

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, Lil, O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<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 M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, 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. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Directorate. Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. M. Mansell, Executive Building Surveyor.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Kenneally Family on the death of Hilary Kenneally.
- The Leahy Family on the death of Val Leahy.
- The O’Connell Family on the death of Audrey O’Connor.

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

- Superintendent Mick Comyn and Mayfield Garda Station on the huge success of the Mayfield Garda Open Day held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Eddie Dunbar on winning the Under 23 Tour of Flanders.
- Peter O’Keeffe on being the winner of the Ireland MidWest Alliance’s Titleist Shootout Golf Tournament.

- Jennifer McSweeney, The Modern Gent, on opening the first Male Only Beauty Salon in Munster.
- Comhairleoir T. Tynan congratulated the members of the march in Dublin on Saturday and supporters of the Bus Éireann staff on strike.
- Comhairleoir T. Shannon congratulated the Lord Mayor, Chief Executive and Council staff on the organisation of the recent LAMA reception at City Hall.
- The Lord Mayor thanked the Committee for their work in LAMA on behalf of Cork City Council
- Comhairleoir K. McCarthy congratulated everyone concerned on the excellent programme for the Lifelong Learning Festival.
- Comhairleoir F. Ryan congratulated Irish Women’s Soccer Team who defeated Slovakia 1 – 0.

### 3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

#### 3.1 **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved a Civic Reception for Dr. Brendan Murphy, President, CIT to mark his retirement.

#### 3.2 **UNESCO LIFELONG LEARNING**

An Chomhairle approved the Lord Mayor’s attendance at a meeting of UNESCO Lifelong Learning in Argentina.

#### 3.3 **MUNSTER RUGBY**

The Lord Mayor proposed and An Chomhairle approved to support the Munster Rugby Team in their upcoming match against Saracens in the Championship Cup Semi-Final on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.

### 4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

#### 4.1 **ITEM 10.2.7. DEFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2017 PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION AT WARD LEVEL**

##### 4.1.1 **PROPOSED SECTION 85 AGREEMENT WITH CORK COUNTY COUNCIL – FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD/N40 OFF RAMP, DOUGLAS WEST, CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the request from Cork County Council to enter into an Agreement in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS

To facilitate the proposed modifications of the South Douglas Road/N40 off ramp Douglas West Junction and the removal of the roundabout at South Douglas Road as set out in the Schedule hereto so as to provide better distribution of time for all traffic at the junction and to provide safer access to schools for pupils and parents, by improving pedestrian facilities

at South Douglas Road and into the Douglas Village area which said proposed works are partly within the administrative area of Cork City Council.

Cork City Council is of the opinion that it would be more convenient that Cork County Council would carry out on behalf of Cork City Council its powers functions and duties as a local authority and or as a road authority insofar as they relate to concern and or involve the proposed works set out in the Schedule hereto, insofar as the proposed works shall be situated within the administrative area of Cork City Council and Cork County Council is able and willing to do so.

Accordingly, Cork City Council hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Cork County Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993.

### **SCHEDULE** **(“the proposed works”)**

The proposed works consist of the removal of the existing roundabout on South Douglas road at the junction with the N40 off ramp, Douglas west and Willow Park. The installation of traffic signals on three approach roads and revised layout of the road into Willow Park and Gaelscoil Na Doughlaise and the revision of the layout of lanes at the end of N40 off ramp.

The proposed works will also extend the existing footpaths and the construction of a traffic island.

The proposed works also consist of coordination of the new signalised junction with signals at the adjacent junction at West Douglas/N40 On Ramp.

#### **5. MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

#### **6. QUESTION TIME**

##### **6.1 INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATELY RENTED HOUSES IN CORK CITY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated report on the level of inspections of privately rented houses in Cork City and the level of compliance/non-compliance found for 2015 and 2016 and if the report can identify the category of issues for non-compliance and review inspections to assess remediation?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

Deferred from meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> March

## REPLY

Please see below details of inspections of privately rented houses in Cork City for 2015 and 2016 and the level of compliance/non-compliance found.

### INSPECTION PROGRAMME PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING SECTOR 2016 & 2015

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections 2016

<b>The number of inspections carried</b>	<b>935</b>
<b>The number of dwellings inspected</b>	<b>619</b>
<b>The number of dwellings inspected that failed to meet standards on first inspection</b>	<b>445</b>

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections 2015

<b>The number of inspections carried</b>	<b>1007</b>
<b>The number of dwellings inspected</b>	<b>635</b>
<b>The number of dwellings inspected that failed to meet the standards on first inspection</b>	<b>269</b>

Most common reasons for dwellings not complying: Inadequate ventilation (Article 9), No fire blanket (Article 11), Structural condition (Article 5) and Electricity and Gas (Article 13).

Michael Burke,  
A/Director of Services,  
Human Resource Management  
& Organisational Reform.

#### 6.2 RESURFACING AND UPKEEP OF ROADS IN UAM VAR AND ELTON LAWN, BISHOPSTOWN

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

Re: Resurfacing and upkeep of roads in Uam Var and Elton Lawn, Bishopstown

The roads in the above area are in a dreadful condition and have been badly neglected despite the fact that these roads are extremely busy and at times congested, servicing C I T, Fas, Boston Scientific, many schools and indeed this area is a "rat-run" for most motorists in business on the north side of Bishopstown. A recent count done by residences revealed that in one hour on a given morning 800+ vehicles used the roads in the area and it is reasonable to assume the same number used the same route in the evening. The residents of these areas and Councillors in the ward have been highlighting the dangerous state of these roads to the Roads Dept of Cork City Council but little no action has been taken. What can be done to remedy the situation? In view of the fact that these roads are categorized "Estate Roads" when they carry far more traffic than many designated "Main Roads" could this area have the same status as the main roads with regard to the upkeep and maintenance of their roads infrastructure?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

**REPLY**

Traffic calming measures have been introduced along sections of Uam Var to reduce speed and to deter the use of the route between Curaheen Road and Rossa Avenue as a 'rat run'. In addition requests for the renewal of signs and lining in the Um Var and Elton Lawn area are addressed on a regular basis. The elimination of through traffic travelling through Uam Var and Elton Lawn will only be achieved if the connection between Curaheen Road and Rossa Avenue is permanently removed. The procedures for same are set out in Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

Sections of the roads in question at Uam Var and Elton Lawn have been attended to as part of road maintenance direct labour patching programmes in recent years. The Council has also identified further sections which require attention, and these will be addressed as part of the 2017 programme. The area will also be considered for inclusion in future roads resurfacing programmes.

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

6.3 **WHITECHURCH ROAD SITE**

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

How much money was paid for the Whitechurch Road site. What additional works have to be carried out to make this site fit for development purposes?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

**REPLY**

The land acquisition costs of the Old Whitechurch Road Site consisting of circa 22 hectares in total amounted to €25,034,235. The largest parcel of these lands known as the O'Mullane lands cost €18,835,550 and the value was ordered by an independent Arbitrator appointed under the Arbitration Act, 1954 following the completion of a Compulsory Purchase Order process. The costs of developing these lands was considered by the Arbitrator in his determination of the value of the lands.

The primary enabling infrastructure required to facilitate normal development of these lands which are in the City Council jurisdiction is the undergrounding of the linear national grid infrastructure which is estimated at €4.8 million. This cost together with other infrastructural costs for works such as approach entrances, spine access route and provision of trunk drainage/utility services is included in the recently approved €9.89 million by the City Council under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) announced by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government. The primary purpose of the Fund is to enable the delivery and provision of reasonably priced new housing to the marketplace; in this case the pent-up demand in the Northside of the City.

**V. O'Sullivan,**  
**Director of Services,**

## **Housing & Community Services.**

### **6.4 DERELICT SITES REGISTER**

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

Can the Chief Executive please provide an update in relation to the inclusion of St Anthony's, Ballyhooley Road, Cork on the Derelict Sites Register. It has already been notified to city officials by neighbouring residents. It appears to be in a state of near collapse and in recent days both its front door and rear door have been pushed open. Is the owner known to Council officials and can I please have an explanation of why entry onto the Derelict Sites register is taking so long. Are officials satisfied there is no danger to neighbours from possible gas or water leaks or from electrical fittings.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

#### **REPLY**

The property known as "St Anthony's", Ballyhooley Road, was entered on the City Council's Derelict Sites Register on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The current owner, as listed publicly on the Derelict Sites Register, is Maria Colbert. Issues arising from possible gas or water leaks or from electrical fittings are a matter for the owner and the relevant service providers.

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

### **6.5 PARKING IN CORK CITY**

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

Can the CE please advise the following:

The number of Public Disabled Parking Spaces in the City.

What funding has Cork City Council received in the past 5 years to upgrade or introduce disabled parking spaces?

How many disabled parking places are planned to be introduced in the next 12 months?

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

#### **REPLY**

There are approximately 112 disabled parking spaces across the City centre and this number is reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Cork City Council has not received any specific funding in the past 5 years to upgrade or introduce disabled parking spaces.

Requests for disabled parking spaces are assessed on an ongoing basis as individual levels of mobility and accompanying needs change. Subject to meeting all necessary criteria for the installation of a disabled parking space, the request is added to the Roads Programme and undertaken subject to resources and funding being available. It should be noted that a disabled parking space is not 'owned' or reserved solely for the use by a specific individual and therefore can be used by any motorist displaying a valid disabled parking permit.

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

#### 6.6 **MARKET GARDEN ESTATE, TOGHER ROAD**

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

Can the CE give a full report on why Market Garden Estate, Togher Road has not been taken in charge by Cork City Council? Why this process is taking so long and when does she envisage this Estate will be taken in charge fully?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

#### **REPLY**

Members will be aware that a number of public housing estates in the City are yet to be taken in charge. The works required to take these estates in charge are currently being costed. The City Council is currently in the process of re-lamping public lights in the Market Garden estate, where required. It is expected that considerable progress will be made in taking the estate in charge in the current year.

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

#### 6.7 **LIVING CITY INITIATIVE**

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

Can the CE please provide an update on the Living City initiative and its proposed extension to the Blackpool area.

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

#### **REPLY**

To date, the Planning Directorate has processed 14 no. applications for the residential element of the Living City Initiative.

On two occasions, Cork City Council has sought an expansion to the Special Regeneration Areas of the scheme. The first request was in writing in early July 2015. The accompanying map showed part of the Blackpool area as part of the proposed expansion. The Department of Finance replied some months later, post budget 2016, advising that the Minister decided not to change the Special Regeneration Areas of Cork City.

In Budget 2017, changes to the Living City Initiative were announced which extended the eligibility of the tax incentive to landlords of properties in Special Regeneration Areas, as well as other changes to the scheme.

Upon this announcement, the City Council wrote to the Minister in mid-December 2016 to welcome the amended scheme and to again request for the same expansion to the Special Regeneration Areas. To date, no response has been received.

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

6.8 **VACANT HOUSING UNITS IN KILBRACK LAWN**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the 9 vacant housing units in Kilbrack Lawn, off Skehard Road and plans for their future?; South East Ward Councillors in 2015 had asked for their selling off as affordable housing.

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

**REPLY**

Doorway to Life Limited (ABODE) have been granted a lease of nine units (Numbers 3, 4, 8, 16, 20, 22, 23, 29 & 30 Kilbrack Grove) for a five year term in consideration of it providing management services under a Service Level Agreement with Cork City Council. This lease arrangement was approved by the elected members of the City Council. The management of the tenancies (including the collection of rents) will be the responsibility of the Doorway to Life Limited. The properties are now tenanted and these housing allocations have enabled persons from the Social Housing Support waiting list, to be provided with permanent accommodation and have the on-site support of the services of Doorway to Life Limited. ABODE already manage accommodation (main residential building and 3 properties on the estate).

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

6.9 **LIABILITY FOR THE NON-PRINCIPAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE CHARGE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive how many properties are liable for the Non-Principal Private Residence charge; How much revenue was generated for the City Council in 2014, 2015, 2016 and projected for 2017 from this charge; What is the number of properties attached to each individual or entity registered for the charge by band e.g 1-5, 6-10, 11-20 etc; Is it known how many of these properties are registered with the RTB, and What is the level of communication and sharing of information between City Council and the RTB?



(Cllr. John Buttimer)

**REPLY**

The Local Government (Charges) Act 2009 and associated regulations gave effect to the introduction of a €200 charge on non principal private residences (NPPR).

The NPPR charge was effective for the years 2009 to 2013 only.

Part 12 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 provided for the repeal of the legislation governing the NPPR charge.

As the NPPR was a self declaration tax, Cork City Council does not have details in relation to the number of properties that were liable to the charge

The revenue generated was as follows:

- 2014 €2,059,070
- 2015 €1,377,259
- 2016 €1,175,887
- 2017 € 600,000 estimated

Cork City Council does not know the number of properties attached to each individual or entity registered for the charge by band.

Cork City Council does not know how many properties are registered with the RTB. There has been no communication /sharing of information between Cork City Council and the RTB in relation to NPPR.

**John Hallahan**  
**Head of Finance**

6.10 **CAMDEN PALACE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE**

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

Following the closure of the Camden Palace Hotel Community Arts Centre, can the CE report if the City Council is in a position to assist in securing a new home for the arts groups that operated there?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

**REPLY**

Unfortunately, at this point in time the City Council is not in a position to provide the Camden Palace Hotel Community Arts Centre with an alternative premises to meet their needs.

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

6.11 **CYCLE PARK AT GRAND PARADE**

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

Are there any plans to restore the cycle park at Grand Parade that was removed to facilitate the construction of the Capital Building?

(Cllr. Tom O’Driscoll)

**REPLY**

The cycle parking at Grand Parade that was removed to facilitate the redevelopment of the Capital building will be reinstated once construction works are complete.

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

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

7.1 **LORD MAYOR ITEMS**

7.1.1 **CIVIC AWARDS 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Lord Mayor’s nominations for the Civic Awards 2017:-

- Liam Maher
- Ann Quinlan
- Viv Saad
- John Kennedy
- Pat Cotter
- Gerrie O’Grady

8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

8.1 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – DECEMBER 2016 AND MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the reports of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 in relation to the CASP Policy Committee Reports for December 2016 and March 2017.

8.2 **EMPLOYMENT LAND USE SURVEY REPORT 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 in relation to the Employment Land Use Survey Report 2016.

8.3 **DRAFT CORK CITY LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (LECP) 2017-2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 in relation to the Draft Cork City Local Economic Community Implementation Plan (LECP) 2017-2018.

8.4 **BLACKPOOL & DOUGLAS STREET AREA BUILDINGS GRANT SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 in relation to the Blackpool and Douglas Street Area Building Grant Schemes.

8.5 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RETENTION APPLICATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 in relation to Planning Applications Retention Applications.

8.6 **CITY CENTRE ACTION PLAN REVIEW 2016 & CITY CENTRE ACTION PLAN 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 in relation to the City Centre Action Plan Review 2016 & City Centre Action Plan 2017.

9. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

9.1 **ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on St. Patrick's Festival.

An Chomhairle agreed to send thank you letters to participating groups in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Director paid tribute to the 20 staff who worked voluntarily on St. Patrick's Day.

9.2 **CREATIVE IRELAND UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on Creative Ireland Update.

9.3 **MUSEUM STANDARDS PROGRAMME FOR IRELAND: CORK PUBLIC MUSEUM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on Museum Standards Programme for Ireland: Cork Public Museum.

9.4 **SIERRA – NATIONAL LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on Sierra – National Library Management System.

9.5 **TOURISM TRAIN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on Tourism Train.

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

***RESOLVED THAT*** “It is hereby resolved pursuant to Section 66(1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2001, that the asset known as the tourism train is to be disposed of to Mr. Pat Flynn and that the consideration to be paid by Mr. Flynn to Cork City Council in respect of the tourism train shall be payable by way of 6 monthly instalments of €3,834 over a period of five years following the commencement of trading, with a final cash payment of €5,000 to be made at the end of the first 5 years trading together with the execution of a Service Level Agreement between Cork City Council and Mr. Flynn which will accommodate capacity dedicated to Cork City Council for social inclusion and entertainment purposes on a yearly basis, in addition to free advertising spaces on the train for the use by Cork City Council. It is also resolved to make a cash contribution of €10,000 to Mr. Pat Flynn towards the cost of insurance of the Cork City Tourism Train in respect of its first year of operation”

9.6 **MOTION**

9.6.1 **PROTOCOLS IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC ENTRY TO THE ENGLISH MARKET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council suspend “the Protocols” which officials agreed in respect of public entry to the English Market as there is widespread concern as to who actually requires these and why and also in line with previous commitments from City Management it is also appropriate the such protocols be reviewed by the elected Council in order to assess if they are in the public interest.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/088)

The report of the Director of Services stated that The English Market is above all else a centre of commerce and trade. It is Ireland’s oldest indoor food market and has become

increasingly popular as a visitor attraction in Cork City Centre. As a fresh food market, a heritage building, civic and meeting place, its unique offering and unmistakable atmosphere has made it world famous among customers and visitors alike and as a result is attracting a huge number of tourists.

With greater demand and footfall of tourists and a significant increase in groups visiting The English Market in the last number of years and in response to a survey carried out in 2016 among approximately 1,000 customers and tour groups, the issues of overcrowding and the potential for subsequent Health and Safety issues have become a major concern for everyone.

Following on from consultation between Cork City Council, The English Market Traders Committee and the English Market Management Company it was agreed that it was necessary to put in place a safer and more structured process as to how and when Tours operate within the English Market to ensure comfort for all those who have cause to visit and work in the Market.

The English Market sustains 450 (approximately) valuable city centre jobs and the Protocols, which are attached at Appendix A, carry the support of over 90% of the Traders.

The Applications of these Protocols will ensure a more effective and efficient management process in the English Market and these are attached at Appendix B.

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that a related Report would be submitted to An Chomhairle at six monthly intervals.

10. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

10.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

10.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF FEBRUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of February 2017.

11. **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Environment & Recreation Functional committee from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

13. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

14. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

14.1 **ECAD MAYORS CONFERENCE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the ECAD Mayors Conference in Kaunas, Lithuania from 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

15. **TRAINING**

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

- Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, J. Buttimer and S. Martin to attend the LAMA Spring Seminar to be held at City North Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle and J. Buttimer to attend the AILG Annual Conference to be held West County Hotel, Ennis 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll to attend the AILG – Border and Western Region to be held at Westport 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin to attend the AILG – Southern Region to be held in Nenagh 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin to attend the AILG – Dublin, Eastern and Midlands Region to be held in Dundalk 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE JUNCTION LEADING TO SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council put in place Double Yellow Lines at the upper side of this estate adjacent to the junction leading to Silverheights Road. While residents park outside their houses, a growing number of motorists are now leaving their cars in this area and taking the bus to town. This unwelcome car congestion is presenting a serious public safety hazard to both residents and children using the local school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/063)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.2 **TAKE CHARGE OF RIVERVIEW RISE, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately take charge of Riverview Rise at Riverview estate in Ballyvolane, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/086)

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

16.3 **ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES TO INITIATE A ‘SHOP LOCAL DAY’**

‘That Cork City Council assist Small Businesses in our city in working with all business stakeholders, Business Traders organizations and app developers, by helping to initiate a "Shop Local Day" that would include the introduction of a "Loyalty Card" that would give discounts to card holders thereby increasing business.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/087)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise  
Functional Committee/Corporate Policy Group**

16.4 **RE-PAINT ROAD SIGNS IN BALLYPHEHANE**

‘That all road signs in Ballyphehane be immediately re-painted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/103)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.5 **RE-PAINT ROAD SIGNS**

‘That the following road (street) signs which have been painted over be re-painted to their original status. St. Endas Road, Templeacre Avenue, Rathmore Road, Springfield Estate (Mayfield), Kilnap Place, St. Brendan’s Road, Kerry Road, North Mon Road, St. Joseph’s Terrace, Killeens Place, Pophams Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/104)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.6 **NAMEPLATES ON FRIARS WALK**

‘That mindful of the fact it is one of the longest streets in Cork, nameplates be erected along Friars Walk from its junction at Tower Street to its junction with Tramore Road a distance of some 1.7km, currently without any designation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/106)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING IN FRIARS WALK**

‘That in light of the re-routing of the 203 bus in Ballyphehane (that was often cited as an impediment to this proposal), traffic-calming or other necessary safety measures are undertaken on the stretch of Friars Walk from the Credit Union to the former Barbers Shop to facilitate residents' access to their home...the work perhaps to be undertaken in conjunction with mooted calming works at nearby Morning Star NS.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/112)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.8 **PROPOSED OR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE OLD WHITECHURCH ROAD SITE**

‘That in view of the recently announced infrastructure funding for the Old WhiteChurch Road Site, that Cork City Council consult at an early stage with the residents of the area re any proposed or future developments for the site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/117)

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

16.9 **SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO MOUNT FARREN ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would erect a sign at the entrance to Mount Farren Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/118)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.10 **GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR AN EASTERN GATEWAY BRIDGE**

‘That Cork City Council seeks Government approval for an Eastern Gateway Bridge given that it is a vital piece of infrastructure for the development of the docklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/119)

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



16.11 **PROPOSALS TO COMMEMORATE THE MAIN HISTORICAL EVENTS DURING THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE**

‘That Council (a) prepare a list of proposals to commemorate the main historical events that took place in Cork City during the War of Independence

(b) seek Government funding for these proposals in view of the national and international significance of these events.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/120)

**Party Whips**

16.12 **FORMER MACCURTAIN STREET GARDA STATION BUILDING**

‘That Cork City Council would acquire the former MacCurtain Street Garda Station building from the OPW for the purpose of using it as a venue for hosting a major 1920 Historical Exhibition and commemorative events in 2020. Consideration can also be given to transferring the Military Museum to the venue in order to bring it closer to the public. In addition, it would be appropriate for the City to host an interpretive centre that would focus on the global contribution which can be harnessed from the Terence MacSwiney collection of writings known as Principles of Freedom. There is an overwhelming case for keeping this building in public ownership.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/122)

**Party Whips**

16.13 **PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FROM OLD YOUGHAL ROAD TO BALLYHOOLEY ROAD, THE QUARRY STEPS**

‘That Cork City Council would now permanently extinguish the public right of way from Old Youghal Road to Ballyhooley Road, known locally as the Quarry steps. This matter has been delayed for many years by officials and now it must be closed permanently in the public interest and the common good.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/123)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.14 **MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PLAN 2014-2018**

‘In the context of Traveller Accommodation issues, City Council to report on: The mid-term review of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2014-2018, Funds available for Traveller accommodation this year and plans for same, The process and timeline for the next Traveller Accommodation Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/125)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

16.15 **3 FATHER MATTHEW STREET**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the status of a building at 3 Fr. Matthew Street- the former home of Conradh na Gaeilge - are there any known plans for this building?’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/126)

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

16.16 **PARKING AT THE BALLINLOUGH SHOPPING PARADE**

‘That Cork City Council reviews & assesses the feasibility of increasing parking provision within the Ballinlough shopping parade, near the Silver Key Bar. There are five businesses trading within the area and parking is not adequate. This is causing problems for customers of the businesses and illegal parking is an issue for nearby residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/127)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.17 **REVIEW OF SPEEDING ON GLASHEEN RD, MAGAZINE RD AND O’DONOVAN’S RD**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of speeding on the Glasheen Road, Magazine Road and O'Donovan's Road and would develop a plan for speed reduction and noise mitigation measures to ensure increased safety for all road users especially pedestrians, that this report would also consider the need for traffic calming measures in estates off these roads and that improved access and egress for local estates on these roads would also be augmented and enhanced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/128)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.18 **REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC REALM AT UAM VAR, BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a major review of the public realm, road network and footpath network in Uam Var, Bishsopstown, and would liaise with the Residents Association to develop a plan to remediate identified deficits and that anti-dog fouling litter signs would be erected as well as the provision of bins for the deposit of such waste.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/129)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

An Chomhairle agreed to also refer this motion to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee.

16.19 **DOWNSIZING APPLICATIONS LIST**

‘That City Council would forward a full report on our position and the status of our downsizing applications list and what progress if any is being made in reducing this list.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/130)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

16.20 **INSTALL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN TOGHER**

‘That City Council would install pedestrian crossings in the following areas in Togher:-

1. On Togher Road between Deanvale and Market Gardens to accommodate the residents of Deanrock Estate and particularly with the new development under construction. These residents have nowhere to cross Togher Road safely between Tramore Rd. and Vicars Rd.
2. Tramore Road residents have being lobbying Cllrs. for a pedestrian crossing on this road for some years now since the removal of the traffic lights at this junction with Togher Rd. Ideally they would like this to be installed between that junction and their local Shop / Post Office.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/131)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.21 **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TASK FORCE**

‘That Cork City Council would put a task force together to tackle the issue of unruly tenants and tenants that cause anti-social behaviour in their communities. That the task force would include officials from Cork City Council Housing Department, community guards and a senior member of Gardaí management also with a senior member of Cork City Council housing department and any other persons that would be of assistance in combatting the increasing levels of tenants causing anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/132)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

16.22 **ROAD RESURFACING ON CATHEDRAL ROAD, CATHEDRAL STREET, ROMAN STREET, UPPER JOHN STREET AND GERALD GRIFFIN STREET**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out urgent road resurfacing on Cathedral Road, Cathedral Street, Roman Street, Upper John Street, Gerald Griffin Street and surrounding roads because of the shocking state of the roads following the works Irish Water carried out and because of the lack of investment by the Government.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/133)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

17. **MOTIONS**

17.1 **INSTALL BUS STOP AT ASHMOUNT, TIVOLI**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council request that Bus Éireann install a Bus Shelter/Bus Stop at Ashmount, Tivoli.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/062)

An Chomhairle agreed, with Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh’s consent, to amend the above motion by deleting the reference to ‘Bus Stop’. The amended motion to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council request that Bus Éireann install a Bus Shelter at Ashmount, Tivoli.’

17.2 **PROPOSED REGIONALISATION OF THE CITIZENS INFORMATION AND MABS NETWORKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the Minister for Social Protection to immediately utilise the power he has under the Citizens Information Act 2007 to issue a directive to halt the

Citizens Information Board's proposed regionalisation of the Citizens Information and MABS networks and to review the restructuring process.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/116)

17.2 **UNFAIR TREATMENT OF THE DEFENCE FORCES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That this Council recognises the unfair treatment of the Defence Force members by this government and will write to urge the government to provide decent pay and conditions and to provide collective bargaining rights to the Defence Forces.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/121)

17.3 **'SOFT OPT-OUT' SYSTEM FOR ORGAN DONATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Health to legislate for a 'soft opt-out' system for organ donation.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/124)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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