

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir M. Finn.
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, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí 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 Ms. J. Gazely, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing & Community Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Noonan Family on the death of Martina Noonan.
- The Kenneally Family on the death of Mary Kenneally.
- The Golden Family on the death of Sheila Golden.
- The Wade Family on the death of Christy Wade.
- The Duggan Family on the death of Mary Duggan.
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Thomas O’Sullivan.
- The Buckley Family on the death of Margaret Buckley.

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

- Community Employment Supervisors to wish them well with their strike action to get pension rights.
- Jenny McSweeney co-author for ‘We Summit Together’.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **LORD MAYOR’S INAUGURAL CORK CITY CULTURAL AWARD**

An tArd-Mhéara proposed an inaugural award to honour Cork City artists for their contribution to the cultural and artistic life of Cork City. An tArd-Mhéara then proposed Ms. Cara O’Sullivan, well known Cork Soprano to be the first recipient of the award.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Lord Mayor’s inaugural Cork City Cultural Award and agreed Ms. Cara O’Sullivan to be a worthy recipient, it was further agreed that this award would be considered by the Corporate Policy Group on an annual basis.

3.2 **VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES**

An Chomhairle approved the visit by An tArd-Mhéara to travel to New York at the request of the St. Patrick’s Day Committee and the Rockaway Parade Committee on 1st – 4th March 2019.

An Chomhairle approved the visit by An tArd-Mhéara to travel to San Francisco at the invitation of our Sister City from 5th to 8th March 2019.

An Chomhairle approved the visit by An tArd-Mhéara to travel to Fort Pierce in Florida from 9th – 12th March at the invitation of Mayor Hudson and the Cork-Florida Association for events to be held there.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

No Items raised.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 28th January 2019 subject to the following amendment:-

ITEM 10.10 MULTI STOREY CAR PARKING INCENTIVES

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In view of the on-going trading issues being experienced by our City Centre indigenous traders and other traders alike I ask that Cork City Council would abandon all current multi story car parking incentives and introduce a long term parking incentive that will allow for the first 2 hours parking to be free parking from the time of entry up to 3pm on each day. An incentive of this nature would be proactive and would I believe be a huge benefit to all concerned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 18/380)

On the proposal of the Deputy Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 28th January 2019.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **EXPENDITURE FOR PLAYGROUNDS**

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

To ask the CEO what expenditure has there been on annual basis on the development and maintenance of playgrounds on a Ward by Ward basis for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and what is planned for 2019 and if the answer could also include amount spent by category of expenditure on playgrounds e.g. Equipment, maintenance, new developments etc?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)
Deferred from 28th January

REPLY

The revenue expenditure on playgrounds is set out below;

Ward	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	5 Year Total
North East	31000	25000	27000	25000	60000	168000
North Central	50000	51000	50000	58000	50000	259000
North West	114000	104000	105000	135000	107500	565500
South East	50000	52000	50000	54000	50000	256000
South Central	50000	50000	51000	53000	50000	254000
South West	75000	98000	76000	80000	105000	434000

Costs for each playground include for opening, closing, cleaning and inspections Part of the expenditure in the following playgrounds was for new equipment broken down as follows, with the balance of expenditure being for repairs, and renewal of smaller items.

Clashdub Park	€ 23,000 2015
Clashdub Park	€ 19,000 2017
Glenamoy Lawn Park	€ 35,000 2018
Gerry O Sullivan Park	€ 35,000 2018
Bridevalley Park	€ 8,000 2018

Major capital expenditure was incurred on the following;

Fitzgerald’s Park 2015 € 675,000
Bishopstown Playground 2018 € 650,000

In 2019, a budget of € 125,000 will be used to renew and repair existing playground equipment across the City. In addition, new outdoor gyms will be provided at Loughmahon Park, Gerry O Sullivan Park and at the Lough.

Valerie O Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.2 **SWIMMING POOL IN THE CITY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to report to City Council on:

- a) The feasibility of developing a 50 metre swimming pool in the city?
- b) What costs would be associated with this project?
- c) What grants are available to City Council to part of fully fund this project?
- d) What scoping studies, if any, have been undertaken by City Council or other bodies in relation to this issue?
- (e) What population/pool usage would be required to make this project feasible?

(Cllr. Terry Shannon)
Deferred from 28th January

REPLY

The capital cost of providing a 50 m pool is considerable, the National Aquatic Centre at Blanchardstown costing € 63m. In addition to pool provision, other facilities such as gyms, aqua pools, fitness suites etc would be required to maximise income and help offset the very large annual operating costs.

There is no obvious funding mechanism for provision of a 50m pool in Cork, the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund being € 100m nationally over years 2019 to 2027, with match funding of at least 30% being required for all projects.

Ongoing annual operating costs could require an annual subsidy of over € 1m. In addition, the pool would result in a displacement of current income generated from hire business (schools and clubs) swimming lessons and gym use for existing Cork City Council leisure facilities (the UL facility has up to 50 schools using the Complex).

Valerie O Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.3 **SWIMMING POOL FOR CORK**

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

To ask the CE on a concept proposed in 2008/09 of a 50m swimming pool for Cork. It was noted to Council at that point in time that progress would be made on exploring the concept more when the economic climate would pick up again – has any progress been made on the idea to date in the ten year interval?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)
Deferred from 28th January

REPLY

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Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.4 **HOUSES ON SUNDAY SCHOOL LANE**

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

Can the CE confirm that the Council owns the houses on Sunday School Lane that face Seminary Villas and what measures will be taken to deal with the overgrowth of vegetation there as it is undermining the wall on Seminary Villas and posing a danger to residents'

(Cllr. John Sheehan)
Deferred from 28th January

REPLY

The Council does not own any social housing at the above address. Building Control have assessed the issue and confirm that this is a civil matter between the private boundary wall owners. This matter is not something that can be dealt with under the Local Government Sanitary Services Act 1964.

Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services,
HR Management & Organisational Reform

6.5 **ROAD ON HALLDENE LAWN**

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

The above road needs remedial attention badly having some very bad potholes especially outside No 2 Halldene Lawn where a large dangerous pot hole has opened up around a manhole cover.

Could this road be on the resurfacing list for 2019?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

Roads are currently being assessed using the Pavement Surface Condition Index rating system. Halldene Lawn will be included in the assessment for possible inclusion in the 2019 Road Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime the defect mentioned will be attended to in the coming weeks.

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

6.6 **BYE LAWS FOR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

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

Having observed an inordinate volume of on-street drinking in Cork city centre, at any hour of the day, coupled with a huge volume of complaints by members of the public, who have been threatened/intimidated by such illegal and anti social behaviour. This effects workers, shoppers, tourists and school children who rightfully use the city centre daily. Cork Corporation (Prohibition of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on the Streets and in Public Places) Bye Laws 2001.

How many arrests, charges and prosecutions has there been since January 2015 on a monthly basis? I ask this question as this is a bye law of this Council.

(Cllr. Des Cahill)

REPLY

Cork City Council processes Drinking Fines under the (Prohibition of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on the Streets and in Public Places) Bye Laws 2001.

Gardaí submit Drinking Fines to Cork City Council and a Fine is issued to the offender. Unpaid fines are then returned to the gardai who have the responsibility of issuing summons.

In relation to Arrests, Charges and Prosecutions, this is under the jurisdiction of the Gardaí.

Cork City Council engages pro-actively with An Garda Síochána on a regular basis at an operational level in relation to the issue of consumption of alcohol in public places and the role of the Bye-Laws in dealing with this issue and reducing consumption levels.

	FINES ISSUED				FINES PAID			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
TOTAL	64	50	117	317	39	36	50	246

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs

6.7 **HOUSING ESTATES TAKEN IN CHARGE**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 25th February 2019:-

How many housing estates are being taken in charge and where are they, the full list and what is the projected spend on this programme?
When these estates were being built was a bond sought and, if not, why not? – if a bond was lodged, where is that money now?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

6.8 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

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

Can the CE please advise when the proposed traffic lights at the end of Silversprings Lane will be erected?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

REPLY

The works in progress on the Tivoli Dual-carriageway including Tivoli Overpass are managed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland directly as part of the overall Dunkettle Interchange project.

As such the City Council is not in control works programme. However details will be sought in relation to the projected timeline for item referred to above.

It will also be noted that the Dunkettle Interchange Project Team issues regular project updates on its website and has established its own public helpline (tel : 021 202 1190 or email roadconstruction@ccc-site.com).

Members of the public can also sign up to receive regular newsletter updates on the project.

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

6.9 **ILLEGAL DUMPING AT ELLIS'S YARD**

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

In relation to the illegal dumping and burning of rubbish at Ellis's Yard can the Manager advise how Cork City Council intend to compensate individual local residents and the general community of Ballyvolane for the nuisance they have suffered and continue to suffer as a result of Cork City Council's failure to implement its own and National litter Guidelines and for allowing the health of residents to be put at risk.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Cork City Council is not in a position to compensate individuals due to the illegal activity of others, however, it is taking steps to deal with the issue including the cleaning of the area, repair work to the fencing surrounding the site and the installation of CCTV to deter future illegal dumping at the site.

Valerie O'Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment and Recreation

6.10 **DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT THE TANK FIELD**

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

At the Council Meeting of Monday January 28th I asked a Question of the CE in relation to getting an update on the Independent Legal Advice on the Disposal of Lands at the Tank Field, Montenotte which I had requested and was approved by Council on Monday September 10th 2018. As a supplementary question, I asked exactly when I would be given a date as to when this Independent Legal Advice would be provided and I was informed by the CE that this information would be forthcoming by the end of week commencing January 28th. At the time of writing of this question, Monday February 4th, I still have not received this information.

Again, Can the CE please advise on when this Independent Legal Advice will be made available to me as requested and approved by Council?

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

The Chief Executive outlined at the meeting held on the 28th January that a briefing document would be prepared by me as the Independent Official appointed to deal with this matter by the 1st February, 2019 and then that a private firm of Solicitors would be engaged and that firm of Solicitors would then seek Counsel advice on the matter. The briefing document has been prepared within the above timeframe and has been forwarded to a firm of Solicitors who are now in the process of briefing Counsel. The Member will be aware that Counsel will issue its opinion in consultation with the Solicitor and I expect this advice to be prepared by early March.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.11 **MARINA PARK**

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 on Marina Park ?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Works scheduled to commence late March, estimated completion November 2019.

Valerie O' Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.12 **TREES AT ROCHELLE PARK**

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

Can the CE advise when the trees in Rochelle Park are scheduled to be pruned?

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

REPLY

Trees at Rochelle Park are scheduled for inspection in late February, works identified will be added to the schedule of tree works for attention as quickly as resources allow. Any emergency works identified will be attended to immediately.

Valerie O' Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.13 **DEANROCK DEVELOPMENT**

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

Can the C.E. confirm that the Deanrock Development is still on track for completion and allocation of units by the fourth quarter of 2019.

Also how soon after this new development opens will the traffic management survey for the whole Deanrock / Clashduv Road / Togher Road areas take place?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

This impressive residential development is running to programme and will be delivered in a series of phases culminating in full completion in December 2019 at the latest.

The preliminary road layout design for the Deanrock Junction, (Clashduv Road/Togher Road/Vicars Road) is complete. The related Part 8 Planning Package will be advertised in Quarter 2, 2019 with detailed engineering, design and junction construction to follow thereafter.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 4th FEBRUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Party Whips from its meeting held 4th February 2019.

GDPR AND DATA PROTECTION ISSUES

An Chomhairle raised a number of issues with regard to correspondence received by them in relation to the new arrangements for email communication between elected members and staff. The Chief Executive outlined the legal obligations of Cork City Council in relation to GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

The Chief Executive advised that a workshop would be convened for elected members whereby members would be further advised of the legal obligations of Cork City Council in order to be fully compliant with the legislation and in particular the use of email. It was agreed that the Law Agent, GDPR Officer and Head of I.C.T. would be invited to attend this workshop.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle requested and approved the suspension of the new arrangements until the workshop was convened.

7.1 **COUNCILLORS EXPENSES QUARTERS 3 & 4 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted that Councillors Expenses in respect of Quarters 3 and 4 2018 have been uploaded to the Cork City Council website.

8. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 4th FEBRUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 4th February 2019.

8.1 **PRESENTATION BY MR. LIAM RONAYNE, CITY LIBRARIAN IN RELATION TO: THE DRAFT “CREATING A FUTURE FOR CORK’S PAST: STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019-2022”**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services in relation to “Creating a Future for Cork’s Past: Strategic Management Plan 2019-2022” for Cork Public Museum.

9. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th FEBRUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Functional Committee from its meeting held 4th February 2019.

9.1 **ARTS COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Arts Officer 31st January 2019 and approved the schedule of grant recommendations attached to the report.

9.2 **GLOW REPORT 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st January 2019 on GLOW 2018.

9.3 **CREATIVE IRELAND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, dated 31st January 2019 on Creative Ireland.

9.4 **EXPANDED LIBRARY SERVICE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, dated 31st January 2019 on the Expanded Library Service.

9.5 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That further to calls made previously – and to enhance Cork’s Christmas offering – efforts be made to light up South Mall in the city centre for the Christmas period and that a New Year’s Eve celebration for the city, including fireworks, be planned for.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/018)

The report of the Director of Services stated that for many years the City Council has played a leading role in enhancing the City’s Christmas experience. From the Switch-on of the Christmas Lights, to the development of the GLOW Christmas Festival and to the installation of a continuously increasing number of Christmas trees, our seasonal activities

represent a substantial investment of both human and financial resources. In many areas of the City, the Council's efforts are supported by the efforts of local business and communities.

The installation of new lighting on the South Mall would be an initiative that could further add to the City's seasonal experience. Given the resources likely to be required, the support of other stakeholders would be necessary and in this regard I have asked South Mall Quarter Champion to engage with the various stakeholders to assess what supports might exist for the proposal.

In relation to the proposal for a New Year's Eve Celebration, including fireworks, the planning and delivery of an event of such scale would not be possible in the context of the approved budgets for 2019. Again, substantial support would be required from 3rd party stakeholders to successfully plan a meaningful and safe event of scale on New Year's Eve.

10. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th FEBRUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance and Estimates Functional committee from its meeting held 4th February 2019.

10.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

10.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO END OF NOVEMBER 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to end of November 2018.

10.2 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 31st January 2018 in relation to the following property disposals:-

- (a) Disposal of Cork City Council's interest in a dwelling house situated at No. 60, Hawthorn Mews, Dublin Hill, Cork, held by Cork City Council under a Shared Ownership Lease, to Denis O'Neill for the value of the Council's equity in the property in accordance with the Shared Ownership Scheme.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.
- (b) Disposal by way of a grant of Right of Way and lease to area of ground of approximately 23.04 square metres situated at Rutland Street, Cork to Brian O'Sullivan, c/o BDM Boylan Solicitors, Clarkes Bridge House, Hanover Street, Cork for a period of twenty years at a nominal rent of €10.00 per annum (if demanded).
On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.
- (c) Disposal of the freehold interest in approximately 1.26 hectares of land located at Thomas Davis Street, Blackpool, Cork to Cluid Housing Association, having its registered office at nos. 159-161, Sheriff Street Upper, Dublin 1, for the sum of €1,260,000.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- (d) Disposal of approximately 117.85 acres of land situated at Inchigaggin, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, to Richard Kingston, c/o David J. O'Meara & Sons Solicitors, Bank Place, Mallow, Co. Cork by way of lease for a period of 3 years subject to a rent of €22,750.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Conference/Seminar Summaries as follows:-

- Comhairleoirí M. Shields and T. O'Driscoll on AILG Module 1 Training – Draft Regional and Economic Strategies which was held in Thurles, Co. Tipperary on the 24th January 2019.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved attendance at the Following Conference/Seminars:-

- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy at the Colmcille Winter School to be held in Colmcille Heritage Centre, Co. Donegal on the 22nd – 23rd February 2019.

14. **TRAINING**

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

- Comhairleoirí T. O'Driscoll, M. Shields, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, T. Shannon at the AILG – Annual Conference to be held in the Longford Arms Hotel, Co. Longford on the 21st-22nd February 2019.
- Comhairleoirí T. O'Driscoll, M. Shields, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, T. Shannon at the LAMA Spring Seminar to be held in the Bush Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim on the 7th – 8th March 2019.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **FABRICATION UPDATE PROGRAMME**

‘That 10 St. Peter’s Avenue be included in the fabrication update programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/293)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.2 **RESURFACE STEPS AT CASTLEVIEW TERRACE**

‘Can the steps leading to Castlevue Terrace on Lower Glanmire Road be resurfaced to ensure that they are level and safe to walk on.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/040)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.3 **FLEADH CHEOL NA HEIREANN 2020**

‘That Cork City Council further consider the magnificent cultural and economic opportunity the enlarged Cork City would realise from hosting Fleadh Cheol Na hEireann in 2020. In addition it would be a most fitting way in which to honour the memories of Ardmhéara Tomás MacCurtáin and Ardmhéara Toirdhealbhach MacSuibhne.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/042)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

15.4 **GREEN AREAS TO PARKING AROUND TOGHER FAMILY CENTRE**

‘That City Council would incorporate green areas to parking around the Togher Family Centre when they are doing the Traffic Management Plan for the whole of the Deanrock area when the new development is complete.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/047)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **HEALTH AND SAFETY ON BLACKROCK RAILWAY WALKWAY AND CYCLE PATH**

‘I ask that Cork City Councils Roads & Transport Dept. will address the issue of health and safety on the Blackrock Railway Walkway and Cycle path that links up to the Estuary walk near Blackrock Castle. It has come to light that individuals who use the amenity do not adhere to walking on the left hand side so that others such as cyclists and joggers can pass on the right hand side. This can and has led to aggressive verbal incidents which could be avoided if everyone had a clear understanding as to which side of the pathway/cycleway in which to walk, cycle and jog. There is currently only one small sign at the start of the walk that gives direction on the priority and I ask that more signage be put in place so that it is clear to all that walking should be on the left hand side and cycling and jogging be on the right hand side.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 19/050)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **SAFETY OF FOOTPATHS IN TURNERS CROSS**

‘Following a recent safety forum meeting for the Turners Cross area residents expressed concerns that footpaths in their area are a source of danger to the elderly residents.

The footpaths in question are:-

- (1) Outside Turners Cross soccer pitch at the main gateway entrance immediately north of the turn styles.
- (2) At the junction of O'Connell Ave. and Father Mathew Road. This repair was requested 6 months ago and it still remains in a dangerous condition.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. F. Kerins 19/051)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **CLEAN UP OF OVERGROWTH AND CUT BACK DANGEROUS TREES**

‘That City Council would carry out a thorough inspection and clean up of all the overgrowth and cut back or remove the dangerous trees at the stream that runs parallel with Clashduv Road / Glendale Grove / Deanrock and Sandymount Drive. Some of these trees are in a dangerous condition and residents in these areas are in fear of them toppling onto their properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/052)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.8 **FILTER LANE FROM NORTH RING ROAD ONTO BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council install a filter lane to allow traffic to turn right from North Ring Road onto Ballyhooley Road in Ballyvolane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/053)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.9 **DOG FOULING BINS ON THE DUCK WALK IN BLARNEY**

‘That Cork City Council installs dog fouling bins on the duck walk in Blarney.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 19/054)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.10 **SURVEY OF UNUSED ESB AND TELEGRAPH POLES**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a full survey to identify the unused ESB and telegraph poles, Signage and tree stumps in Cork City and to then organise for them to be removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 19/056)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **RESURFACE OAK PARK**

‘That Oak Park be resurfaced completely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/059)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 **CLEAN UP AT BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a major clean up at the Ballyvolane entrance to Glen River Park at the same time as the cleanup of Ellis's Yard as the refuse there has been accumulating for almost 20 years and ignoring the dumping is likely to lead to pollution of the Glen River.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/060)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.13 **BRIDGE STREET AND MCCURTAIN STREET FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2019**

‘Can Cork City Council look into the possibility of including Bridge Street and McCurtain Street on the Christmas lights installation for Christmas 2019.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/062)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.14 **FOOTPATHS ON WELL ROAD**

‘That the Council fix the broken and cracked footpaths on the roundabout on Well Road at the entrance to Woodview.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/064)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.15 **SIGNAGE IN AND OUT OF EGLANTINE NATIONAL SCHOOL**

‘That the Council review the signage in and about Eglantine National School in an effort to create a safer environment for children to cross the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/065)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.16 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

‘That Cork City Council noting this council’s responsibility in respect to waste management:

- (a) Recognises the increasing level of illegal dumping in the city over recent times, and
- (b) Notes the proliferation of private landfill sites, official and otherwise, and the direct correlation between increased charges and illegal dumping.
- (c) Recognises that the handing over of the public refuse disposal system to private operators has been a failure for all but the private operators for whom it has been extremely lucrative, and,
- (d) Recognises that private refuse collection charges have continued to increase despite the advent of ‘competition’.
- (e) Resolves to begin the process of reversing the privatisation of and to recommence the City Council’s own refuse collection service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/070)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.17 **PARKING AT BEALE’S HILL, LOWER GLANMIRE HILL**

‘That Cork City Council survey the area around Beale’s Hill, Lower Glanmire Hill if additional parking can be provided for residents a number of whom have mobility issues.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/071)

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15.18 **REVOLUTIONARY YEARS 1918-1923**

‘In terms of marking the revolutionary years 1918-1923 Cork City Council will bring forward proposals previously discussed, including: Information hub at the Republican Plot, St. Finbarr's Cemetery.

Walking smartphone app and maps featuring relevant areas, plaques and monuments of interest in and near the City Centre.

Commemorative keep-sake featuring former ArdMhéara Chorcaí Tomás MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/072)

Party Whips

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **IMPLEMENT KENNY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Environment whether the Kenny Report could be implemented without the need for a referendum on the right to own private properties. That in his recommendation in the report of the Committee on the Price of Building Land, that building land should be compulsorily acquired by local authorities at no more than 25% more than its agricultural value.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 19/066)

An Chomhairle agreed that correspondence will issue to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, it was further agreed that the correspondence to the Minister would request that consideration be given to a constitutional change and this be referred to the Citizens Assembly.

16.2 **HOUSING CRISIS**

On the proposal of An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the following motion to the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 11th March 2019:-

‘Noting that there are over 3,000 applicants on the Cork City Council housing waiting list and that Rebuilding Ireland will provide funding for little over 2,000 social units up to 2021 with thousands still dependent on the volatile private market with HAP and RAS tenancies, this council acknowledges that the lack of private, social and affordable housing – as well as the homelessness that it leads to – amounts to a housing crisis which must now be declared a national emergency with new approaches to be rolled out immediately to include:-

- A dramatic increase in supply of local authority-led public and affordable housing by increasing capital spending on housing to €2.3bn and prioritising the delivery of housing on public lands.

- An increase in the provision of Part V social housing to 20pc in standard developments and 30pc in SHZs.
- A continuation of the accelerated policy to invest nationally in the return of housing voids locally.
- Making it illegal for landlords (banks and investment funds) to evict tenants and homeowners (who are in mortgage distress) into homelessness which is compounding existing problems and negating any improvements.
- Securing tenure and rent certainty by linking rent reviews to CPI.
- Establishing a constitutional right to housing.
- Encouraging and engaging with other campaigns (including the *Raise the Roof* campaign by the trade union movement) to arrive at a multi-faceted approach to solving housing problems in Cork and across the country.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/068)

16.3 **SERIOUS ISSUES IN THE THIRD LEVEL SECTOR**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports national calls to address serious issues in the third level sector (including provision of campus accommodation and per-student funding) by:

- acting on recommendations of the 2016 Cassells Report which provides avenues for sustainable funding.
- by increasing core funding per student in the 2020 Budget.
- by permitting Institutes of Technology to borrow funds to build on-campus student accommodation which they are currently precluded from doing.

Resolving the funding crisis at third level (due to years of underfunding) will ultimately help to secure and safeguard jobs to underpin future economic growth.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/073)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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