

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Directorate. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

Comhairleoir M. Nugent proposed that Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss a motion to write to the Rates Valuation Office Ireland at the end of the meeting. A vote was called for on the suspension of Standing Orders, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican. (12)

ABSTAIN: (0)

The numbers voting for was greater than those voting against. However, given the vote was not carried by 2/3 majority, as prescribed in Standing Orders, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and the proposal to suspend Standing Orders was rejected.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Thuillier Family on the death of Cliona Thuillier.
- The Murray Family on the death of John Murray.
- The Daly Family on the death of Michael Daly.
- The Walsh Family on the death of Kitty Walsh.
- The O’Callaghan Family on the death of May O’Callaghan.
- The Dolan Family on the death of Michael Dolan.
- The O’Mahony Family on the death of Veronica O’Mahony.
- The Curran Family on the death of Sheila Curran.

At the request of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary his name was not associated with the vote of sympathy on the death of John Murray.

2. **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/BEST WISHES**

- Cork City FC on winning the FAI Cup.
- Niall McCarthy and Majella Cremin of Togher Community Association on organising of the Lough Vigil for Suicide.
- Redmonds GAA Club on winning the Martin McCarthy Perpetual Trophy.
- Cork Film Festival on organising the 61st Cork Film Festival.
- Hillary Rodham Clinton for her historic Presidential Campaign.
- Mayfield GAA Club on winning the Semi-Final of the Junior Munster Championship.
- The Lord Mayor and City Council Staff on organising the Turning on of the Christmas Lights and the Olympic Civic Reception.
- Brian Dillons GAA Club on the success of the Strictly Event.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY – ROB HEFFERNAN**

An tArd-Mhéara thanked and congratulated Cork City Council staff on the success of Rob Heffernans Olympic Bronze Medal Presentation Ceremony held 3rd November 2016.

3.2 **SWITCH ON OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

An tArd-Mhéara thanked and congratulated Cork City Council staff on the success of the switch on of the Christmas lights, Sunday 13th November 2016.

3.3 **FRIENDLY CITIES AWARD**

An tArd-Mhéara updated An Chomhairle on his visit to Chongqing, China where he received a Friendly Cities Award on behalf of Cork City.

3.4 **ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING – 16th NOVEMBER 2016**

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that the Annual Budget Meeting would take place on Wednesday 16th November 2016 at 5.30 p.m.

3.5 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 3 (MAHON RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE) CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that a joint meeting of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise and the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committees had taken place prior to the meeting of An Chomhairle. The purpose of the meeting was to consider Proposed Variation No. 3 (Mahon Residential initiative) City Development Plan 2015-2021, and agree that it be sent out for public consultation. He further advised that at that meeting the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise and the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committees voted six to five against recommending public consultation on the proposal to An Chomhairle.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called for to refer Proposed Variation No. 3 (Mahon Residential Initiative) City Development Plan 2015-2021 back to a full meeting of An Chomhairle in committee, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, D. Cahill, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, F. Dennehy. (16)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting for was less than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and the proposal to refer Proposed Variation No. 3 (Mahon Residential Initiative) City Development Plan 2015-2021 back to a full meeting of An Chomhairle in committee was rejected.

On the proposal of An tArd-Mhéara a vote was called for to send Proposed Variation No. 3 (Mahon Residential Initiative) City Development Plan 2015-2021 out for public consultation, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, D. Cahill, P. Dineen, J. Buttimer, P.J. Hourican. (7)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, H. Cremin, M. Shields, T. Moloney. (21)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting for was less than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and Proposed Variation No. 3 (Mahon Residential Initiative) City Development Plan 2015-2021 not to be sent out for public consultation.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **NOTICE OF INTENTION OF CORK CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD AN EVENT, GLOW 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive on the proposed holding of an event by Cork City Council under Part XVI (Licensing of Outdoor Events) Planning and Development Act, 2000 (amended).

4.2 **CORK MULTIFUNCTIONAL EVENT CENTRE UPDATE REPORT**

The Chief Executive presented an update report on Cork Multifunctional Event Centre to An Chomhairle. Members raised a number of queries to which the Chief Executive responded. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle agreed that a meeting of An Chomhairle, in Committee, would be arranged early in the New Year to which Cork Multifunctional Event Centre developers BAM, and Live Nation will be invited to update An Chomhairle on the status of the Cork Multifunctional Event Centre.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting past 8 p.m.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 24th October 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **OVERDUE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

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

Can the Chief Executive please advise the total amount outstanding to City Council in respect of overdue Development Charges and further can the Chief Executive please breakdown the total overdue to advise the 5 highest individual component amounts, the projects they represent, the party responsible to pay City Council? Due to the serious shortfall in funding from Central Government for 2017 can the Chief Executive act now to ensure all outstanding Development Charges are paid asap in 2017?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)
(Deferred from 24th October 2016)

REPLY

As at the 30/09/2016 development contribution debtors totaled, €5,759,634.82.

	Amount Owing	Projects	Developer	Comment
1	€767,433.77	Páirc Uí Chaoimh	Cork County GAA Board	Only special levy to be renegotiated per ABP decision.
2	€712,021.92	Extension to Bon Secours Hospital	Bon Secours Health Systems Ltd	Installment plan in place for payment over 2 years
3	€566,865.21	St. Mary Health Campus, Gurrabraher, Cork	HSE South	Installment Agreement in place covering 18 months
4	€366,222.57	Capitol Cinema Site	Progressive Commercial Construction Ltd	Waiting on area update following ABP revision
5	€169,109.31	Old Keatings Bakery, Tramore Road	Citidwell Ltd	Installment Agreement in place

The Development Management Section actively review and update open cases on a regular basis.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

6.2 **BUDGET 2017**

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

Can I ask the CE in relation to budget 2017; what are the objectives expected from the budget?

Can we get a breakdown of the expected outcomes from each department in relation to the proposed budget for its department?

Can we get a timeline on these expected outcomes?

What monitoring is going to be done to ensure these targets and timelines are met?

How does CCC intend to evaluate the expected outcomes?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

The objectives on the 2017 budget are to progress the implementation of Cork City Councils agreed priorities as set out in the approved Corporate Plan (CP) 2015-2019.

There are five high level goals for Cork City Council as set out in our CP:

Goal 1 Enabling Communities

Goal 2 Creating a thriving community

Goal 3 City Identity, Culture and Heritage

Goal 4 Quality Urban Environment and Corporate Development

Goal 5 Corporate Development

Under each of these goals, key objectives and supporting strategies are identified. In addition, for each strategy, the lead directorate is identified, target levels for service, measurement methodology and key performance indicators.

On an annual basis the Annual Service Delivery Plan (ASDP) segments the CP Plan service targets into annual deliverables in accordance with the resources (Budget) approved by council. Underpinning the ASDP are operational plans for each directorate.

Regular directorate level reviews with the individual Directors and their senior staff occur with the Chief Executive to review and monitor performance against agreed plan focusing on both national and local performance indicators. A detailed monthly Chief Executives report is provided to council detailing performance against deliverables and targets throughout the year and the Annual Report provides the end of year review of the implementation of the ASDP in the previous year .

In addition the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) was established under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 to bring independent scrutiny to local government performance. NOAC has specific requirements including the review of all Local Authorities in terms of their performance against the National Performance Indicators.

Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.

6.3 SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

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

Can Cork City Council advise regarding the upcoming social housing developments and what percentage will be allocated to Cork City Council for direct allocation and what percentage will be provided to approved housing bodies?

(Cllr. Fiona Ryan)

REPLY

The City Council is currently projecting that 71% of the new social housing developments to be constructed in Cork City will be funded directly from the Council's Capital Allocation from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government.

The City Council is partnering with a number of Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) to deliver the balance (29%) of the new social housing construction in the City.

V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.4 **POLICY FOR NEW CAR OWNERS**

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

What policies for new car owners in city awaiting logbook or insurance disk do City Council have?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

All applicants for residents permits are required to submit a Vehicle License Certificate/Log Book and Insurance Certificate at the address for which they are seeking the permit.

In circumstances where a person has changed address they can amend their insurance records/documentation by contacting their insurance broker or company as appropriate. Vehicle License Certificate/Log Book details can be updated by submitting the document and change of address details to directly to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport based in Shannon. The Department will issue a new log book with the updated address which can then be submitted with the residents permit application. As an alternative to the foregoing the log book can be submitted locally to the Motor Tax Office from where it will be sent to the Department for amendment. The Motor Tax Office will on request supply the owner with a Vehicle Inquiry Form which confirms the address which has been requested. Cork City Council accepts this Vehicle Inquiry Form in lieu of the updated log book thereby enabling applicants to more quickly assemble and submit the documents required for a residents permit.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation.

6.5 **10A FRIARY GARDENS**

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

Would the CE outline the present status of 10A Friary Gardens?
What action is being taken by City Council in relation to rectifying this site to alleviate the on-going problems experienced by the residents?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Cork City Council has considered use of various powers to address this situation. Cork City Council previously tried to compulsorily acquire the house under the Derelict Sites Act, but An Bord Pleanála refused consent to the acquisition as it was not considered derelict under the meaning of the Act at the time. The Building Control Division inspected the site and did not consider that action could be taken under Dangerous Structures legislation. No action can be taken under Planning Enforcement, as the time period set out in legislation under which such action could have been taken has passed.

Contact was made with the owner in May 2015 who said he intended completing the unfinished property at No. 10a Friary Gardens, but this does not appear to have gone ahead. He also undertook to carry out minor improvements such as cutting back of overhanging hedges.

A further inspection will be carried out to see if the situation has changed in relation to whether it can be considered Derelict under the Act and determine what action can be taken.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

6.6 PROPOSED REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

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

The CEO will be aware of the great work carried out to date by the Ballyphehane 1916-2016 Committee. One of the remaining projects that it cannot progress on its own is the proposed Remembrance Garden at a council-owned site adjoining Ballyphehane Library and the groups has been waiting a considerable length of time for a resolution of the issues involved. In order for a lasting asset to mark the 100th year of the 1916 Rising to be put in place within the centenary year, can the CE inform us whether or not the site can be used and can it be given over before the end of the year which would allow the committee to move forward with its design, construction and maintenance plans?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

There has been ongoing engagement with the Garden of Remembrance Sub Committee in relation to proposal to have a Garden of Remembrance on a site at Lower Friars Walk, adjacent to the Tory Top Library. The Council has to ensure that any proposal must be detailed, feasible, costed, resourced both in terms of initial capital investment but also in terms of ongoing maintenance, and also meet health and safety requirements. There are also underground services on the site which have to be considered. The Committee was last met by Council staff on 25th October and is to revert with further information.

The site may be considered for housing in the medium term.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.7 **BOOLE HOUSE, BATCHELOR'S QUAY**

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

To ask the CE about progress to date on Boole House on Batchelor's Quay?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

A Consolidation and Conservation Repair Works contract (Phase 1) commenced on site in July 2016 and is progressing well and is approximately 50% complete. This contract is dealing with the main structural elements along with roofing and weathering issues such that the building will be in a sufficient good state in preparation for a larger contract for the completion of the building by UCC at a later stage (Phase 2).

The unstable rear wall has been removed and the structure stabilized, with the addition of a new steel frame which also supports the new floors and roof. The bow-fronted section is being restored in line with RIAI Conservation best practice.

The building is due to be vested over to UCC on completion of the current works with completion programmed for April 2017.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise

6.8 **FUNDS FOR TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION 2015 AND 2016**

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

Can the CE outline what funds were available for Traveller accommodation in the Cork City Council administrative area in 2015 & 2016, the projects the monies were spent on to date and if any monies were returned to the Department and reasons for same.

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

In 2015, a provisional allocation of €800,000 was available to Cork City Council under Traveller Accommodation Capital Allocations.
In 2016, €400,000 was allocated under Traveller Accommodation Capital Allocations.

Money was spent on 3 projects:

Spring Lane Electrical Upgrade: €416,500

Spring Lane Cliff Phase 1: €390,000

Spring Lane Road Surfacing: € 85,000

Cork City Council has recouped some funds (€412,350) in relation to all of the above and is currently in the process of recouping the balance.

An additional €250,000 is approved for further phases of the Cliff Stabilisation project. This project will not be completed in 2016.

Capital Projects require approval from the Department of Housing, Planning Community and Local Government.

I confirm that no monies were returned to the Department

A further €2.4m was spent and recouped from the Department in 2015 in relation to the completion of St. Anthony's Park. This excludes a figure of €672,400 spent on Garda security for the site.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.9 **HERITAGE ASSETS, NORTH EAST WARD**

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

Can the CE please advise where the following heritage assets taken from the North East Ward are at present note that they should be restored to the North East Ward:
1. The limestone kerbing removed from St Luke's Cross when Council laid new footpaths.
2 the cobblestone surface removed from Lower Glanmire Road during recent bicycle lane installation.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

- 1) The original layout at St Luke's Cross had approximately 20m of limestone kerbing along the front of Henchy's Pub. All other footpaths were constructed with concrete kerbing. The original 20m of limestone kerbing and all the other concrete kerbing was replaced with 430m of new limestone kerbing as the original kerbs were not suitable for reuse. All the original cobbles were reincorporated into the current layout.
- 2) The original cobble stone paving on the Lower Glanmire Road was cleaned, re-pointed and relaid within the overall area as part of the approved scheme. A small amount of excess paving (circa 10sqm) that was unused was taken into stock for re-use.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation.

7. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 7th NOVEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 7th November 2016.

Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, Chair of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee advised An Chomhairle that the next meeting of Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee, to discuss the Tourism Strategy, would be held early December.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th NOVEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Meeting held 7th November 2016.

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for October 2016.

8.2 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT POPES ROAD, BLACKPOOL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 in relation to the provision of 7 units of accommodation at Popes Road, Blackpool, Cork by Clúid Housing Association.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €257,250 be granted to Clúid Housing Association in respect of the provision of 7 units of accommodation at Popes Road, Blackpool, Cork, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

8.3 **GALTAN LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT NO. 18, GREENMOUNT AVENUE, GREENMOUNT, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 in relation to the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 18, Greenmount Avenue, Greenmount, Cork by Galtan Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €165,000 for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at 18, Greenmount Avenue, Greenmount, Cork be granted to Galtan Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.4 **GALTAN LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT NO. 87, THOMAS DAVIS STREET, BLACKPOOL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 in relation to the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 87, Thomas Davis Street, Blackpool, Cork by Galtan Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Shea, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €150,000 for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at 87, Thomas Davis Street, Blackpool, Cork be granted to Galtan Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.5 **GALTAN LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT NO. 2, ST. JOSEPH’S, VILLAS, BLACKROCK ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 in relation to the provision of 4 units of accommodation at No. 2, St. Joseph’s Villas, Blackrock Road, Blackrock, Cork by Galtan Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that, subject to approval from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €520,000 for the acquisition of 4 units of accommodation at 2 St. Joseph’s Villas, Blackrock Road, Cork be granted to Galtan Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

8.6 **CORK NORTH WEST QUARTER LOCAL STATE AGENCY ADVISORY GROUP**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 in relation to the establishment of the Cork North West Quarter Local State Agency Advisory Group on Regeneration matters.

8.7 **SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES – POLICY ON REFUSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 in relation to the Scheme of Letting Priorities – Policy on Refusals.

8.8 CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

8.9 FLAGPOLES OUTSIDE CIVIC OFFICES

An Chomhairle considered and rejected the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council arrange for the dysfunctional flagpoles outside the civic offices to be relocated to the McSwiney Quay entrance with their elevation being adjusted to the appropriate height in line with existing flagpoles. The cost of the work to be borne by the firm of architects/engineers/consultants who recommended locating them outside civic offices where there are in effect redundant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/173)

The report stated that members will be aware that the primary flagpole location is at roof level on the original City Hall building above the west entrance – representing the political & civic roles of the City Council.

It should be noted that the main City Hall building is the last neo-classical building to be constructed in the state, and the design concept is based on the 18th century Custom House in Dublin, which is internationally acclaimed as an iconic piece of 18th century architecture in world neo-classical terms.

Neo-Classical buildings are symmetrical in form and are compositional entities in themselves. It is very difficult in adding an extension to such buildings without greatly diminishing the overall composition and balance of the original building.

The new extension has been designed in an asymmetrical composition in order to complement the original building and not to compete or detract in compositional terms. Vertical elements, particularly the flag poles, form an integrated part of this composition and their removal would greatly detract from the composition of both amalgamating old and new buildings, which have received international acclaim in architectural circles.

On the basis of the foregoing, the City Architect does not recommend the removal of the flag poles which are part of this integrated architectural composition.

NOTE: On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed to amend this minute to include:- ‘That the Flag Raising Ceremony on the 5th December 2016 would be held at the Terence McSwiney Quay, as agreed by Council’.

See Item 5.1 in the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2016.

8.10 **REGENERATION OF ROSEVILLE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council put plans in place for the complete regeneration of Roseville Estate in Mayfield. The complete area from Boyne Crescent right up to Mount Brosna needs to be regenerated, redeveloped and updated to meet today’s housing and general residential demands in the Mayfield area and North East area of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/184)

The report stated that Cork City Council has carried out cavity wall and attic insulation works, where necessary, to City Council owned properties in the estates outlined above, under the Fabric Upgrade Programme. The area is not included in the National Regeneration Programme but the City Council is examining the feasibility of constructing new infill housing at a number of locations in the area.

8.11 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME AT ALLEN SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would urgently carry out the Fabric Upgrade Programme of cavity wall insulation and draught proofing measures that Cork City Council had planned to carry out on the 6th August 2013 at Allen Square, Brother Rice Avenue, Fr. O’Flynn Place, Mary Aikenhead Place and Wolfe Tone Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/252)

The report stated that the Fabric Upgrade Programme of insulating attics, insulating cavities and draught proofing measures (for windows) that were planned for Allen Square have been completed. The Fabric Upgrade Programme is now underway in the North West area of the city. The residents of Brother Rice Avenue, Mary Aikenhead Place and Wolfe Tone Street have been written to and the properties are being surveyed at present. Those properties that are suitable for the insulation measures will have the work carried out in the next month or so. The residents of Fr. O’Flynn Place will be written to in the next fortnight regarding the commencement of the Fabric Upgrade Program Phase One in that estate.

8.12 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME PROGRESS IN EACH WARD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would give a full updated report to the Housing Functional Committee on the Fabric Upgrade Scheme's progress in relation to each ward that would include the addresses of the outstanding properties awaiting this Insulation Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/272)

The report stated that The Fabric Upgrade Program is a low cost measure introduced by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (DHPCLG) to create employment, reduce the heat loss from the social housing stock and improve the quality of the lives of the occupants. The measures targeted are the ones that have the most significant impact. They are as follows:

- (a) The installation of insulation in the attic of the property in accordance with SR54
- (b) The insulation of cavity walls in properties that have a cavity greater than 50mm to fill
- (c) The provision of draught proofing measures in properties where appropriate.

The project is 100% funded by the DHPCLG subject to a maximum of €3,500 per property.

The Council is examining each of its properties to see if it is suitable for the proposed works. To date, over 5,500 properties have been assessed for inclusion in the project and over 4,500 have had works completed. Work is currently ongoing on approximately 300 properties. Between 10% and 15% of properties do not receive work due to ineligibility and/or inability to gain access.

The following wards have been completed:

North Central Ward: East of Watercourse Road
North East Ward: Completed
South East Ward: Completed
South Central Ward: Almost completed
South West Ward: Almost completed
North West Ward: Work has just commenced in this ward.

If current levels of funding are maintained, works should be completed by the end of December 2017.

8.13 **NATIONAL FIRE SAFETY AUDIT OF TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will report on the publication of the National Fire Safety Audit of Traveller Accommodation by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.’

(Cllr. M. Nugent 16/277)

Programme to Review and Enhance Fire Safety in Local Authority Provided Traveller Accommodation

- The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government published the Report on the Programme to Review and Enhance Local Authority Provided Traveller Accommodation on 21 September 2016.
- The report addresses actions already implemented, as well as proposing further actions for consideration by relevant stakeholders, to sustain fire safety into the longer term.

Background to the Review

- The National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management in the then Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government was mandated to lead and oversee the review at the national level.
- From the outset, a collaborative approach which incorporated the concerns, views, advice and knowledge of Travellers and Traveller Organisations was adopted, working together with fire safety professionals in the local authority Fire Service and staff in local authority housing sections.
- While recognising broader issues related to Traveller accommodation, the review process focussed on life safety and on the fire safety measures which are perceived to be the most effective in protecting life safety among the Travellers.

Main Findings and Conclusions in the Report (as at 1 July 2016 - the closing date for receipt of data for the report)

- As at 1 July 2016, local authorities reported having appraised fire safety in **95%**, or **2,042**, of the **2,144** Traveller Accommodation Units identified for the purpose of the review. This level is considered to be very comprehensive.

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- The final **5%** or **102** accommodation units which were not subject to audit are accounted for by the following:
 - Some units identified are currently closed and undergoing renovations
 - Some Accommodation Units are currently unoccupied
 - The local authority was unable to gain access to some Accommodation Units
- Following the appraisal stage, local authorities set about carrying out the necessary remediation works and prepared implementation plans detailing short, medium and long term timeframes for action:
 - Short-term typically included: Installation of Smoke alarms, CO alarms and Fire Blankets.
 - Medium-term: Provision of appropriate electrical connections and adjustments in layout where feasible.
 - Longer-term: Provision of alternative or additional accommodation where needed because reconfiguration of units not possible/ sufficient to address layout/ separation issues
- As at 1 July 2016, local authorities had carried out enhancements in **74%** or **1,501** of the Accommodation Units appraised.
- A number of local authorities reported that enhancement works are on-going but this was not reflected in their return which only detailed enhancements carried out.

- The figures below from the report show the position as at 1 July 2016 however local authorities have been continuing to carry out works since this date.
 - It is understood that the percentage for enhancement works carried out by local authorities across the country is **85%** as of 21 September 2016 and that efforts are continuing to complete the outstanding works.
- A number of local authorities have reported in follow up conversations with the Department that either works have commenced or, following the completion of the appraisals, a schedule for the works is in the process of being finalised and that works are scheduled to be carried out.
- The main issues arising from the review are as follows:
 - The absence of a working smoke alarm was identified as an issue in **81%** or **1,654** of Accommodation Units appraised. Of these 1,654 Accommodation Units, **77%** or **1,274** have been supplied with a smoke alarms as of 1 July 2016.
It is noted however that, in some cases, occupants informed the Fire Service that they did not wish to be provided with smoke alarms or to have them fitted. This points to the need for further work to raise awareness of fire dangers and the place of fire safety measures.
 - The lack of a working carbon monoxide alarm was identified as an issue in **83%** or **1,695** of Accommodation Units appraised. Of these, **69%** or **1,170** have been supplied with a carbon monoxide alarm.

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- Separation distances between Traveller Accommodation units was identified as an issue of concern in **57%** of the sites appraised. Of these, **35%** have had remedial work undertaken.
- The Configuration of Adjacent Units within pitches/ bays was determined to be an issue affecting **54%** of the sites appraised. Of these, **42%** have had remedial steps implemented.
Adjustments in layout have been undertaken where feasible.
Where the reconfiguration of units is not sufficient to address layout issues, the provision of alternative or additional accommodation will be considered by local authorities over the longer-term.
- The condition of electrical installations generally, and in particular, the external use of multiple plug adaptors, was identified as an issue in **62%** of the sites appraised. Of these, **51%** have had remedial works carried out; therefore, there remains a sizeable number of Accommodation Units where this is on-going issue.
In such cases, discussions and communication between the Local Steering Group and the individuals involved to develop remedies or solutions to make safe these electrical installations have taken place or are on-going.
- In addition to the physical works, a parallel programme of “community fire safety” has been undertaken by local authorities incorporating training for key workers and engagement with community groups on fire safety awareness.
90% of local authorities have carried out Community Fire Safety talks/demonstrations.

- Fire services have also carried out “Pre-Incident Planning” visits to ensure familiarity with the location of Traveller accommodation and to deal with access and water supply issues in case of response to future fire incidents.

Recommendations

- Recognising that what has been done is a first stage in a process which needs to be mainstreamed into on-going work programmes, the report makes a number of recommendations to clarify recommended approaches and to embed the issue of fire safety in Traveller accommodation into future work programmes.
- One of the key recommendations to emerge from the report is that, in order to mainstream fire safety as an on-going item, it should be included as a standing item at all Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee meetings (LTACC).
- At the same time, it is recommended that oversight of the LTACCs’ role in relation to fire safety in Traveller accommodation be added to the brief of the National Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (NTACC); the NTACC will seek regular updates that LTACCs’ are meeting this requirement.

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- The NTACC is a national body appointed by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government under the Traveller Accommodation Act 1998. It has an independent Chair and comprises representatives from the Minister’s department, the County and City Management Association (CCMA), local authorities, Traveller representative groups, and other relevant State bodies.
- A further key recommendation to emerge from the report is that the Working Draft “Guide to Fire Safety in Existing Traveller Accommodation” should be adopted as a formal “Code of Practice” under the provisions of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 and 2003. Adopting the Guide as a “Code of Practice” will assist local authorities in developing a consistent and effective approach regarding fire safety for Travellers and will facilitate fire safety in Traveller Accommodation being embedded into future local authority work programmes.

9. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th NOVEMBER 2016

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 7th November 2016.

9.1 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 3rd November 2016 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork’s Programme for the months ending August 2016.

9.2 PARKING PERMIT POLICY

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the Parking Permit Policy.

An Chomhairle noted, at the request of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan that he does not agree with the Report of the Director of Services, dated 3rd November 2016 regarding the Parking Permit Policy.

9.3 **REPAIRS TO NANO NAGLE BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the repairs to Nano Nagle Bridge.

‘That the loose boards on Nano Nagle Bridge be repaired to avoid becoming trip hazards and even more dangerous in cold weather and that the steelwork be repainted with a more durable finish and that the lighting up of this and other city bridges be expedited.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/264)

The Report stated that the boards on the Nano Nagle Bridge will be re-fixed within the next month. The repainting of the steelwork will be considered as part of the City Centre Pavement Contract in 2017. Lighting on the Grand Parade approach to the pedestrian bridge is provided by the existing decorative scheme but the Sullivan’s Quay side will be listed for an assessment with a view to being upgraded on a future Roads Programme.

9.4 **BOUNDARY WALL IN CASTLE AVENUE, CASTLE ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the boundary wall in Castle Avenue, Castle Road, Blackrock.

‘That Cork City Council assesses and reports on the boundary wall in Castle Avenue, Castle Road, Blackrock. This wall is very unstable and poses a serious health & safety threat that is a great concern to the residents.’

(Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/274)

The Report stated that while the wall in question is not currently in the charge of Cork City Council, an assessment will be carried out and action identified as required.

9.5 **PROBLEM WITH DRAINAGE OUSIDE EVERGREEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the problem with drainage outside Evergreen Road.

‘That Cork City Council request Irish Water to investigate the ongoing problem with drainage outside Evergreen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/225)

The Report stated that the query concerning drainage at Evergreen Road will be passed to Irish Water by Cork City Councils Environmental Directorate.

9.6 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE EXIT OF CURRAHEEN ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the traffic lights at the exit of Curraheen Estate.

‘Curraheen Estate has only 1 entrance in & out of the estate. Due to the volume of traffic from the Ring Road /link road and coming up Curraheen Road and driving so fast as well as cars parked on the corner of the estate, drivers exiting the estate cannot see the traffic coming unless they pull out onto the road which is going to cause a very serious accident if this is left to continue. Added to that if the bus stops at the bus stop you can’t see the traffic coming down the road. There is going to be a very serious accident going to happen at the estate unless something is done immediately to prevent it. I propose with the agreement of the residents of Curraheen Estate that traffic lights be installed at the exit of the estate to allow the traffic exit the estate safely. There could be sensors put on these lights as not to hold up the flow of traffic on the Curraheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/286)

The Report stated that the layout on the approaches to the junction with Curraheen Estate which incorporates the appropriate signage and Double Yellow lines was designed to cater for the ‘Green Route’ now in operation for the last 10 years approximately. The location will be listed for a traffic assessment with a view to identifying any further improvements that could be undertaken on the Roads Programme.

9.7 **INSTALL A FOOTPATH ON FAIRFIELD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding installing a footpath on Fairfield Road.

‘That Cork City Council would install a footpath on Fairfield Road between Bridevally Park and the entrance of Lime Wood Grove.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/289)

The Report stated that the practicality and costs of providing a footpath at this location will be investigated.

9.8 **FUNDING FOR PEARSE SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the funding for Pearse Square.

‘That Cork City Council make funding available to address the following matters in Pearse Square:-

- (1) Improved CCTV coverage of the Square.
- (2) Improved lighting all over the Square.

- (3) Topping the trees.
- (4) Removal of the small wall at Pearse Road side of the Square.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/227)

The Report stated the provision of CCTV for the purpose of security in public places is a matter for An Garda Siochana and the Department of Justice. The lighting on Pearse Road has recently been upgraded and lighting in Pearse Square will be inspected with a view to possible improvement works being undertaken on a future Roads Programme.

The Roads Maintenance Division will investigate the options for removal of the low wall at Pearse Square with a view to identifying the technical requirements and the associated costs.

The trees in Pearse Square have been placed on the Parks Tree Works Programme for initial inspection and carrying out of any remedial works deemed necessary.

9.9 **PUBLIC LITTER BINS AND DOG FOULING BINS AT BLACKROCK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the public litter bins and dog fouling bins at Blackrock Village Development.

‘That Cork City Council incorporates a number of public litter bins & dog fouling bins in and around the new Blackrock Village development to ensure the well used amenity will remain litter free at all times.’

(Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/275)

The Report stated that a total of eight litter bins will be provided as part of the Blackrock Village Renewal Project. The bins will be provided in the following locations: - two bins along the river frontage, two bins in the vicinity of the Cafe, two bins in the new Plaza area, one bin on Convent Rd and one bin near the entrance to the Ursuline Convent.

9.10 **GREEN AREA TO PARKING IN THE BLACKWATER GROVE AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 3rd November 2016 regarding the green area to parking in the Blackwater Grove area.

‘That City Council would consider introducing green area to Parking in the Blackwater grove area of Deanrock in Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/285)

The Report stated that this request for converting a green area to parking will be included in the agenda for the next South West Ward Meeting.

In the meantime the feasibility of the proposal will be investigated and a costing will be carried out. The agreement of the residents affected will be required for the proposal to progress. There has been no ongoing funding of ‘green areas to parking’ schemes for a number of years and any works will be dependent on funding being available.

9.11 **INCLUDE CHURCHFIELD SQUARE IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding including Churchfield Square in the road resurfacing programme.

‘That Cork City Council include Churchfield square in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/266)

The Report stated that Churchfield Square will be assessed for possible inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

9.12 **ROAD RESURFACING AT MURMONT PARK AND MURMONT CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the road resurfacing at Murmont Park and Murmont Cresecent.

‘That Cork City Council carry out urgent road resurfacing at Murmont Park and Murmont Crescent as both road surfaces are in a disgraceful condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/271)

The Report stated that Murmont Park has recently been resurfaced as part of the 2016 Road Resurfacing Programme. Murmont Crescent will be assessed for possible inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

9.13 **PARKING FACILITIES AT KILREENDOWNEY AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the parking facilities at Kilreendowney Avenue.

‘That this council liaise with the residents of Nos 31 – 43 Kilreendowney Avenue in order to provide safe and proper parking facilities outside their properties. There are currently not enough parking spaces for the residents and some are forced to park on the green area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 16/279)

The Report stated that this request for converting a green area to parking will be included in the agenda for the next South Central Ward Meeting.

In the meantime the feasibility of the proposal will be investigated and a costing will be carried out. The agreement of the residents affected will be required for the proposal to progress. There has been no ongoing funding of ‘green areas to parking’ schemes for a number of years and any works will be dependent on funding being available.

9.14 **RE-PAINT DISABLED PARKING BOXES IN LEESDALE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding re-painting disabled parking boxes in Leedale, Model Farm Road.

‘That City Council would re paint the disabled parking boxes in Leedale Model Farm Rd. due to the original paintwork not been visible anymore , drivers from outside our estate are now parking in these and our residents that have special needs can no longer park near their own dwellings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/284)

The Report stated that the request to renew the painting of the disabled parking spaces in Leedale Model Farm Rd will be added to the Roads Painting programme and undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions, funding and resources being available.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

11. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries by members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

12.1 **FOOD MATTERS LIVE – 22nd TO 24th NOVEMBER 2016**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at Food Matters Live, in London, 22nd - 24th of November 2016.

12.2 **VISIT OF AN tARD-MHÉARA TO SHANGHAI**

An Chomhairle approved An tArd-Mhéara’s visit to Shanghai, China from 19th November 2016 to 27th November 2016.

13. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved attendance at the following training:-

- Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the AILG Module 6 – Regional Assemblies and their role with Local Authorities and the Housing (Misc Provisions) Bill 2016 to be held at Clayton Whites Hotel Wexford on the 15th November 2016.

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG Module 6 – Regional Assemblies and their role with Local Authorities and the Housing (Misc Provisions) Bill 2016 to be held at Red Cow Morans Hotel, Dublin on the 19th November 2016.
- Comhairleoir M. Shields at the AILG Module 6 – Regional Assemblies and their role with Local Authorities and The Housing (Misc Provisions) Bill 2016 to be held at Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway on the 24th November 2016.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME**

‘That 137 to 157 Pearse Road
 175 to 191 Pearse Road
 156 to 178 Pearse Road
 110 to 132 Pearse Road
 205 to 221 Pearse Road
 11 to 19 Pearse Place
 257 to 279 Connolly Road
 15 to 29 Connolly Place
 241 to 246 Pouladuff Road
 62 to 78 Killeenreendowney
 50 to 74 Father Dominic Road
 14 to 24 Edward Walsh Road
 25 to 41 Edward Walsh Road be included in the Fabric Upgrade Programme. This programme enhances the quality of life and the appearance of the Structure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/230)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.2 **GREEN TO PARKING ON CONNOLLY ROAD AND PEARSE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put a budget in place that would allow it to carry out a rolling programme of Green to Parking on Connolly Road and Pearse Road. These are two wide streets/Roads with exceptionally wide footpaths. It would tidy up the public realm and legitimize the practice in these roads of parking on the footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/231)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR JAPANESE KNOTWEED PROBLEM**

‘That upon completion of a citywide survey to determine the extent of the Japanese Knotweed problem (and its potential to cause huge structural damage to buildings and millions to remedy in the future), Cork City Council applies to central government for emergency funding to eradicate the weed in areas/buildings under its own remit and to provide a grant scheme (or an approved treatment plan) for those affected in private areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/295)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.4 **REPAIR THE PUSH BUTTON PEDESTRIAN LIGHT ON SUNDAYS WELL ROAD**

‘That Council repair the push button pedestrian light on Sundays Well road for the safety of local residents and visitors to the City Gaol.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/298)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **CLEAR ALL STREET GULLIES IN THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would seek to initiate a programme to clear all street gullies in the City immediately as blocked gullies are a major cause of local flooding all over the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/305)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.6 **1 PARKGATE VILLAS, BISHOPSTOWN ROAD**

‘In the interest of health and safety I am requesting Cork City Council to undertake A S A P a Compulsory Purchase Order on No 1 Parkgate Villas, Bishopstown Road, which would ultimately bring it into public ownership and secure the site in the public interest.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 16/317)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

14.7 **DISABILITY FRIENDLY PLAYGROUNDS**

‘That Cork City Council ensure that its playgrounds will be disability-friendly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/318)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.8 **STEPS TO CASTLEVIEW TERRACE ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

That Cork City Council resurface and refurbish the steps leading up to Castleview Terrace on Lower Glanmire Road. As these steps are quite steep and the residents are elderly can a handrail also be put in place as a safety measure.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/320)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACCESS OFFICERS**

‘That Council receive a report on the role and responsibilities of its access officers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/321)

Corporate Policy Group

14.10 **CHANGES TO THE 203 BUS ROUTE**

‘That Cork City Council acknowledges that a number of public meetings have taken place in Farranree recently to discuss changes to the 203 bus route and that the overwhelming view of residents was the original long-standing route be restored, which Bus Éireann are agreeable to. Recognising this, and my previous motion, Council will facilitate the process by securing funding from the NTA to install parking outside retail units on Pophams rd to allow buses to traverse the road once again with greater ease.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/322)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.11 **PARKING PERMITS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

‘That Cork City Council reviews its parking policy to allow permits for health care workers who are engaging in emergency care in local communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/323)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **HIRE CHARGE FOR CITY HALL AND MILLENNIUM HALL**

‘That Cork City Council would forthwith charge Cork Chamber of Commerce k/a Cork Chamber the full hire charge for City Hall and the Millennium Hall for the Chambers Annual Dinner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/324)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

14.13 **KIOSK AT ST LUKES CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes the repainting and Windows repaired on the kiosk at St Lukes Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/325)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.14 **YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE FAIRHILL AREA**

‘That Cork City Council will report on a previous motion passed by the City Council calling for a Youth & Community Centre for the Fairhill area, the Council report to the previous motion was agreeable in principle but cited funding as an issue. The report should outline progress, if any, on securing funds for the centre or if any alternative options have been examined to date or that will be considered in the near future.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 16/328)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **USE OF CHAIRS AND TABLES OUTSIDE BARS, RESTAURANTS AND CAFES**

An Chomhairle agreed to treat this motion as withdrawn:-

‘That Cork City Council rejects the governments implementation and extreme charge hike on the use of chairs and tables outside bars, restaurants and cafes, and request that each local authority regulate its own fixed charge in tandem with local economy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/265)

15.2 **POST BOX WITHIN EDEN ESTATE AND BLACKROCK HALL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on An Post to assess the feasibility of providing a post box within the Eden Estate & Blackrock Hall that would benefit many residents & businesses in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/308)

15.3 **OPERATION OF TICKETMASTER AND ITS SISTER COMPANY SEATWAVE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That in light of recent concert ticket sale controversy - and indeed the ongoing investigation into the sale of Olympic tickets in this country - the appropriate arm of central government is called upon by Cork City Council to investigate the operation of Ticketmaster and its sister company Seatwave in a bid to ensure proper regulations and practices are in place to ensure transparency and the absence of profiteering when it comes to the open sale of event tickets to the public.’

(Proposer: M. Finn 16/301)

15.4 **CHANGE TO GOVERNMENT POLICY ON HAP AND RAS SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Government requesting a change to government policy so that tenants on the HAP and RAS schemes since 2011 would not be removed from the social housing waiting list because Cork City Council does not consider that those housed under HAP and RAS have had their social housing need met or that HAP and RAS are adequate forms of social housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/316)

15.5 **PUBLIC HEALTH (ALCOHOL) BILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill currently being considered by the Dáil. The measures proposed for inclusion in the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill, brought forward address the key areas of alcohol-harm reduction, including the pricing, marketing and availability of alcohol. Among other measures, the bill will provide for:- The introduction of minimum pricing; Regulation of the marketing and advertising of alcohol; Health labeling of alcohol products; Enforcement powers to be given to Environmental Health Officers in relation to sale; supply and consumption of alcohol products’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/327)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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