.*

**REPLY**

Additional works are required to allow this pedestrian crossing to be switched on. Civil works are scheduled to be undertaken within the next 2 months. Following these works, ESB Networks must then provide a power supply to the Traffic controller to ensure operation.

3.6 **WORKS CARRIED OUT ON SOUTH GATE BRIDGE AND PROBY'S QUAY RECENTLY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir F. Kerins, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Can the Manager give a report on the works carried out by Cork City Council on South Gate Bridge and Proby's Quay recently which has resulted in a loss of a lane of traffic on South Gate Bridge?*

## **REPLY**

This work is part of the 'Cork Cycle Network Phase 2 - UCC to City Centre Cycle Route' contract. The traffic lanes are being reduced in conjunction with the introduction of new cycle lanes. The scheme underwent public consultation under the Road Traffic Act 1994 Section 38 procedure last year and is funded by the National Transport Authority. The scheme is under construction.

### **3.7 9A MILITARY ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*In relation to the property known as 9A Military Road and having a customer number 116775 and Rate Number 271032700001.*

*Please advise the circumstances for which this property became a rated property and deemed a commercial property?*

## **REPLY**

Property rated commercially by the Valuation Office can, if deemed to be incapable of beneficial occupation due to its poor condition, be granted a write off of rates due, on a year by year basis.

However such property remains commercially rated throughout and once renovated and capable of beneficial occupation would be liable for payment of rates.

### **3.8 ON-GOING REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL TENANT RENT**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Can the Manager confirm that there is an on-going review of City Council Tenant Rent with a view to implementing a National Differential Rent Scheme on 1/1/2015 and confirm that this National Differential Rent Scheme will lead to an increase in rent?*

## **REPLY**

Yes

The proposed National Differential Rent Scheme will calculate rent in a different manner than the current City Council scheme. The rent for any individual tenant could therefore increase or decrease

### **3.9 GREEN OPEN SPACE IN TIFFANY DOWNS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Shields, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Because of the major risk to users of the green open space in Tiffany Downs by damage to a row of conifer trees which have grown too tall, whose roots are loosened by the recent storms and the wet ground,*

*Would it be possible:*

- a) To inspect these trees with a view to pruning them as a matter of urgency?*
- b) The clearing of the fallen trees?*
- c) Planting new trees where trees are damaged?*
- d) Providing on-going maintenance for this open space and trees?*

**REPLY**

- (a) The trees in Tiffany Downs have been placed on an Inspection List, with any dangerous trees being dealt with as a priority.
- (b) Any fallen trees will be removed.
- (c) Tree replacement will be assessed on need and available funding.
- (d) Maintenance of the grass areas and weed control is the responsibility of the local residents. The Council will assist with these operations as resources permit. Maintenance and planting of trees will be undertaken as resources allow. Emergency tree works will receive priority in line with Council policy.

**3.10 NUMBER OF PLUMBERS, CARPENTERS, PLASTERERS, MASONS AND ELECTRICIANS EMPLOYED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Can the Manager please confirm the number of Plumbers, Carpenters, Plasterers, Masons and Electricians employed by Cork City Council and advise by how much numbers in each trade have reduced over the last 12 months?*

**REPLY**

The following numbers are currently employed in the grades stated:-

<b>CRAFT</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Plumbers	18
Carpenters	36
Plasterers	13
Masons	9
Electricians	7

Three carpenters retired since the beginning of 2013.

There was no reduction in numbers in any of the other trades.

3.11 **REMOVAL OF HOARDING ON THE AMASSED SITE OF HAWKES ROAD AND WATERFALL ROAD IN BISHOPSTOWN**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*To ask the City Manager if he could issue a full and comprehensive report on the recent felling and partial removal of hoarding on the amassed site of Hawkes Road and Waterfall Road in Bishopstown and that he might include details of the ownership of the site, who City Council liaises with in relation to management issues at the site, current zoning applied to the site, whether there is a valid current planning permission attached to the site and status of that planning permission, the role of City Council in ensuring that the hoarding is reinstated (and if the views of local residents can be taken into account with regard to the nature of the fencing of the site) who is responsible for clearing and maintaining the site, and that he would also detail any correspondence/contact between Council and owner of the property (or agents thereof) regarding the current status of the site, the non-development of the site and future plans for the site?*

**REPLY**

The fire brigade and Gardai attended at the above site on 12/2/14 following a call out. The fire officer instructed the site owner who was present to make the hoarding / site safe.

The owner subsequently knocked down most of the hoarding and dug out the supporting timbers - leaving them scattered about the site.

On 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. Building Control contacted the owner requesting that he remove all broken fencing and debris and make safe and secure the site.

As no works were carried out, and following our failure to contact him again, City Council Works Dept. entered the site on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and proceeded to fill holes and trenches on the site perimeter and stack up the broken fencing and debris with a view to its removal on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>. However the owner arrived on site this morning and undertook to fence around the site. The fencing arrived on site shortly thereafter. He also undertook to remove the piled debris/fencing at a later stage.

The emergency work carried out by the Council on Friday was to protect the public from the possibility of debris etc. being blown on to the roadway and children being injured by the nailed timber supports lying about.

It should be noted that responsibility for ensuring the site is both safe and secure fully rests with the owner.

3.12 **MELBOURN ROAD IN BISHOPSTOWN**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Corr, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

With regard to Melbourn Road in Bishopstown could the City Manager:

- 1) Indicate the status and designation of the road?



- 2) The reason why there is significant ponding and subsidence at the junction, where it meets the Curraheen Road?
- 3) State what consideration has been or would be given to installing traffic calming measures similar to those on the Clashduv Road and the outcome of those considerations, and,
- 4) In the context of the proposed Science and Technology Park by CIT and Cork County Council and accompanying roads, what is the continued justification for the proposed through route from the Melbourn Road to the Ardrostig Cross as shown in the current City Development Plan?

**REPLY**

- 1) Melbourne Road is a local road (L-1017)
- 2) There is rutting of the road surface at this location due to the heavy volumes of turning traffic and area is due for patching in coming months. The road gullies will also be checked to ensure they are functioning properly.
- 3) Cork City Council did apply for National Roads Authority (NRA) Low Cost Safety funding for Melbourn Road for 2014. Low cost safety scheme funding is severely limited in scale and would have been used to upgrade existing lighting and in particular at junctions along Melbourn Road. Allocations have been confirmed and Melbourn Road has not been allocated funding on this occasion.

Traffic calming on Melbourn Road will be considered and assessed as part of the South West Travel Corridor(SWTC).

- 4) The need for both the Ardrostig and CIT Link Roads was fully considered by Atkins Consulting Engineers in 2002 as part of the Bishopstown Traffic Study. The study demonstrated that both roads are necessary for the future transportation needs of the Bishopstown area, hence their inclusion in the City Development Plan.

**3.13 STATUS OF THE BLACKROCK HARBOUR AREA PLAN**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*To ask the City Manager, what is the status of the Blackrock Harbour Area Plan? Plus have tidal surges and the sea level rise been taken into account re the proposed stepped down area into the tidal area itself?*

**REPLY**

As reported at the last Roads & Transportation Committee, the detailed design for the Blackrock Harbour Renewal Project is currently being developed by the Roads Directorate. The tender documents are likely to be complete by the end of March. Contractors will be given 3-4 weeks to submit a tender price with construction being planned to commence around May/June 2014. Some site clearance enabling work will be required in advance of the main contract. This is likely to take place in April 2014.

The first phase of the project is likely to include enhancement of the public realm in the immediate harbour area itself, together with modifications and set back of the boundary walls around the park, in addition to new car parking facilities within the park. The remainder of the proposed new park will follow in 2015 subject to the availability of sufficient funding.

The level of the proposed tiered structure around the harbour has taken due consideration of the tidal range and other relevant factors. Note the works in the area will not raise the threshold levels of the existing slipways.

3.14 **UPDATE ON PLANS TO REFURBISH THE NATIONAL MONUMENT ON THE GRAND PARADE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Can the Manager give an update on plans by City Council to refurbish the National Monument on the Grand Parade?*

**REPLY**

The City Architects Dept and the Heritage Officer are in the process of procuring a suitably qualified stone conservator to carry out the refurbishment work as identified in the Conditional Report commissioned by the Heritage Officer in 2013. It is expected that work will begin in early summer and will take approx 5 months to complete at an estimated cost of €55,000.

4. **POLLING CARDS TO VOTERS CATEGORIZED ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER AS “L”**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the issue of polling cards to voters categorised on the Electoral Register as “L” (eligible to vote at Local Elections only) who will not otherwise receive such cards in conjunction with the European Election.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO DISCUSS NORTH MONASTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion.

15.1 **NORTH MONASTERY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

‘That Cork City Council supports the campaign to retain the North Monastery Primary School, Council recognises the rich tradition & history of the school & its over 200 year contribution to Cork & the nation in general. Therefore Cork City Council calls on the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST) to reverse it's decision & accept the recent votes of the parents of both the North Monastery Primary & St Vincent's Primary Schools that there is no consensus or support by schools & among the wider community for its decision to close the North Monastery Primary & move the students to St Vincent's Primary school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould, M Nugent 14/078)

5. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP– 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and considered the following recommendations.

5.1 **TANK FIELD**

**An Chomhairle agreed to refer the following motion to the Planning & Development Functional Committee**

‘In view of the reply by the Manager to my supplementary question, that the recent compulsory purchase orders on lands in the Tank Field were required to that developments there could proceed, and the recent reports in the press concerning PAC interest in the matter that Cork City Council establish a sub-committee to enquire into the accuracy or otherwise of the information provided to the Council in arriving at its earlier decisions in regard to the Part 8 Planning and the Disposal Orders for lands in the Tank Field. Furthermore that no further action regarding sale or lease of the lands at Tank Field be taken pending the report of the Council sub-committee and PACT.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/033)

The report of the Director of Services confirmed to the group that it is wholly inappropriate to establish a sub-committee of any kind in relation to this matter for the following reasons:

1. The Council is in receipt of a threat of Judicial Review, in writing.
2. The Council is satisfied as to the accuracy of any and all information provided to Members at all times in this process.
3. The Council has no knowledge whatsoever of the alleged “PAC interest in the matter” nor has it had any direct contact from the PAC (Public Accounts Committee).
4. In view of the above, the Council will continue to observe and implement its statutory obligations in relation to the CPOS already in train and will not establish a sub-committee as proposed.

5.2 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

5.3 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Audit Committee Annual Report 2013.

5.4 **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE ON RATE COLLECTION FOR 2013**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Collector of Municipal Rate on Rate Collection for 2013

6 **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

6.1 **SPORTS PARTICIPATION/DEVELOPMENT IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the recommendations from the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee on Sports Participation/Development in Cork City.

6.2 **HEALTHY CITIES INITIATIVE AND AGE FRIENDLY CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 on the Healthy Cities Initiative and Age Friendly City.

**On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-**

“**RESOLVE THAT** That Cork City Council supports the application to the World Health Organisation for acceptance into the Healthy City’s Network for Phase V1 of WHO Healthy Cities”.

**On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution.:-**

“**RESOLVE THAT** That Cork City Council will engage with Age Friendly Ireland to achieve the WHO status of Age Friendly City”.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting to 8.30pm.

7. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATIONAL FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreational Functional Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

7.1 **DRAFT ENERGY PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the Draft Energy Plan dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

## 7.2 **REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 on Environmental Matters.

## 7.3 **INSPECTION OF MANHOLE COVERS IN ASHMOUNT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council engineers carry out a thorough inspection of manhole covers in Ashmount and report back to Council on their findings.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Brosnan 13/363)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 stated that it is presumed that this query relates to Ashmount Mews, which is located within the City bounds. This estate has not been fully taken in charge. Elements outstanding are drainage, roads and public lighting. Information is awaited from the developer to facilitate adoption of the drainage network. Public lighting and roads are being dealt with by the Roads Department. The inspection and approval of manhole covers is a matter for Roads and will be dealt with as part of the adoption process.

## 7.4 **ZONE EQUIPMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would introduce adult zone equipment in its parks and walkways and might look at securing sponsorship to ensure same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 13/368)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 stated that provision will be made in the Monahan Road Environmental Enhancement Scheme and the Tramore Valley Park for adult zone equipment.

## 7.5 **TREE PRUNING AT PEARSE ROAD, BETWEEN POULADUFF AND LOUGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the trees on Pearse Road between Pouladuff and Lough Road be included in the 2014 tree pruning programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 13/397)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 stated that the trees at the above location are included in the schedule of tree works for 2014.

7.6 **AUDIT OF TREES ALONG THE MARINA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a safety audit of all the trees along the Marina. Following recent storms a tree of some considerable size crashed across the Marina on to the footpath and could have resulted in a fatality.

That such an audit would be undertaken with regularity as deemed necessary by experts.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 14/012)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 stated a Tree Survey of all trees along the Marina is currently underway as part of the Marina Park Project. Any defects identified in that survey will be attended to as appropriate.

7.7 **REMOVE DUMPED MATERIAL AT THE END OF HILLGROVE LAWN, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That the Council would remove the untidy and dumped earthen material at the end of Hillgrove Lawn, South Douglas Road as it aligns with Glencurrig Estate wall”

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/015)

**An Chomhairle agreed to keep this motion in Committee.**

7.8 **PRE-SHCOOL AT BISHOPSTOWN HOUSE, MURPHY’S YARD TO ERECT FENCE AT THE REAR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would do its best to speed up the process to enable the pre-school at Bishopstown House Murphy’s Farm to erect the surrounding fencing at the rear of this building thus enabling them to construct a safe outdoor playground for the children.’

(Proposer:- Cllr. H. Cremin 14/009)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 was also considered. The report stated that the Bishopstown PreSchool have recently been relocated to

Bishopstown House (Bishopstown Community Association). The Council will accommodate the request of Bishopstown Community Association for access to a secure outdoor area at the rear of the premises, the exact area to be finalised in the next week.

7.9 **FLY-TIPPING IN THE NUNS WALK/CLAREVILLE AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘‘That Cork City Council's Litter Wardens will take appropriate actions to deal with the problem of fly-tipping in the Nuns Walk/Clareville area.’

(Proposer Cllr E. O’Halloran 13/375)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 stated that one complaint was received in March 2012 and one complaint in November 2013 in connection with fly- tipping/littering in Nun’s Walk. The two complaints recommended to a broken bag on both occasions on the footpath at Nun’s Walk which were removed. No evidence was recovered from the bags which would have lead to the issuing of proceedings under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009. No complaints were received in 2012 or 2013 in connection with fly- tipping/ littering in Clareville.

7.10 **TREES ALONG GLASHEEN RIVER FACING TIFFANY DOWNS, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council will trim the very high trees (to a reasonable height) along the Glasheen River facing Tiffany Downs, Bishopstown, Cork.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 13/388)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 stated that the trees at the above location are scheduled for pruning including height reduction during early summer, 2014.

7.11 **LANDSCAPE AREA AT TRACTON AVENUE TO MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will undertake to remove the trees, undergrowth and weeds on the embankment bordering Tracton Avenue to Middle Glanmire Road and replace with landscaped grass and shrubs’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 13/400)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 stated that a clean-up of the above embankment is scheduled for early March, 2014. The trees have been added to the schedule of tree works for remedial pruning, removal is not necessary as they are extremely healthy and add considerably to the visual appeal of the local environment.

7.12 **TREES IN THE GREEN AREA AT ROSELAWN ESTATE, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would trim back the trees in the green area at Roselawn Estate Togher Road., as they are causing huge problems in relation to health and safety for the senior citizens who cannot walk the pathways here due to overhanging branches and also in relation to road safety as motorists cannot see around the bend when these trees are in full bloom.

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 13/412)

The report of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 stated that remedial pruning to the above trees will be carried out immediately.

8. **JOINT MEETING OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE AND THE ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014.**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the joint Planning & Development Functional Committee and the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

9. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Planning & Development Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and considered the following recommendations:-

9.1 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 on Housing Estates from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

9.2 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.

9.3 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013.



## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir J. Kelleher proposed and Comhairleoir M. Ahern seconded, that a vote be called on the proposal to Suspend Standing Orders to continue to meeting beyond 8.30pm where there appeared as follows.

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, H. Cremin. (25)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, M. O’Connell, D O’Flynn, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. (5)

As the numbers voting in favour of the Suspension of Standing Orders exceeded the required  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of those present, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the meeting to continue to beyond 8.30pm.

### 9.4 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 on the Economic Development Initiative.

An Chomhairle also considered the following Resolution.

1. **“RESOLVED THAT** *Because Council considers that it is necessary to promote the general and economic development of the City of Cork that assistance by way of waiver be granted under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001, on a one off basis, in respect of new developments of the type set out in paragraph (b) below which are either brought to substantial completion during the period from the adoption by Council of this resolution and 6 months after the Cork City Development Plan 2015 -2021 has been made or which are commenced from the date of the adoption of this resolution, the said waiver to be limited to the following reductions in the general development contributions payable under the Council’s current General Developments Contributions Scheme :*
  - a) *25% to reflect the reduction in the cost of construction of public infrastructure projects as reflected in the tender price index in the period since 2008*
  - b) *a further 25% reduction in respect of new developments which facilitate job creation and are manufacturing/internationally tradable/financial services supported and certified by IDA Ireland and or Enterprise Ireland and or City Enterprise Board/Local Enterprise Office, as meeting their client/sectoral requirements.*

*And*
2. *Because Council also considers that it is necessary to promote the general and economic development of the **City Centre** of the City of Cork ( area outlined in red on the attached map) that assistance by way of an additional 25% waiver be granted under section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001, on a one off basis, in respect of new developments as set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, which are internationally recognised green building certified under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, sponsored by the U.S. Green Building*

*Council (USGBC) and Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology (BREEAM), and which are either brought to substantial completion during the period from the adoption by Council of this resolution and 6 months after the Cork City Development Plan 2015 -2021 has been made, or which are commenced from the date of the adoption of this resolution.”*

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, a vote was called for on the resolution where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons. (23)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry. (2)

As the numbers voting in favour of the Resolution were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Resolution on Economic Development Initiative adopted.

9.5 **IRISH WATER POWERS TO CHARGE FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES INCLUDING SERVICE CONNECTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2014 – SECTION 8 OF THE WATER SERVICES NO. 2 ACT 2013**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 on Irish Water powers to charge for the provision of water services including service connection and infrastructure from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 – Section 8 of the Water Services no. 2 Act 2013.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, P. Gosch, D. Cahill, J. Corr, E. O’Halloran, J. Buttimer. (6)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, M. Shields, H. Cremin.(15)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, L. Kingston, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. (4)

As the numbers voting against the report were greater than those voting in favour of the report, with four abstaining, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the report lost.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer proposed and Comhairleoir J. Kelleher seconded, that a vote be called on the proposal to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting beyond 9.30pm where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, , M. Shields, H. Cremin. (19)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, M. O’Connell, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D O’Flynn, J. Corr, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. (9)

As the numbers voting in favour was greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and Standing Orders Suspended and the meeting to continue to beyond 9.30pm.

9.6 **MOTIONS**

9.6.1 **REPORT ON PROPERTIES ON THE DERELICT REGISTER IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would produce a full and comprehensive report on properties on the derelict register in the South West Ward and measures undertaken to remediate this problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 13/335)

The report of the Director of Services stated that currently there is one property in the South West ward on the Derelict Sites Register – No. 27 Glasheen Road. The former Crow’s Nest Pub, Victoria Cross and No.s 1-4 Victoria Terrace have been referred to the Property section to be placed on the Derelict Sites Register. However as the property has been placed on the market, this process has been delayed in order to facilitate the sale.

A further ten active derelict sites cases are being addressed in the South West Ward at present (see list below). A range of measures are being taken to address the dereliction, ranging from contact with the owners by visit, phone and letter to formal action under the Derelict Sites Act by placing the property on the Register or acquisition.

**List of Active Files on Derelict Properties in the South West Ward – February 2014**

<b>Site to rear of No. 20 St. Finbarrs Park, The Lough</b>
<b>The Bungalow &amp; Former Keating’s Bakery Site, Tramore Road</b>
<b>Paradiso, 5 Wilton Lawn, Glasheen Road</b>
<b>Nos. 1 -4 Victoria Terrace</b>
<b>The Former Crow’s Nest Pub, Victoria Cross</b>
<b>Derelict Sheds at 16 Westbourne Park, Magazine Road</b>

<b>Derelict Shop at Summerstown Estate</b>
<b>Glasheen House, Dorgans Road, Glasheen</b>
<b>Lodge House at entrance to IDA Estate, Model Farm Road</b>
<b>Laneway to Lough Villas, The Lough</b>
<b>No. 64 Waterfall Road, Bishopstown</b>
<b>No. 27 Glasheen Road</b>
<b>Park Gate Villas</b>

### 9.6.2 GUIDELINES ON COUNCIL'S MANAGEMENT OF ALCOHOL

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council will examine and update if necessary its guidelines on the management of alcohol and its related harms at festivals and events.

In such matters, amongst others, as Knowing the Law, responsible serving of alcohol, promotion of a safe event, alcohol free family zones, Event Marshals etc.

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 13/345)

The report of the Director of Services stated that part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and SI No. 154/2001 – Planning and Development (Licensing of Outdoor Events) Regulations, 2001 as amended, sets out the statutory requirements with regard to the licensing of outdoor events, with an attendance of 5,000 or greater.

Prior to the holding of an event, the Event Organiser/ Applicant is obliged to place a press notice in the newspapers and to submit an application for an Outdoor Event's Licence, to the Planning Authority, accompanied inter alia by a Draft Event Management Plan. The licence application is available for inspection & submissions for a period of 5 weeks.

The Legislation also sets out the Prescribed Bodies (incl. Gardaí, Health Service Executive), who are consulted and who may also make submissions on the proposed event. The Planning Directorate also consults internally with the other relevant City Council Directorates ( incl. Fire & Civil Defence; Roads & Transportation; Building Control ; Environment; Corporate Affairs / Casual Trading; Parks; Claims Admin). The Local Authority also consults with any other Body as appropriate to the individual event (incl Bus Eireann; Port of Cork).

The following Codes of Practice and Publications are to be observed in the preparation of the Final Event Management Plan :

- Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Pop Concerts, Department of the Education, 1996
- Code of Practice for Safety at Sports Grounds, Department of Education, 1996

- Code of Practice for Management of Fire Safety in Places of Assembly, Department of Environment, 1991
- Code of Practice for Fire Safety of Furnishings and Fittings on Places of Assembly, Department of Environment, 1989
- Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003
- Fire Safety in Places of Assembly (Ease of Escape) Regulations, Department of the Environment 1985
- Building Control Regulations Statutory Instrument 497, 1997 and schedules
- The Event Safety Guide, Health and Safety Executive UK, 1999
- HSE Requirements and Guidelines for outdoor crowd events April 2013.

The licence application, any submissions received and any matters arising are considered at various stakeholders meetings. Matters for consideration may vary depending on the scale /nature/duration/location of the specific event. Any matters in relation to the sale and consumption of alcohol would be considered in the context of the Intoxicating Liquor Acts, the nature of the event and the general health & safety of those participating and attending any such event.

The licence, if and when granted, may be subject to specific conditions which may require strict compliance with specific elements before, during and post event.

### 9.6.3 **VACANT SPACE PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would develop a Vacant Space Project that would try to make use of vacant buildings in key locations in a way that can add value to the City Centre and stimulate local businesses and employment, and City Council would consider appointing a Vacant Space Officer who would work alongside all the stakeholders in the City to develop a strategy to bring these spaces back into use.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. O’Connell 13/356)

**An Chomhairle agreed to hold this motion in Committee.**

### 9.6.4 **SHANDON CLOCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council work with the Church of Ireland, Shandon to help fix its iconic clock faces.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 13/358)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Shandon Clock mechanism, which was last refurbished in 1986, requires a complete overhaul. A review of the options for repairing it was conducted in December 2013 by the City Architect’s Department and the Corporate and External Affairs Directorate. Following this review, pre-qualification

submissions have been received from potential contractors. Tenders are due to be invited shortly and appointment of a preferred bidder is anticipated in early March. The work continues to be addressed as a high priority and with the aim of having Shandon Clock back in operation immediately after the repair works are completed.

#### 9.6.5 **AUDIT OF HERITAGE PIECES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out an annual audit of heritage pieces under the control of council officials and in order to ensure no further neglect such audit will need to include a written report to the City's elected representatives and an opportunity for Elected representatives to view any items “in storage”’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 13/380)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a database of plaques and some heritage items does exist and has been mapped. However the above proposal would require that these databases be updated and a conditional report be produced periodically on items in the public domain and in storage with Cork City Council. It is proposed that the suggested audit of heritage items be included as an action in the draft Cork City Heritage Plan 2014 which will be brought to the Planning and Development SPC on February 24th. Implementation timeframe would be dependent on securing an appropriate budget and human resources to carry out the action.

#### 9.6.6 **PAINTING GRANT SCHEME 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would include Watercourse Road, Thomas Davis Street, Dublin Street, Commons Road and any streets or lanes of them in the Painting Grant Scheme for 2014.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 13/415)

The report of the Director of Services stated that funding has been allocated in the budget for 2014 for a painting scheme to build on the scheme that ran successfully last year in Shandon, Gerald Griffin Street, North and South Main Street, Barrack Street and McCurtain Street. An assessment will shortly be carried out to identify suitable areas in the older parts of the city which could most benefit from the scheme for 2014. The Blackpool area will be included in that assessment and as soon as the appropriate streets have been selected the scheme will be advertised.

#### 9.6.7 **REGISTER OF DEVELOPMENTS GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION BUT NOT COMMENCED**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council would maintain a register of developments granted planning permission but not commenced and include same as part of the schedule of publicly available information.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/025)

**An Chomhairle agreed to hold this motion in Committee.**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received from the following:-

- Letter from Office of the Minister of Social Protection dated the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- Letter from Office of the Minister of Social Protection dated the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- Letter from Office of Environment, Community & Local Government dated the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- Letter from Office of Environment, Community & Local Government dated the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- Letter from Department of Health dated the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

11. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

- Comhairleoir Joe O’Callaghan - Mental Health and Suicide Awareness Conference “Supports & Developments in Mental Health Care – Dungarvan, Co. Waterford – 31 January – 01 February 2014.
- Comhairleoir Joe O’Callaghan – Employment Opportunities in Artisan Foods – Rosscarbery, Co. Cork – 07/09 February 2013.
- Comhairleoir Emmet O’Halloran - Branding in Political Elections – a new quality of Political Communication – Rosscarbery, Co. Cork -17/19 January 2014.
- Comhairleoir Emmet O’Halloran - Domestic Water Charges – Preparation and Practicalities - Carlingford, Co. Louth – 26/26 January 2014.
- Comhairleoir Laura McGonigle - Domestic Water Charges – Preparation and Practicalities - Carlingford, Co. Louth – 26/26 January 2014.
- Comhairleoir Laura McGonigle - Branding in Political Elections – a new quality of Political Communication – Rosscarbery, Co. Cork -17/19 January 2014.
- Comhairleoir Brian Bermingham - Hydro Power. How Local Authorities can Harness our Rivers and Streams – Kenmare, Co Kerry – 31 January /02 February 2014.
- Comhairleoir Brian Bermingham - Powers of Local Authorities to Stem Anti-Social Behaviour – Kenmare, Co Kerry – 14/15 February 2

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

A vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of Councillors at Seminars & Conferences at Items 12 & 13 and tabled at the meeting, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. (14)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, M. Nugent, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (10)

As the numbers voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the attendance of Comhairleoirí at the various seminars & conferences approved, as listed under relevant items hereunder:-

12.1 **GOOD GOVERNANCE OF COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY & CHARITABLE ORGANISATION IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir E. O’Halloran at the “Good Governance of Community, Voluntary & Charitable Organisation in Ireland” seminar, held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, on the 31<sup>st</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at the “Managing Diversity in the Community” seminar in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork on the 28<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014.

Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the “Waste Management Legislation – Responsibilities of Local Authorities in Disposing & Recycling Electrical & Electronic Equipment conference in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Comhairleoir G. Gibbons at the “Empowering Communities through Local Government Policy” seminar at the Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway City on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Comhairleoir E. O’Halloran at the “Branding in Political Elections” seminar in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Comhairleoir E. O’Halloran at the “Domestic Water Charges” conference in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the Genealogy: Tracing your Ancestors & Family Tree” Conference at Scotts Limerick, Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road, Limerick on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014.

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the “Budgets and Financing of Local Authorities” seminar at the Talbot Hotel, Wexford on the 28<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.



14. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given: \_

14.1 **NO PARKING SIGN**

That the following road issue supported by An Gardaí is dealt with speedily.

‘The erection of a 'No Parking on the Footpath' sign at Wycherley Place, to prevent parked cars from blocking-in residents or obstructing delivery or emergency vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/423)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.2 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

‘That a pedestrian crossing from Connaught Ave to Donovan's Road be delivered - in association with UCC - conscious of the existing roadscape.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/424)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.3 **LORD MAYOR’S OFFICE**

‘That Cork City Council by way of vote is to approve any future works carried on Lord Mayor’s office’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 13/429)

**Finance Functional Committee**

14.4 **ANTI DOG FOULING SIGNS**

‘That anti dog fouling signs be erected along Church Road, in Blackrock, where the problem is quiet acute.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/046)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

14.5 **TREE PRUNING**

‘That Cork City Council would arrange to have the trees between Berlingford Drive and Clontarf Estate be pruned. These trees that serve as a boundary between these two estates in Blackrock have grown very high and pose a public safety issue for local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/055)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

14.6 **ROAD RESURFACING**

‘That Cork City Council includes the stretch of road between St Joseph's Church and St Joseph's Community Centre on Old Youghal Road in Mayfield for resurfacing as this stretch of road has deteriorated badly in recent months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/057)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.7 **ROAD RESURFACING**

‘That Cork City Council includes the stretch of road between St Luke's Cross and The Montenotte Hotel in the 2014 roads resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/058)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.8 **EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF SPORT**

‘That Cork City Council would apply for European capital of sport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/059)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

14.9 **CLEANING OF DRAINS IN BALLYVOLANE PARK AND PLAYGROUND**

‘That Cork City Council would:

- (a) arrange to drain the Park in Ballyvolane in order to channel the excess water as at present there is so much water coming over the 3 ft wall (approx) that it is seeping under the foundations of the houses adjacent.
- (b) that the drains in the playground would cleaned out and freed up and maintained.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 14/061)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

14.10 **BUDGET TRANSFER**

**On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed to approve the following motion:-**

‘That Cork City Council would transfer 21,000euro from the Laneway Closure Budget to the Estate Resurfacing Programme 2014.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald 14/063)

14.11 **FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT**

‘That Clover Hill Estate Skehard Road would be included in this years programme for footpath replacement as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 14/064)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.12 **REPAIR POT HOLES**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department fill the pot holes on the access road from Nursery Drive down to the swimming pool and the Ardfallen premises as a priority. Some of the residence need to keep exercising but there is a worry that there might be an accident if someone steps or trips on a pot hole.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 14/067)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.13 **RENT REBATE**

‘In view of the extreme conditions caused by the failure of the City Council run District Heating Scheme in Mayfield that residents of Ard Bhaile and Glennamoy Lawn who have been impacted be credited with a 50% rent rebate over the period from 1 November 2013 to 31 March 2014.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/069)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

14.14 **CLOSURE OF QUARRY STEPS**

‘That the quarry steps leading from Old Youghal Road to Ballyhooly Road be permanently closed in the interest of Public Safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/070)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.15 **NATIONAL EXPO IN DOCKLANDS**

‘That the Council hold a National Expo in Docklands in future years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/071)

**Tourism Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee**

14.16 **DOCKLANDS FESTIVAL**

‘That a Docklands Festival be established making use of vacant buildings such as Odlums.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/072)

**Tourism Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee**

14.17 **INCREASE NO. 9 BUS SERVICE**

‘To ask that ‘Cork City Council to engage with Bus Eireann to increase the no. 9 bus service on Pouladuff Road or to incorporate into the no. 14 timetable (for some of the bus services) to redirect its route to turn left on Noonan's Road and continue to Pouladuff Road and then turn right onto Pearse Road, The Lough again. This is to facilitate the residents on Pouladuff Road and also to encourage people to use public transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 13/073)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.18 **REFURBISHMENT WORKS AT EDEL HOUSE**

‘That Cork City Council would advance and prioritise the agreed programme of refurbishment works at Edel House with the Department of Environment, Community and local Government, for CAS funding on the basis of their contribution to meeting identified local housing need.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer, J. Kelleher, S. Martin, M. Finn, C. O’Leary 14/074)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

14.19 **PROPOSED INFILL HOUSING AT CHURCHFIELD PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council will not proceed with the proposed infill housing at Churchfield Place East in line with the wishes of the Residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 14/075)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

14.20 **PUBLIC GREEN AT TIFFANY DOWNS, BRAMPTON COURT**

‘That Cork City Council would initiate meaningful discussion and dialogue with the residents of Tiffany Downs, Brampton Court and local councillors to identify and implement effective strategies and remedies to secure a permanent boundary wall and fencing of the public green, ensure adequate visual and sound screening to the adjacent flyover and Ring Road, and develop an appropriate planting scheme for the estate.’

It is also recognised that any response requires inter-Directorate working and cooperation as well as possible engagement with the NRA.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/076)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee  
Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.21 **FOOTPATHS ASSESSMENT**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the footpaths in Clashuv Estate to investigate for ponding and pooling of water and to implement remedial measures as appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/077)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.22 **EXTRA RESOURCES TO HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

‘That Cork City Council will provide extra resources to it's Housing Department to deal with work required on roofs & chimneys of many local authority housing due partly to the effect of recent severe weather & also recongising that there are many tenants with outstanding issues of water leaks that need attention.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/079)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

14.23 **MEETING WITH NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

**An Chomhairle considered the following motion**

‘As a result of numerous complaints received by myself and other Councillors in respect of the changes to Washington Street, North Main St., Popes Quay etc. it was proposed by me at a Council Meeting some months ago that a representative from the National Transport Authority be invited to attend a Roads Functional Committee Meeting of Cork City Council in order to discuss these changes. In the interim, I have on several occasions endeavoured to have my proposal acted upon, but to no avail.

I am now requesting, through this motion that a Representative from the National Transport Authority be invited to travel to Cork and attend a meeting whereby he/she will have an opportunity to listen to the problems and offer solutions to stakeholders who are required to live with these decisions that they say are threatening their businesses on a daily basis.

My proposal suggested that the meeting be attended by the Elected Members, Cork City Council Engineers, An Garda Siochana, a Representative of the Traders, a Representative from Cork Taximans Association.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 14/081)

**Comhairleoir M. Finn proposed the following amendments to the motion:-**

‘As a result of numerous complaints received by myself and other Councillors in respect of the changes to Washington Street, North Main St., Popes Quay, French’s Quay, South Main Street, South Gate Bridge and Sullivan’s Quay it was proposed by me at a Council Meeting some months ago that a representative from the National Transport Authority be invited to attend a Roads Functional Committee Meeting of Cork City Council in order to discuss these changes. In the interim, I have on several occasions endeavoured to have my proposal acted upon, but to no avail.

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My proposal suggested that the meeting be attended by the Elected Members, Cork City Council Engineers, An Garda Siochana, a Representative of the Traders, a Representative from Cork Taximans Association and Bus Eireann.’

**Following consideration, An Chomhairle approved the amended motion and agreed that the Roads Directorate arrange a meeting with a representative from the National Transport Authority, and that the meeting be attended by Elected Members, Cork City Council Engineers, An Garda Siochana, a Representative of the Traders and a Representative from Cork Taximans Association.**

14.24 **DRAINAGE INSPECTION**

‘That City Council would inspect the drainage on the road and footpaths on both sides of Melbourne Road from the Rossa Ave junction to the junction with Allendale Drive. Due to bad flooding recently in this section particularly near Glencairn Park these footpaths were impassable for days and caused huge inconvenience for residents/ pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/082)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

14.25 **ROAD PAINTING**

‘That City Council would re-paint/replace the broken white lines on the stretch of road from the Bandon Road Roundabout/Flyover to the junction of Waterfall Road/Bishopstown Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/083)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.26 **SPEED RAMPS/TRAFFIC CALMING ON TORY TOP ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install speed ramps/traffic calming on Tory Top Road between the Roundabout and Aldi supermarket.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 14/017)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15. **MOTIONS**

To consider the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

16. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

16.1 **RELEASE MARGARETTA D'ARCY**

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion.**

That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Justice to immediately release Margaretta D'arcy, Margaretta (79) who suffers from cancer was convicted in relation to trespassing on the runway at Shannon Airport in protest at the use of the airport by the US military en route to conflicts in the Middle East, Council recognises that Margaretta is an elderly citizen suffering from Parkinson's disease who requires the use of a Zimmer Frame, is no threat to the public & therefore calls for her release on humanitarian grounds.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/051)

17. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014.**

17.1 **MANDATORY CARDIAC SCREENING FOR ALL TEENAGERS**

**An Chomhairle considered the following motion**

‘Cork City Councils calls on the Government to make cardiac screening mandatory for all teenagers in Ireland’

(Proposer: Cllr E. O’Halloran 13/395)

**Comhairleoir E. O’Halloran proposed the following amendments to the motion:-**

‘Cork City Council calls on the Government to fund a scheme to make cardiac screening available for all teenagers in Ireland.’

**Following consideration, An Chomhairle approved the amended motion**

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**The meeting was adjourned and the remaining item was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

17.2 **DISCLOSURE OF RESTING PLACE OF IRA VICTIMS TO THE GARDAI**

‘That Cork City Council on behalf of the people of Cork call on the leadership of Sinn Fein who may have any knowledge of the final resting place, of murdered victims of the Provisional IRA to disclose this information to the Gardaí/PSNI immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 13/372)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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