

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2017**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, F. Ryan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney, F. Dennehy.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Comhairleoir M. Finn
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	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. 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. J. Hallihan, Head of Finance. Mr. G. Desmond, BPI Coordinator, ICT & Business Services.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Walsh Family on the death of Eileen Walsh.
- The O’Brien Family on the death of Sean O’Brien.
- The Costello Family on the death of Joanne Costello.
- The Whelan Family on the death of Fr. Michael Whelan.
- The O’Brien Family on the death of Morgan O’Brien.
- The O’Callaghan Family on the death of Owen O’Callaghan.

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

- Michelle O’Neill on being elected leader of the Sinn Féin Party in the North of Ireland.
- Martin McGuinness on his role as leader of Sinn Féin, on building the peace process, and promoting equality and inclusion for all.
- City Hall Porters for facilitating Brian Dillons Dancing DVD Launch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January in the Council Chambers and on the excellent hospitality afforded to the visiting group.
- Neptune Under 14 Basketball Team on winning the Under 14 ‘B’ County Basketball Championship.

## 3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

### 3.1 **NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

The Lord Mayor updated An Chomhairle on the National Planning Framework.

### 3.2 **LOWER LEE FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

The Lord Mayor informed An Chomhairle that the closing date for submissions in respect of the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme is 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Comhairleoir J. Buttimer requested that associated documentation, on public view in the foyer of City Hall, remain there longer than the planned 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 closing date. The Director of Services Environment & Recreation agreed to make the request to the OPW.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee and the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee would also meet in relation to the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme.

### 3.3 **IBRAHIM HALAWA**

The Lord Mayor advised An Chomhairle that a detailed response was received from the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding representations made in respect of Ibrahim Halawa.

## 4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

### 4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for December 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed that the New Social Housing Stock figures would reflect Housing constructed and Housing purchased separately in future Monthly Management Reports.

### 4.2 **ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt following Resolution:-

***Resolution:***

“It is hereby Resolved that, pursuant to Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 50 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Cork City Council’s Annual Service Delivery Plan 2017, having been considered is hereby adopted.”

4.3 **CORK MULTIFUNCTIONAL EVENT CENTRE**

The Chief Executive referred to her report on the Cork Multifunctional Event Centre dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, and informed An Chomhairle that a briefing update will be provided by the Cork Multifunctional Event Centre developers on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **EXCESSIVE DUMPING IN CORK**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Finn was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017:-**

GIVEN recent reportage of excessive dumping in Cork and the associated financial and health implications for the city, (as well as the reported dearth of personnel to deal with it within City Council) is it not the case under the Litter Pollution Act that we have up to 11 personnel who are designated to issue fines and carry out enforcement who could help solve the problem, and can the CE - given the fact there is no dumping investigation unit operational on Saturdays or Sundays and no litter warden service on Sundays - designate additional people (i.e. those who empty public bins) as officials so they can act on dumping on the spot which might act as a deterrent to regular dumping practices?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

6.2 **APPLICATIONS FOR A DISABLED PERSONS GRANT**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

How many applications for a Disabled Persons Grant were made in 2016 and how many were approved?

(Cllr. Tom O’Driscoll)

## **REPLY**

### **Applications Received - 2016**

Adaptation Grant:	162
Elderly Aid Grant:	146
Mobility Aid Grant:	18
Local Authority DPG Grant:	<u>104</u>
Total 2016 Applications:	<b>430</b>

### **Files Approved/Processed - 2016**

Adaptation Grant Approved:	106
Elderly Aid Grant Approved:	129
Mobility Aid Grant Approved:	9
Local Authority DPG Grant Processed:	<u>81</u>
Total 2016:	<b>325</b>

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

### 6.3 **NEW PERMANENT SOCIAL HOUSING**

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

Can the CE explain why no construction programme is in place to deliver now permanent social housing in the south side of the city?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

## **REPLY**

Members will be aware of a number of construction proposals for the provision of new social housing in the south side of the city. A total of 3 units were constructed at Cappanoole, Mahon (2) and Tory Top Road (1) in 2016.

A total of 93 units are currently under construction at Sheridan Park, Tramore Road (28 units) and at Deanrock, Togher (65 units).

Members will also be advised shortly of proposals for the construction of 169 social housing units at a number of locations on the south side of the City.

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

6.4 **QUARRY STEPS, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD, ST. LUKES**

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

Can the CE advise on the current status of the closure process of the Quarry Steps on the Ballyhooley Road, St. Lukes Cross. A Motion I submitted passed through the Roads Functional Committee and was subsequently approved by the Chomhairle before Christmas. This is currently holding up progress on a potential development in the Quarry area.

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

**REPLY**

The quarry steps and adjacent quarry area has been the subject of significant works in recent years to install gates and fence off the adjacent open spaces. The Strategic Planning and Economic Development Directorate is presently investigating options for future use of the quarry area in conjunction with other directorates.

Patrick Ledwidge,  
Director of Services,  
Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise.

6.5 **IRISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS OF STREET NAMES IN CORK CITY**

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 how Cork City Council officials obtain Irish Language translations of street names in Cork City as many such translations are ridiculous e.g. (1) Cook Street : Sraid Chúc (2) Popes Quay : Port an Papa (3) Mahonys Avenue : Abhinne Ui Mhathúna. Council officials illegally changed Mahony's Avenue to O'Mahoney's Avenue at about the same time that officials did the same to Summerhill.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

**REPLY**

The City Council has a designated Irish Officer who is available to assist the organization in Irish translations. When requested to provide or confirm the Irish Language version of a street name, the established practice is to avail of logainm.ie (a Government bilingual national database of place names and street names administered by Fiontar DCU, and the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs), and on occasion an Coiste Téarnmaíochta of Foras na Gaeilge.

Paul Moynihan,  
Director of Services,  
Corporate & External Affairs.

6.6 **'BOXING IN THE COMMUNITY' PROGRAMME**

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

To ask the CE if there has been any progress in initiating a “Boxing in the Community” programme that would be run by the City Council in conjunction with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA)? The Association presented on the programme previously to the Council’s Environment & Recreation Functional Committee.

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

**REPLY**

The Irish Athletic Boxing Association made a presentation to the Environment & Recreation Functional Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April last on the Start Box Initiative which it operates in Dublin. However, the costs of even a modest programme are extremely high with no available funding to support such an initiative.

Since late 2015, the Council with Department grant aid has supported the Cork County Boxing Board in providing a Centre of Excellence in Churchfield which has proved to be extremely successful. The Centre, located in a former gym, allows for elite training sessions and the hosting of weekly tournaments which are essential for the development of boxing as a sport in the City. The Council continues to work closely with the Boxing Board and support clubs on an ongoing basis throughout the City.

David Joyce  
Director of Services  
Environment & Recreation

6.7 **ARCHAEOLOGY MONITORING AT THE EVENT CENTRE SITE**

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

To ask the CE for a progress report on archaeology monitoring at the Event Centre site?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

**REPLY**

A programme of licensed archaeological excavation and monitoring commenced at the former Beamish and Crawford site in November 2016 and is being undertaken by Dr. Maurice F. Hurley, Consultant Archaeologist in full compliance with planning conditions (T.P. 10/34698). Regular site inspections are being undertaken by Ciara Brett, City Archaeologist.

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

7. **ITEM DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

7.1 **MOTIONS**

**CAPITAL COMMUNITY FUND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Head of Finance dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council create a Capital Community Fund of 50,000 Euro to be applied for exclusively by Scouting and Guides Organisations throughout the City for small capital works.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/226)

The report of the Head of Finance stated that the City Council recognises the important contribution made by the scouting and Guide organisations in terms of youth development in the City and is aware of the very limited funding opportunities available to allow for minor capital or enhancement works. The 2017 Budget has just recently been passed and does not allow for funding of any capital support scheme for such groups. Next year is going to be challenging and the Council will be set aside for this purpose.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further agreed that where possible, consideration would be given to the allocation of some smaller grants as and when appropriate.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

9.2 **PHASE 2A CITY NORTH WEST QUARTER REGENERATION – DEVELOPMENT AT HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 in relation to Phase 2A City North West Quarter Regeneration.

### 9.3 **HOUSING ADAPTATION WORKS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 in relation to Housing Adaptation Works to Local Authority Houses for people with a disability.

### 9.4 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

### 9.5 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the houses owned by Cork City Council in the estates listed above had been included in the Fabric Upgrade Programme (Phase One) 2016.

### 9.6 **YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES AT FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 on the following motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'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)

‘That Cork City Council support the youth and community needs of the Fairhill area with a view to seeking national capital funding from central government to provide a coordinated integrated facility from various state agencies. In the meantime put in place local alternative accommodation that is currently available to support the emerging needs of the community as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/332)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that at present there is not a purpose built youth and community facility for the Fairhill area. ‘The Lodge’ which was being utilised by Foróige for youth services is no longer available. Foróige, therefore, require a permanent base from which to operate.

Fairhill/Fairfield Community Association are also looking for a premises from which to deliver a summer scheme and youth activities. RAPID is working with both groups through the RAPID Area Based Committee to identify the needs and look at possible solutions.

At present, capital funding is not available for community facilities. However, it was announced in the recent Budget that there will be €2 million available for RAPID Areas and €2 million for community facilities in 2017.

The RAPID programme in Cork is in contact with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government and further details on the rollout of this funding is awaited.

Currently, Cork City Council has provided two facilities for community purposes in the Fairhill Area - a house was leased to Cork City Partnership in Bridevalley Park to facilitate community development and the provision of a base to the Fairhill/Fairfield Community Association.

A temporary convenience letting has been granted to TUSLA in Fairfield Meadows to facilitate family support work as well as youth service provision.

There is another property in Bridevalley View under lease by the Health Services Executive for the Health Action Zone work as well as the Public Health Nurse. Through the RAPID programme, this space has also been made available for youth services which will accommodate some of the services from ‘The Lodge’ operated by Foróige.

There is a subgroup that has been examining the possibility of utilising the former Community Development Programme premises in Knockpogue Avenue since 2015 through the RAPID programme and discussions are ongoing locally.

The RAPID Area Based Committee has agreed to establish a subgroup to examine the needs of Fairhill and the first meeting will take place next week. A report will issue to the RAPID Area Based Committee in 2017.

## 9.7 REPRESENTATION LINK FOR COUNCILLORS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would give members a full report on the process of the new representation link introduced for Cllrs. in the last few years. That the report would contain detailed information to the following. That this report would relate to the amount of Cllrs. using the link. Are the representations looked at by the housing staff and taken into consideration when allocations are made.

What happens after they are logged by Cllrs. Are they put on the Applications file and there to be seen in the event of the applicant seeking to look at their file to prove that a specific Cllr. made representation. Is the old system of representation still being used.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/347)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the online system to facilitate the submission of representations by public representatives on behalf of members of the public was developed by Cork City Council to provide a more effective and efficient alternative to the ad-hoc practice of receiving representations by phone, letter and e-mail. It was initially piloted in the Housing & Community Directorate. The system is in the form of a secure webpage, which can be accessed at [publicreps.corkcity.ie](http://publicreps.corkcity.ie) and has been live since April 2014.

The new system offers several significant benefits:

- It allows secure access for users to submit representations on behalf of members of the public;
- Users can choose the appropriate Directorate and Section to deal with the query in question;
- The system automatically allocates a reference number to each submission and produces an automatic response in a user friendly PDF format;
- Each user can access the system and review and/or reprint previous submissions;
- The system provides a secure central repository for Cork City Council staff to retrieve and run reports on representations received;
- It ensures that public representations are stored in a standardised format.

City Council staff access the system to review and download representations submitted on an on-going basis.

From April 2014 to the end of 2016, the Housing & Community Directorate received a total of 1,922 representations via the online system from 21 individual public representatives. Details are summarised in the table below:

Section	2014		2015		2016		Total	
	No. Submissions	% of Total	No. Submissions	% of Total	No. Submissions	% of Total	No. Submissions	% of Total
Homeless Allocations	0	0%	7	1%	19	2%	26	1%
Loans & Grants	210	91%	664	84%	769	85%	1643	85%
Maintenance	0	0%	11	1%	7	1%	18	1%
RAS	20	9%	108	14%	103	11%	231	12%
Rents	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	1	0%
TAU	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%
	0	0%	1	0%	1	0%	2	0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1922</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Monthly Average:</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>66</b>		<b>75</b>			

There has been a significant increase in the volume of representations received in 2016, with an average of 75 submissions per month compared to an average of 26 per month in 2014.

It should be noted that representations by phone, letter or e-mail will still be accepted by the City Council.

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork's Programme for the month ending November 2016.

10.2 **PARKING ON NICHOLAS STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘To request investigation of an ongoing parking issue on Nicholas Street that I have been advised of, with a view to putting bollards on the footpaths on the street to stop this practice. At the moment parked cars are blocking access to refuse collection and emergency services if required. Cars are parking on footpaths blocking access on an ongoing basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/254)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the location will be assessed by Roads Maintenance to establish if additional bollards to those already in-situ are required at the lower end of the street.

10.3 **INCLUDE UPPER SECTION OF FRIARS ROAD IN THE ROADS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Upper Section of Friars Road be inspected and the footpath and road be included in the Road Programme for replacement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/258)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the road and footpaths along the upper section of Friars Road will be assessed for possible inclusion in a future Road Programme.

10.4 **PUBLIC REALM IN THE NANO PLACE DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council improves the public realm (footpaths, roads, planting etc) in the immediate vicinity of the new multi-million Nano Place development straddling Abbey St, Evergreen St and Nicholas St and also the wider access areas from the quays, city centre and Douglas St.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/302)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has carried out road resurfacing and other improvement works in the general area during 2016. The area will be inspected to identify further improvements which can be made in 2017.

10.5 **PAINTING OF SPEED RAMPS ON MURMONT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council undertake the painting of the Speed Ramps on Murmont Avenue adjacent to the Tank Field and also the Speed Ramps on St Josephs Drive.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/326)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the painting of the speed ramps on Murmont Avenue adjacent to the Tank Field and also the speed ramps on St Josephs Drive will be assessed to determine the extent of painting works required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

10.6 **GATES AT THE ENTRY OF DISTILLERY COURT BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘For Cork City Council to report on a previous motion carried in 2010 regarding the installation of gates at the entry of Distillery Court Blackpool, and whether funding will soon be allocated considering the disproportionately poor investment seen in the region as confirmed by the Blackpool Local Area Plan 2011-2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 16/329)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that this motion has been forwarded to the Housing and Community Directorate.

10.7 **TRAFFIC AT THE JUNCTION OF TRAMORE ROAD AND POULADUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That measures are introduced to alleviate the long traffic details at the junction of Tramore Road and Pouladuff Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/331)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Tramore Road and Pouladuff Road will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist and identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the roads programme and undertaken as soon as resources are available.

10.8 **RESURFACE ROADS AT CURRAHEEN ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Curraheen Estate roads would be resurfaced as a matter of urgency as in many places the road looks as if it is sinking. There are also a very large number of potholes all around the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/336)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the roads in Curraheen Estate will be assessed for possible inclusion in a future resurfacing programme in addition to localised repairs to any existing potholes.

10.9 **RESURFACING WORKS IN LEESDALE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘The roads in Leedale estate are in a very poor state, I request they be put on the list for resurfacing works as early as possible in 2017. There has been some filling going on but at this stage they do need to be resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/340)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the roads in Leedale Estate will be assessed for possible inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

10.10 **TRAFFIC ISLANDS ON SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2107 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council roads department takes emergency action to make the traffic islands on Skehard Road visible. As there are no signs, bollards or reflectors on the concrete, they are a significant hazard for drivers and require urgent attention.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/344)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the traffic islands on Skehard Road will be assessed to determine the extent of works required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted in the roads programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

10.11 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT LEE VIEW PLACE, SUNDAY’S WELL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council will ensure that Lee View Place, Sunday’s Well has public lighting.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/349)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Lee View Place has not been included on the Roads & Transportation Inventory for public lighting maintenance as the scheme has not been taken in charge. Street lighting and maintenance are therefore a matter for the developer/owner of the estate at this location.

10.12 **PERMANENT BANNING OF RICKSHAWS**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put in place whatever measures necessary that will ensure the permanent banning of Rickshaws from the streets of our City. This is in the interest of public safety of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and indeed the people who may use this service late at night.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/351)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that rickshaws come under the definition of a “vehicle” as set out in the various Road Traffic Acts and can be classed as bicycles (notwithstanding that in some instances they are fitted with a battery which acts as an aid to propulsion). Vehicles as described above are subject to national legislation or national regulation and therefore Cork City Council is precluded from making bye-laws under Section 119 (2) of the Local Government Act 2011 for the purpose of regulating or banning the use of and operation of rickshaws on public roads in Cork City.

As rickshaws, whether they are cycle or mechanically propelled, are subject to the national road traffic laws similar to any other vehicles on the roadway, the enforcement of such laws and regulations is a matter for the Garda Síochána. It is understood that the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport is currently considering the legislative and policy framework necessary for the regulation of rickshaws.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for clarification of the legislative and policy framework requirements in respect of rickshaws.

10.13 **CAR PARKING SPACES OUTSIDE COTTON BALL BAR ON OLD YOUGHAL ROAD, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Regarding the car parking spaces outside Cotton Ball bar on Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, there is insufficient space for larger cars to park without blocking the footpath, thereby forcing pedestrians to step out onto the busy road. This poses a potential hazard to pedestrians, and I propose that the Council take measures to address this problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/352)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that dedicated parking associated with the Cotton Ball bar on Old Youghal Road, Mayfield is not within the remit of Cork City Council as it is on private property. However cars should not create a hazard for pedestrians by blocking the public footpath. The owners/managers of the Cotton Ball bar need to engage with their patrons to manage the situation and to ensure that the needs of other road users in the area are considered when parking their car. There is ample parking for patrons of the Cotton Ball Bar on the adjacent roads.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for further report.

10.14 **30 KM SPEED LIMIT IN SILVERSPRINGS LAWN COURT AND BOHERBOY ROAD, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I propose that a 30 km speed limit be introduced in Silversprings Lawn court and Boherboy Road, Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/353)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Silversprings Lawn will be assessed to determine suitability for the introduction of a 30kph speed limit.

Boherboy Road is not suitable as a 30kph slow zone as it does not meet the criteria for a 30kph zone as set out in the ‘Guidelines for the Setting & Managing of Speed Limits’ published by the Dept of Transport, Tourism & Sport.

10.15 **ROAD MARKINGS IN SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a survey on the road markings in South Central Ward be carried out and those that have disappeared be included in a renewal programme of work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/259)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that resurfacing and lining works will be undertaken in the South Central Ward in 2017 as part of Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the City Centre Movement Strategy.

Once this work is complete, any outstanding road markings in the South Central Ward needing attention can be identified to determine the extent of painting works required. Works deemed appropriate will then be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

10.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include Sundays Well road in the traffic calming programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/341)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Sundays Well Road is on the list of requests for traffic calming. Currently there is limited funding available for a traffic calming programme. However any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

10.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING SPEED RAMPS IN MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-



‘I propose to the Council that Traffic calming speed ramps be installed on Silversprings Lawn, Upper Silversprings Court, Silverheights Road, Upper Lotabeg Road and Boherboy Road, Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/354)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that a 30kph zone was recently introduced to Silverheights Road, Upper Lotabeg Road, Silverheights Avenue and Silverheights Drive. A post introductory assessment of the operation of this 30kph zone will be carried in early 2017.

Following this assessment Silversprings Lawn and Upper Silversprings Court, Mayfield can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there including the introduction of a 30kph speed limit. Any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

Boherboy Road is not suitable as a 30kph slow zone as it does not meet the criteria for a 30kph zone as set out in the ‘Guidelines for the Setting & Managing of Speed Limits’ published by the Dept of Transport, Tourism, Sport.

10.18 **DISC PARKING OUTSIDE VESTA PLACE AND ST. JOSEPHS VILLAS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That because of chronic overparking by those who drop cars there for the day, disc parking is introduced on the small stretch of Blackrock Road outside Vesta Place, and St Josephs Villas (across from Ashton) to facilitate local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/355)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the extension of the disc parking zone on Blackrock Road to include Vesta Place and St Josephs Villas will be included on the works list for 2017 of areas where the introduction of disc parking is to be considered.

10.19 **STREET LIGHTS AT ARD PATRICK CLOSE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would assess Ard Patrick Close where numerous street lights without pole numbers are not working with a view to repairing same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/358)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the street lighting scheme at Ard Patrick Close has been listed for a taking-in-charge survey which will be undertaken by the approved specialist lighting contractor. Until such time as the street lighting is included on Roads & Transportation inventory for maintenance, the lighting and maintenance are a matter for the owner of the estate at this location.

10.20 **ROAD RESURFACING ON ROMAN ST, GERALD GRIFFIN ST, WOLFE TONE ST, CATHEDRAL WALK, CATHEDRAL RD, UPPER JOHN ST AND OLD COMMONS RD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City would carry out road resurfacing on Roman St. Gerald Griffin St, Wolfe Tone St, Cathedral Walk, Cathedral Rd, Upper John St and Old Commons Rd and surrounding areas because these roads are in terrible condition following recent works and they require urgent action.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/359)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the reinstatement of these roads are the responsibility of Irish Water’s contractors following completion of the works. Appropriate bonds are maintained for this purpose. The roads in the general area will also be assessed following the works for possible inclusion in a future road resurfacing programme.

10.21 **INCLUDE SILVERHEIGHTS DRIVE, SILVERSPRINGS LAWN, SILVERSPRINGS COURT AND SOUTHRIDGE IN THE 30 KPH ZONE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council extend the recently introduced 30 kph zone to include Silverheights Drive, Silversprings Lawn, Silversprings Court and Southridge in the interest consistency and the health and safety of residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/362)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a 30kph zone was recently introduced to Silverheights Road, Upper Lotabeg Road, Silverheights Avenue and Silverheights Drive. A post introductory assessment of the operation of this 30kph zone will be carried in early 2017.

Following this assessment Silversprings Lawn, Silversprings Court and Southridge, Mayfield can be assessed to determine the suitability for the introduction of a 30kph speed limit.

10.22 **NAMEPLATES ON SUMMERHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council erect nameplates on Summerhill to reflect the correct name of the area and remove the signs which incorrectly name the area as Summerhill North. For the information of all can officials outline in their response the procedure which must be

followed to properly effect a name change as there would appear to be a widespread mis naming of streets in nameplates erected by Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/363)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the appropriateness of the sign for Summerhill has been assessed. Summerhill not Summerhill North is the correct name. Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplate signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs. Summerhill will be added to this list of requests for nameplates. No change of name process is required in this case.

#### 10.23 **TRAFFIC / PEDESTRIAN STUDY ON VICARS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out a traffic / pedestrian study with the intentions of improvements to the public realm, and safety and access for pedestrians on Vicars Road. There is a need to make the road safer. In particular, I believe that there is a need for a zebra crossing on Vicars Road, and to get the pedestrian crossing on Togher Road improved. This is particularly important given that Vicars Road is home to the QDS day Service, Cope Foundation, and many of those accessing this facility have Visual Impairments, mobility issues and are wheelchair users. In this context it is vital that these junctions are as safe and straightforward as possible. Many walk to the facility, and it is important that it is made safe for both, people attending QDS and people in the wider community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/366)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Vicar’s Road will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist and identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the roads programme and undertaken as soon as resources are available.

#### 10.24 **PUBLIC LIGHTS ON RINGMAHON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council reports on the status of public lights pole number 19 on Ringmahon Road & pole number 19 on Convent Road. Are there outstanding works pending for these lights.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/367)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the public lighting at these locations are as a result of cable faults and a Quotation Request has been issued to Airtricity Utility

Solutions as the approved contractor. The matter will be followed up by the Transportation Division.

10.25 **TRAFFIC SURVEY IN RAVENSDALE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council roads department carry out a traffic survey in the Ravensdale Road area of Mahon with a view to assessing the feasibility of providing traffic calming measures. Residents have mentioned the increased volume of cars driving at high speed through this residential area that is a significant concern for all especially families with young children.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/368)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Ravensdale Road area of Mahon will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

10.26 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION AT THE GARDA STATION IN BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would investigate the traffic lights at the Junction at the Garda Station in Bishopstown and consider introducing a green arrow to allow traffic to turn right onto Bishopscourt Road, drivers are taking chances here cutting across cars here to get to the local Gael Scoil with their children and some parents have approached me to mention it to the relevant Dept. and try to make it safer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/369)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the traffic signal control arrangements at the Bishopstown Road junction will be reviewed by the Transportation Division with a view to improving the operation with regard to local traffic movements.

10.27 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**THE SIGNALISATION OF THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD/N40 OFF RAMP, DOUGLAS WEST, CORK, SECTION 85 AGREEMENT WITH CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle agreed to defer this item and refer it for discussion at the next Ward Meeting.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

The Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle that in relation to the letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from the Expert Advisory Group on Local Government Arrangements in Cork, a formal meeting would be arranged in February 2017

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney Standing Orders were suspended to continue the meeting past 8pm.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at conferences/seminars tabled on the night as follows:-

- Comhairleoir M. Shields at the 28<sup>th</sup> Colmcille Winter School to be held at the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Letterkenny from the 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the “Ireland in 2040” A national planning framework to be held at the Gibson Hotel, Dublin on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

14. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at training tabled on the night as follows:-

- Comhairleoirí T. O’Driscoll, T. Shannon, S. Martin and J. Buttimer at the AILG – Southern Region – National Planning Framework Ireland 2040 to be held at Dooleys Hotel, Waterford on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- Comhairleoirí M. Shields, S. Martin and T. Shannon at the AILG Annual Conference from 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Comhairleoirí S. Martin and M. Shields at the AILG – Dublin, Eastern and Midlands Region in Dundalk on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the AILG – Border and Western Region in Westport on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG – Southern Region in Nenagh on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

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 **INVESTIGATE THE RODENT PROBLEM IN DEERMOUNT**

‘That Cork City Council investigate the source and cause of the rodent problem in Deermount and ensure that all residents are engaged with to ensure that there is no reoccurrence of the problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/018)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

15.2 **FOOTPATH AT THE JUNCTION OF MOUNT SION ROAD AND POULADUFF ROAD/GREEN STREET**

‘That this Council lower the footpath at the junction of Mount Sion Road and Pouladuff Road/Green Street to allow easier access for people using the footpath.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/019)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.3 **SIGNAGE BE INSTALLED IN COURTLANDS, MAYFIELD**

‘In the interest of public safety, can a speed ramp and "Drive Slowly" signage be installed in the Courtlands cul de sac in Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/020)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.4 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF BOHERBOY ROAD AND THE NORTH RING ROAD**

‘That Traffic Lights be put in place at the junction of Boherboy Road and the North Ring Road. Due to a new Housing Development and local School amalgamation on Boherboy Road, there will be significantly increased volumes of traffic using this junction on a daily basis. This junction needs to be modified by putting Traffic Lights in place and a yellow box across the full width of the junction in the interest of smooth regulated traffic flow and public safety. A pedestrian crossing also needs to be included as part of this junction modification.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/021)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.5 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO SAFELY ACCESS SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

‘That Cork City Council Roads directorate engineers erect traffic signals that will enable pedestrians and motorists from Silverheights, Ashmount and Boherboy to safely access Silversprings Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/027)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.6 **PARKING AREA/FOOTPATHS AT MARIAN PARK**

‘That the Council review the deteriorating conditions of the parking area/footpaths fronting House No’s 11 to 20 at Marian Park. They have completely disintegrated over the Winter, pockmarked with potholes, and are giving rise to the risk of damage to vehicles and a trip hazard for residents in particular young children. The surface levels of the whole parking area needs to be reduced and resurfaced. Also the footpaths fronting these houses need to be replaced as they are now very uneven and at the same level as the parking area (Council Reference No. 21947 and 19198).

With reference to the works carried out by the City Council on the triangular piece of green area to the front of No’s 9 and 11 Marian Park where two strips of tarmac were laid, the Committee would request the City Council to also tarmac/pave the remaining piece of the green area as it is now a patch of mud which is a trip hazard and quite unsightly (Council Reference No. 19199).

There is also the issue of road/footpath subsidence outside Number 59 and 60 on Church Road. This may have been connected to the recent repair of a water main break, which was repaired very effectively and expeditiously by Council Staff. However, the road over the main has subsided due to the works leading to a series of ponds forming anytime it rains causing an inconvenience to pedestrians. We request the Council to raise the surface level and resurface the area (Council Reference No. 21950).’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/028)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.7 **REPLACE TREES ON THE MARINA**

‘For each of the trees that have been cut down on the Marina for different reasons, that they be replaced by younger trees.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/029)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.8 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ON THE WILTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would address current significant traffic management difficulties on the Wilton Road by:

- enhancing signage
- introducing speed monitoring and reduction measures
- address pedestrian safety
- repair footpaths
- assess the junction with Wilton Gardens for traffic light controlled signals
- by removing the bus lane and

would report back to Council on the implementation of these actions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/030)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.9 **STATUS OF THE ROAD NETWORK IN KENLEY CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council would survey the status of the road network in Kenley Crescent (accessed via Westgate Road) and would undertake remedial measures as required, noting that there currently are large potholes on the road network, and that Ashgrove Park off the Curraheen Road would be assessed for double yellow lines and that there would be consultation with local residents and the Resident's Association as part of this process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/031)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.10 **PRUNE TREES WITHIN MARIAN PARK, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council prunes the trees within Marian Park, Blackrock. The increasing height of the trees is interfering with the wiring in the park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/032)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.11 **PUBLIC LIGHTS THAT ARE OUT OF ORDER**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the number of public lights that are currently out of order (longer than 10 days) and identifies what action is required for these lights to be repaired. How many of these lights are awaiting capital funding and or replacement? When is it envisaged that these lights will be repaired.’

(Proposer Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/033)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **ILLEGALLY DETAINED FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘To call on the Chinese government to end its practice of forced live organ harvesting of prisoners of conscience, release all illegally detained Falun Gong practitioners in China and end the persecution of Falun Gong.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/006)

16.2 **UPGRADE THE URGENT CARE CENTRE IN ST. MARY’S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the HSE and to the Minister for Health calling on them to upgrade the Urgent Care Centre in St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital to a full 24 hour seven day a week A&E department.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/014)

A vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins. (10)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, M. Shields, F. Dennehy. (9)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir T. Moloney. (1)

As those voting in favour was greater than those voting against, the Lord Mayor declared the vote carried and the motion was approved.

16.3 **ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ALCOHOL BEFORE 9.30 PM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That RTE should not carry advertisements for alcohol products before 9:30pm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/026)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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