

**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, 11^ú MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2017

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER 2017

1. Votes of Sympathy.
2. Votes of Congratulations/Best Wishes.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

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

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **HOUSING SUMMIT MEETING WITH MR. EOGHAN MURPHY, T.D. MINISTER FOR HOUSING, PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Report on the Housing Summit Meeting with Mr. Eoghan Murphy, T. D., Minister for Housing, Planning, and Local Government from Friday the 8th of September 2017.

4.2 **IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT GROUP**

Briefing from the meeting with the Implementation Oversight Group which was held on Tuesday 5th September 2017.

5. **STUDENT GRANT SCHEME 2017**

An Chomhairle to approve the implementation of the Student Grant Scheme 2017.

6. **MINUTES**

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

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 31st July 2017.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 14th August 2017.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

Questions submitted enclosed.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP, PARTY WHIPS AND PARTY LEADERS – 29th AUGUST 2017**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, Party Whips and Party Leaders from its meeting held 29th August 2017.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 4th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Party Whips, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held 4th September 2017.

9.1 **LORD MAYOR ITEMS**

9.1.1 **RAINBOW CITY STATUS**

The Lord Mayor updated the meeting on the Rainbow City Status for Cork City.

Decision of Party Whips

It was agreed that the approval of An Chomhairle would be sought and initial approaches would be made to the San Francisco delegation at the UNESCO Conference in Cork from the 18th to 20th of September inclusive.

9.2 **COUNCILLOR'S EXPENSES**

Party Whips noted the uploading of Councillor's Expenses to the Cork City Council Website in respect of Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, 2017.

Decision of Party Whips

Party Whips agreed to refer to An Chomhairle for information.

9.3 **CORK ETB VACANCIES (Referred from Council Meeting, 10th July 2017)**

Correspondence from the Cork ETB stating Cork City Council's nominees did not comply with Statutory Instrument No. 271 of 2014, of the ETB Act 2013 was considered. It was also noted

that in accordance with Statutory Instrument (Section 7 (a) and (b)) the ETB require that Cork City Council nominate two female members to the Board.

Decision of Party Whips

Following a discussion it was agreed to recommend to An Chomhairle that Councillor Laura McGonigle would be the City Council's second female Member of the Education Training Board.

9.4 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (1) LEARNING CITIES AND (2) ENGLISH MARKET AND THE FERRY BUILDING MARKETPLACE, SAN FRANCISCO**

The above Memorandums of Understanding were considered by the Party Whips.

Decision of Party Whips

Party Whips agreed to recommend both Memorandums of Understanding to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.5 **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES....CHAIRS**

The above matter was considered by Party Whips. The relevant Standing Order Item 5A 23 (3) was referred to as follows:-

“The Council shall appoint to a Cathaoirleach to each of the Strategic Policy Committees from among the members of the Council to hold office for a minimum period of three years which may be renewed by the Council and subsequent Cathaoirligh shall be appointed by the Council from among the existing Council members of the Strategic Policy Committee.”

Decision of Party Whips

Party Whips agreed that, where appropriate, existing Cathaoirligh of Strategic Policy Committees would formally notify the Meetings Administrator of their intention to resign from their position as Cathaoirleach and advise as to who would be taking their position, once vacated. It was also agreed that the incoming Cathaoirligh of Strategic Policy Committees would formally notify the Meetings Administrator of their consent to accept the vacated position. Party Whips recommended, in accordance with Standing Order Item 5A 23 (3), that An Chomhairle would approve the appointment of the incoming Cathaoirligh of Strategic Policy Committees as notified to the Meetings Administrator.

10. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 4th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held 4th September 2017.

10.1 **(MMIAH) – INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME (ELIZABETH FORT)**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017 on the Recovery and Valorization of Maritime, Military and Industrial Heritage of the Atlantic Areas Coast.

Decision of Committee

Members noted the report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017 and agreed to refer the report to An Chomhairle for information.

10.2 **CREATIVE IRELAND**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017.

Decision of Committee

Members noted the report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017 on Creative Ireland and agreed to forward it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held 4th September 2017.

11.1 **CRUISE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME – QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, dated 31st August 2017 on Cruise Ambassador Programme – Quarterly Update.

Decision of Committee

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

11.2 **TOURIST ATTRACTIONS BROCHURE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st August 2017 on Tourist Attractions Brochure.

Decision of Committee

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

11.3 **INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME (ELIZABETH FORT)**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st August 2017 on (MMIAH) – Interreg Atlantic Area Programme (Elizabeth Fort).

Decision of Committee

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

11.4 **CREATIVE IRELAND UPDATE**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, dated 31st August 2017 on Creative Ireland update.

Decision of Committee

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

11.5 **PROPOSED MARITIME EVENTS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, dated 31st August 2017 on Proposed Maritime Events.

Decision of Committee

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

11.6 **CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ARTS VENUES**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, dated 31st August 2017 on Capital Funding for Arts Venues.

Decision of Committee

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

11.7 **MOTIONS**

11.7.1 **FOUNTAIN IN ENGLISH MARKET TO WISHING WELL**

‘To turn the fountain in the English Market into a Wishing Well. Pick a Charity at the start of every year and in December clean out the fountain and give the proceeds to the charity chosen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/256)

Decision of Committee

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

11.7.2 **ELIZABETH FORT**

‘That Council welcomes the increase in visitors to Elizabeth Fort and calls for a Visitors centre and other appropriate facilities to be made available in order to enhance its attractiveness to tourists.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, Cllr. M. Finn 17/275)

Decision of Committee

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

11.7.3 **BROCHURE ON THE CITY’S BRIDGES**

‘That the successful brochure of top ten Cork tourist attractions be followed up by a brochure inviting tourists to walk and discover the city’s bridges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/280)

Decision of Committee

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

12. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle to note the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held 4th September 2017.

12.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

12.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF MAY 2017**

Members considered the Financial Statements to end of May 2017.

Decision of Committee

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

12.2 **MOTIONS**

To consider the report of Pat Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated the 21st August 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE SCHEME

‘That Cork City Council apply for funding from the Structure at Risk Fund under the Department of Heritage Scheme and include:

- a. The Church of the Ascension Gurrabraher
- b. St. Mary’s Church Popes Quay

As they are in need of urgent repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/222)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to note the report of the Head of Finance and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle to note correspondence, if any.

14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle to note summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended, if any.

15. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle to approve attendance at Conferences/Seminars tabled on the night, if any.

16. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle to approve attendance at training tabled on the night, if any.

17. **MOTIONS**

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

17.1 **HOUSING POLICY**

‘That Cork City Council rescind its policy of not allowing tenants:-

1. Purchase houses that have had disability extensions put on
2. Elderly tenants from purchasing council houses.

This could be construed as discrimination on the grounds of ageism and disability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/188)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.2 **ENTRANCE TO ST FINBARR’S CEMETARY**

That the entrance area at St Finbarr's Cemetery be tidied up, including: the removal of weeds, dead cut grass etc from kerbstones and front pillars; the hole on the left hand side inside the gate (reported five years ago) be covered over; the railings on the outside painted; and the outside pillars cleaned. All cut grass should be removed from Republican Plot and area by fountain at the very least on an ongoing basis and if such work requires the assistance of the public on a once-off basis again - perhaps with Friends of St Finbarr's group - that a call go out for such support.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/263)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.3 **PROVIDE VOTING REGISTRATION FORM WHEN ALLOCATING LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING**

‘That when Cork City Council allocates local authority housing, a voting registration form is provided automatically alongside additional correspondence relating to the tenancy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/270)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.4 **RECORDING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

‘That Cork City Council will follow suit with other Local Authorities and introduce the recording of Council and committee meetings in the interest of increasing public trust and confidence and provide clear transparency in its dealings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/271)

Corporate Policy Group

17.5 **TWINNING SIGNAGE**

‘That signs displaying a list of the cities twinned with Cork be placed at the major entry points to the city in order to promote awareness among visitors.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/289)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

17.6 **REPAINT DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 204 PEARSE ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

‘To repaint the disabled parking space in front of number 204 Pearse Road, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/290)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.7 **BYE LAWS TO SUSPEND THE USE OF RICK SHAWS**

‘That Cork City Council introduce an emergency bye-law to immediately suspend the use of Rick Shaw's on the streets of Cork City until such time as these vehicles regulate their service for use on the public streets of our City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/291)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.8 **INCLUDE DUNMANUS PARK IN THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Dunmanus Park in the traffic calming programme in the interest of the safety of children living there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/292)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.9 **WALL BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND CHAPEL GATE AND FENCE BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND PARK COURT**

‘That Cork City Council, in view of numerous episodes of antisocial behavior and littering, would close access by placing a wall between Meelick Park and Chapel Gate and a fence between Meelick Park and Park Court.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/293)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.10 **RECONFIGURATIONS OF THE ROAD NETWORK AROUND WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

‘We the ward Councillors of the Cork City South Central Ward request that the following reconfigurations of the road network surrounding the White Street car park be introduced prior to the closure of the car park to make way for a new housing development of 43 dwellings. The imminent closure of the car park will see the loss of 80 plus car parking spaces and the proposed reconfiguration will ensure the continuation and availability of car parking spaces in the area concerned thereby avoiding the displacement of those who use the car park and maintaining access to the area for those who support indigenous businesses in the area while also providing much needed parking for residents who live in the area concerned.

We propose the following.

That Douglas Street be designated a one way traffic flow system West to East from Dunbar Street to Rutland Street.

That Rutland Street be designated a one way traffic flow system South to North from Douglas Street to the South Terrace and that Parking will be provided on the left hand side up to the South Terrace.

That Sawmill Street be designated a one way traffic flow system East to West from Infirmary Road to White Street with parking being provided left and right as appropriate/permitted from Infirmary road to Rutland Street and that the parking be maintained on the left hand side as it currently is from Rutland Street to White Street.

That Kemp Street be designated a one way traffic flow system from Sawmill Street to South Terrace with parking being permitted on the right hand side.

In our estimation this will provide upwards of 60 plus parking spaces which will help to alleviate any parking concerns for residents and current users of the car park. It will also help to maintain revenue from car parking in the area.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. M. Finn 17/294)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **WORKS REQUIRED IN TANNERY GARDENS**

‘That Cork City Council will carry out a full inspection of works required to the Properties that Cork City Council Residents in Tannery Gardens have to endure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/297)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.12 **CALENDAR OF ALL MEETINGS**

‘That City Council would put in place urgently a calendar for All meetings for Cllrs. and staff of all our directorates to prevent overlapping of meetings as lack of this meetings diary is causing on-going problems particularly for Cllrs. who are B.O.M. members on outside bodies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/298)

Party Whips

17.13 **NAME THE BRIDGE BETWEEN MERCHANT’S QUAY AND PATRICK’S QUAY IN HONOUR OF CORK WOMEN**

‘In view of the fact that there is only one bridge in Cork out of over 20 named after a female, that Cork City Council would as a matter of principle agree to name the upcoming bridge between Merchant's Quay and Patrick's Quay in honour of the contribution and service that many Cork women have given.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/299)

Party Whips

17.14 **RESURFACE AND REPAIR THE ROAD BETWEEN COLLINS’ BARRACKS AND DILLONS’ CROSS**

‘That the Old Youghal Road between Collins' Barracks and Dillons' Cross would be assessed for repair/re-surfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/300)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.15 **RAMP ON WELLINGTON ROAD, WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ALEXANDRA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council erect a ramp on Wellington Road, west of its junction with Alexandra Road in order to slow down traffic approaching St Lukes Cross in the interests of the safety of pedestrians and motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/301)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.16 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 169 PEARSE ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

‘That a disabled Parking space be provided at or near 169 Pearse Road, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/303)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.17 **UNNAMED ROAD FROM WELLINGTON ROAD TO SYDNEY PARK**

‘As per my previous motion, that Cork City Council name the currently unnamed road from Wellington Road to Sydney Park "Sydney Drive". There is only one house on the Road and they are very adamant that this road should have a name for convenience purposes. They have also asked that the steps halfway up this road leading down to Wellington Road should be named "Sydney Steps" once again for the purpose of convenience.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/304)

Party Whips

17.18 **RE-USE CUT STONE AND PLAQUES TO LANDSCAPE PUBLIC SPACE IN THE SOUTH EAST WARD**

‘That the cut stone and plaques deposited at the Council Depot Store in Mahon be catalogued and re-used in the landscaping of public space in the south east ward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/305)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.19 **FIX SOUTHERN GATE AND WALL AT BUCKLEYS MEADOW, BLACKROCK**

‘That the Council fix the southern gate and wall at Buckleys Meadow, Blackrock. At the estate’s opening residents had keys but the gate is now damaged and off its hinges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/306)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.20 **EXAMINATION OF UNPROTECTED QUAYSIDES**

‘That City Council would carry out an urgent examination of all our unprotected quaysides with the intentions of erecting protective railings. This work is urgently required for the safety of both pedestrians and drivers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/307)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.21 **CHALLENGES FACING BISHOPSTOWN AND WILTON**

‘That Cork City Council recognises the many and unique challenges facing Bishopstown and Wilton and will develop a coherent cross organisational approach, Planning, Roads, Environment, Recreation, to the management and remediation of these challenges, initially through the revision of the Bishopstown Wilton Local Area Action Plan and then by the adoption of a statutory Local Area Plan which would set out clear objectives and timelines with full transparency and accountability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/310)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise
Functional Committee**

17.22 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VACANT / DERELICT PROPERTIES**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately start the compulsory purchase of vacant / derelict properties so that they can be used to house homeless people and families on the housing waiting list.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/312)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise
Functional Committee**

17.23 **CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

That the Chief Executive Officer will within two months report to the Council, for their consideration, setting out of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

1. the current situation in relation to matters which the Council has direct responsibility for,
2. an estimation of the areas and the extent of unmet need relating to same,

3. the areas where engagement of this Council with other public bodies would improve participation for people with disabilities and the names of those public bodies,
4. the measures taken and planned by this Council to ensure the participation and engagement by people with disabilities and their representatives in local decision making structures and mechanisms, with a view to budgeting and planning for 2018 and beyond for the Council to advance implementation of the UN CRPD.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/313)

Corporate Policy Group

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **TAX BREAKS TO OWNERS OF VACANT HOUSES RESIDING PERMANENTLY IN NURSING HOMES**

‘That Cork City Council call on the government to introduce tax breaks for the owners of vacant houses residing permanently in nursing homes, to do up the houses and bring them back into housing stock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/189)

18.2 **REMOVE BUS SHELTER OUTSIDE 104 LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council directs the National Transport Authority to remove the Bus Shelter outside 104 Lower Glanmire Road as it is not used by any passengers, it’s a nuisance to local residents and a source of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/302)

18.3 **RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

‘That this Council request a written update from the Minister for State for Disability Issues, Finian McGrath, T.D, on his intention to ratify the UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities and ask for assurances that this will be enacted as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/309)

18.4 **REVIEW OF ‘REBUILDING IRELAND’**

‘Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government Eoghan Murphy to meet with the Council as a matter of urgency, both to engage on the review of 'Rebuilding Ireland' and to allow him outline what funding streams are to be made available to address the housing & homeless crisis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/311)

JOHN GER O'RIORDAN
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Chuíg gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí.

7^ú Meán Fómhair 2017