

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ
HALLA NA CATHRACH
CORCAIGH**



**CORK CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
CORK**

Bíodh a fhios agat go dtionólfar cruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí ar an dáta thíosluaite, ar a **5.30 A CHLOG I.N., I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, HALLA NA CATHRACH, CORCAIGH** chun na gnóthaí seo a leanas a dhéanamh:-

Take notice that a Meeting of Cork City Council will be held on the undermentioned date, at the hour of **5.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, CORK** for the transaction of the following business:-

GNATHCHRUINNIU – DÉ LUAIN 8 NOLLAIG 2014

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY 8 NOLLAIG 2014

1. Votes of Sympathy.
- 1.2 Votes of Congratulations/ Best Wishes.
- 1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**
- 1.3.1 To consider any item the Lord Mayor may wish to raise.
- 1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**
- 1.4.1 To consider any item the Chief Executive may wish to raise.

2. **MINUTES**

To consider, and if so decided to approve as correct record and sign Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 24th November 2014.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

Questions submitted enclosed.

4. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 24th NOVEMBER 2014**

4.1 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

4.1.1 To consider any item the Lord Mayor may wish to raise.

4.2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.2.1 An Chomhairle to consider and approve the report of the Chief Executive on Derelict Site at 5 Grenville Place, Cork.

4.3 **MINUTES**

To consider, and if so decided to approve as correct record and sign Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 10th November 2014.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 12th November 2014.

4.4 **QUESTION TIME**

Questions submitted enclosed.

4.5 **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th NOVEMBER 2014**

To note the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 18th November 2014.

4.6 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

4.6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF OCTOBER 2014**

Members considered the Financial Statements to end of October 2014, and a detailed discussion took place. The Financial Accountant responded to questions raised.

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the Financial Statements and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

4.6.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2015**

A Ard-Mhéara agus Comhairleoirí

Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001 requires the approval of Council and the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government for the City Council's overdraft arrangements.

Approval is requested for an overdraft facility of €6.5m (six million, five hundred thousand euro) for Cork City Council for the twelve month period to 31st December 2015. Approval is requested for this level, which is the same as for 2014, in order to provide for the maximum limits which may occur having regard to the Revenue and Capital Account Balances during the period.

Accordingly, I recommend that the following Resolution be referred to An Chomhairle for adoption:

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €6.5m (six million, five hundred thousand euro) for the twelve month period to 31st December 2015”.

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the Bank Overdraft Approval and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

4.7 **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th NOVEMBER 2014**

To note the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 18th November 2014.

4.7.1 **ENGLISH MARKET BYE-LAWS**

The Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated 13th November 2014 on Proposed Byelaws for the English Market. Verbal update from A. O’Rourke, Administrative Officer, Property Section was also considered.

Decision of Committee

Following discussion it was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

4.8 **MOTIONS**

Members considered the reports of the Director of Services dated 13th November 2014 on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

4.8.1 **WEEKLY “NIGHT MARKET” IN THE CITY CENTRE AREA**

‘As part of an initiative to bring people back into Cork City and enjoy the shopping experience that Cork has to offer ; that Cork City Council introduce a weekly “Night Market” in the city centre area that would commence in June and finish in August.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/288)

The report stated that T.E.A.M. will consider this proposal, together with Casual Trading unit of the Council's Property Department and the Cork Business Association and revert to the Committee

Decision of Committee

Following discussion the committee agreed to refer the report of the Director of Services to An Chomhairle for approval.

4.8.2 **CORK JAZZ FESTIVAL**

'That Cork City Council celebrates the iconic musical personalities that have helped to establish the Cork Jazz Festival as Ireland's premier city centre music event.

The Cork Jazz Festival is a one week annual event but we as a city have an opportunity to highlight our outstanding festival for the other 51 weeks of the Calendar.

I am proposing that Cork City Council engage with all partners in the Jazz Festival to explore the feasibility of a Musical Walk of Fame on Mac Curtin Street in the City Centre.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 14/382)

The report stated that T.E.A.M. will discuss the feasibility of this project with the organising committee of the Jazz Festival. However, the implementation of any proposed scheme will be dependent on available funding.

Decision of Committee

Following discussion the committee agreed to refer the report of the Director of Services to An Chomhairle for approval.

4.8.3 **IRELAND HOSTING A STAGE OF THE TOUR DE FRANCE**

'That Cork City Council's Tourism and Arts Functional Committee will write to the Minister of State for Sports and Tourism, Michael Ring TD, to request that he engage with the relevant sporting and tourism bodies to examine the possibility of Ireland hosting a stage of the Tour de France in the near future with the Cork region central to the event, the first since 1998.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/395)

The report stated that T.E.A.M. will review the city's involvement in the 1998 Tour de France on a cost/benefit analysis and consider the proposal in light of those findings.

Decision of Committee

Following discussion the committee agreed to refer the report of the Director of Services to An Chomhairle for approval.

4.9 **CORRESPONDENCE**

To note correspondence, if any.

4.10 **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle to note Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

4.11 **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

To approve attendance at any conferences/seminars which may be tabled on the night.

4.12 **TRAINING**

To approve attendance the following L.A.M.A./A.I.L.G training courses, and any tabled on the night.

4.13 **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 24TH NOVEMBER 2014**

To approve the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

4.13.1 **REPORT ON PROPERTIES IN THE DERELICT SITES REGISTER IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

‘That Cork City Council would produce a full and comprehensive report on properties in the Derelict Sites Register in the South Central Ward and measures undertaken to remedy the problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/364)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

4.13.2 **DEDICATED EUROPEAN OFFICER**

‘That Cork City Council would appoint a dedicated European Officer whose function it would be to identify programmes that could be authorised or monies drawn down for council activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/365)

Corporate policy Group

4.13.3 **COUNCIL PROPERTIES ON BARRACK STREET**

‘That Cork City Council, mindful of its initiative to improve private properties across the city currently in disrepair, gets its own house in order relating to extremely poorly-planned council properties on Barrack St (opposite Brown Derby and on Noonan Rd) and Blackpool, instigating painting and other improvements.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/385)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

4.13.4 **REMOVE TREE OUTSIDE 132 CONNOLLY ROAD**

‘That the Tree outside 132 Connolly Road be removed as its roots have seriously damaged the footpath and it's also unsightly in its present position.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/406)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

4.13.5 **CHANGE START/FINISH TIMES BY 30 MINUTES OF SCHOOLS SITUATED WITHIN THE REMIT OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

‘That Cork City Council would approach schools situated within the remit of Cork City Council with a view to changing start/finish times by 30 minutes (from 9am to 9.30am and from 2,30pm to 3pm) so as to facilitate an improvement in traffic flow and traffic congestion during the morning rush hour. The reduction in traffic flow/congestion should help in reducing the number of traffic accidents during the morning rush hour and therefore permit safer travel for school going children and the general public alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 14/408)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.6 **INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF ROAD CLOSURE THROUGH TWITTER AND OR FACEBOOK**

‘That Cork City Council will commit to creating a system of informing the public and business community of impending road closures for any reason via social media, i.e Twitter and or Facebook.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 14/410)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.7 **EXTENSION OF CORK CITY BOUNDARY**

‘That with regard to the proposed extension of Cork City boundary, the CEO of the City Council continues the process started by her predecessor, using the proposals designed by former City Manager Tim Lucey and his team as the starting point for deliberations with the new CEO of Cork County Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/412)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development Functional Committee

4.13.8 **FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE PROPERTIES AND SITES ON THE DERELICT SITE REGISTER IN THE SOUTH EAST WARD**

‘That Cork City Council produce a full and comprehensive report on the properties and sites on the Derelict Register in the South East Ward and outline what measures are being undertaken to remediate this ongoing problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/414)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development Functional Committee

4.13.9 **REPAIR THE FOOTPATHS FROM RATHMORE LAWN TO THE ENTRANCE AT DOSCO AND FROM THE TOP OF CAPWELL ROAD TO TURNERS CROSS**

‘That the Council repair the footpaths from Rathmore Lawn to the entrance at Dosco and from the top of Capwell Road to Turners Cross. They are in a dangerous and poor state of repair. They are particularly hazardous for the elderly. While other footpaths in the area have been upgraded these sections have remained untouched. Much of the road area on the same stretch of the South Douglas Road is experiencing erosion of the surface leaving many dangerous pot holes. The entrance to Rathmore Lawn from the South Douglas Road also needs to have a widened footpath to slow traffic entering at speed and facilitate pedestrians crossing at the junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/421)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.10 **EXAMINE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF SKEHARD ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD**

‘That the Council examine the pedestrian crossing lights at the junction of Skehard Road and Church Road; they are either set wrong or the junction is too wide to have pedestrian lights on it. If the sequence was changed so that the green man goes green after the red light from the Church road and Supervalu sides this might solve the issue of cars speeding though a red light as they rush to Mahon.’

(Proposer: Cllr Kieran McCarthy 14/422)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.11 **REPAIR PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE CHURCH RD, BLACKROCK, CORK**

‘That Cork City Council repairs public lighting (poles 1 & 3) on the Church Rd., Blackrock, Cork. These lights have been out for some time & faults have been logged by public reps and a number of residents in the area. This is a popular walking route and the absence of lighting causes a significant health & safety hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/425)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.12 **REPORT ON THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH, MAHON**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the Traffic Lights at the junction of the Holy Cross Church, Mahon, including when they will begin operating and that Cork City Council repairs the traffic lights on Avenue de Rennes, which are in the direct vicinity of two schools and are essential for safe crossing of students.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/426)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.13 **SIGNAGE ON DEANROCK AVENUE TOGHER**

‘That City Council would finish a fantastic job done in relation to signage on Deanrock Avenue Togher by replacing/erecting two remaining signs at the entrances to Leamlara Close and Blackwater Grove.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/427)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.14 **REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF 'LOLLYPOP LADIES'**

‘That Cork City Council will report on the current status of 'Lollypop Ladies', that Council will ensure that the 'Lollypop Lady' at Scoil Íosagain NS, Farranree is replaced following retirement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/428)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.15 **SURVEY IN HORGANS BUILDINGS MAGAZINE ROAD ON THE INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE GLAZING WINDOWS**

‘That City Council would undertake a survey in Horgans Buildings Magazine Road in relation to the remaining houses that do not have double glazing windows installed with a view to replacing them immediately for the elderly residents who live there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/429)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

4.13.16 **OAK PARK**

‘That the Estate Road in Oak Park Estate on Ballyhooley Road be resurfaced. This estate road is in terrible condition and has deteriorated beyond repair in many areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/437)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.17 **LANEWAY AT BYEFIELD COURT**

‘That the Laneway linking Byefield Court and Springfield Road be permanently closed off. This is fast becoming an area of serious anti social behaviour and was the scene of a very serious assault recently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/438)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

5. **PARTY WHIPS – 1ST DECEMBER 2014**

To note the minutes of the Party Whips, and if so decided to approve the following recommendation from its meeting held on the 1st December 2014

5.1 **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS JANUARY – DECEMBER 2015**

The Party Whips approved the Draft Schedule of Meetings January – December 2015 and recommend this item to An Chomhairle for approval.

6. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1ST DECEMBER 2014**

To note the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 1st December 2014.

6.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 27th November, 2014 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended November, 2014.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE REGIONAL ROAD R852 ADJACENT TO MAHON POINT SHOPPING CENTRE, CORK**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 regarding the taking in charge of the Regional Road R852 adjacent to Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval. It was further agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir Chris O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan, to recommend the following resolution to Council;

Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation Directorate, dated 30th October 2014, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said Regional Road R852 adjacent to Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork, described as Road and Road Widening on Regional Road

R852 from near City Gate to and including the Southern signalised junction at Mahon Interchange, is a public road.”

6.3 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

6.3.1 **DUNBAR STREET, MARY STREET, DRINAN STREET AND COVE STREET IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Dunbar Street, Mary Street, Drinan Street and Cove Street in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/252)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.2 **SEPARATE BUDGET FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW PUBLIC LIGHTS AND REPLACEMENT OF CAPITAL ITEMS ON EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHTING STRUCTURE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council create a separate budget for the installation of new public lights and replacement of capital items on existing public lighting structure.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/253)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.3 **ALLOCATION OF MONIES FOR TRAFFIC CALMING**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

Pending budget discussions, that an allocation be made for traffic calming this year conscious of the fact that no such funding has been allocated in recent years and the following areas be considered in such an event: Friar St; a section of Deerpark Estate; Croaghtamore Square.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/327)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.4 **SAFETY AUDITS AT STEPHEN STREET AND CROAGHTAMORE SQUARE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That conscious of the increased number of children living in the areas, and the fact that there are no footpaths and the roadways are not suitable for traffic, that road safety audits are carried out in the following two locations with a view to improving safety for residents and users and assessing whether or not one way or no vehicular traffic systems should be introduced:

- * Stephen Street (by Blue Coat Mews) leading to Kevin Square
- * Croaghtamore Square, off Glasheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/329)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.5 **WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON HARBOUR VIEW ROAD TO DUNMANUS PARK TO FOYLE AVENUE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair or replace : a. The paving on the foot path from the North West housing office on Harbour View Road to Dunmanus Park to Foyle Avenue B. remove unwanted steel frames for tree planting on the same area. C. Repair or replace the paving on the road and footpath in Dunmanus Park. D carry out any other necessary works required along this route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/370)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.6 **REPAIR THE ENTRANCE TO HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That council take the immediate steps to repair the entrance to Hollyville estate as the tabletop entrance is too high and is a road safety issue for residents entering the estate.’

Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/371)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.7 **ERECT SIGNS AT EITHER END OF MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD ADVISING THAT THE ROAD IS NOT SUITABLE FOR HEAVY VEHICLES**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council erect signs at either end of Middle Glanmire Road advising that the road is not suitable for heavy vehicles as more and more heavy trucks are rat running to avoid congestion on Lower Glanmire Road. The Middle Glanmire Road was built in the days of the horse drawn carriage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/372)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.8 **RESTORE THE HORSE TROUGH TO PARNELL PLACE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council officials restore the horse trough to Parnell Place immediately as they had already committed and failed to have it back in situ for end of August 2014.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/373)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.9 **REINSTATE THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES WHICH WERE REMOVED DURING ROAD SURFACING AT THE ENTRANCE TO WESTSIDE ESTATE, TOGHER**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reinstate the double yellow lines which were removed during road surfacing at the entrance to Westside Estate, Togher, be replaced as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 14/374)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.10 **CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO JOHN F. CONNOLLY ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out any necessary repairs to John F Connolly Road that serves Churchfield Industrial Estate & nearby playing pitches.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/376)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.11 **REVIEW THE LACK OFF SIGNAGE THAT SHOULD BE INDICATING THE NAMES OF PARTICULAR ROADS AROUND THE LIDL SUPERMARKET IN TOGHER**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would review the lack off signage that should be indicating the names of particular roads around the LIDL Supermarket in Togher. It would alleviate huge problems that residents are experiencing with deliveries if road signs were erected in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/378)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.12 **CLOSURE OF THE LANEWAY LINKING DESMOND'S SQ AND BARRACK ST VIA GRIFFIN'S COURT**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the process required by a previous motion regarding the closure of the laneway linking Desmond's Sq and Barrack St via Griffin's Court be instituted with a view to undertaking the work if wanted by residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr Mick Finn 14/348)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.13 **DETAILED TRAFFIC SURVEY FROM THE NORTH GATE BRIDGE TO WELLINGTON BRIDGE SUNDAY'S WELL**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Given the increase of traffic on Sundays Well Road particularly from 7.00 am to mid morning that City Council carry out a detailed traffic survey from the North Gate Bridge to Wellington Bridge Sunday's Well to examine the usage of vehicles in this area and take the appropriate steps to solve ongoing traffic congestion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/384)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.14 **INSTALL VERTICAL PARKING ON POPHAM'S ROAD FARRANREE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can vertical parking be installed on Popham's Road, Farranree, outside the shops where the footpath is very wide. This would improve trade for the businesses and would allow traffic including the 203 bus to flow, as it stands road users cannot flow freely.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins.14/386)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN COMMONS ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council assess the need for traffic calming measures in Commons Road’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 14/387)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.16 **ADD ALDERWOOD ESTATE TO THE PATCH RESURFACING ROADS PROGRAMME**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Alderwood Estate, on South Douglas Road be added to the patch resurfacing roads programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/388)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.17 **ROADS SURVEY OF WOODBROOK ROAD, BISHOPSTOWN**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Directorate would carry out a survey of Woodbrook Road, Bishopstown to establish what measures can be taken to eliminate indiscriminate parking at the entrance to the road which has the potential to restrict access to emergency vehicles and that this road be added to the estate resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 14/391)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.18 **HANDRAIL AT THE STEPS CONNECTING BENVOIRLICH ESTATE AND HALLDENE ESTATE ON THE CURRAHEEN ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put a handrail at the steps connecting Benvoirlich Estate and Halldene Estate on the Curraheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/392)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to recommend that An Chomhairle approve the motion and recommend accordingly to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

6.3.19 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE NO. 12 MAGLIN GROVE, DEANROCK, TOGHER**

‘That City Council would facilitate the homeowner in No 12. Maglin Grove, Deanrock, Togher with a Disabled Parking Space outside their residence.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/401)

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.20 **TRAFFIC SURVEY OF THE WESTGATE ROAD, AND SURROUNDING ROADS, LEADING ONTO THE BISHOPSTOWN AND CURRAHEEN ROADS**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council conduct a traffic survey of the Westgate Road, and surrounding roads, leading onto the Bishopstown and Curraheen Roads to establish traffic volumes in these locations and provide a traffic management plan and deterrents to vehicles travelling through these residential estates if the traffic volumes are deemed as being excessive.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 14/403)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.21 **URGENT PUBLIC LIGHTING REPAIRS IN AVENUE DE RENNES**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carries out urgent Public Lighting Repairs in Avenue De Rennes as it is frequently damaged, to both lamps and power supply cables which is a cause of danger to the public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/405)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3.22 **SAFETY RAILINGS BETWEEN THE HOUSES AND ROADWAY ON ST STEPHEN ST AND BLUE COAT MEWS**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council install safety railings between the houses and roadway on St Stephen St and Blue Coat Mews as there are no footpaths in this area and the houses (some of which houses young families on RAS) open straight onto the road; as part of this process, the old basketball court - now unused - be provided as a play area for children with access only from the rear of houses in Blue Coat Mews and adjoining properties (as already discussed with Recreation & Amenity).’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/264)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7. HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1ST DECEMBER 2014

To note the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 1st December 2014.

7.1 DISPOSALS

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive dated 27th November, 2014 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of property known as the former Beamish & Crawford Site, South Main Street, Cork to Divarium Holdings Ireland Limited, c/o A & L Goodbody, Solicitors, International Financial Services Centre, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1 for the sum of €15,000.00 plus legal costs plus VAT if applicable.
- b. Disposal of leasehold interest in property known as “Belrose”, No. 35, Victoria Avenue, Cork to Craig Sweetnam, c/o P.J. O’Driscoll & Sons, Solicitors, No. 73, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €110,000.00.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to recommend the above disposals to An Chomhairle.

7.2 MONTHLY REPORT

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services on Housing for November 2014.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.3 2014 VOID RECOVERY PROGRAMME

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2014 on the 2014 Void Recovery Programme.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.4 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2014 on the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Scheme.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.5 **DRIVEWAYS AT MARKET GARDENS**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30th October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee:

‘That car parking spaces and individual driveways would be provided for numbers 23-28 in Market Gardens.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/236)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.6 **TURNAROUND TIME FOR VACANT UNITS**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

Can we as a council pass a motion insisting that all housing voids (Homes) that come back into the possession of Cork City Council gets turned around and handed back to a family within one month to 6 weeks as a maximum period of time? There is approximately 150 -160 homes a year come back into the possession of Cork City Council that would make a lot of families happy.

The longer a home is left idle the more it goes into disrepair, the more it costs to repair in the long run to bring back up to a standard to be handed back out to a family. Add this to the cost of boarding up the home and getting the utilities turned off and back on, and any possible vandalism that may happen in the meantime, add that to the loss of rental income €45 p.w. average rent = €2,340 p.a. Couple this with the potential savings in rent allowance or of taking a homeless family and housing them, it would work out cheaper in the long run even to pay a private builder to come in and fix up the home.

We know that due to the embargo and lack of funding the housing maintenance section is working at capacity this is why as a short time answer we might look to pay a private builder to come in and fix up the homes. From the rents collected on the homes and other savings pointed out earlier, over a short period of time this would become a self-financing project.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/336)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.7 VACANT UNIT AT ARDCULLEN

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that vacant housing unit, No 51 Ardculen Hollyhill, is cleaned up, particularly the back garden, Council will also clear up a nearby fenced off green area as both locations are of concern to local residents. Council will do the necessary works to return No 51 Ardculen to the housing stock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/361)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.8 BARRIERS ON FOOTPATHS AT MARKET GARDENS

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would put in place some barriers on the footpaths to prevent motorists from parking on these footpaths on both sides of the road just beyond No. 56 Market Gardens Toghher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/309)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.9 **HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPRESENTATIONS**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30th October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council housing maintenance would give a detailed written reply to Councillors representations on behalf of their constituents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/379)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To note correspondence, if any.

9. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle to note Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

10. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

To approve attendance at the following Conferences/Seminars:-

JOINT REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE “MAXIMIZING EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 2014 – 2020”

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle at the Joint Regional Assemblies Annual Conference “Maximizing EU Funding Opportunities 2014 – 2020” held in the Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford, on the 28th November 2014.

ALIGNMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT & LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoirí Tom O’Driscoll and Tony Fitzgerald at the “Alignment of Local Government & Local Development” training seminar, held in the Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway City, on the 5th – 6th December 2014.

HOUSING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir Seán Martin at the “Housing & Local Government” training seminar, held in Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, on the 5th – 6th December 2014.

11. **TRAINING**

To approve attendance the following L.A.M.A./A.I.L.G training courses, and any tabled on the night.

12. **MOTIONS**

To approve the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

12.1 **REPORT ON PROPERTY ON THE DERELICT SITES REGISTER IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

‘That Cork City Council would produce a full and comprehensive report on Property on the Derelict Sites Register in the South Central Ward and measure undertake to remedial this problem.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/411)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.2 **GREEN RECYCLING FACILITIES**

‘That Cork City Council would provide green recycling facilities in the city for gardening contractors and landscapers who operate in the city area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/415)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.3 **INVESTIGATION DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE GOULDING PLANT AND SUTTON’S COAL YARD**

‘That Cork City Council investigate the daily operation at the Goulding Plant on Monahan Road and Sutton’s Coal Yard also on Monahan Road. This investigation should include:-

1. Operating times
2. Environment impact on the locality
3. Noise and dust levels
4. EPA Licence infractions, if any.
5. Suitability of their locations.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/416)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.4 **FACILITATE THE PARK AND RIDE**

‘That UCC be requested to facilitate the park and ride bus either somewhere in its grounds or make provisions to recess the footpath outside the main entrance on College Road in order to minimise the traffic disruption caused by the bus stopping on the main road at peak times of the day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/431)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **EXTENSION OF THE CEILI PLATFORM**

‘That the plans for the extension of the Ceili platform at the Lough be examined and accelerated.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/434)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.6 **REPLACEMENT OF FALLEN TREES IN THE MARINA AND ATLANTIC POND**

‘That a plan be implemented for the replacement of fallen trees in the Marina and Atlantic Pond area.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/435)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.7 **BOUNDARY WALL OF HONAN HOME**

That the Boundary wall of The Honan Home on Lovers Walk, Montenotte, be surveyed by City Council Engineers in the interest of Public Safety. This wall appears to be gradually subsiding at a particular point beyond the entrance and is leaning dangerously at a significant angle over the road.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/439)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.8 **MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

That Middle Glanmire Road be resurfaced from St Lukes Cross up to the entrance of Farleigh Place. This stretch of busy road has deteriorated to a condition beyond repair and is in urgent need of re-surfacing.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/440)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **COMMERCIAL RATES ARREARS**

‘That Cork City Council will examine measures that would incentivise businesses in Cork City to address commercial rates arrears.’

(Proposer: M. Nugent 14/441)

Finance Functional Committee

12.10 **HOMELESSNESS IN CORK CITY**

‘To request a report from Cork City Council

- detailing the actions & initiatives they are taking to tackle the issue of homelessness in Cork City in conjunction with all the relevant stakeholders working on the issue

- outlining what if any data is in the possession of the Council as regards the number of homeless people in Cork City

- and to detail the funds available for the Council in tackling homelessness in 2015 and to whether the Council's Housing & Community Directorate will need extra funding to deal with this issue in the short-term.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 14/442)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.11 **CUTTING BACK OF THREE TREES IN BLACKWATER GROVE IN FRONT OF NOS. 28 TO 30**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake the cutting back of three trees in Blackwater Grove in front of Nos. 28 to 30.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/443)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.12 **LOUGH RECREATION SITE**

‘That Cork City Council would publish a strategy on the development of the Lough Recreation site, the current environmental condition of the Lough, fish stock numbers, the type and effects of fishing at the Lough and meeting the needs of different users.’

(Proposer: J. Buttimer 14/444)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

13. **MOTIONS**

AMBULANCE SERVICE

‘Mindful of its own large population and position as a regional gateway, Cork must be better equipped with an enlarged ambulance service to cater for an increased demand in services and Cork City Council calls on central government and the HSE to put the necessary funding and infrastructure in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/420)

13.1 **REVISED WATER CHARGES PACKAGE**

‘Council notes that under the Government's revised water charges package local authorities are to be tasked with the forcible collection of water charges from Council tenants, effectively adding the charge to the rent of nonpayers with the possibility of sanctions in the event of continued nonpayment.

Council resolves that it will play no role as a collector for Irish Water any more than it would for other utilities.

Council offers continued support for the complete abolition of the charge and for campaigns aimed at securing this end’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Barry, Cllr L. O'Donnell, Cllr M. O'Sullivan 14/433)

13.2 **ILLEGAL TOBACCO & ORGANISED CRIME**

‘On the run up to Christmas this Council requests that the Government allocate funding towards a public awareness campaign to ensure that members of the public are fully aware of the dangers associated with illegal tobacco and the role organised crime plays in the supplying this product. We also call on the government to make sure that law enforcement is properly resourced within the Cork City Council area to be able to ensure that the organised crime gangs behind the illegal tobacco trade are not given further opportunities to flourish.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Thomas Moloney 14/436)

13.3 **ESTABLISH A HOUSING REGULATOR**

‘That Cork City Council calls on this Government to establish a housing regulator to oversee the rising prices of houses on the housing market and the rising rent increases being asked from tenants in the private rented sector.’

(Proposer: H. Cremin 14/445)

14 **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 10TH NOVEMBER 2014**

14.1 **RESTORE FUNDING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE RESTORING OF D.P.G. GRANT ON SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to immediately restore funding to Local Authorities for the restoring of D.P.G. Grant on social housing units. The present Government procedure is socially exclusive and discriminate against Local Authority tenants suffering from various disabilities.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/254)

14.2 **RECOGNISE THE STATE OF PALESTINE**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to recognise the state of Palestine’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon, S. Martin, N. O’Keeffe, F. Dennehy, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald. 14/381)

14.3 **CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM TO RETAIN WATER SERVICES IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to hold a constitutional referendum to retain water services in public ownership.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/394)

14.4 **GENDER IDENTITY SELF-DETERMINATION**

‘That this Council supports the right for citizens of Cork City and elsewhere to determine their own gender identity.

Therefore, Cork City Council calls on the Government to legislate to allow for self determination of one's own gender identity, both legally and medically.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 14/399)

14.5 **PROVIDE SIGNAGE FOR PATIENTS AND VISITORS TRAVELLING TO THE SOUTH INFIRMARY- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Health Service Executive and The South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital to provide signage for patients and visitors travelling from outside Cork City and across Munster to the hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/404)

15 **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 29TH NOVEMBER 2014**

15.1 **LOSS OF ROUTES AT CORK AIRPORT**

‘That Cork City Council requests a meeting with management at Cork Airport in relation (a) the loss of 20 direct scheduled services at Cork Airport since 2008 (b) the sharp and continuing decline in its passenger traffic over the same period.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/407)

15.2 **NO TOLLING AT JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the government to commit beyond doubt not to introduce any toll on the Jack Lynch tunnel and that Cork City Council will resist any such moves in the future.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 14/409)

15.3 **NO TOLLING TO BE INTRODUCED AT THE JACK LYNCH TUNNEL NOW OR IN THE FUTURE**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Pascal O’Donoghue to give a written commitment to Cork City Council on behalf of the Government that no tolling will be introduced at the Jack Lynch Tunnel now or in the future’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/413)

15.4 **NATIONAL REVIEW BE UNDERTAKEN BE ASCERTAIN IF SEGREGATION ON GENDER GROUNDS AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM CAN BE SUSTAINED**

‘That a National Review be undertaken be ascertain if segregation on gender grounds at Primary and Secondary level in our Education system can be sustained or justified as it does sponsor gender based discrimination in our society.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/423)

15.5 **IRISH WATER**

‘That Irish Water be wound up. It is an ill conceived FG / Lab super quango set up without a proper national debate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/424)

15.6 **ABOLISH WATER CHARGES**

‘Following the Government's recent announcement on Water Charges, Cork City Council notes that:

- a. This Government is pressing ahead with water charging
- b. The water metering programme will continue
- c. Metered charges are coming in
- d. There is still no constitutional right to water

Therefore Cork City Council re-iterates its call on the Government to abolish water charges.’

(Proposer: Cllr M Nugent 14/430)

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4 Nollaig 2014