

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT	Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, 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, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. S. Coghlan, Senior Engineer, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. K. Curtin, Consultant, Survey Design Services Ltd. Mr. X. Debuissou, Consultant, Survey Design Services Ltd. Mr. S. Kavanagh, Consultant, Survey Design Services Ltd.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Kathleen O’Sullivan.
- The White Family on the death of Teresa White.
- The Leahy Family on the death of Louise Leahy.
- The O’Connor Family on the death of Dan O’Connor.
- The Lynch Family on the death of Pat Lynch.
- The Miller Family on the death of Liam Miller.
- The Forde Family on the death of John Forde.
- The Hyland Family on the death of Dr. Michael Hyland.
- The Kent Family on the death of Noel Kent.
- The Horgan Family on the death of Patricia Horgan.

2. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/BEST WISHES

- Callum Walsh on being awarded the overall Youth Sports Award 2017.
- Philip Gillivan on being appointed President of Cork Business Association 2018.
- Acting District Officer Gary McPolin on clamping down on unregulated rickshaws and on cyclists who are in breach of City Bye Laws.
- Kanturk GAA Club on winning the All Ireland Intermediate Hurling Championship.
- Knocknagree GAA Club on winning the All Ireland Junior Football Championship.
- Mary Lou McDonald T.D. on her election as President of Sinn Féin.
- Michelle O'Neill MLA on her election as Vice President of Sinn Féin.
- Cork City Council on their success at the recent LAMA Awards.
- John Hume on his 80th Birthday.
- Coláiste Chríost Rí on winning the Simcox Cup.

PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

Comhairleoir C. O'Leary proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss developments in relation to the Event Centre.

A vote was called for on the suspension of Standing Orders, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, J. Sheehan, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields. (10)

ABSTAIN: Leas Ard-Mhéara F. Dennehy. (1)

The numbers voting for was greater than those voting against. However, given the vote was not carried by 2/3 majority, as prescribed in Standing Orders, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and the proposal to suspend Standing Orders was rejected.

3. LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS

3.1 MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE, RENNES

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of An tArd-Mhéara at the Mental Health Conference in Rennes, France from 20th to 22nd March 2018.

3.2 LORD MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL 2018

An Leas Ard-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that the Lord Mayor's Charity Ball 2018 will be held on Sunday 18th March 2018.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle that the National Planning Framework would be launched on Friday 16th February 2018 in Sligo.

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 22nd January 2018.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 18th December 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **COPYRIGHT ON THE ENGLISH MARKET LOGO**

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

Can the CE tell me if the traders in the English Market are permitted to use the English Market Logo and name on merchandise to sell to customers and tourists alike. Or is there a copyright on the logo? If this is the case, would it be possible for the traders to use the words English Market without the logo on the said merchandise i.e. (Joe Blogs, bits and pieces, English Market, Cork).

(Cllr. Paudie Dineen)

REPLY

The English Market Logo was created on a collective basis by the EM traders, and does not appear to have been registered as an official trademark with the National Trademark Database. The Council is not aware of any requirement for permission to be obtained by individual traders to use the EM logo and name on merchandise.

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

6.2 **VACANT HOUSES IN KELLEHER'S BUILDINGS, OFF OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

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

Can the CE please advise exactly how many houses are currently vacant in Kelleher's Buildings, Off Old Youghal Road and what plans (i.e. timeline, etc) are in place to allocate these highly sought after properties?

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

There are a total of 50 houses in Kelleher's Buildings of which 6 are currently vacant for repairs.

Five of the six properties are being repaired by council staff and are expected to be returned to Allocations between early March and mid-April 2018. The sixth house was severely damaged by fire and is scheduled to be repaired by contract once funding has been allocated.

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

6.3 **ENGINEERING REPORT ON MEELICK PARK**

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

That Cork City provide a full engineering report on Meelick Park and the amenity park and provide a flooding risk and impact report. You might also provide details when the last report was carried out?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

Meelick Park is situated immediately adjacent to a tributary of the Glen River (tributary now culverted) on land that was previously low-lying with bog-land characteristics. The location and ground characteristics give rise to extremely poor percolation and drainage.

To facilitate the development of the park, and, limit the severity of ponding during periods of prolonged rainfall, levels were raised and contoured in a manner to facilitate surface water run-off. This measure provides reasonable drainage and prevents flooding from the open stretch of stream on Ballyhooley Road.

Ponding on some areas within the park still occurs during periods of prolonged heavy rainfall (ground saturated to field capacity) as we have experienced in the past six weeks. The installation of a more elaborate land drainage system may assist in relieving this situation. However, due to pressure on Council finances, the funds necessary to design and construct these works are not available at present.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.4 **LITTER FINES ISSUED IN 2016 AND 2017**

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

How many litter fines were issued in 2016 and 2017 and what percentage were paid?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The total number of litter fines issue in 2016 and 2017 were 865 and 645 retrospectively.

The life cycle of a litter fine can in some instances exceed 12 months or more to move through the various stages of its life cycle (issue, appeal, summons, court etc). As such some of the fines issued in 2017 have not yet reached the end of their lifecycle.

The table below details the present status of all tickets issued in 2017:

Life Cycle Stage:	Number of Tickets	%
Appealed/In Progress/Delivery Stage	147	23%
Paid	258	40%
Did not Proceed	22	3%
In the Court Process	178	28%
Won in Court	40	6%
Lost in Court	0	0%
Total Tickets Issued:	645	

The 2016 fines were issued using an older version of the ICT system and this providing accurate figures necessitates the examination of each electronic file to determine the status of each fine. Given the work load involved in this it was not feasible to provide detailed information for 2016 in the time provided however the pattern would be similar to the information provided above for 2017.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.**

6.5 KINSALE INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION

An Chomhairle agreed that the following Question submitted by Comhairleoir D. Cahill would be deferred for consideration to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 26th February 2018:-

Can the Chief Executive confirm that the Kinsale Interchange as constructed complies with the original planning granted for the Interchange. In my view it does not as the current built construction does not grade separate vulnerable road users i.e. separate pedestrians and cyclists, from vehicle traffic. For pedestrians and cyclists to cross from the South (Frankfield) to North (Kinsale Road) they need to cross a number of signalised junctions and in doing so are discouraged from using sustainable transportation modes which Cork City Council as the planning authority is trying to encourage. Can the CE confirm the volume of pedestrians and cyclists using the signalised crossing and comment upon the success or otherwise of adopting this as grade signalised solution for vulnerable users?

The original design included the objective of grade separating cyclists and pedestrians from vehicles by detailing underpasses which I gather were removed from the construction phase due to antisocial concerns. However in doing so the construction phase also removed the objective of grade separating pedestrians and cyclists which was a cornerstone feature of the design which was granted permission.

(Cllr. Des Cahill)

REPLY

The original proposals for the Kinsale Road Flyover Project envisaged the provision of a grade separated pedestrian and cycle underpass between Kinsale Road on the northern side of the roundabout and Kinsale (Airport) Road on the southern side of the roundabout.

This proposal was however superseded by a Part 8 Planning proposal which was brought before Council in January 2004. This proposal as approved provided for an at-grade crossing and this was brought forward due to fears that the below ground option would be less attractive for users etc. The revised at-grade crossing was constructed as part of the larger Kinsale Road Flyover Project. The area can be included in forthcoming movement counts if required. Also, as Members will be aware, detailed proposals have been prepared for a new pedestrian /cycle bridge across the N40 to improve connectivity between Grange, Frankfield etc and the City centre. The scheme is being advanced by Cork County Council with the support of Cork City Council and national funding agencies.

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

6.6 HOME CHOICE LOANS

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

How many applications were made for "Home Choice Loans" (which are much the same as the new loans just announced by Government) via Cork City Council in the last four years and how many were approved?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

Cork City Council has not received any applications under the Home Choice Loan Scheme in the last four years.

House Purchase Loan applications received, approved and completed for last 4 years.

2014:	17 Applications received	0 approved	0 completed
2015:	29 Applications received	3 approved	2 completed
2016:	35 Applications received	2 approved	2 completed
2017:	45 Applications received	3 approved	0 completed

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

6.7

TERM OF THE LEASE TO BRIAN DILLONS HURLING AND FOOTBALL CLUB

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

In relation to Managers Order 2220/17 can the Chief Executive please advise the term of the actual sporting lease to the Club. Is the term consistent with that approved by Council in its Ordinary Meeting of 14th March 2005?

Furthermore if the disposal notice approved by Council on 14th March 2005 is being relied upon can the Chief Executive advise why the then City Manager had to proceed with Compulsory Purchase Orders in 2013 saying “the land should be acquired by City Council?

What is the rationale for suggesting a club was compensated for 3 stated reasons when the disposal stated that the Club was being given the amount in respect of a surrender of "its rights" over a portion of the Tank Field?

Is a 99 year lease not equivalent to a transfer of ownership since lands used by the Public to play many different sports incl, rugby, soccer, pitch and putt, athletics and many more such that the leasee may now exclude all such sports people contrary to the public policy heretofore.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The term of the sporting lease provided to the Trustees of Brian Dillons Hurling & Football Club is 99 years as approved by an Chomhairle on the 24th of October 2005 at an Ordinary Meeting of Cork City Council.

It is the Council’s contention that at the time of approval of the relevant disposal notice by Council to the Trustees of Brian Dillons Hurling and Football Club October of 2005 and at

the time of the Part VIII Planning in February 2006 Cork City Council was the owner of the lands at the Tank Field. The greater part of the Tank Field was then and is held by Cork City Council in fee simple under and by virtue of a Deed of Conveyance dated the 9th of October 2001, made between The Unknown and The Unascertained Owner of the Fee Simple and other Intermediate Interest(s) (if any), the Chief Clerk of the Circuit Court of the one part and The Lord Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Cork of the other part.

The area of land alleged to have been in the ownership of the property company that developed the Mayfield Heights housing estate was at the time of the Disposal Notices held in possessory title by Cork City Council for over 40 years. Cork City Council had been in possession and occupation of the lands since the mid to late 1960's. This land was subsequently the subject of the Iona Road - Murmont Road Compulsory Acquisition Order No. 1 of 2013 ("Order No. 1") measuring an area approx. 3456sqm or 0.85 acres. The purpose of Order No. 1 was to improve Cork City Council's existing title by acquiring a freehold interest in the subject lands.

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

6.8 **MEADOWS ESTATE, KNOCKNACULLEN**

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

Can the CE report on any engagement between Cork City Council & Cork County Council on a process to take in charge the Meadows Est., Knocknacullen? Can the CE report on works completed following the site resolution for the wider estate which is in the County Council administrative area? Are there any works outstanding?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The estate is in the administrative area of Cork County Council and this development was approved for planning by the County Council and the taking in charge of the estate is the responsibility of the developers and Cork County Council as part of this planning permission. The Receiver appointed to Knocknacullen Limited contracted for a number of site resolution works which included general infrastructure and services for the main estate.

The City Council obtained two bonds from the developer to secure the completion of the contracted housing units from Knocknacullen limited, which have been called in by the City Council from AIB. These units have been occupied since September 2016. Cork County Council also has a bond from the Developer through AIB under the planning permission for the taking in charge of the estate.

There have been ongoing discussions between Cork County & City Councils, the liquidator and AIB as surety for the bonds in relation to the completion of the housing units and the completion of the works on the public realm.

Cork City Council has recently sought a meeting with Cork County Council with regard to the taking in charge of the Meadows Estate to establish if there are any works outstanding. It is envisaged that this meeting will take place shortly.

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

6.9 **SITE AT THE FORMER ST. KEVIN'S HOSPITAL**

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

To ask the CE about what communication has occurred with the HSE to move forward the site of the former St. Kevin's Hospital away from dereliction to some form of use?
(Cllr. K. McCarthy)

REPLY

The former St Kevin's Hospital was placed on the Derelict sites Register in early 2017. There was follow up contact with the HSE in August subsequent to the fire. There has been further recent contact with the HSE with regard to the plans for this building. They have been requested to furnish a report/details of their future plans are furnished to the Planning Directorate

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

6.10 **PLANNING FEES AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 26th February 2018.

Could the Chief Executive please make a statement to Council on the situation regards to monies lodged to Cork City Council by Builders, Developers or their agents for payments to cover planning fees and development contributions?

- a) To give a breakdown on any cheques being left uncashed, the amounts and the name of these parties from which these cheques were payments from since 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- b) Have any cheques/Payments been mislaid or have bounced/returned unpaid, how much does this amount to, and over what period of time and whom were these from.
- c) What steps are and have been taken to recover these amounts?

(Cllr. Chris O'Leary)

6.11 **FENCING BETWEEN WILLOW DALE AND FORMER NEMO RANGERS SITE**

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

Harris fencing was erected on the boundary between Willow Dale and the former Nemo Rangers site. Residents believe that this fencing was erected by Cork City Council.

Can the Chief Executive advise if this is the case?

And if so, for what reason the fencing was erected?

When will the fencing be removed?

Who is responsible for maintenance of the fence and tending to the weeds behind it?

What was the cost of installing and maintaining the fence?

(Cllr. Laura McGonigle)

REPLY

Heras fencing is currently in place between Willow Dale and Glen View. This fencing was erected by the Roads Maintenance Division, as a temporary measure, for health and safety reasons. It prevents members of the public accessing the wall, which is in a state of disrepair. The wall divides two green areas accessible from Willow Dale and Glen View where children play, and as the wall is in a state of disrepair, the fencing prevents children from accessing/ climbing the wall. The fencing used forms part of existing Council stock/equipment.

The heras fencing will be removed once the wall is repaired and made safe. The area will be cleared of weeds to allow work to commence on replacing the existing wall and it is intended that repair works on the wall will be completed in 2018.

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

6.12 **MARKET GARDENS ESTATE, TOGHER ROAD**

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

Can the CE give an update on the status of Market Gardens Estate, Togher Road being taken in charge by the City Council?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

The scoping and costing exercise to carry out works to enable Market Gardens be taken in charge is almost completed.

It is proposed to present a list of social housing estates (including Market Gardens) to be taken in charge, with the associated costs to the Members of Cork City Council shortly.

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

6.13 **'ASK ANGELA' INITIATIVE IN CORK CITY**

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

What plans have Cork City Council to support the roll out of the 'Ask Angela' initiative in Cork City? How does the Council intend to promote this most worthwhile and vitally important project moving forward?

(Cllr. N. O'Keeffe)

REPLY

Cork City Council, through its City Centre Co-ordinator, has been centrally involved in the roll-out of the 'Ask for Angela' initiative with its partners Cork Vintners Federation, An Garda Síochána, UCC and CIT Student Unions, the Cork Sexual Violence Centre and local security firms.

Available at participating bars and clubs throughout the city centre, the 'Ask for Angela' initiative aims to provide customers with a non-descript phrase they can use to gain assistance from staff members in order to be separated from the company of someone with whom they feel unsafe due to that person's actions, words or behaviour. The scheme is neither gender nor age specific.

By "Asking for Angela", an individual is alerting staff that they require help. They will be taken aside, or to a safer location, so they can speak in confidence to that staff member about what assistance they need. Options available to staff include offering to call a taxi for the individual or contacting their friends or family.

The initiative began in the UK and was rolled out in Waterford in November. The local working group met with Waterford representatives in early January to discuss learnings. A broader meeting of local stakeholders and venue owners was subsequently held and all were in agreement to launch the initiative in Cork City in early February.

The scheme has the backing of An Garda Síochána and VFI nationally, and is expected to be rolled out in some other counties in the next few months.

In terms of promoting the initiative, a media launch was held on February 6th and posters were circulated to all its members by the VFI. All partners have also promoted the initiative on social media, with over 225,000 views on the cork city centre facebook page in the first three days alone.

With its Purple Flag accreditation for a vibrant and well managed evening and night time economy, Cork City Council and its partners are conscious of the value of initiatives such as this.

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

6.14 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

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

Can the CE outline the approx cost of taking in Charge all the housing developments not currently taken in charge and where the funds will be obtained?

Is it the intention to use some fund from the loan that City Council are planning to obtain to renovate our housing stock to include taking in estates?

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

REPLY

The scoping and costing exercise to carry out works to enable a number of social housing developments to be taken in charge is currently underway.

The Housing & Community Directorate is preparing a list of remedial projects for City Council housing estates that are proposed to be delivered and funded through a loan to be taken out by the City Council. It is proposed that this list will be presented to the Members of Council shortly and the taking in charge issues with the associated costs will be discussed at that juncture.

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

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 5th FEBRUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Party Whips from its meeting held 5th February 2018.

7.1 **LORD MAYOR ITEMS**

7.1.1 **ITEM REFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE 8th JANUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report would be located later in the Council Meeting Agendas.

7.1.2 **FORMER FREEMAN OF CORK THOMAS "TIP" O'NEILL**

An Chomhairle considered and noted that Cork City Council and University College Cork are looking to recognise the former Freeman of Cork Thomas "Tip" O'Neill by holding an Annual Tip O'Neill Event.

7.2 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE ITEMS**

7.2.1 **SENIOR STAFF TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Senior Staff Telephone Directory.

7.3 **DISPOSALS APPEARING ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE AGENDAS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved that this matter would be more appropriate to be included within the Finance and Estimates Functional Committee.

7.4 **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 8th JANUARY 2018**

7.4.1 **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS IN KNOCKNAHEENY AND HOLLYHILL**

‘That Cork City Council will engage with interested parties with the aim of establishing a Community Association serving the Knocknaheeny & Hollyhill area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/012)

An Chomhairle considered and noted that this matter would be referred to the Cork City North West Ward Members for their consideration.

7.5 **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 22nd JANUARY 2018**

7.5.1 **LOAN FROM THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK**

‘That Cork City Council will consider applying for a loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB) for the purpose of building social and affordable-type housing, this would be advantageous in the context of the boundary extension.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. H. Cremin 18/035)

An Chomhairle considered and noted that this matter should be referred to the Finance and Estimates Functional Committee for their consideration.

8. **JOINT MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 29th JANUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee and the Housing and Community Services Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 29th January 2018.

8.1 **CORK CITY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Cork City Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan.

9. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 7th FEBRUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 7th February 2018.

9.1 **FINAL DRAFT OF THE CORK CITY CREATIVE IRELAND PLAN FOR 2018-2022**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the amended Draft Creative Ireland Programme Cork City Council – Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022.

10. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 22nd JANUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 22nd January 2018.

11. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th FEBRUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th February 2018.

11.1 **CORK CITY COUNCIL SCOUTING/GUIDES SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report dated 1st February 2018 with amended grant amounts.

11.2 **INVESTIGATION DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE GOULDING PLANT AND SUTTON'S COAL YARD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council investigate the daily operation at the Goulding Plant on Monahan Road and Sutton’s Coal Yard also on Monahan Road. This investigation should include:-

- (i) Operating times
- (ii) Environment impact on the locality
- (iii) Noise and dust levels
- (iv) EPA Licence infractions, if any.
- (v) Suitability of their locations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/416)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Members will be aware of a report on Suttons Coal presented to the last meeting. This report is on Gouldings Chemicals.

A number of noise investigations were carried out by the Environment Department of Cork City Council in the vicinity of the Goulding Chemicals facility. In total there were 8 no. inspections carried out at various locations. Of these, 4 no. inspections involved recording dB levels adjacent to the nearest noise sensitive location and then taking comparative readings a few hundred metres away. The parameters which the Environment Department used were in line with B\$4142. In order to access the location and establish the Specific Sound Level it was decided to take a reference time period of 15mins as this was a representative time period. Table 1 below details the inspections carried out between Feb 2015 and Oct 2016.

From observations it is the opinion of the City Council that the noise during the monitoring times conducted were mainly generated by the normal operating environment and not specifically attributable to the Goulding chemicals site and that the noise generated at the Goulding facility is not of a significant level as to generate nuisance. Following representations in 2017 further contact was made with Goulding asked for a change in operating procedures to minimise noise. We consider no further action is required but will monitor further if any complaints are received.

The operating times at Goulding Chemicals are seasonal. Work on site usually starts at 7:00 a.m. and can continue until 5:00 p.m. during the quiet season, or until 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. in the busy season (spring / summer). The site neither has nor needs an EPA Licence. The Goulding chemicals site has been in operation since the mid 1950s.

In planning terms, there are no issues Cork City Council is aware of in relation to the legalities of the sites' current use.

Table 1 details of inspections carried out between Feb 2015 and Oct 2016.

Inspection	Date	Time	Type of inspection	observation
Inspection 1	13/02/15	7.10am	Subjective assessment	Noise from passing traffic significant noise source
Inspection 2	06/03/15	9.20am	Subjective assessment	Noise from passing traffic significant noise source
Inspection 3	01/09/15	7.20am	Subjective assessment	Noise from passing traffic significant noise source
Inspection 4	12/11/15	7.40am	Subjective assessment	Noise from passing traffic significant noise source
Inspection 5	03/06/16	3.00pm	Subjective assessment + recording dB levels	Noise from passing traffic significant noise

				source
Inspection 6	30/06/16	12.30pm	Subjective assessment + recording dB levels	Noise from passing traffic + construction work in housing estate significant noise source
Inspection 7	19/10/16	7.30am	Subject assessment + recording dB levels	Noise from passing traffic + aircraft flying significant noise source
Inspection 8	26/10/16	7.30am	Subject assessment + recording dB levels	Noise from passing traffic + construction work in housing estate significant noise source.

11.3 **AUDIT OF DANGEROUS TREES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by A Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council undertake an audit with regard to dangerous trees. Many homeowners may not have the resources themselves.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/378)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council undertakes inspections of trees on public lands including street trees that show signs of declining health, should a tree be deemed to be dangerous, appropriate tree works (including felling if necessary) are carried out immediately.

The Council does not have the resources to inspect trees on private lands, however, assistance and advice is offered in this regard. In situations where a tree on private property is considered high risk in terms of public health and safety, the Council has a policy of undertaking immediate remedial tree works to remove the risk.

11.4 **CUT BACK TREES ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees on Lower Glanmire Road be cut back as they are seriously overgrown and are protruding into adjacent wiring.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/381)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the above trees will be inspected and added to the schedule of tree works for appropriate pruning.

11.5 **STRATEGY FOR THE PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would develop a strategy for the planting of trees and shrubs in public spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/439)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Council’s strategy for selection of trees and shrubs for planting in streets, parks, road-side embankments and residential open space areas is determined by the size of the area, proximity to properties, underground services and overhead cables. Suitable species of both trees and shrubs are carefully selected for individual areas so as not to compromise these specific site considerations.

11.6 **BLACKROCK PIER REGENERATION PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees due to be planted on the Blackrock Pier regeneration project be put in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/450)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Blackrock Harbour regeneration project is being managed by the Roads & Transportation Directorate and the motion should be referred to them for response.

11.7 **PROGRESS ON THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on progress on the North West Regional Park & City North-West Regeneration Active Recreation Area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/453)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that it is agreed in principle that the local park at Kilmore Heights is not meeting the recreational needs of local residents or the wider community due to its size and vulnerability to wanton vandalism.

A much larger and more suitable area of Council land has been identified on Kilmore Heights as being suitable for the development of a Regional Park to provide a wide range of both active and passive recreation.

The Environment, Housing and Corporate Affairs Directorates are presently exploring sources of potential funding to develop the park. In the absence of external funding, there is no provision in the 2018 Parks Capital Programme to advance the project during 2018.

11.8 **CHRISTMAS TREE IN CLASHDUV PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘To put a Christmas tree with lights in the Clashduv Park. Decoration around the park would set it off lovely as well.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/445)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that there is no provision in the 2018 Estimates to cover the cost of any additional trees and lights for 2018. The initial cost for one additional tree and lights in year one is approximately €5,000.00.

Provision of a Christmas tree at Clashduv Park for Christmas 2018 will be considered in the context of additional funding resources being sourced locally and the Council’s present commitment to erect Christmas Trees and festive lighting at other locations in the City.

11.9 **IRISH STONE AND TIMBER TO BE USED IN THE RENEWAL OF MORRISON’S ISLAND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council/OPW specify that only Irish Stone and timber be used in the Morrison’s Island renewal in order to preserve the integrity of the heritage of the area. There is

absolutely no need to import lumps of granite from the orient. The design going to Part 8 should firstly be put to the elected Council for approval before being advertised.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/449)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the procurement of materials including stone and timber is governed by National and EU procurement regulations. Any overly restrictive specification regarding material sources would risk breaching procurement regulations.

The majority of the materials specified for the scheme can potentially be sourced domestically. However, it will be up to the main contractor to determine the most cost effective source which meets the specification.

The design and development of the Morrison’s Island scheme has been guided by various Cork City Council directorates and in particular by the City Architect, alongside the Environment and Recreation, Planning and Development, and Roads and Transportation directorates.

During the Part 8 process, it is proposed to present the Morrison’s Island scheme to Councillors and hold a full information session where the scheme designers will be available to discuss the proposals with Council.

11.10 **UPGRADE PARK WAY IN KEMPTON PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Park Way, in Kempton Park needs to be upgraded for better facilities for the Children and the elderly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/420)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that City Council developed Meelick Park in the early 2000’s from a derelict poorly drained site to the present enclosed park. In the period since then a wide range of recreation facilities have been provided including pathways, park fixtures, playground, MUGA, tennis courts, Men’s shed and a small car park. There is provision in the 2018 Estimates to manage and maintain the park and undertake modest improvements as appropriate. There is no provision in the 2018 Parks Capital Programme to finance additional facilities during 2018.

11.11 **REMOVE PALM TREES AT ARRIGDEEN LAWN, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That once again we call on City Council to remove the palm trees at the rear of our tenants properties at Arrigdeen Lawn Togher and if this means compelling the owner of the property to carry out this work then so be it. These trees are totally out of control and are a

huge obstacle for these tenants who try and keep their back gardens / pathways in a presentable and safe area but the slime and lack of light / sun ensures complete darkness / dampness the whole year round.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/442)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the trees in question are on a private development. The matter should be referred to the Planning Directorate to see if any action can be taken.

11.12 **THE LOUGH AS A NATURAL HERITAGE AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 1st February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council pursues the designation of the Lough as a Natural Heritage area, given its importance as one of the few green amenity spaces in that part of the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/001)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that this matter should be referred to the Planning Directorate (Heritage Officer) for response.

12. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th FEBRUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional committee from its meeting held 5th February 2018.

12.1 **PRESENTATION – INVESTIGATING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CORK CITY HERITAGE OPEN DAY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the findings of a presentation from UCC, MSc Economic and Enterprise Students, on the Economic Impact of Cork City Heritage Open Day.

12.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January, 2018 on Housing Estates.

12.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January, 2018 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017.

12.4 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January, 2018 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017.

12.5 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January, 2018 on Significant Decisions from 1st October 2017 to 30th December 2017.

12.6 **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January, 2018 on the Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.

12.7 **REVIEW OF CORK CITY CENTRE ACTION PLAN 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January, 2018 on the Review of Cork City Centre Action Plan 2017.

12.8 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE**

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that a file has been opened on this matter. This property has been recently sold. We’ve made contact with the new owner. We understand the property is to be renovated over the coming months and some preliminary work on same has commenced. We have agreed with the owner that both parties will make contact periodically over the next number of weeks and months to ensure the works are ongoing and the property will be returned to a good state of repair.

12.8.2 **THE FORMER GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT SITE IN SUNDAY'S WELL**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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.’

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

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the site is subject to a planning application (TP 17/37279) decision date 13th December 2017. Section 34 of the Planning and Development Acts sets out the matters to which the planning authority must have regard to and while these include written submissions and observations made by the public it does not include motions from Council.

12.8.3 **FORMER ABODE SITE ON SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the former Abode Building, Skehard Road, Mahon, Cork, was placed for sale on the open market through an independent sales agent for a 4 week period with a closing date of 9th November 2017. The sale of the building was brought before Council on Monday 22nd January 2018. Council did not approve the disposal.

An Chomhairle further noted that a Ward Meeting would take place to discuss this matter further.

12.8.4 **SIGNPOSTS ADVERTISING PRIVATE COMPANIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the issuing of a finger post licence is governed under the **Licensing of applications and cables etc. on public roads Section 254, of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2011 and Part 17 Article 201 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2017**

Section 254 –

- ‘(5) In considering an application for a licence under this section a planning authority, or the Board on appeal, shall have regard to –*
- (a) the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,*
 - (b) any relevant provisions of the development plan, or a local area plan,*
 - (c) the number and location of existing appliances, apparatuses or structures on, under, over or along the public road and*
 - (d) the convenience and safety of road users including pedestrians*
- (6) (a) Any person may, in relation to the granting, refusing, withdrawing or continuing of a licence under this section or to the conditions specified by the planning authority for such a licence appeal to the Board.’*

Cork City Council also considers that all such licence requests should be prepared having regard to Chapter 16, section 16.124 of the City Development Plan 2015-2021 as stated below;

Fingerposts

16.124 “The erection of fingerpost signs will require a licence from the planning authority and should comply with the following:

- Directional Signs for major tourist attractions and community purposes will be considered but commercial and product advertising will not be permitted;*
- Signs must be of a standard size and colour and where permitted will be provided by the licensee but will be erected by the City Council.*
- Signs which interfere with the City Council’s or the National Road Authority’s (NRA) directional signs will not be permitted.”*

Commercial and product advertising fingerpost signs are not permitted.

Cork City Council is aware that there are a range of unauthorised and unlicensed signs which do not conform to the Planning & Development Act 2000-2011 and Cork City Council’s policy, through the city. We are in the process of requesting the removal/removing these fingerpost signs.

In relation to permitted finger post signs;

- Applications for a fingerpost licence must be submitted in writing on the fingerpost application form to the planning section of Cork City Council. The request should include allocation map and road/junction name of preferred sighting of fingerpost sign.
- The application is considered in the context of Section 254 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Cork City Council’s Development Plan 2015-2021.
- The applicant is informed where the application is invalid. (Commercial and product advertising)

- Valid applications are referred to the Roads & Transportation department for consideration.
- The roads engineer reviews the requested location on the ground and considers the feasibility of the location. The roads decision/recommendation is sent to area planner for consideration.
- The applicant is informed of the Council's decision. Upon approval and receipt of payment a Managers Order is drafted and a licence issued.
- Cork City Council is moving to issue multiyear licences from 01st May 2018

The sign is provided by the applicant and erected by the City Council at the applicant's expense.

Cork City Council shall be indemnified against all claims arising from the provision and erection of the sign.

The applicant shall retain ownership of the sign and shall be responsible for all maintenance works.

Cork City Council reserves the right to remove or relocate the sign to facilitate road works improvements.

Cork City Council reserves the right to remove unauthorised/unlicensed signs.

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

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that negotiations on the delivery of this development are ongoing. The Chief Executive keeps members updated on this matter at Council meetings on a regular basis. There is nothing further to add outside of Council on this commercially sensitive matter.

A number of queries were raised to which the Deputy Chief Executive responded, following which, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion would be referred back to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee.

12.8.6 **SECURE VICTORIA HOTEL AND MOORE'S HOTEL**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 31st January 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council prepare a report for Council with a view to Council securing both Victoria Hotel, and Moore's Hotel as both buildings have been vacant for many years and their acquisition would help Council with its challenge to provide accommodation for persons in need of same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/448)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Victoria Hotel is not available, as it is currently the subject of planning application TP 17/37668. Moore's Hotel is currently the subject of derelict sites file DSP 1690. Based on an initial assessment, it does not appear suitable for such purpose at this time. However, the issue can be explored further as part of the ongoing derelict sites investigation.

12.8.7 **NORTHSIDE FOR BUSINESS INITIATIVE – LOAN APPLICATION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Cunningham, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Head of Enterprise, Local Enterprise Office, Cork City, dated 31st January 2018 on the Northside for Business Initiative loan application.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

15. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the New Affordable Houses Scheme to be held in The Four Seasons, Carlingford from the 2nd – 4th March 2018.

16. **TRAINING**

None received.

17. **MOTIONS**

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

17.1 **FLATS IN FARRANCLEARY PLACE & MOUNT FARREN**

'That the flats in FarranCleary Place & Mount Farren be repainted as soon as practical.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 17/451)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.2 **LOLLIPOP LADY AT ST. LUKE'S CROSS**

'In the interest of public safety, that the position of Lollipop Lady be re-instated at St. Luke's Cross during the School term. This unregulated junction has become extremely busy and with so many school children using this junction the introduction of a Lollipop

Lady at St. Luke's Cross would be most welcome in the interest of the safety of the many children who use this junction every day during the school term.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/453)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.3 **PEDESTRIAN PATH AT SOUTHRIDGE**

'That Cork City Council put in place a pedestrian path adjacent to No 40 Southridge through the small Green area which leads to the adjacent Bus Stop. This Bus services Ashmount, Southridge, Silversprings Lawn, Silversprings Court and surrounding areas.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/006)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.4 **RESURFACE PATHWAY AT BISHOPSTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

'That City Council would carry out remedial resurfacing works immediately on the pedestrian pathway that runs parallel with the Bishopstown Community School from Upper Leesdale as the school children are absolutely soaked and their clothes destroyed from trying to walk this pathway to school.'

(Proposer: Cllr. Henry Cremin 18/016)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.5 **REPAIR POTHOLES**

'That large potholes outside:-

(A)Ashgrove/Beechgrove, South Douglas Road.

(B)Outside 1 Heatherton Park.

(C)Crater between entrance to Greenhills Estate and Rhodeville Estate be immediately repaired.

There needs to be a proper area repaired to slow these ongoing erosions which are now a safety and health hazard to motorists and pedestrians alike.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/020)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.6 **REMOVE PALM TREES IN GLENCAIRN PARK**

'That City Council would remove the four palm trees behind the houses 20 to 24 on Glencairn Park Bishopstown as these are completely overgrown and overhanging into these residents properties and causing huge problems.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/033)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.7 **GRASS CUTTING SERVICE AT MEELICK PARK**

‘That the Council provide a regular grass cutting service to the area and as well as a rubbish collection service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/036)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.8 **HOUSE OF FORMER LORD MAYOR TERENCE MACSWINEY**

‘That the house on North Main Street in which former Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney was born is brought up to a proper standard as we approach the 100th anniversary of his death, including the possibility of an information panel being place near it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/041)

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

17.9 **FUNDING FOR CLASHDUV PARK**

‘That the finance department as part of its 2018 capital programme agree a funding package to bring Clashduv Park back into full use.
Clashduv Park in Togher consists of 13.5 acres of parkland encompassing tennis courts, M.U.G.A. (multi-user games area), a playground, walkways and a playing pitch.
The fact remains that Clashduv Park walk way has been refused capital funding for the past number of years and has been left in an almost unusable state.
The soccer pitch has remains closed for years as the pitch has sunk, there was funding secured this year through the Sports Capital Grant but Cork City Council needs to find extra resources to finalise bringing the pitch back into a useable condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 18/043)

Finance & Estimates Functional Committee

17.10 **RAISED TRAFFIC TABLE AT ST. LUKES CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council would in the interests of public safety erect a raised traffic table at St. Luke’s Cross as it would greatly slow traffic approaching the junction from all sides.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/044)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **SECURITY OF RESIDENTS FROM MOUNT BROSNA TO LAGAN GROVE**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a review of security of residents in estates from Mt Brosna to Lagan Grove and north to the Ring Road as the layout of the Estates facilitates roaming gangs and makes it impossible to properly monitor or police. Council,

in conjunction with residents should look at reducing the Estate into smaller self contained Estates with their own access to and from main roads.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/045)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.12 **PROMPT DELIVERY OF HOUSING ADAPTIONS**

‘That Cork City Council calls for procedures to be put in place that will ensure the prompt delivery of housing adaptations that are deemed necessary for local authority tenants on grounds of age or disability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 18/046)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.13 **MEASURES TO SECURE POPHAMS FIELD PARK**

‘That in view of the increased anti-social behaviour in the area, that Cork City Council would take measures to secure Pophams Field Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 18/047)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.14 **PARKING IN THE HILLGROVE LANE AREA**

‘That Cork City Council engage with local businesses and residents in Blackpool Village relating to dangerous parking in the Hillgrove Lane area. Blocked lane ways remain a constant in the area and has the strong potential for impeding emergency services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 18/048)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.15 **REPLACE THE TREES FELLED BY STORM OPHELIA**

‘That the City Council apply for central government funding to replace the 500 trees felled by Storm Ophelia.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/049)

Finance & Estimates Functional Committee

17.16 **PROTECTED STATUS OF THE PORT OF CORK BUILDING**

‘That the City Council re-iterate the points in discussion with private developers the protected status of the Port of Cork building and the bonded warehouses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/050)

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

17.17 **CROSSING LIGHTS ON ALBERT ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council recognises that an accident could very easily happen on Albert Road and could cause serious injury to members of the public owing to the fact that the crossing lights near the roundabout have been out of working order for a prolonged period of time and also that the road markings have worn away. Cork City Council therefore commits to resolving these issues as a matter of immediate concern.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 18/051)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.18 **LIBRARY SERVICE IN MAHON/BLACKROCK AREA**

‘That Cork City Council commits to the delivery and the time scale for the development of a local library service in Mahon/Blackrock area (South East Ward) at the site of the old HSE Medical Centre at Lakelands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 18/053)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

17.19 **FUNDING FOR A NATIONAL MARITIME CENTRE IN THE DOCKLANDS**

‘Mindful of the fact that Fáilte Ireland has highlighted the lack of a major ‘must-see’ attraction in Cork City, that the City Council immediately puts in motion a plan to develop and secure funding for a National Maritime Centre in the Docklands that will relate and enliven Ireland’s rich maritime story with active linkages (to include sailings, rail or road) to centres in Cobh and Spike Island and other sites associated with that history and to include the history of transportation to Britain, the US, Australia and the world during the Famine Years as well as the unique ties with the Titanic and Lusitania.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/056)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

17.20 **REPRESENTATION ON TRAVELLER INTER-AGENCY GROUPS**

‘That Cork City Council will seek representation on the various Traveller Inter-Agency Groups in Cork for members of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC), Council to report on the ongoing work of the groups.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/058)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.21 **NORTH-WEST REGIONAL PARK BE INCLUDED IN 2019 COUNCIL BUDGET**

‘That Cork City Council would ensure provision for a design of the North-West Regional Park is included in 2019 Council Budgets, part of this process would include Council concluding on options for the future of the existing Kilmore Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/059)

Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **WRITE OFF DEBT IN RELATION TO THE OLD WHITE CHURCH ROAD SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister to write off the debt in relation to the old White Church Road Site, thus allowing Cork City Council to sell the properties at an affordable price, by cutting the cost to Council of the land. This was done in other Local Authorities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/014)

18.2 **TRAMORE VALLEY PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘To rectify the lack of planning compliance TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) who funded and directed the project should be requested to fund the Tramore Valley Pedestrian Bridge which will offer a grade separation solution for vulnerable road users and in doing so complete the Kinsale Road Interchange as set out in the original EIS and planning permission. The Tramore valley pedestrian bridge is shovel ready as it recently was granted part 8 planning permission by Cork County Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 18/042)

18.3 **CORK CITY AND COUNTY A PLASTIC-FREE ZONE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘Call on the Government to designate Cork City and County as a Plastic-Free Zone. That Cork City and County be made a Plastic-Free Zone, starting with the banning of plastic

articles such as; plastic bags, cups, wrappers, packaging, bottles and plastic sheets with the phasing out of other bio-non-degradable material over a five year period.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 18/052)

At the request of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer his name was not associated with the approval of the motion.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting past 8p.m.

18.4 **AFFORDABLE RENTAL AND PURCHASE HOUSING SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises that homes to rent and to purchase are becoming increasingly unaffordable and calls on government to immediately introduce ambitious affordable rental and purchase housing schemes led by Local Authorities, and where appropriate, Approved Housing Bodies and Housing Co-operatives with clear annual targets for all local authorities; and to Design the Home Building Finance Ireland fund to prioritise loan finance to small and medium sized builders participating in Council led affordable housing schemes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. OShea 18/057)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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