

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT	Leas - Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy Chaired the meeting in the absence of the Lord Mayor.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican.
ALSO PRESENT	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. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.
APOLOGIES	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Cosgrove Family on the death of Liam Cosgrove.
- The Sexton Family on the death of Amanda Sexton.
- The Campagno-O'Mahony Family on the death of Toni Campagno-O'Mahony.
- The O'Callaghan Family on the death of Pat O'Callaghan.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Attracta Murphy.
- The Long Family on the death of Marie Long.
- The Conway Family on the death of Charlie Conway.
- The Lehane Family on the death of Claire Lehane.
- The Dineen Family on the death of Rose Dineen.

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

- The O'Connor Family Butchers on their excellent shop in Mayfield.
- Tina Neylon on her retirement as co-ordinator of the Lifelong Learning Festival.
- Rebels 4 Choice on organising 3 full buses to March for Choice.

- Douglas Street Traders Association on hosting the Inaugural Douglas Street Autumn Festival.
- Brian Dillons GAA Club on winning the Craobh Rua Cup Final.
- Mayfield GAA Club on a magnificent year coming to an end with defeat in County semi-final.
- Mayfield St. Luke's Tidy Towns for their support for their newly set up Mayfield St. Lukes Tidy Towns Association.
- Blackrock GAA for reaching senior hurling championship 2017.
- Ursuline Secondary School for bringing 3rd year students to Cork City Hall to study local democracy.
- St. Michael's GFC for reaching intermediate football Championship Final 2017.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

No Items Raised.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **PROPOSAL FROM CORK COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1991 (To be tabled on the night)**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Chief Executive which was tabled on the night including the Statement of Response of Cork City Council to Proposal by Cork County Council dated the 11th September 2017 to alter its boundary with Cork City Council under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1991.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the Proposal of Cork County Council dated the 11th day of September 2017 that its Boundary with Cork City Council be altered in accordance with Part V of the Local Government Act 1991, a copy of which was received on the 15th day of September 2017,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Cork City Council shall make a “Statement of Response” thereto in the terms of the Statement of Response attached to the Report of the Chief Executive of Cork City Council dated the 9th day of October 2017.”

4.2 **VISIT CORK PLACE BRANDING AND DESTINATION BRANDING**

Chief Executive proposed and An Chomhairle approved that a meeting of An Chomhairle to address the Visit Cork “Place Branding” and “Destination Branding” would take place on Monday the 23rd October 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 25th September 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle regarding the Local Adjustment Factor for the Local Property Tax held 28th September 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **REJECTED PROPERTIES BETWEEN 2016 AND SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

Can Cork City Council confirm how many properties between 2016 and September 2017 were rejected or turned down due to “estate management” or “mixed tenureship” purposes?

(Cllr. Fiona Ryan)
**Deferred from meeting
of 25th September.**

REPLY

Cork City Council has not rejected any properties from NAMA in 2016 or 2017 due to “estate management” or “mixed tenureship” purposes.

A Mortgage to Rent (MTR) Scheme operates through the Housing Agency and Approved Housing Bodies for the acquisition of properties where owners are in mortgage distress. Cork City Council has not rejected any properties under the MTR Scheme for such reasons.

For private single dwelling acquisitions, any such properties which the City Council did not proceed to purchase in 2016 or 2017 were for reasons ranging from structural or title difficulties, excessive sale price, or non-compliance with planning or building regulations.

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

6.2 **REDEVELOPMENT OF PARK OWEN**

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

Have Cork City Council any plans for the redevelopment of Park Owen?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

There is no provision in the 2018 Draft Parks Capital Programme to undertake enhancement works at Park Owen.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.3 **MAHON LOCAL AREA PLAN**

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

Could the CE give an update on progress of the Mahon Local Area Plan including details and a breakdown on the status with regards to the following sub-areas within MLAP:

- a) Sale of the old Abode site on Skehard Road, re Mahon Library which City Council has been exploring the options for a permanent library in the south-east of Cork City over recent years. A permanent facility was to be have been designed for the former Abode Site at the corner of Skehard Road and Ballinure Avenue. The old Abode building was demolition earlier this year and the site to go to market for interest. Once approved then the library was to be programmed for delivery at a new site at the old HSE Medical Centre at Lakelands;
- b) Bessboro House and grounds: i.e. A new “Bessboro House” residential neighbourhood within the Mahon Industrial Estate and Bessboro House grounds; A new Neighbourhood Park n the grounds of Bessboro House, providing a focus for the recreational activity in Mahon and a valuable landscape asset for public benefit;
- c) A new “Town Square” and enhanced spaces around the shopping centre area on Avenue De Rennes: the Avenue De Rennes Neighbourhood Centre from the RedCove Inn to now derelict Lakelands Tavern which would enable development for the benefit of Avenue De Rennes and the Mahon community;

(Cllr. Chris O’Leary)

REPLY

- a) The former Abode site on Skehard Road is currently for sale on the open market with a closing date for the end of October 2017. Once a preferred bidder is identified the required disposal will be brought before the CE and Elected Members of Council for approval. As to the delivery of a new library for Mahon, the Council does not yet own the site of the former Health Centre at Lakeland Crescent but is currently reviewing all available sites and building options in the area should the necessary Departmental funding be made available to realise the project.

The Abode site is currently on the market for sale. Options for a site for a library for Mahon are still being still explored but will be subject to resource availability.

- b) The delivery of a *Bessboro Neighbourhood Park* by the City Council would require a critical mass of housing in close proximity to the proposed park in order to enable

the park project to be justified. There is a limited amount of housing land to the east of Bessboro House but the Mahon Industrial Estate, which is a predominantly low density employment estate, is ripe for renewal as part of a residential neighbourhood, reflected by recent applications for residential development.

Members will recall that the Executive brought a proposed change to the *Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021* for their consideration in 2016. The variation proposed a change the land use zoning objective of the Mahon Industrial Estate and Lough Mahon Technology Park to allow residential uses to be developed. The rationale for this recommendation was to both contribute to the creation of a new Bessboro Neighbourhood and also to make a significant contribution to addressing the severe housing shortage in Cork City. This proposal was not supported by Members at the time but could be revisited if Members would like to explore it again.

- c) and d) The Strategic Planning and Economic Development and Corporate Affairs Directorates are currently undertaking a strategic review of the Avenue De Rennes area to determine what areas can be classed as derelict under the meaning of the Act and to consider what actions can be progressed, funding provided, to advance proposals and objectives outlined in the Mahon Local Area Plan for Avenue De Rennes.

Kevin Lynch,
A/Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise

6.4 **VOIDS RETURNED TO FULL USE AND SOCIAL HOUSING PURCHASED**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 23rd October 2017.

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how many voids were returned to full use and the number of houses purchased and acquired for social houses for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and for the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and the funding provided by central government for same for each of those years?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

6.5 **LEGAL ADVICE FOR CORK EVENT CENTRE**

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

Can the CE confirm whether legal advice has now been submitted to department via Cork Event Centre and what is the time line for a decision to be made for extra funding?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

REPLY

Cork City Council has obtained legal advice in respect of the Cork Event Centre and this has now been provided to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. There has been no indication from this Department as to the time line for a decision to be made for extra funding.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services – Strategic Planning and Economic Development

6.6 FLATS ON CHERRYTREE ROAD

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

I have asked a number of questions and made a number of representations on behalf of the residents of the flats on Cherrytree Road and the issues the residents are having.

A response to a number of these questions can be seen from council meeting 11th April 2016.

Can I get an update on what works has been carried out and what is Cork City Council's short, medium & long term plans to address all the different issues with this block of flats?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

Funding is being sought for energy efficiency improvement works and for necessary repair works. As soon as this has been secured the works will commence. We are hopeful of an available funding stream in 2018.

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

6.7 PROPOSAL TO ERECT SIGNAGE FOR TOURIST SITES

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 last year's proposal by TEAM to erect new signage for tourist sites in the city – the legible city plan?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Tourism Section has submitted for the funding of Way Finding signage in the 2018 budget process. It should be noted that Fáilte Ireland in phase 1 of Ireland's Ancient East (Orientation Signage), has strategically located signage at the following locations, Cork City Gaol, Blackrock Castle, Shandon, Cork Public Museum/Fitzgerald Park, St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. The signage informs visitors of nearby tourist attractions and points of

interest that are part of Ireland's Ancient East story. Phase 2 of the orientation is currently being rolled out by Fáilte Ireland.

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

6.8 **RE-SURFACE HIGHFIELD AVENUE**

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

Highfield Avenue, Model Farm Road is in dire need of resurfacing as the road is full of large potholes. This is a very busy residential area with much traffic from St. Catherine's School and Highfield Rugby Club.

How soon can this problem be addressed?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

This road was not included in the 2017 road resurfacing contract. However repair works will take place on this road over the coming two.

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

6.9 **MILITARY PROPERTY AT CAMP FIELD, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 23rd October 2017.

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

In relation to the Military property at Camp Field, Old Youghal Road, can the CE please advise why City Council has not in the 7 years since 2010 made any progress towards acquiring the 9 houses which the Dept of Defence says it was attempting to negotiate with Council. The Houses have deteriorated in the meantime.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

6.10 **RE-AWARDING OF THE 'PURPLE FLAG'**

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

Can the CE report on the re-awarding of the 'Purple Flag' to Cork City? What was the valuation process and criteria involved? What role, if any, does the alcohol industry play in the purple flag designation?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

Purple Flag is an international accreditation scheme for town and city centres acknowledging excellence in the Evening and Night-time Economy (ENTE). Like the Blue Flag for beaches, places and meet the standards can fly the flag. Over 70 town and city centres have been awarded Purple Flags since the scheme was launched by ATCM in October 2009 with 23 flag holders. The scheme is managed by the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) in the UK, an organisation which I understand receives support from Diageo.

Purple Flag accredited towns and cities have proven that they are welcoming to everyone, offer safe ways for visitors to travel home after dark and provide a good mix of venues. Purple Flag centres are those that have proven that they are vibrant and well-managed in the evening and at night-time.

Cork City Centre received its first Purple Flag in 2015. Purple Flag requires annual renewal – therefore continued innovation is a must. The evaluation process involved a comprehensive written submission, followed by an overnight assessment by two independent assessors which took place in August.

Over 30 criteria are used in the assessment, under the following five categories:

Wellbeing (Welcoming, clean and safe)

Movement (A Secure Pattern of Arrival, Circulation and Departure)

Broad Appeal (A Vibrant Choice and a Rich Mix)

Place (A Stimulating Destination and a Vital Place)

Policy (A Clear Aim and a Common Purpose)

Some of the assessors' comments in approving the city's renewal include:

"The arts and cultural offering was impressive and the offering of ancillary bars and cafes in each location was very evident and no doubt an ingredient to attracting footfall. Many diverse offerings of food outlets with good occupancy of customers were observed during the assessment, of all ages".

"The vibrant 'Victorian Quarter' and its diverse mix of bars, restaurants and cafes offering food in addition to the supporting arts offering must be commended."

"During the visit to the retail areas, they were all busy with good footfall with passionate staff who completely encapsulated the Purple Flag initiative."

"The city was very walkable and the success of the public bike scheme was also very evident on the night."

The long-table dinner is an excellent example of ingenuity & partnership working and a great driver of a unique attraction for locals and visitors.

"Overall willingness to invest and expand in the city was evident and makes for a promising future for many areas of the evening and night time economy, including retail, hotels, hospitality, arts and culture."

6.11 **AVENUE DE RENNES AREA**

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

Can the Chief Executive please outline what responsibility the Council has in addressing the dilapidation of the Avenue de Rennes area, particularly near the former Lakelands pub, the shopping parade car park and its immediate surrounds?

Can the CE confirm if the land in this vicinity is publicly or privately owned? Are there any other issues around land ownership in this area?

Does the Council intend to enforce dereliction orders on land that has been neglected in this area?

Can the CE provide a definitive timeline to when the council will take appropriate actions to address this growing problem?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

As per Section 10 of Derelict Sites Act 1990 it is the duty of a local authority to take all reasonable steps (including the exercise of any appropriate statutory powers) to ensure that any land situate in their functional area does not become or continue to be a derelict site. The Planning and Economic Development and Corporate Affairs Directorates are currently undertaking a strategic review of the Avenue De Rennes area to determine what areas can be classed as derelict under the meaning of the Act and to consider what actions can be progressed, funding provided, to advance proposals and objectives outlined in the Mahon Local Area Plan. Once determined to be derelict and placed on the Derelict Sites Register the appropriate statutory process, including compulsory acquisition, may be commenced on key sites and buildings. As part of this review areas in both public and private ownership will be identified and the appropriate legislative action undertaken to help address long standing issues in the area, in so far as resources permit.

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

6.12 **REPORT FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

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

Can the C.E. give an explanation to Council in relation to the following:

Back in 2015/16 South West Ward Cllrs. were given a report from the Housing Dept. that City Council were being allocated 31 units in Downview on Farranlea Road through N.A.M.A.

An approved housing body N.A.B.C.O. were nominated to manage these properties. We were recently notified that only 23 of these 31 properties were actually allocated to applicants on our housing waiting list so what happened with the other 8 units, what were the reasons why we didn’t received the other 8 units for our housing applicants?

What were the full addresses [house numbers] of the original 31 units offered in 2015/16?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

With regard to the 8 properties yet to be allocated to housing applicants, 6 of these have been temporarily retained by the Receiver. The properties have been retained to

temporarily accommodate property owners/private tenants within scheme whilst essential safety works were completed. This work is nearing completion and we expect the properties to be allocated to Cork City housing applicants within the next fortnight. The remaining two properties are subject to ongoing legal dispute which the Receiver is working to resolve.

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

7 **PARTY WHIPS – 2nd OCTOBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips held 2nd October 2017.

7.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE ITEMS**

7.1.1 **PROGRESS ON THE LLFRS AND MORRISON'S ISLAND PROJECTS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report to Mr. D. Joyce in relation to the progress on the LLFRS and Morrison's Island Projects. An Chomhairle further agreed that the OPW would make a presentation to An Chomhairle on Monday 13th November 2017 from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

7.1.2 **BUDGET MEETING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved meeting on Budget 2018 would take place on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

7.2 **CAPACITY BUILDING MISSION TO BRUSSELS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the City Council's intention in relation to the Capacity Building Mission to Brussels. An Chomhairle further agreed that the initial group would consist of Party Whips and Party Leaders.

8 **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 25th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee held 25th September 2017.

8.1 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the CASP Committee Report of June 2017.

8.2 **CITY DOCKS LOCAL AREA PLAN – REPORT ON PRE-DRAFT CONSULTATION**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 25th September, 2017, in relation to the City Docks Local Area Plan – Report on pre-draft consultation.

8.3 **TIVOLI DOCKS LOCAL AREA PLAN – REPORT ON PRE-DRAFT CONSULTATION**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 25th September 2017, on the Tivoli Docks Local Area Plan – Report on pre-draft consultation.

8.4 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 4 (ST JOHN’S WELL, UPPER FAIRHILL) TO THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 25th September, 2017 on the proposed Variation No.4 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 in order to commence the public consultation process.

8.5 **PLANS FOR MACCURTAIN STREET/BRIDGE STREET/COBURG STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council officials would present their plans for MacCurtain Street/Bridge Street/Coburg Street to local businesses and local Councillors for review prior to publishing any Part 8 proposals.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/265)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that work has not yet commenced on the design of the City Centre Movement Strategy Scheme for this area. Once preliminary design is underway local Councillors will be informed and consultation will take place with local businesses, residents and other stakeholders.

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

9 **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd OCTOBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee held 2nd October 2017.

9.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

9.1.1 **REPORT ON VISIT TO RENNES BY CORK CITY COUNCIL DELEGATION – JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Cllr. K. O’Flynn on the visit to Rennes by Cork City Council delegation in June.

9.1.2 **LATE TWINNING GRANT APPLICATION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O'Shea, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the awarding of a Twinning Grant of €1500 to CIT Crawford College of Art & Design (CCAD).

9.1.3 **REPORTS DEFERRED FROM JULY MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

9.1.3.1 **REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, CORPORATE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON MOTION REGARDING 25th ANNIVERSARY OF CORK/SWANSEA TWINNING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs on motion regarding 25th Anniversary of Cork/Swansea twinning.

9.1.3.2 **CORK CITY MARATHON 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs on the Cork City Marathon 2017.

9.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 27th September, 2017 on Housing Estates from 1st January 2017 to 31st August 2017.

9.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 27th September, 2017 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January 2017 to 30th June 2017.

9.4 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 27th September 2017 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January 2017 to 20th June 2017.

9.5 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 27th September 2017 on up-date on Significant Developments.

9.6 **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 27th September 2017 on Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME AS ADOPTED 28th NOVEMBER 2016

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive report on the Development Contribution Scheme (Draft Amendment) and Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme (Draft Amendment) 2017 – 2021. (Sections 48 & 49 Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended), date 27th September, 2017.

An Chomhairle further noted the following Resolution:-

‘Having considered the Development Contribution Scheme (Draft Amendment) and Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme (Draft Amendment) 2017 – 2021, and the Chief Executives report and having regard to clarity of the development schemes, it is hereby resolved to adopt the following amendments;

RESOLVED:

Development Contribution Scheme, which read as;

Table 4

Overhangs (including balconies)

Any structure (including balconies) having an overhang in excess of 600mm will have the entire area under the overhang included in the area used to calculate the contribution

Table 5

5.23 Where part of a habitable house or other single residential unit (e.g. duplex or apartment unit) is demolished in connection with the provision of an extension and / or other alterations or modifications, a reduction of 100% will apply to the first 40 square metres. A property can only avail of this reduction once; subsequent reductions will be charged at the applicable rate.

5.24 Proportionate reductions in respect of demolition will be allowed excluding where;

- Development contributions were not previously levied.
- The replacement development and the intended use constitute a substantial intensification of use of services.

Demolition must be necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

Now amended to;

Table 4 – reference removed

Table 5

5.23 Where part of a habitable house or other single residential unit (e.g. duplex or apartment unit) is demolished in connection with the provision of an extension and / or other alterations or modifications, a reduction of 100% will apply to the first 40 square metres. Only one exemption will apply. Where a property has benefitted from this reduction, subsequent extension over and above 40 square metres will be charged at the applicable rate.

5.24 Proportionate reduction in respect of demolition will be allowed. Appropriate reductions in respect of demolition will be allowed excluding structures exempt from contributions. Demolition must be necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme, which read as;

4.23 Where part of a habitable house or other single residential unit (e.g. duplex or apartment unit) is demolished in connection with the provision of an extension and / or other alterations or modifications, a reduction of 100% will apply to the first 40 square metres. A property can only avail of this reduction once; subsequent reductions will be charged at the applicable rate.

4.24 Proportionate reductions in respect of demolition will be allowed excluding where;

- Development contributions were not previously levied.
- The replacement development and the intended use constitute a substantial intensification of use of services.

Demolition must be necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

Now amended to;

4.23 Where part of a habitable house or other single residential unit (e.g. duplex or apartment unit) is demolished in connection with the provision of an extension and / or other alterations or modifications, a reduction of 100% will apply to the first 40 square metres. Only one exemption will apply. Where a property has benefitted from this reduction, subsequent extension over and above 40 square metres will be charged at the applicable rate.

4.24 Proportionate reduction in respect of demolition will be allowed. Appropriate reductions in respect of demolition will be allowed excluding structures exempt from contributions. Demolition must be necessary to facilitate the proposed development.’

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan proposed an amendment to the Resolution that the 40 square metres referred to at Item 5.23 and 4.23 be extended to 100 square metres. Following a discussion Comhairleoir T. Brosnan agreed to withdraw the proposed amendment as An Chomhairle agreed that this Item “Amendment to the Development Contribution Scheme as adopted 28th November 2016” would be referred back to the Finance and Estimates Functional Committee for a further Report. An Chomhairle also noted that the matter raised by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan would be included in the Finance and Estimates Functional Committee discussions.

9.8 **LIVING CITY INITIATIVE – PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 27th September 2017 on the Living City Initiative – Progress Report.

9.9 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE:**

9.9.1 **DEVELOPMENT OF A STATUTORY AREA PLAN FOR BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated the 27th September 2017 on the following Bishopstown Motions which had been referred to An Chomhairle by the Committee for information:-

‘That Cork City Council would immediately begin a process for the development of a statutory area plan for Bishopstown – Wilton – College Road to replace the current non-statutory 2007 Bishopstown Wilton Area Action Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/176)

9.9.2 **CHALLENGES FACING BISHOPSTOWN IN WILTON**

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

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

An Chomhairle agreed that these Motions would be referred back to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee.

10 **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd OCTOBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 2nd October 2017.

10.1 **COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE GRANTS 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle considered and approved report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation on Community Maintenance Grants for 2017.

10.2 **REMOVE TREES AT SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the first three trees on the left going up Silverheights Road be removed as their roots have grown under the walls and into the adjacent gardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/147)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 29th June 2017 stated one tree is scheduled to be removed with remedial works to be carried out on the other two trees.

10.3 **USED NEEDLE BIN AT WELLINGTON ROAD (held in Committee)**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council immediately remove the used Needle Bin from the Steps area from Wellington Road to Sidney Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/037)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 29th June 2017 stated that this is a joint initiative undertaken by the HSE, Cork City Council and local community groups based on incidence of drug use paraphernalia appearing at various locations within Cork City. The initial trial targeted areas where high levels of the material (hypodermic needles etc.) were found based on statistics gathered by both the HSE and the City Council. The trial is proving very successful in that the bins are being used, and the incidence of litter associated with drug use has dropped where the bins have been deployed. The contents of the bins is being assessed/recorded as an exercise to monitor the effective deployment of this initiative. Given the transient nature of drug users etc. the areas where needles appear can change and it is envisaged that the bin deployment will reflect this.

10.4 **PRUNE TREES IN HEATHERTON PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council prunes the trees within Heatherton Park and Heatherton.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/185)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 stated that the trees at the above location are scheduled to be pruned during mid to late October, 2017.

10.5 **INSPECTION OF TREES IN GREEN LAWN, KINSALE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That an inspection of the trees in Green Lawn, Kinsale Road be carried out in response to concerns of local residents that some of the ones in close proximity to their homes may be unsafe.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/223)

10.6 **PRUNE TREES IN GREEN LAWN, CURRAGH ROAD, TURNERS CROSS**

‘That this council prune back the trees in Green Lawn, Curragh Road, Turners Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/240)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 28th September 2017 stated that remedial pruning works were carried out on the trees at Green Lawn during the past month.

10.7 **REMOVE TREES IN FITZGERALDS PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees in Fitzgeralds place that are causing serious damage to the footpaths and the road surface be removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/237)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 28th September 2017 stated that two trees were removed and, the remaining six trees at Fitzgerald’s Place were pruned within the past two years. The remaining trees are not responsible for the deteriorating concrete road surface.

10.8 **CUT BACK TREES IN MILITARY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees on Military Road above the Island Tavern Pub leading up to Collins Barracks be cut back as they are interfering with adjacent properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/245)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 28th September 2017 stated that a contract for the pruning of the above trees has been issued and the works are scheduled to be carried out late October/early November.

10.9 **INSTALL CCTV ON KILMORE ROAD AND NASHES BOREEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will avail of a new funding stream to install CCTV on Kilmore rd & Nashs Boreen, primarily to protect sporting and recreational amenities in the area and to enhance community safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/247)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 stated that this is not a matter for the Environment & Recreation Directorate but the matter will be referred to Corporate Affairs for attention.

10.10 **VACANT GREEN SPACE ADJACENT TO BALLYPHEHANE GAA CLUB**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council give the vacant green space adjacent to Ballypnehane GAA Club on licence or by lease agreement to the Club.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/186)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 28th September 2017 stated that the area in question adjoins the existing Clubhouse at Ballypnehane GAA Club at Tramore Road. A license arrangement will be formalised on receipt of appropriate application by the Club for the use of the lands.

10.11 **INSTALL A COMUMBARIUM WALL FOR CREMATED REMAINS IN ST. MICHAEL’S CEMETERY, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council install a columbarium wall for cremated remains in St. Michael’s Cemetery, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/287)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 28th September 2017 stated that there is no available space in St. Michael’s Cemetery to allow for construction of a columbarium.

It is the Council’s intention in the medium term to provide columbariums at other cemeteries.

It is possible to inter an urn in existing family plots at St. Michael’s.

10.12 **STREET CLEANING REGIME IN AREAS AROUND UCC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would assess the street cleaning regime in areas around UCC, specifically the main thoroughfares, College Rd, Magazine Rd, Horgans Buildings, Glasheen Road, and adjoining streets and that a manual street sweeper resource would be allocated to this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/258)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 stated that a review of the sweeping arrangements will be undertaken for the area and a further report brought back to the next meeting for consideration.

10.13 **REMOVE TREE AT ARIGDEEN LAWN DEANROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would consider removing the tree on the grass margin on the left at the junction of Togher Rd. and Arigdeen Lawn, Deanrock. In the interest of safety this has to be examined as this tree is preventing drivers from having a clear view when existing Deanrock Avenue onto Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/259)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 stated that the above tree will be inspected in the coming days to determine if sight lines are impaired when exiting from Deanrock Avenue onto Togher Road. If visibility is impaired, the tree will be removed.

10.14 **WORKS AT HALLDENE GROVE/CURRAHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out the following works in the Halldene Grove/Curraheen Road areas. Maintain the green area properly with regular grass cutting. Trim back and the chestnut trees and the grass around the base of these trees. Have the road sweeper return to what used to be a weekly visit to clean up the litter that’s gathering around the shores along the base of the footpaths. Hopefully this will all be done when their reinstated the green area and the opening of the new Curraheen bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/260)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 stated that a full reinstatement and clean-up of the above open space grass area will be undertaken as part of the bridge contract works. All trees along the Curraheen Road are scheduled to be pruned before the end of the year.

10.15 **PLANS TO DEAL WITH JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council reports on what plans are in place to deal with Japanese Knotweed in City Council properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/261)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 28th September 2017 stated that the issue of Japanese Knotweed in Council owned houses is a matter for the Housing Directorate and should be referred to them for their attention.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/293)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 stated that this matter is being addressed through Ward Meetings and officials in both the Parks Department and Roads Transportation Directorate.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The Report of the Director of Services dated 28th September 2017 stated that the cut stone at the Mahon Depot is presently used by various Directorates for mounting commemorative plaques at various locations throughout the city. There is no funding presently available for landscaping public spaces in the South East Ward, however, should funds become available, consideration will be given to the use of this stone, if appropriate to the scheme. The issue of cataloguing the individual stone pieces will be referred to the Planning Directorate for their consideration.

11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

12 **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summary from Comhairleoir T. Shannon of his attendance at the LAMA Autumn Seminar in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on the 29th and 30th September 2017.

13 **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

14 **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance to the following:-

- Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, K. Collins to attend AILG Autumn Seminar.
- Comhairleoirí M. Shields, T. O’Driscoll, T. Brosnan, T. Shannon and S. Martin to attend AILG Training Border and Western Region at Carrick-On-Shannon on 21st October 2017.
- Comhairleoirí M. Shields, T. Brosnan, T. Shannon and S. Martin to attend the AILG Training Southern Region in Wexford on the 14th November 2017.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin to attend I.P.B. Meeting in Athlone on the 27th October 2017.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the retrospective attendance of the following:-

- Comhairleoir T. Shannon to attend LAMA Autumn Seminar in Clonmel on the 29th and 30th September 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 **REPLACE LOW WALL AT THOMOND SQUARE ON INFIRMARY ROAD**

‘In an effort to prevent cars from driving through it - and in a bid to curtail antisocial behaviour (including daytime drinking) that has necessitated many calls to emergency services - that the low wall at the front of Thomond Square on Infirmary Rd is either replaced entirely with railings or that other secure and protective measures are installed there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/368)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.2 **MEMORIAL TO AN GORTA MOR IN THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council supports moves by the county commemoration committee to erect a suitable iconic memorial to An Gorta Mor (Great Famine) in the city - like many other cities across the globe - and agrees to join in (and contribute to) efforts to make this a reality.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. F. Dennehy 17/296)

Party Whips

15.3 **YELLOW BOX AT THE ENTRANCE TO SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

‘That the yellow box painted across half the road at the entrance to Silversprings Court be extended to the full width of the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/318)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.4 **RESURFACE CUL DE SAC ROAD AT HERBERT PARK LAWN, GARDINERS HILL**

‘That the cul de sac road at Herbert Park Lawn on Gardiners Hill be resurfaced as it has never been refurbished and is in appalling condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/319)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MARDYKE WALKWAY**

‘That Cork City Council would add a pedestrian crossing along Mardyke Walkway crossing over towards the Mardyke Sports Complex between the roads at Wellington Bridge, linking Western Road to Sunday's Well. There are a large number of people, particularly students crossing over to the Mardyke Sports Complex and also walkers using the Mardyke Walkway, it is treacherous, for there are 3 lines of cars - 2 heading onto Western Road and 1 towards Sunday's Well. I think it would be a proactive initiative and perhaps may save some lives if a pedestrian crossing was established along that road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/338)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **PAY PARKING IN UAM VAR GROVE**

‘That Cork City introduce pay parking to Uam Var Grove, in light of recent plebiscite which showed the majority eligible to vote are in favour of such an introduction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 17/343)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **REVIEW OF TREES IN BEAUMONT PARK**

‘That a full review of the trees in Beaumont Park and necessary improvements to the park be made. A full review of the potential of this amenity would greatly benefit the area be it in a phased or otherwise fashion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 17/344)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.8 **SIGNAGE DIRECTING MOTORISTS TO THE BALLINLOUGH SUBURB**

‘That Cork City Council would erect directional signage directing motorists to the Ballinlough suburb from various locations of Cork City. There are no signs anywhere in the city directing motorists to Ballinlough up at present.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/346)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.9 **SURVEY OF THE FOOTPATHS AT ARDMAHON ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a survey of the footpaths at Ardmahon Estate, to establish the degree of wear and tear, broken paths, trip hazards etc. Which is a real problem here and as a matter of public safety those areas identified be repaired with a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/347)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.10 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE ENTRANCE TO LIDL ON BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would place a pedestrian crossing at the entrance of Lidl on the Ballyhooley Road, to allow safe access for residents using the facilities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/349)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **SURVEY OF COACH/BUS USAGE OF ST. PATRICK’S QUAY**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a survey of the extent of coach/bus usage of St. Patrick’s Quay, including examination of the type of service involved, the length of stay and also examine general facilities as well as safety of pedestrians, bus passengers and motorists. Originally intended as a short-term stop for tourist buses, the coach bays on St. Patrick’s Quay are now heavily used by several private coach operators running multiple hourly services per day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/350)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 **REMOVE TREE AT 49 MANGERTON CLOSE, THE GLEN**

‘That the tree that is causing a nuisance on or around 49 Mangerton Close, The Glen be removed without further ado.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/351)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.13 **COAL QUAY STAKEHOLDERS FORUM**

‘That the Council create a Coal Quay Stakeholders forum bringing together the various traders and residents on this historic street. It is clear that some plans by different stakeholders are similar but others are not aligned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/352)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

15.14 **IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTPATH AND SAFE CROSSING AT THE MAHON GREENWAY**

‘Is there any possibility of improvements to the footpath and a safe crossing to the Mahon greenway from St Luke's Nursing Home? St Luke's Nursing Home in Blackrock has been fortunate to acquire a trishaw thanks to the huge generosity of PFH. This trishaw, which will be piloted by volunteers, will allow senior members of the community the opportunity to enjoy the Mahon greenway. At present there are four trishaws in Ireland with eight pending. Wheelchair access to the greenway from St Luke's requires crossing the road four times, whereas one crossing would be possible - this would also be of benefit to nearby sports clubs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/353)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.15 **ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include the following in the 2018 Roads Resurfacing Programme due to the run down condition of roads and the dangers posed by uneven footpaths:

St Christophers Road, St Christophers Avenue, Clifton Road, St Christophers Walk , Clifton Avenue, St Josephs Drive and St Anne's Drive.

In total, residents in these parks pay substantial Local Property Tax and Road Tax’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/354)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.16 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF BOHERBOY ROAD AND SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

‘That Cork City Council seek substantial funding from Government to pay for the installation of signalised traffic lights at the junction of Boherboy Road and Silversprings Lane in the interests of the health and safety of resident pedestrians and motorists who put their lives at risk during rush hours to access or cross Silversprings Lane. Planners and Roads Staff have been turning a blind eye on these dangers for years and continue to ignore obvious health and safety concerns.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/355)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.17 **WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS**

‘In view of extensive dumping of household waste across the city, that Cork City Council would develop a policy to ensure that all landlords would have a waste management plan in place for all their tenants. This should form part of a legal tenancy agreement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/356)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.18 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF PARK COURT AND NORTH RING ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the traffic lights at the junction of Park Court North Ring Road especially the timing of the right turn from Parkcourt to North Ring Rd to help with traffic flow’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/357)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.19 **BOILER INSPECTIONS AT MARKET GARDENTS, TOGHER**

‘That City Council would carry out an inspection on the boiler systems in our tenants properties in Market Gardens Togher as there has been numerous complaints that the radiators in the upstairs rooms are not working and the rooms are freezing cold.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/358)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.20 **FUNDING FOR RESURFACING WORKS AT CLASHDUV PARK**

‘That City Council would give a full report to ward Cllrs in the South West ward in relation to funding for the long overdue resurfacing works of the walkway around Clashduv Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/359)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

An Chomhairle agreed that this Motion would be referred to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

15.21 **REVIEW OF TRAFFIC FLOW AT AREAS ADJACENT TO UCC**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a full and comprehensive review of traffic flow and management in the areas adjacent to UCC with a view to;

- Introducing appropriate traffic calming measures on Magazine Road from Dorgan’s Road to Claire’s Ave and Coolgarten Park,
- Reinstating road markings and linings that have become faded or were removed during refurbishment works,
- Engaging and consulting with the Local Policing Forum, Resident Associations, Student Union and UCC to promote safe driving and parking practices,
- Developing strategies for reducing the quantum of traffic accessing this community.’

(Proposers: Cllr J. Buttimer, Cllr. P.J. Hourican 17/360)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.22 **NUMBER OF PROPERTIES THAT ARE REGISTERED AS A NON-PRIMARY RESIDENCE IN EACH WARD OF THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a report on the number of properties that are registered as a non-primary residence in each ward of the city and that it would establish what percentage of these are registered with the Residential Tenancies Board, the report to also include details of inspections carried out by City Council on rented accommodation across the city, the percentage of compliance with standards and outcomes following inspection.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. P.J. Hourican 17/361)

Finance & Estimates Functional Committee

15.23 **REPAIR PUBLIC LIGHTS AT ROPE WALK PLACE, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council repair the public lights at the new housing development known as Rope Walk Place, Rope Walk, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/362)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.24 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS AT RINGMAHON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out localised repairs to footpaths that are in serious disrepair along the Ringmahon Road, near the CSO.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/363)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.25 **YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE IN FAIRHILL**

‘That Cork City Council assign formally the area known as 'MacSweeny's Farm' in Fairhill for a Youth and Community Centre.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 17/364)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.26 **CORK MEN WHO FOUGHT IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR**

‘That Cork City Council would commemorate in some way those Cork men who fought in the Spanish Civil War on behalf of the Republican Government joining thousands from across the world in the International Brigades.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/365)

Party Whips

15.27 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT COLMCILLE ROAD, GURRANABRAHER**

‘That Cork City Council would install a Pedestrian Crossing on the midpoint of Colmcille Road Gurrabraher and Churchfield Way Lower close to the entrance to a primary school and to the main entrance to the Park. As a result of the high volume of traffic on this road and danger to pedestrians especially children trying to cross it who attend Padre Pio Primary School, the Before 5 Nursery and Gerry O’Sullivan Park I am requesting a pedestrian crossing to help protect them while crossing the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/366)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.28 **TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR BLARNEY STREET, CATHEDRAL ROAD, FRIARS AVENUE AND SUNDAYS WELL**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a traffic survey for Blarney Street, Cathedral Road, Friars Avenue, Sunday's Well and surrounding connecting areas/roads to devise a plan/solution to the ongoing traffic problems and parking issues that are currently causing serious negative and adverse problems for the residents who live in these areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/367)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **PROGRAMME OF DEBT FORGIVENESS FOR COUNCILS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to implement a programme of debt forgiveness for those Councils charged with servicing historical debt. The debt forgiveness afforded to other institutions has not been forthcoming for Housing Authorities. Present interest 750 per annum which is money lost to core housing activity. Next year the Council will have to pay 1.9 million. This financial burden is unsustainable and will continue to have a detrimental effect on our housing budget and capacity potential exposure is 7 million.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/209)

16.2 **LEGAL PROCESS FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEMATIC TENANCIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to refine the legal process applicable to dealing with problematic tenancies to enable timely responses and interventions by the Housing Authority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/210)

16.3 **MORATORIUM ON THE PRACTICE OF PAIR TRAWLING BY COMMERCIAL BOATS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and ask that he at least place a moratorium on the practice of Pair Trawling by commercial boats until such time as information is available on its impact to the ecosystems, the sprat population and other marine wildlife.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/339)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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