

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.
<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, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, 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, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. J. Hayes, A/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. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Clancy Family on the death of Pat Clancy.
- The Creed Family on the death of Donal Creed.
- The Wallace Family on the death of Mary Wallace.
- The Daly Family on the death of Denis Daly.
- The Rodgers Family on the death of Ann Rodgers.
- The Swann Family on the death of Martina Swann.
- The Scannell Family on the death of Larry Scannell.
- The O'Shea Family on the death of Eddie O'Shea.
- The Geary Family on the death of Charles Geary.
- The Healy Family on the death of Joe Healy.
- The Hayes Family on the death of Tom Hayes.

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

- Nemo Rangers on the Munster Senior Club Football Championship.
- Cork City Council Community Awards on their Nomination for Pride of Place Award in Donegal next weekend.
- Gerry Adams T.D. on stepping down as President of Sinn Féin after 34 years.
- Dan and Linda Keily, co-founders of the business excellence outsourcing firm Voxpro on receiving the ‘Outstanding Achievement in Business Award 2017’.
- The Lord Mayor congratulated Brian Geaney and the Housing & Community Directorate on winning the Local Authority Innovation category for its Competitive Dialogue Housing Delivery Process. This process has been key to Cork City Council unlocking viable housing development opportunities across the city more rapidly than traditional procurement models.
- He also congratulated Ann O’Riordan and the Hollyhill Library service winner in the Disability Services Provision section for its services for families with children with autism or sensory issues. It offers families with a child with autism a private library visit before the library opens to the public: no lights, no vacuum cleaner, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Tuesdays to Saturdays.
- Cork City Council was shortlisted in four of the 16 categories in the Excellence in Local Government Awards 2017. Cork City Council’s Environment and Recreation Directorate was shortlisted for the ‘Greening of Glow’, or their use of green bins as part of the city’s GLOW, Cork Christmas Celebration. Recycling, composting and general waste bins were provided around the city centre venue with Green Elves on hand to give advice on where best to place waste. Cork City Council’s Tourism, Events and Arts Marketing Office (TEAM) was shortlisted for its 2016 Commemorative Programme which was devised after widespread consultation with Citizens.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss Motion No. 18.11.

## **THE FORMER GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT SITE IN SUNDAY’S WELL**

‘Cork City Council's elected members support the view of the Good Shepherd Convent Action Group that the former convent site in Sunday's Well is entirely unsuitable for a large scale housing development, the group believes any such development would severely impact on the local community and it's environment.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. K. Collins 17/432)

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

The Deputy Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle as the development is currently at the Planning Application stage it would not be appropriate to discuss it until a planning decision has been made. An Chomhairle approved the referral of motion to the relevant Committee, due notice of which had been given.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **BOOK OF CONDOLENCES**

The Lord Mayor informed An Chomhairle that while attending the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona, he had presented Mayor Ada Colau Ballano of Barcelona with books of condolences from the people of Cork conveying our condolences and solidarity with the people of Barcelona in memory of those who lost their lives in the terror attack on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

3.2 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR COMMODORE HUGH TULLY**

The Lord Mayor reminded An Chomhairle of the forthcoming Civic Reception on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for Commodore Hugh Tully.

3.3 **LORD MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Lord Mayor reminded An Chomhairle that there are still some tickets available for the Lord Mayor's Gala Christmas Concert.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report.

4.2 **VACANCIES ARISING**

The Deputy Chief Executive informed An Chomhairle that the Chief Executive had asked him to inform the Members of the following appointments:-

**Cork Opera House**

The Members noted the appointments of Mr. Denis Kelleher (former Director of New Ireland Assurance) and An t-Uasal Rónán Ó Dubhghaill (Vice President for External Relations, U.C.C.) to the Board of Cork Opera House D.A.C. to fill the vacancies arising from the resignations of Mr. Damien Wallace and Ms. Valerie O'Sullivan from the Board.

An Chomhairle thanked Mr. Wallace and Ms. O'Sullivan on their valued contribution to the Board of the Cork Opera House and thanked them for their active citizenship while serving on the Board.

**Board of Spórt Ionad Réigiúnach Chorcaí clg (Leisureworld)**

The Members noted the appointment of Mr. John Hallahan, Head of Finance, Cork City Council to fill the vacancy to the Board of Spórt Ionad Réigiúnach Chorcaí clg (Leisureworld) arising from the resignation of Mr. Tim Healy from the Board. The members thanked Mr. Healy for his contribution to the Board of Spórt Ionad Réigiúnach

Chorcaí clg (Leisureworld) and wished him well as incoming Chair of the Cork Opera House.

## **CORK EDUCATION TRAINING BOARD**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir S. Martin to the board of the Cork Education Training Board to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan. The members thanked Comhairleoir T. Brosnan for his long service on the board and his contribution to the Cork Education Training Board.

### 5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

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

- Budget 2018 Meeting of An Chomhairle held 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### 6. **QUESTION TIME**

#### 6.1 **INSPECTION REGIME OF RENTAL PROPERTIES**

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 a full and comprehensive report on the inspection regime of rental properties in Cork City and issues arising from those inspections?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

Deferred from meeting of  
13<sup>th</sup> November

### **REPLY**

#### **Fire :**

The responsibility in law for fire safety in a building rests with the building owner. (See legal provisions below).

Over the years the Fire Department has inspected many premises in flats and has issued fire safety requirements necessary to bring these premises to an acceptable level of fire safety.

Generally these buildings would come to the attention of the Fire Department by way of referral from a City Council Housing Inspector further to their inspection under the HAP/RAS schemes, through complaint by a member of the public, or because a fire has occurred at the premises.

To date there has not been a comprehensive check on flat buildings in the city nor indeed would this be feasible without resources far in excess of what we have currently.

### **Legal Provisions**

The **Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003** sets out the legal provisions in relation to fire safety in buildings.

#### *Section 18: General obligations with regard to fire safety*

- Section 18(2) of the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003 places a duty on every person having control over premises to take all reasonable measures to guard against the outbreak of fire on the premises and to provide reasonable fire safety measures for the premises and prepare and provide appropriate fire safety procedures for ensuring the safety of persons on the premises. Section 37 of the Fire Services Act enables the Minister to make regulations providing for the precautions to be taken in premises – no such regulations have been made in relation to flats.
- To assist a person in carrying out the statutory responsibilities under Section 18(2), the Department of Environment published a guide ‘Fire Safety in Flats – A Guide to Fire Safety in Flats, Bedsitters and Apartments’ in 1994. This guide sets out general principals of fire safety which should be applied to existing flats having regard to the circumstances of each premises. Sections of the guide are of a technical nature to be interpreted and applied by suitable qualified persons.

### **Private Rented Inspections:**

Landlords are legally required to provide tenants with a property that provides a safe and healthy environment to live in. The Housing Acts 1966 to 2014 allocate responsibility to Housing Authorities for the enforcement in their areas of the regulations prescribing minimum standards for rented accommodation. Housing Authorities are responsible, through inspection, for determining whether a property meets the standards for rental accommodation and, where the property does not, for ensuring compliance.

City Council inspection activity in 2016 and 2017 has been driven mainly by the HAP and RAS programmes in addition to responding to complaints from tenants. City Council has a dedicated inspection unit undertaking inspections.

#### **Private Rented Inspections 2016.**

The number of inspections carried out:935

The number of dwellings inspected:619

The number of dwellings inspected that failed to meet Standards on first inspection:445

#### **Private Rented Inspections 2017 (As of 31<sup>st</sup> October).**

The number of inspections carried out:579

The number of dwellings inspected:382

The number of dwellings inspected that failed to meet Standards on first inspection:305

Most common reasons for dwellings not complying: Inadequate ventilation (Article 9), Fire Safety (Article 11), Structural Condition (Article 5) and Electricity and Gas (Article 13).

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

## 6.2 **CAMPER VANS IN PARK AND RIDE**

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

What research has been done in relation to the cost of putting mobile facilities in the Park and Ride for Camper Vans?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

### **REPLY**

The Park and Ride facility currently operates from Monday to Saturday inclusive, with the first bus departing from the site at 07:30 and the last bus departing from Lapps Quay at 19:15. It is accessible by camper vans during these hours. However, given that the site is not manned outside of these hours, overnight parking by vehicles is not accommodated due to security, service and insurance considerations.

Notwithstanding the above, Cork City Council Tourism Section is currently progressing the evaluation of the feasibility of establishing motorhome parking in a suitable location within the City administrative area. Staff from the relevant Directorates have visited similar facilities in Cobh and Midleton with the Cork Motorhome Society and work is ongoing with a view to progressing same.

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

## 6.3 **QUANTITY OF CORK LIMESTONE**

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

Can the CE confirm that there is a sufficient quantity of Cork Limestone at the Council's discretion so as to replace any current limestone problems on the bridges of our city?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

### **REPLY**

Cork City Council has a supply of Cork limestone paving slabs in stock. This is kept for use where required on repair/refurbishment works.

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

6.4 **DERELICT OR VACANT PROPERTIES PURCHASED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

How many derelict or vacant properties has Cork City Council compulsory purchased in the past five years?

Why did Cork City Council not aggressively target landlords who allowed their properties lie empty for years while Cork is in the midst of the worst homeless and housing crises in the history of the State?

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

**REPLY**

Compulsory Acquisition under Section 15 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 has been completed or initiated in 18 cases by Cork City Council since 2011. Of the overall figure 6 compulsory acquisitions were initiated in 2017, 4 of which have been appealed to An Bord Pleanala for final decision.

The use of the statutory powers, including Compulsory Acquisition, under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 necessitates adherence to a strict statutory process and is used in appropriate cases to achieve the overall removal of dereliction. The process initially requires placement of the relevant properties on the Derelict Sites Register which takes time and significant resources. In advance of placement significant time and effort is expended to engage with and encourage owners to upgrade and improve their properties. Placement on the Derelict Sites Register is affected in cases where no meaningful progress is being made to remove the dereliction on site. The use of Compulsory Acquisition under the Derelict Sites Act represents a additional tool available to the Council to help remove dereliction but is used in appropriate cases where due to the location, condition and/or impact of a derelict property in an area such serious action is warranted.

It is expected that the Council will continue with a rolling programme of Compulsory Acquisition in appropriate cases in 2018.

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

6.5 **SCAFFOLDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

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

Would the CEO please inform Council as to when Cork City Council would see to it that scaffolding would be purchased for its maintenance department so as to enable much needed repairs be carried out to Council properties across the city. Many of Cork City Council's housing stock is damp due to faulty soffit and fascia and the excuse being used by maintenance is that they have no scaffolding to help them tackle the problem. The end

result being that Council property is deteriorating even more. Failure to repair the faulty soffit and fascia in a timeless fashion will result in further costs at a later stage.

(Cllr. Paudie Dineen)

## **REPLY**

Cork City Council Housing Maintenance predominantly uses Tower Scaffolding, with eight sets in its stock. The Tower scaffolds are predominantly only used up to chute level of the properties. There is a small number that facilitate roof work. In addition there is a set of

Heavy Duty Scaffolding in stock that can be used also. Cork City Council Housing Maintenance has only two of its staff certified at Advanced Scaffolding level and two at Basic Scaffolding level.

Working at height around properties that require scaffold is dependent on suitably qualified personnel to erect the scaffold required and the availability of suitable staff to actually carry out the work required itself. To this end, the purchase of more scaffolding is unlikely to improve the situation without more suitably qualified scaffolders and the resources to carry out the necessary works when the scaffolding is finally in place. However, Housing Maintenance does intend to purchase scaffolding to replenish its existing stock where necessary.

It is important to note that the issues pertaining to the deterioration of properties at and above eaves level is real and is being addressed. There has been a roof programme ongoing through 2016 and 2017, addressing serious structural issues of properties. At present there is a pilot fascia and soffit programme being carried out by Housing Maintenance through a contractor, with a view to consolidating the necessary suite of works for a more detailed role out of such a programme in 2018.

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

## 6.6 **INNER CITY OFFICE DEVELOPMENT**

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

Following the announcement of the European Investment Bank's (EIB) €85m loan to Limerick City and County Council to fund a major inner city office development, to ask the Chief Executive what plans are in place for Cork City Council to utilise the EIB as a mechanism to support similar developments in Cork City.

(Cllr. Chris O'Leary)

## **REPLY**

Limerick City and County Council must be congratulated on its initiative in securing this loan for its major city centre redevelopment. Cork City Council is continuing to explore options in relation to the need for funding. However, the situation in Cork appears to be fundamentally different to Limerick. In Cork, developments should as those being funded by the European Investment Bank in Limerick are funded totally by the private sector, without the need for the public sector to take on any debt (no matter how favourable the



terms are). Recent examples of such developments (c. €375 million) in Cork City Centre alone are:

1. OneAlbertQuay – 16,000 m<sup>2</sup> – Offices - fully occupied by private sector companies
2. The Capitol -9,300 m<sup>2</sup>- Offices and Retail- fully occupied by private sectors companies
3. Navigation Square – 32,500 m<sup>2</sup> – Offices - under construction – intended for private sector
4. Nos. 85-86 South Mall – 4,320 m<sup>2</sup> - Offices - under construction – intended for private sector
5. Horgan’s Quay – 70,000 m<sup>2</sup> – Offices, Residential, Hotel and Retail - in planning system – intended for private sector

A proposed development of c. 20,500 m<sup>2</sup> will be in pre-planning with Development Management by Q1 2018.

In addition, the City Council has acquired and has sold on major development sites at:

1. Former Permanent TSB building in Lapps Quay
2. Nos. 7-9 Parnell Place

Where Cork City Council requires assistance is in the funding of key infrastructure, housing (both social and private) and the possible further acquisition of underused properties. It is anticipated that Government will support the City Council in its ambitious and successful regeneration programme. After this level of support is finalised, the need to take on debt, from whatever source can be prudently assessed.

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

## 6.7 **PLANS TO REDUCE CONGESTION TRAFFIC**

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

To ask the CE, as the south docks area develops in the Navigation House area, what plans and measures are in place to reduce the increasing congestion of traffic in the morning and evening times?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

### **REPLY**

The junctions and related roads linking the South Docklands to the City Centre will be upgraded and enhanced as part of the recently approved Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF). The tender process for selecting the project Design Team is underway, Part 8 Planning is programmed for mid 2018 with construction expected to commence in late 2018/early 2019.

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

6.8 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD AND SILVERSPRINGS TO DUNKETTLE ROUNDABOUT**

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

Can the Manager update Council in relation to the continuing poor state of public lighting on Lower Glanmire Road from Silversprings to Dunkettle Roundabout.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

**REPLY**

The section of road lighting on the Lower Glanmire Road, from the junction with MacCurtain Street to the start of the dual carriageway, is maintained by a specialist contractor engaged by Cork City Council and is currently in good order. The section of road lighting on the Tivoli Dual-Carriageway, as far as the Dunkettle Roundabout is maintained by Egis Lagan on the MMarC Contract on behalf of TII. Some of the lighting equipment on this route is in poor condition and TII and its contractors have been investigating options as regards remediation and/ or replacement of the scheme. Arrangements for tree clearance and underground ducting were made in recent weeks. These works have to be carried out in advance of the required electrical works which are to include the installation of new lanterns on the carriageway as well as the replacement of missing/ defective lanterns. Further details can be advised to members on receipt of programme updates from TII.

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

6.9 **LOAN FOR THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE**

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

Following the granting by the European Investment Bank (EIB) of a €85 Million loan to Limerick City & County Council can the CE indicate if Cork City Council is considering seeking a similar arrangement outside of the already proposed €11 Million loan for the Housing & Community Directorate in 2018? Such a loan could facilitate the Docklands development and other urban renewal & regeneration schemes.

(Cllr Mick Nugent)

**REPLY**

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

6.10 **FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE EU**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

Can the CE list and detail how much cross-directorate funding the Council has received from EU funded initiatives over the past 3 years?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

6.11 **HOUSING UNITS IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

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

To ask the CE how many housing units were acquired or developed in the South West Ward for 2016 and 2017 and if the report could also include details of the number of voids returned in the South West Ward for 2015, 2016 and 2017 and to outline maintenance programmes and spend for 2015, 2016 and 2017 in the South West Ward.

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

**REPLY**

<b>HOUSING CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS, SOUTH WEST WARD:</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Acquisitions</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Builds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>

<b>HOUSING MAINTENANCE VOIDS PROGRAMME, SOUTH WEST</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>

<b>WARD:</b>			
<b>Total Voids Returned</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>South West Ward</b>	<b>Unavailable</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Nil</b>

<b>SOUTH WEST AREA ESTIMATED HOUSING MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017 (End of October)</b>
	<b>€2,277,051</b>	<b>€1,345,634</b>	<b>€1,221,793</b>

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

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

7.2 **MOTION**

7.2.1 **PLANNING FOR HOMELESS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the position on the following Motion referred to the Corporate Policy Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council and the Gardaí in conjunction with other State agencies would open their premises and facilities to the homeless and other vulnerable people as part of their planning for crisis situations in time of serious adverse and dangerous weather conditions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/387)

7.3 **REPORTS TO CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

7.3.1 **VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Corporate Policy Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That every year, Cork City Council will engage in a “Voter Registration Month” where all council staff who have interaction with the public will encourage application and hand out registration forms as a part of their activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/272)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government is responsible for legislation dealing with the registration of electors and the conduct of elections and referendums.

In October each year, the Department sends posters to each Local Authority which are to encourage citizens to check the Draft Register of Electors by the 25<sup>th</sup> November. Cork City Council send these posters for display to the Post Offices, Garda Stations, Libraries and Secondary Schools within the electoral area. Voter registration forms and change of address forms are also included with the posters. These forms are also available in the public display stands which are located near the Main Reception in the Atrium of the Civic Offices.

The Housing and Community Directorate has agreed to include voter registration forms in the allocation packs issued to tenants.

It is not deemed appropriate for the City Council to engage in a “Voter Registration Month” as proposed by Cllr. Ryan.

#### 7.4 **CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Corporate Policy Group by An Chomhairle:-

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

1. The current situation in relation to matters which the Council has direct responsibility for,
2. An estimation of the area and extent of unmet need relating to same,
3. The areas where engagement of this Council with other public bodies would improve participation for people with disabilities and the names of those public bodies,
4. The measures taken and planned by this Council to ensure the participation and engagement by people with disabilities and their representatives in local decision making structures and mechanisms, with a view to budgeting and planning for 2018 and beyond for the Council to advance implementation of the UN CRPD.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/313)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that in 2002 Cork City Council adopted the Barcelona Declaration to promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities, to design and provide accessible services and to consult with people with disabilities and their advocates.

Subsequently, the passing of The Disability Act 2005 placed a number of requirements on public bodies (including local authorities and Government departments principally). Following on from the Act and the National Disability Strategy each sector was required to develop a sectoral plan. The Cork City Council Implementation Plan 2007-2015 was approved at a meeting of An Chomhairle held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. Over the past 10 years all directorates in Cork City Council have been actively and positively engaging with providers of services for persons with a disability, The National Disability Authority

and other national and local bodies and agencies to ensure greater access to and enjoyment of the city by all persons. The work which has been carried out in this area has been recognised with the receipt of national and local awards.

On 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 the Dept. of Justice and Equality published the National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 which has 8 main strands. A whole of Government approach is being taken to ensure implementation of the Strategy which encompasses all state agencies and local authorities as well as Government Departments. Key objectives and actions have been identified and Cork City Council will implement any required actions within available resources and budgets.

Cork City Council will continue to promote the rights of people with disability through a very broad range of activities and supports, including employment initiatives, work placements, disability focussed programmes and facilities (e.g. libraries and playgrounds), housing adaptation grants and the promotion of the inclusion agenda for festivals and events.

8. **PARTY WHIPS AND PARTY LEADERS SPECIAL MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Party Whips and Party Leaders Special Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

9. **PARTY WHIPS AND PARTY LEADERS SPECIAL MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Party Whips and Party Leaders Special Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

10. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

10.1 **MOTIONS**

10.1.1 **SMART CITY INITIATIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Presentation by Ms. Claire Davis, which was presented to the Group on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council report on the current status of the Smart City Initiative’

(Proposer: Cllr. N O’Keeffe 17/337)

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

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

10.3 **HERITAGE PUBLICATION GRANTS SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 on the Heritage Publication Grants Scheme.

10.4 **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 Chief Executive dated the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, on the proposed Variation No. 4 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-21.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of Cork City Council as local authority and any relevant policies and objectives of the Government or Ministers of the Government, it is hereby **RESOLVED** to make Variation No.4 to the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 under S. 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).”

11. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Comhairleoir S. Martin stated that it had been agreed that a Joint Meeting of the Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee and the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee would take place to discuss issues arising in regard to student accommodation.

12.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Chief Executive dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of property known as No. 1, Mardyke Lodge, Mardyke Walk, Cork to the Trustees of SHARE, their successors and assigns, c/o J. W. O’Donovan Solicitors, No.

53, South Mall, Cork by way of lease for a term of 4 years and 9 months subject to an annual rent of €250.00 plus costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- b. Disposal of freehold interest in a portion of laneway adjacent to No. 98, Doyle Road, Ballyphehane, Cork to Noel Dullea & Elizabeth Heelan, c/o James Riordan & Partners, Solicitors, Nos. 89/90, South Mall, Cork for nil consideration.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

## 12.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for October 2017.

## 12.3 **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT KNOCKNACULLEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Túath Housing Association in respect of the provision of 52 units of accommodation at the Meadows, Knocknacullen, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €4,154,359 be granted to Túath Housing Association for the acquisition of 52 no. units of accommodation at The Meadows, Knocknacullen, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

## 12.4 **THRESHOLD CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT DOMINICK STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Threshold CLG in respect of the provision of 2 units of accommodation at 3 & 4 Hill Lane, off Dominick Street, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €83,722 be granted to Threshold CLG for the acquisition of 2 no. units of accommodation at 3 & 4 Hill Lane, off Dominick Street, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.



12.5 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 59 Briarscourt, Shanakiel, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €44,080 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG for the acquisition of 1 no. unit of accommodation at 59 Briarscourt, Shanakiel, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

12.6 **INSTALLATION OF CCTV BETWEEN COLLEGE ROAD & MAGAZINE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th November, 2017 on the following motion referred back to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Horgans Buildings has 127 homes largely populated by senior citizens-many living alone. The area is between College Road and Magazine Road. As Gardaí will testify many homes in this area have been targeted by gangs-breaking down doors with crow-bars, robbing and terrifying the elderly. They also have to endure students coming from a night out-shouting and roaring whilst taking a short cut through their area and also cars rat-running through as well. I am requesting that an appropriate number of cameras are installed in this area to monitor the activity especially at night time. This would go a long way in helping The Gardai identify the gangs and give more peace of mind to the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 17/238)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the installation of CCTV would be a matter for the community to apply to the Department of Justice under the Community CCTV scheme. Funding up to €40,000 is available provided that the community fund the balance. It should be noted that the €40,000 would be for up to 60% of the cost of installation. There is also a requirement that the community would be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the equipment for a five year period. City Council officials are available to assist any community body in preparing an application for the scheme. If a community body is unable to fully source funds to finance such a scheme, the City Council will endeavour to provide assistance on a case by case basis if finances allow and need dictates.

12.7 **HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th November, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘In light of the fact that the vast majority of the House Purchase Loans applied for to this Local Authority are refused - and given the fact that the scheme is supposed to be designed for those who are refused mortgages by financial institutions and are required to earn under certain amounts - Cork City Council should initiate a review of this scheme to include a call on the Housing Agency to use greater flexibility when assessing applications from exasperated applicants and to urge an alternative scheme to central government if the stringent rules are strangling the potential of the scheme which should otherwise be scrapped in its current form.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/276)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that all Cork City Council House Loan applications are forwarded to the Housing Agency in the first instance for analysis. The Housing Agency carry out Credit Checks with the Irish Credit Bureau and apply their criteria to determine the financial robustness of the loan application.

The Housing Agency then issue a recommendation letter to the local authority. Amongst the criteria applied by the Housing Agency are:

Evidence of a regular, sustained saving habit.

Lack of current financial commitments (e.g. Car Loans, Credit Card Bills, etc.)

All loan applications are stress tested for a potential rise in interest rates.

The criteria applied by the Housing Agency does not vary greatly from the criteria applied by the commercial banks/lending agencies albeit applying significantly lower thresholds. Local Authority House Loans have a lower interest rate and a greater Loan to Value ratio, but Local Authorities must (like all commercial banks) apply financial reality to all loan applications.

Unfortunately the majority of loan applications submitted to Cork City Council do not meet the necessary financial safeguards to provide confidence in the ability of the loan applicants to service the loan commitments in the near future. Whilst the scheme is designed to assist those marginally outside the criteria of private lending institutions, it retains a strong cognition of financial realism. The criteria are designed to reflect financial prudence which is intended to protect House Loan applicants against unsustainable future financial burdens.

The Local Authority House Loan Application Criteria are set out at National Level by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

## 12.8 **FUNDING FOR VOIDS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th November, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘As we know there was a programme over the past number of years to use a % of the rents collected from the house brought back into stock to go back into the VOIDS programme to bring houses back into productive use.

I propose we now use that money to begin a programme for making all 9,000 of Cork City Council's housing stock weather proof by bringing in a programme of fixing and replacing where necessary all fascia & soffit, guttering and all necessary works that might be associated to that.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/325)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that ring-fencing of income from rents has never been possible within the overall budgetary process. It should be noted that the loan as set out in the 2018 Budget book, if approved by the Members and made available, will fund some of the work mentioned, along with other programmes, to be determined in accordance with need and priority in the coming months.

#### 12.9 **APPLE EXPANSION AT HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th November, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council will work with Apple, Hollyhill on measures to alleviate the affects of its ongoing expansion on residents in nearby housing estates.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/329)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Housing & Community Directorate is engaged with the current process between the residents of Ardculen and Apple and will continue to do so in order to address any issues that impact on City Council tenants and housing stock, within Cork City Council's remit to resolve.

#### 12.10 **HEATING SYSTEMS AT MARKET GARDENS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th November, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Housing Maintenance Section has reviewed all the Market Gardens heating requests over the last three years. The heating fault rate would be considered normal, with about six heating faults reported per annum. It was also determined from this review that there were only two reports over the last three years in relation to properties having no heating either upstairs or downstairs. The latter issue is typically easy to resolve and if the specific properties subject of the request could be identified, the Housing Maintenance Section will seek to address same.

12.11 **YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE IN FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th November, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that there is no funding currently in place to construct a new community centre in Fairhill. It is proposed that the matter will be discussed at a ward meeting of local councillors.

13. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

13.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 20th November 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork’s Programme for the month ending October 2017.

**MOTION TO BE WITHDRAWN**

Comhairleoir D. Cahill informed An Chomhairle that he was withdrawing Motion No. 13.8 so that it would be discussed at the Functional Committee

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 8:00 p.m.

13.2 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OF THE ROADS AND FOOTPATHS AT HARBOUR VIEW ROAD, GLANDORE PARK AND ARDMORE AVENUE, KNOCKNAHEENY, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 20th November 2017 on the extinguishment of public right of way of the roads and footpaths at Harbour View Road, Glandore Park and Ardmore Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

No written objection having been received within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way of the roads and footpaths at Harbour View Road, Glandore Park and Ardmore Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork, be extinguished forthwith”.

13.3 **PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF ONEWAY SYSTEM IN WHITE STREET AREA & REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING CAR PARK AT SUMMERHILL SOUTH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 20th November 2017 on proposed introduction of oneway system in White Street area & redevelopment of existing car park at Summerhill South.

13.4 **REPLACE LOW WALL AT THOMOND SQUARE ON INFIRMARY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that measures to deter vehicles and anti social behaviour at this location will be investigated.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the extension of the yellow box on the R635, North Ring Road, at the entrance to Silversprings Court will be assessed for appropriateness. If deemed appropriate it will be inputted into the roads programme and will be undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that repairs were recently carried out at Herbert Park Lawn. The road will reassessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

13.7 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MARDYKE WALKWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the requirement for a crossing between the walkway to the west and the mardyke sports centre has been identified and assessed. The proposed crossing will form part of the Thomas Davis Bridge Junction Improvement Scheme. This scheme has Part 8 approval and detailed design is complete and is ready to go to construction in 2018, subject to sufficient funding being available.

13.8 **PAY PARKING IN UAM VAR GROVE**

Comhairleoir D. Cahill informed An Chomhairle that he was withdrawing the following Motion so that it would be discussed at the Functional Committee:-

‘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)

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that a survey of the footpaths in Ardmahon Estate will be carried out, with any defects identified being prioritised for repair as necessary.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the provision of a dedicated pedestrian crossing at the entrance of Lidl on the Ballyhooley Road is not supported due to its proximity (approximately 100m) with the existing nearby Fox and Hounds signalised junction. Notwithstanding this, it is recognised that the pedestrian facilities at the Fox and Hounds junction are in need of upgrade. The delivery of these upgrade works will be progressed through a larger route improvement scheme, subject to funding being available from the NTA under the Regional Cities Programme.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that as Members will be aware, Council has approved a Coach Parking Strategy for the city. This strategy was prepared following an NTA funded examination of potential locations for pick up and drop off stops, as well as short and longer term parking, of coaches within the City centre. St. Patrick's Quay was reviewed as part of this study and found to be a highly desirable bus stop for both service providers and passengers due to its close proximity to the City centre, the bus station etc. However, as the use of the stop has increased the shortcomings of St. Patrick's Quay have become increasingly apparent, namely:

- Poor waiting environment and no defined passenger waiting area;
- No shelter for passengers;
- Area is relatively dark as lighting is on the other side of the street;
- Limited information provided with no timetables;
- No local area maps or signage to destinations;
- No kassle kerbing or other infrastructure for the mobility impaired;
- Oversubscribed;
- Conflict between buses and cars dropping / collecting passengers;
- Buses parking rather than active loading /unloading of passengers.

It is accepted that in order to address the above, additional bus stop facilities will have to be provided and the existing facilities on St. Patrick's Quay and elsewhere will have to be rationalised and improved. Improvement proposals have been prepared for St. Patricks Quay on foot of the approved Coach Parking Strategy, and it is expected that funding will be provided by the National Transport Authority to enable completion of the necessary works.

Remedial works have been undertaken on railings at Union Quay and Georges Quay in recent weeks. These railings had suffered from severe corrosion and additional protection works were undertaken to enhance pedestrian safety. Similar works were previously undertaken as part of the Council's annual ongoing maintenance programme at Merchants Quay and St Patricks Quay. The Council has identified a number of other locations for additional maintenance or improvement works including the low parapet section at Gaol Bridge and areas where localised repairs are required to walls or railings. Further improvement works are also to be carried out at a number of locations under the proposed Lower Level (Cork City) Flood Relief Scheme. It is to be noted that Cork City Council does not have charge of all of the quaysides within the city.

### 13.12 **IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTPATH AND SAFE CROSSING AT THE MAHON GREENWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the area is scheduled to be assessed with the view to improving accessibility for all users.

### 13.13 **ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that St Christophers Road, St Christophers Avenue, Clifton Road, St Christophers Walk , Clifton Avenue, St Josephs Drive and St Anne's Drive will be assessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the request for the installation of a signalised junction at the intersection the R635 is noted and will be assessed.

If deemed appropriate it will be put forward for consideration in any future roads programme.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the location has been listed for inspection by the Transportation Division and the trimmings will be reviewed for the right-turn from Park Court as proposed.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council continues to assess the traffic management in the areas adjacent to UCC to determine the extent of the problems that exist and identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. In particular, it should be noted that:

- Magazine Road, between Dorgan’s Road to Claire’s Ave and Coolgarten Park are recorded on the list of traffic calming requests. The installation of traffic calming ramps at this location is recommended and is subject to Councillor approval and funding;
- Road markings and linings that have become faded or were removed during refurbishment works will be identified and works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical;
- The promotion of safe driving and parking practices is ongoing through National campaigns delivered by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) as well as through the work of the Cork Road Safety Together Working Group (Cork RSTWG);
- Council has identified and prioritised a series of route improvement schemes to support and expand suitable transport (bus, walk, cycle) levels in the area. The schemes are being rolled out in order of priority with financial assistance from the National Transport Authority.

The footpaths in Wilton Court will be assessed for possible remedial works within available budgets.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that there are two types of lighting in Rope Walk, dedicated columns and ESB Networks mounted lighting. The repair and operation of the dedicated columns is the responsibility of the developer. No Taking- In-Charge application has been submitted to the Transportation Division for these lights.

ESB Networks mounted lighting was upgraded & column mounted lighting was installed on Rope Walk as a condition of planning number 14-36099. These network mounted upgrades are maintained on Cork City Council’s maintenance contractor.

13.18 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS AT RINGMAHON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the footpaths at the southern end of Ringmahon Road will be assessed for possible remedial works within available budgets.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the need for the installation of 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 will be assessed.

If deemed appropriate it can be put forward for consideration in any future roads programme.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Blarney Street, Cathedral Road, Friars Avenue, Sunday's Well and surrounding connecting areas/roads can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

13.21 **ADD GLENCREE CRESENT TO THE ESTATES RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Glencree Crescent in Mayfield be added to the Estates Resurfacing programme for 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/320)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Glencree Crescent will be assessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

13.22 **RESIDENTS PERMITS TO RENTED HOUSES NEAR UCC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Council examines the issuing of residents permits to rented houses near UCC and looks at a possible restricting of them to facilitate local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/328)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that at present, Cork City Council issues a maximum of four residents permits per household. Cork City Council can review its Permit Policy to reconsider the number of permits issued in areas around UCC. It should be noted that any restriction imposed will apply to both tenants and owner-occupiers.

13.23 **ADD ANNALEE GROVE TO THE ESTATES ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Annalee Grove Mayfield be added to the Estates Road resurfacing programme for 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/341)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Annalee Grove will be assessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes

13.24 **REPAINT YELLOW HATCH BOX AT OAKDENE, SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the yellow hatch box at Oakdene on Skehard Road along with the double yellow lines be repainted urgently, as the paint has faded and motorists are now blocking residents exiting on to Skehard Road at this location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/348)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the painting of the yellow hatch box at Oakdene on Skehard Road along with the double yellow lines will be assessed to determine the extent of painting works required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

13.25 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT MADDENS BUILDINGS AND BIRWOOD LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a full traffic survey in light of Maddens Buildings and Birwood Lane are being used as rat runs causing serious traffic congestion there. This is putting the health and safety of the residents in jeopardy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/369)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Maddens Buildings and Birwood Lane will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist and identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

13.26 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS AT GLENTHORN DRIVE, BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the footpath be repaired outside no 77 and no 46 Glenthorn Drive, Ballyvolane, Cork as quickly as possible in the interests of health and safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/370)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the areas mentioned will be assessed for possible remedial works within available budgets.

13.27 **INSTALL FOOTPATH AT JUNCTION OF TRAMORE LAWN AND DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the City Council consider installing a footpath where Tramore Lawn joins the Douglas Road. Currently, there is no footpath on this intersection of the two roads making it unsafe and difficult for residents to access the footpaths of the main road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/377)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that footpaths are proposed at this location as part of the South East Strategic Corridor Scheme. The works will be proposed as part of the larger scheme as funding becomes available.

13.28 **VISUAL/SOUND BARRIERS ON THE N40**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That city council would erect proper and effective visually / sound barriers on the west bound carriageway of the N40 at both the slip road to Sarsfield Rd. and the Carriageway itself west bound as the noise levels experienced by residents of the Headlands Wilton is simply unbearable and cannot continue into the future. As there are huge discrepancies in this area in relation to the visually / sound barriers at this junction of the carriageway I would ask that this section of the N40 be totally re-examined again in conjunction with the views and concerns of the residents of the Headlands Wilton.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/382)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of noise barriers on the N40 was assessed and approved at the planning stage for the Sarsfield & Bandon Road Flyover Project. The Environmental Impact Assessment for the project measured the pre-works background noise levels. It then assessed the noise levels associated with the new infrastructure and recommended a series of noise mitigation measures. These measures were approved by An Bord Pleanala and became conditions of planning. The measures

provided for in the planning approval have been largely implemented. There is a small amount of additional planting to be undertaken at the location and this work will be completed shortly.

13.29 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the road widening works on Ballyhooley Road provide 2 Pedestrian/Pelican crossings. One at the foot of Gordon's Hill to facilitate pedestrians who wish to walk to and from city centre and the other to facilitate residents of Cahergal and Ballyhooley Road who wish to avail of bus services to and from city centre and who also need to cross Ballyhooley Road to access Glen River Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/384)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the widening and enhancement of the Ballyhooley Road starts at the northern side of the Glen River Car Park (approximately 80m from Gordon's Hill) and finishes at the junction with the North Ring Road. The requested crossings are outside the scope of the current Contract. They will however be considered for the next phase of work on the Ballyvolane to City Centre Corridor. The current project makes provision for the introduction of an outbound bus lane, inbound cycle lane, extended turning lanes (at the junction with the North Ring Road), a new footpath on the western side of the road, new pavements, carriageway, public lighting etc as per the Part 8 Planning approval.

13.30 **PARKING AT DILLON'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council introduce a parking regime at Dillon's Cross that will facilitate customers of the many businesses at Dillon's Cross. St Luke's Cross has such a concession and a similar regime should be introduced for Dillons Cross, following consultation with local business owners.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/385)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that whilst there is no parking immediately outside the businesses located at Dillon's Cross, on street parking is located nearby, north and south of Dillon's Cross itself.

The need for an urban realm scheme for Dillons Cross is currently being examined as part of the Northern Strategic Corridor Study. The introduction of revised parking arrangements can be considered at the design stage of this scheme.

13.31 **RAMPS ON BLARNEY STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that ramps on Blarney St. are clearly visible to all.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/389)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the painting of the ramps on Blarney Street will be assessed to determine the extent of painting works required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

13.32 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON RINGMAHON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council paint double yellow lines on Ringmahon Road, from the junction of Ferney Road to the Oakgrove Leisure Centre. Cars parked along this stretch of road are impeding cars exiting from Ferney Road and is quite dangerous for cars making the turn.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/390)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the appropriateness of the painting of double yellow lines on Ringmahon Road, from the junction of Ferney Road to the Oakgrove Leisure Centre will be assessed. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

13.33 **MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC IN UAM VAR AND ELTON LAWN, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would develop a full and comprehensive plan for the management of traffic in Uam Var and Elton Lawn in conjunction with the proposed development of the Bishopstown Playground in Bishopstown Park/Murphy’s Farm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/394)

The Report stated that the Roads & Transportation and the Environment & Recreation Directorates are currently in consultation in the context of managing safe travel to/from the proposed development of the Bishopstown Playground in Bishopstown Park/Murphy’s Farm for all.

13.34 **NON IRISH STONE IN PUBLIC FUNDED SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council ensure that no less than 30% of non Irish stone is used in public funded schemes in the public realm including flagstones, curbstones etc from this point onwards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/315)



The Report of the Director of Services stated that the procurement of materials including paving stones etc is governed by National & European procurement regulations. A restriction of the type proposed would result in a significantly limited choice of materials, a significant increase in costs and a likely breach of procurement regulations. For these reasons it is not possible to proceed with the requested procurement restriction.

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

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 20th November 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

Following discussion, An Chomhairle referred the Motion to Party Whips for consideration.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

15. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries by members of Conferences/Seminars attended including those tabled on the night.

16. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

17. **TRAINING**

None received.

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **RAMPS AT INNISCARRA ROAD**

‘That ramps be placed at the entrance to Inniscarra Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/373)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.2 **CCTV CAMERAS AT MADDENS BUILDINGS, BLACKPOOL**

‘That in the interest of Health and Safety that CCTV Cameras be installed by Maddens Buildings, Blackpool, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/374)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

18.3 **SIGNAGE OUTSIDE KENT STATION**

‘That Cork City Council would review the directional signage outside Kent Station ensuring that there is adequate signage in place directing visitors to the City Centre from Kent Station.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/379)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.4 **REFURBISH STEPS FROM LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD TO CASTLEVIEW TERRACE**

‘That the Steps leading from Lower Glanmire Road up to Castlevew Terrace be refurbished and resurfaced. The concrete has significantly deteriorated over the years and are very uneven and dangerous for the elderly residents of Castlevew Terrace.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/380)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.5 **NUMBER OF FOI REQUESTS IN 2016 AND 2017**

‘That Cork City Council would compile and report on the number of FOI requests made in 2016, 2017, the nature or categories of those requests, categories of person, persons or organisations requesting the FOI request, the number of staff hours required to complete such requests, the costs of fulfilling the requests, costs recouped and that it would report on specific polices for protected and unprotected disclosure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/417)

**Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

18.6 **HARLEY STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

‘Following the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising and the executions of the 7 signatories of the Proclamation, Thomas Clarke, Sean MacDiarmada, Thomas MacDonagh, P.H. Pearse, Eamon Ceannt, Joseph Plunkett and James Connolly, and the many others who died during and after the Rising of 1916, I ask this Council to consider naming the bridge the (1916 bridge). The 1916 bridge would be a tremendous way for the City and its Council to honour all those who gave so much then for our freedom today. The 1916 bridge would be the only bridge in the Republic of Ireland named to honour its patriots and with flood lighting arranged to show the Tri Colour the 1916 bridge would in time become an iconic location, a location that will enable us all to remember those who gave so much. I ask this Council to consider naming the new bridge the (1916 Bridge).’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/421)

**Party Whips**

18.7 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER FOR 18 KERRYHALL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will put forward a compulsory purchase order for 18 Kerryhall Road, a site that has been abandoned and left derelict by its owner for over 8 years due to structural integrity reasons and also to minimise the anti-social behaviour the derelict site is attracting.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/424)

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

18.8 **EXTRA STAND ON ST. PATRICK’S DAY 2018**

‘We are delighted that Cork City Hospitals Children’s Club had children & families with different disabilities and ailments sitting in the stand for St. Patrick’s Day Parade 2017. We propose that Cork City Council would erect an extra stand on St. Patrick’s Day 2018 and onwards for children & families from right across Cork who otherwise would find it difficult to come in and watch the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. We believe Cork City Hospitals Children’s Club is in a unique position to administrate this request as they work with a cross representation of children and families all across Cork City & County, thus we request that they would be the body to administrate who sits in the stand on St. Patrick’s Day for the parade.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. T. Moloney 17/425)

**Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

18.9 **PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY MEASURES WHERE BOREENMANNA ROAD MEETS ROCKBORO SCHOOL**

‘That the City Council provide better pedestrian priority measures as Boreenmanna Road meets Rockboro School; the visibility of the traffic lights and luminous areas needs to be improved as do widening the footpaths from the school to Castlegreina Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/426)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.10 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTIONS**

‘That Cork City Council would put yellow box junctions in place at the following locations:-

(A)Junction of O’Connell Avenue and Curragh Road.

(B)Re-paint yellow box at junction of Slieve Mish Park and Kinsale Road.

(C)Yellow box junction of Murphy’s Garden’s and St. Patrick’s Road vis a vis entrance exit with Deerpark Mews.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/429)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.11 **THE FORMER GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT SITE IN SUNDAY’S WELL**

‘Cork City Council's elected members support the view of the Good Shepherd Convent Action Group that the former convent site in Sunday's Well is entirely unsuitable for a large scale housing development, the group believes any such development would severely impact on the local community and it's environment.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. K. Collins 17/432)

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

Earlier in the meeting after Item 2 on the agenda, on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to raise Motion No. 18.11 and the matter was dealt with at that time.

18.12 **DAMAGE AT SPRING LANE, CARRIGROHANE RD AND NASH’S BOREEN HALTING SITES**

‘Can Cork City Council outline the assessors report surveying damage at Spring Lane, Carrigrohane rd & Nash's Boreen halting sites following Storm Ophelia and the actions taken as a result.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/434)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

18.13 **FORMER ABODE SITE ON SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the status of the former abode site on Skehard Road. If the site is to be sold on the private market, I propose that the funds generated are ring fenced for the capital development of a library for the Mahon area that had been previously earmarked for this site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/435)

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

18.14 **SIGNPOSTS ADVERTISING PRIVATE COMPANIES**

‘That Cork City council reports on the procedures required to erect a signpost; advertising private companies; within the City and outlines who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of same thereafter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/436)

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

18.15 **DELIVERY OF THE EVENT CENTRE IN CORK**

‘That Cork City Council would present a full report on the delivery of the Event Centre in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/438)

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

19. **MOTIONS**

19.1 **EVICCTIONS AT LEESIDE APARTMENTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council condemns the mass eviction notices provided to the residents of the Leaside Apartments and call on Minister Eoghan Murphy to fast track legislation to close loopholes in the existing tenancy legislation and that it can be applied retroactively to protect the hundreds of Cork residents facing eviction on grounds of "substantial refurbishments.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/423)

19.2 **REPAINTING ESB LIGHT STANDARDS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on local ESB management to immediately undertake a programme of repainting the ESB light standards on both Wellington Road to St Luke’s Cross and Summerhill, almost all of which are in a seriously filthy and rust stained condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/427)

19.3 **LICENSING SYSTEM FOR SALE OF MINI QUAD BIKES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Dept for the Environment to introduce a licensing system for the sale of mini quad bikes and mini scrambling bikes such that purchase by private individuals is regulated so that the nuisance and anti social behaviour that these vehicles and their users create in neighbourhoods be eliminated.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/428)

19.4 **INTRODUCE LEGISLATION FOR PROPERTIES WAITING FOR RATE EVALUATION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to introduce Legislation (and fast track it) to close the anomaly of where properties can be waiting up to twelve months for rate evaluation to be set. It is an absurd loss of income to Local Authorities throughout the country.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/430)

19.5 **FUNDING FOR LUAS LIGHT RAIL NETWORK IN CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would request funding from the Government for Transport Infrastructure Ireland to build a Luas Light Rail Network in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/437)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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