

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 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, 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 K. McCarthy, 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, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Casey Family on the death of Josephine Casey.
- The Spillane Family on the death of James Spillane.
- The McTernan Family on the death of Kevin McTernan.
- The Reynolds Family on the death of Finbarr Reynolds.
- The McDonnell Family on the death of Sinead McDonnell.
- The Petrassi Family on the death of Marco Petrassi.
- The Kelly Family on the death of Martha Kelly.
- The Long Family on the death of Gerard Long.
- The O’Driscoll Family on the death of Mary O’Driscoll.
- The Doyle Family on the death of Rita Doyle.
- The Dowley Spillane Family on the death of Ann Dowley Spillane.
- The Barry Family on the death of Noel C. Barry.

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

- Cork City Football Club on winning the Premier League of Ireland Title.
- Katie Taylor on winning the World Boxing Championship.
- Ibrahim Halawa Family on the return of Ibrahim from Egypt.
- The People of Catalonia.
- Jamie O’Brien on winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the World Champion Short Boat.

- Nemo Rangers on winning the Senior Football Championship.
- Knocknagree GAA on being the Junior A County Football Champions
- LINC on their GALA Awards.
- LGBT, Social Inclusion Unit of Cork City Council which forms the Cork City LGBT Inter Agency Steering Group on their GALA Awards.
- Aodh Quinlivan on the launch of his book ‘Dissolved’.
- Na Piarasaigh Camogie Club on being the Junior County Camogie Winners.
- Glen Rovers Camogie Club on being the Cork County Senior Camogie Finalist.
- St. Oliver’s Church on the celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- The Metropole Hotel and the Victorian Quarter on the growing success and development of the Victorian Quarter and their contribution to the Jazz Festival.

### 3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

#### 3.1 **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An tArd-Mhéara proposed and An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- Cork City FC.
- Cork Sports Broadcasters and print media for their contribution to Irish Sport.
- Cork City LGBT Inter Agency Steering Group to recognise their recent success in the following categories at the Gala Awards:-
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Award LGBT+ Ally (Award went to Cork City LGBT Interagency Group).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Award for Community Organisation (Award went to LINC (White Street)).
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Award – Lifetime Achievement Award (Award went to David Roche posthumously).

#### 3.2 **SMART CITY EXPO**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of An tArd-Mhéara at the Smart City Expo World Conference in Barcelona from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

#### 3.3 **CORK SPORTS**

An Chomhairle agreed that the City Hall should be illuminated in green to mark Cork City FC’s participation in the FAI Football Cup Final.

#### 3.4 **MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Meetings Administrator outlined the schedule of arrangements for 13<sup>th</sup> November and An Chomhairle agreed the following schedule:-

<b>4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b>	Information Session by the OPW on the Flood Relief Scheme in the Lower Harbour Basin
<b>5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.</b>	Closing briefing by Dr. Seán Ó Riordáin
<b>6:15 p.m.</b>	Council Meeting to commence

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for September 2017.

4.2 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle that two Material Contravention Planning Reports would be coming forward to Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

4.3 **CORK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle that Cork City FC had been founded in City Hall during Comhairleoir Hugh Coveney's term of office as Lord Mayor. He also advised that two members of the original six founding members of Foras the Supporters Trust are employees of Cork City Council Planning Department while a third was a serving Councillor at the time.

5. **MINUTES**

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

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

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **NUMBER OF HOUSES PURCHASED FOR 2007, 2008 ETC.**

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

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

(Cllr. John Buttimer)  
Deferred from meeting of  
9<sup>th</sup> October

## REPLY

Year	Total No. Voids Returned	Total Funding from Central Government
2007	483 (incl acquisitions)	*
2008	443 (incl acquisitions)	*
2009/10	383 (incl acquisitions)	*
2014	261	€2.9M
2015	315	€4.6M
2016	267	€6.7M
2017	Not available until year end	Not available until year end

\*Composite funding mechanisms – not comparable

PROGRAMME YEAR	HOUSING CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS	DHPLG FUNDING RECEIVED
2007	160	€ 34,794,336
2008	25	€ 7,052,271
2009	44	€ 12,190,051
2010	21	€ 4,802,198
2014	1	€ 170,000
2015	93	€ 18,581,500
2016	67	€ 16,247,500
2017 (As of 31.10.2017)	57 (Programme Ongoing)	€ 6,343,700 (Recoupment Ongoing)

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

## 6.2 MILITARY PROPERTY AT CAMP FIELD, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD

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

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

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)  
Deferred from meeting of 9<sup>th</sup>  
October

## REPLY

The houses and lands at the Camp Field were to be released to the City Council under the Affordable Housing Initiative which was part of the Sustaining Progress Partnership Agreement. The lands and houses were not transferred to the City Council.

The Department of Defence has now confirmed that they will consider proposals from the City Council for the transfer of the houses subject to the military's requirements.

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

### 6.3 **GREEN AREA OUTSIDE LOUGH CHURCH**

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

When was the green area outside the Lough Church rezoned for housing?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

#### **REPLY**

The lands of the Lough Church, "Church of the Immaculate Conception," on the Lough Road is zoned "Residential, Local Services and Institutions" under the 2015-2021 City Development Plan and has been as such for a considerable period, as far back the 2004 City Development Plan.

The objective of this zoning, which covers much of the suburban areas of the city, is to protect and provide for residential uses, local services and institutional uses, and civic uses. Having regard to the above, appropriate expansion of the existing institutional use would be acceptable in principle. However, a central objective of this zoning is to protect existing residential amenity.

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

### 6.4 **WHEREABOUTS OF THE NAGASAKI MONUMENT**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

Please inform the Council as to the whereabouts of the Nagasaki Monument that was situated in Winthrop Street during the 1980's and 1990's. Please inform the Council when will this monument be returned to the public realm and where is the Limestone Plaque that was gifted to the city in 1981 by the City of Rennes as a mark of friendship and where is this plaque now?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

### 6.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES NEAR MORNING STAR SCHOOL**

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

When is it estimated that work on installing traffic calming measures near Morning Star School on Connolly Road will begin?

(Cllr. Tom O'Driscoll)

**REPLY**

Subject to the Council approving Traffic Calming as recommended at the above location, the work is scheduled to be complete by the end of November 2017.

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

6.6 **FUNDS EXPENDED ON PARKS IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the funds expended on Parks in the SouthWest Ward for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and if she could outline the purpose of those funds?

Fitzgerald's Park  
Bishopstown Park/Murphy's Farm  
Clashduv Park

(Cllr. P.J. Hourican)

6.7 **REGENERATION OF DALY'S BRIDGE**

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

To ask the CE about plans for the future regeneration of Daly's Bridge, which is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year and is much revered by citizens? The lattice ironwork is in a poor state and parts of the structure needs urgent repair.

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

**REPLY**

An assessment of Daly's Bridge was undertaken in December 2016 by an external Consultant Engineering firm with grant funding from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport. The assessment established the nature and extent of the repair and rehabilitation works required. The information gathered was subsequently used to develop an initial design for the necessary works.

On the basis of this preliminary design, Cork City Council recently made an application for funding to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for the repair and rehabilitation of Daly's Bridge as part of the annual grant application process. The bridge is currently the subject of planned inspection following recent severe weather (related closure from Fri 20<sup>th</sup> to Wed 25<sup>th</sup>). The updated information arising will be submitted in support of the funding application. Subject to grant approval, rehabilitation works could commence in April 2018. The Department of Transport Tourism and Sport have funded extensive repair/renewal works for a number of bridges in Cork City in recent years including Clontarf Bridge and Curaheen Bridge.

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

6.8 **TIFFANY DOWNS AND BRAMPTON COURT**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what measures have been undertaken to assess and address the concerns of residents in Tiffany Downs and Brampton Court with regard:

- to mitigating noise from the adjacent South Ring Road,
- To Controlling the height and management of trees in the estate,
- To ensuring the safety of the adjacent walkway in the context of recent traffic accidents where sections of the wall have been compromised and if a commitment can be given to,
- Prioritisation for residents entering and leaving the estate via he traffic light controlled junction with the Bishopstown Road?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

**REPLY**

All the specified noise mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Sarsfield & Bandon Road Flyover Project are now complete. The trees within the Estate will be assessed in the coming weeks and any required pruning etc will be undertaken in due course. The accident resulting in a partial collapse of a section of wall onto the walkway has been cleared by Egis Lagan on behalf of TII. The reinstatement work will follow in the coming weeks.

The junction at Bishopstown Road R849 – Tiffney Downs – Hawke's Road is controlled by traffic signals which operate on the basis of local vehicle demand as detected on each of the approaches. Generally speaking, the junction controller remains on the pivot stage, allocated to the designated main road - the R849 in this instance - and serves the other signal stages in turn allocating timings for the green signal with a view to minimising delay for vehicles on all approaches. The location will be inspected to verify that all of the signal aspects, detectors and push buttons are operating correctly and optimally.

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

6.9 **FAIRFIELD LAWN AND FAIRFIELD MEADOW ESTATE, FAIRHILL**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

Can the CE report on any engagement between Cork City Council & Cork County Council on a process to take in charge Fairfield Lawn & Fairfield Meadow Est, Fairhill? Is there a bond in place that might allow the necessary completion of works in what is an estate of City Council tenants in a County Council administrative area?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

6.10 **USE OF DEFENCE FORCES IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION**

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

Can the CE tell me if the Cork City Council incur a cost when they use the services of the Defence Forces in an emergency situation?

(Cllr. Kenneth Collins)

**REPLY**

The council to date, have not incurred a cost when utilising the services of the Defence Forces in an emergency situation'

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

6.11 **WORKS ON PATHWAY AT CLASHDUV PARK, TOGHER**

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

Can the CE please explain why funds allocated in two successive budget programmes for the upgrade of works on the internal pathway at Clashduv Park, Togher have not been allocated to the project and works carried out? (A reply from management at a pre-budget meeting recently that this funding was not in place was incorrect).

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

**REPLY**

Estimated costs for the upgrade of the internal pathways at Clashduv Park, Togher were included in two successive Draft Capital Programme Estimates Budgets (2016 & 2017) submitted for consideration. However, the level of funding available in each year was not sufficient to allow all of the requested projects to proceed. As such an exercise was carried out matching the available budget to the requested projects. Due to the not insignificant size of the budget required to complete the works to upgrade the Clashduv Park paths it was not possible to assign sufficient funding to this project to allow for its completion.

This project will again be included in the Draft 2018 Capital Programme and I would be confident that it will be funded.

David Joyce,  
Director of Services,  
Environment & Recreation.

6.12 **BYE LAWS/GUIDLINES FOR USE OF BICYCLES ON OUR CITY STREETS**

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

Can the CEO please advise details on what Bye Laws/Guidelines Cork City Council have in place in relation to the use of Bicycles on our City streets and more specifically....

(a)What are the guidelines regarding cyclists cycling on footpaths?

(b)What are the guidelines regarding cyclists using front and rear lighting and high vis apparel?

(c)What are the guidelines regarding cyclists observing the rules of the road like other road users such as motorists, i.e. observing Traffic Lights at junctions?

The reason I seek clarification on these issues is that there are daily examples of cyclists cycling on pedestrian walkways, cycling with no lighting on their bicycle in dusk or darkness and cycling straight through Red lights at traffic junctions.

Not all cyclists are guilty of the above but those that are present a serious safety hazard for other law abiding road users and indeed pedestrians who have to be vigilant to avoid cyclists who seem to think it's perfectly acceptable to cycle on footpaths.

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

## **REPLY**

The use of bicycles on public roads is governed by the Road Traffic acts and the normal 'Rules of the Road' apply to all road users, including cyclists. Cyclists must obey the rules applying at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, pelican crossings and zebra crossings

Fixed charge notices (FCN) for seven (7) cycling offences came into force at a national level on the 31 July 2015. These are not new offences however and just refer to the making of some existing offences FCN offences i.e., the offender will be given a chance to pay a fine instead of going to court. The 7 offences concerned listed below and each carries a fine of €40 and are enforceable by An Garda Síochana:

1. Cyclist driving a pedal cycle without reasonable consideration;
2. No front lamp or rear lamp lit during lighting-up hours on a pedal cycle;
3. Cyclist proceeding into a pedestrianised street or area;
4. Cyclist proceeding past traffic lights when the red lamp is illuminated;
5. Cyclist proceeding past cycle traffic lights when red lamp is lit;
6. Cyclist failing to stop for a School Warden sign;
7. Cyclist proceeding beyond a stop line, barrier or half barrier at a railway level crossing, swing bridge or lifting bridge, when the red lamps are flashing.

Although cycling on a footpath is not a FCN offence, it is still an offence under road traffic legislation

Although good practice, the law does not require you to wear a helmet. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) advises that cyclists should always wear fluorescent and reflective clothing to make sure other road users can see you.

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

6.13

**CARE OF GREEN OPEN SPACE, REMOVAL OF FALLEN AND DAMAGED TREES AND TREE MAINTENANCE IN GENERAL IN TIFFANY DOWNS, BISHOPSTOWN**

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

Would it be possible to have this whole area assessed in relation to:

1. Maintenance of the green open space which is frequently water logged and needs to have drainage issues resolved?
2. There are many trees on the above area which need to be pruned and some removed as well as the many trees which fell in the area during the recent storm. Could these issues be resolved A S A P
3. The residents and public representatives have made many representations to Cork City Council regarding the above issues and have got no action.

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

**REPLY**

1. The green open space at Tiffany Downs is immediately adjacent to the Glasheen River, it is low lying with a peat soil. In effect the green is bogland resulting in extremely poor drainage due to the peat soil composition. Improving the drainage is extremely difficult due to the nature of the soil, however, measures to give some relief will be considered in the coming months. Any such measures must be mindful of the need to preserve biodiversity and unique natural habitats. Funding for the implementation of any measures identified will have to be quantified in the first instance and then a source of funding identified as no specific funding for same exists at present.
2. The City Council has removed many trees and undertaken remedial pruning on many other trees at Tiffany Downs in recent years. It has also undertaken new planting of appropriate species at the specific request of residents. Seasonal floral tubs and bedding is also provided to the residents.

During Hurricane Ophelia approximately 500 trees were felled in the City. Due to the size of the task facing the City Council, all incident locations were prioritised according to the following classification. The clearing of roads/footpaths was the highest priority. This was followed by public trees in private property, then the reopening of Parks and Recreational Areas. Trees damaged in public open spaces were put into the lowest priority class. During the next 3 to 5 weeks the damaged trees in Taffany Downs will be addressed.

Following the completion of all works associated with Hurricane Ophelia the normal remedial pruning of trees will be resumed and at that stage all other trees in the area, as appropriate, will be added to the pruning schedule.

David Joyce,  
Director of Services,  
Environment & Recreation.

6.14 **CURRENT LIST OF FRAMEWORKS**

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

Can the Manager please circulate Councillors with the current list of frameworks where City Council has a signed agreement for the provision of goods and or services. The most up to date list as provided from the Office of Government Procurement, National Framework Agreements, if that office has coordinated City Council participation in same.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

**REPLY**

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) generally puts two types of framework agreements in place, Single Supplier frameworks with direct drawdown and Multi Supplier frameworks where mini competitions are run between qualifying suppliers. The latter account for the majority of national frameworks and in more recent times the OGP, conscious of the impact of this centralized approach on the small and medium sized businesses had divided up its frameworks into separate/ smaller lots often on a geographical basis i.e. the South West, Cork City & County etc.

The following is a list of the single supplier frameworks that the Council has purchased from

Framework	Appointed Supplier
Fuel Cards	Topaz Energy Limited, Topaz House, Beech Hill, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14
Cleaning and safety suppliers	Bunzl Cleaning & Safety Supplies, Unit 11' Fonthill Business Park, Dublin 12
Multi-office paper for printing and photocopying	Antalis Limited, Century Business Park, St Margarets Road, Finglas, Dublin 11
Framework Contracts for PPE & Workwear	M.J. Scannell Safety, Stillorgan Industrial Park, Blackrock, Dublin & Euro Business Park Little Island, Cork
Pick up trucks & minibuses	Henry Ford & Son Ltd, Elm Court House' Boreenmanna Road, Cork
Framework for the Provision of Supply of Stationery & Office Supplies	Fagan Office Supplies Ltd, [Consortia with Stakelum Office Supplies], 13-15 Pearse Street Mullingar, Westmeath 'Ireland
Framework Agreement for the Provision of Purchasing Card Programmes	Ulster Bank Ireland DAC, 1st Floor, Block B Ulster Bank Group Centre, George's Quay Dublin 2
Bulk Fuels	Topaz Energy Ltd., Topaz House, Beech Hill Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin 4

The Council is utilising numerous multi supplier frameworks and typically these will have between 3 and 10 suppliers qualified into the framework and a competition is run amongst these. It hasn't been possible to draw together a list of all of these suppliers within the timeframe of the question but as agreed these will be supplied in a follow up response to the Councillor.

John Hallahan,  
Head of Finance

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

7.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FACILITY Y/E 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Head of Finance dated 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

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

“It is hereby Resolved that Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €12m (twelve million euro) for the twelve month period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.”

8. **SPECIAL PARTY WHIPS – 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Party Whips from its meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

9. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

9.1 **CONSULTATION ON CATCHMENT CHARACTERISTICS OUTPUT AND RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the contents of the presentation on the proposed areas for action during the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

10.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Chief Executive dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in an area of ground (approximately 174m<sup>2</sup>) situated at Ballyhooley Road, Cork to Tedcastles Oil Products Unlimited Company c/o LK Shields Solicitors, No. 40, Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2, and by way of exchange Tedcastles Oil Products Unlimited Company shall transfer its interest in an area of ground (approximately 325m<sup>2</sup>) situated at Ballyhooley Road, Cork to Cork City Council for the sum of €10,000.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- b. Disposal of property known as Kiosk 3, Peace Park, Grand Parade/South Mall, Cork by way of lease at an annual rent of €20,000.00 (plus licence fee of €10.00 for deck area) to Earth Cafe Ltd 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, No. 11, Anglesea Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

## 10.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

## 10.3 **CARBEBY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG-ACCOMMODATION AT COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Carbery Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 11, Larchfield, Commons Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, 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 €79,800 (Previous loan being €60,900) be granted to Carbery Housing Association CLG for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 11, Larchfield, Commons Road, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

## 10.4 **CARBEBY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Carbery Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 18, St. Andrews, Cahergal Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, 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 €101,750 (Previous loan being €79,750) be granted to Carbery Housing Association CLG for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 18, St. Andrews, Cahergal Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

10.5 **TUATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Tuath Housing Association in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 149, The Haven, Jacobs Island, Blackrock, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, 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 €70,500 be granted to Tuath Housing Association for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 149 The Haven, Jacobs Island, Blackrock, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

10.6 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME – MONTHLY UPDATE**

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

**CHANGE TO THE CHAIR**

An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald vacated the Chair and the Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy assumed the duties of the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

An Chomhairle considered the Report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 on the following Motion referred 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 Gardaí identify the gangs and give more peace of mind to the residents.’

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

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this Motion back to the Housing and Community Functional Committee.

10.8 **GATES LINKING BRIDEVALLEY PARK/VIEW & THE FAIRFIELD AMENITY**

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

‘That Cork City Council will close permanently gates that link Bridevalley Park, Bridevalley View and the Fairfield Amenity, this would improve community safety in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/246)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that the gates in question provide permeability and accessibility to the local residents. However, the Housing & Community Directorate will facilitate a meeting of the local ward councillors to explore the above proposal.

10.9 **REGENERATION PLAN FOR FARRANREE AREA**

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

‘That Cork City Council would consider a regeneration plan for Farranree Area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/250)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that the Farranree area is not included in National Regeneration Programme. However, the Housing & Community Directorate will facilitate a meeting of the local ward councillors to explore the above proposal.

10.10 **REVIEW OF 3/4 STOREY VICTORIAN HOUSES**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of the A/Director of Services, Human Resource Management & Organisational Reform dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council officials through the Fire Officer carry out a comprehensive review of all 3/4 storey Victorian houses converted to flats and bedsits in the 1960’s and 1970’s in the Wellington Road, Summerhill, Grattan Hill and Lower Glanmire Road areas to ensure they are fully compliant with current Fire Safety regulations. Such a review has been requested by Local Councillors since 1987 and officials have been making excuses for not doing so.

A comprehensive report to the elected members is now warranted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/264)

Following consideration of the Report of the A/Director of Services, Human Resource Management & Organisational Reform dated 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle rejected the Report and agreed to approve the Motion.

#### 10.11 **SAFETY FEATURES IN HOUSES IN HORGAN'S BUILDINGS**

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

‘That Cork City Council review safety features in the houses in Horgans Buildings for the residents such as door viewers in doors which don't have any, door chains with locks and so, any houses not having these security features installed. CCC should install them as a matter of urgency for residences.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/266)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that the Council is of the view that it should not fit additional locks to doors as they would impede access for emergency services in the event of a fire or medical emergency. In relation to installing door viewers in front doors, the Council has no objection to tenants installing such devices in their front doors at their own cost, but the Council does not have the resources to do this work.

#### 10.12 **TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

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

‘That Cork City Council rescind its policy of not allowing tenants:-

1. Purchase houses that have had disability extensions put on
2. Elderly tenants from purchasing council houses

This could be construed as discrimination on the grounds of ageism and disability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/188)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that:-

1. Due to the investment by Cork City Council in carrying out extensions and renovations to local authority housing stock to accommodate persons with disability and the challenges in sourcing similar properties in the retail market, Cork City Council considers it a prudent policy to retain all such properties within housing rental stock under stock management considerations.

Members will be aware that Cork City Council retains all 1 Bedroomed, 2 Bedroomed, 4 and 5 Bedroomed properties under similar considerations.

2. The Incremental Tenant Purchase 2016 is a national scheme governed by national rules. There is no age restriction on prospective tenant purchasers. A prospective

tenant purchaser must, however, have a minimum income of €15,000 from a source other than a Department of Social Protection payment (i.e. State pension – contributory/non-contributory, invalidity pension, disability allowance, etc). It should also be noted that all local authority loan assistance must be repaid before the applicant reaches the age of 70.

#### 10.13 **VOTING REGISTRATION FORMS**

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

‘That when Cork City Council allocates local authority housing, a voting registration form is provided automatically alongside additional correspondence relating to the tenancy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/270)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that Voting registration forms will be enclosed in correspondence to new tenants in future.

#### 10.14 **INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES AT TANNERY GARDENS**

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

‘That Cork City Council will carry out a full inspection of works required to the Properties that Cork City Council Residents in Tannery Gardens have to endure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/297)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that Cork City Council have carried out inspections on a number of houses in the estate and will endeavour to continue with further inspections where required.

#### 11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

#### 11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork’s Programme for the month ending September 2017.

11.2 **REPORT ON SECTION 38 PROCESS (PUBLIC CONSULTATION) FOR TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEMES 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 on Section 38 Process (Public Consultation) For Traffic Calming Schemes 2017.

11.3 **PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF ONEWAY SYSTEM IN WHITE STREET AREA & REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING CARPARK AT SUMMERHILL SOUTH**

A Chomhairle considered the Report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 on Proposed Introduction of Oneway System in White Street Area & Redevelopment of Existing Carpark at Summerhill South and agreed to refer this item back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee.

11.4 **IN RESPECT OF THE MAKING OF “CORK CITY ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS) BYE-LAWS 2017”**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 on in respect of making of “Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2017.”

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

Now therefore Cork City Council having received by letter dated the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017 the written consent of Transport Infrastructure Ireland and having duly complied with the provisions of Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 and having considered the Report of the Director of Services of the Roads and Transportation Directorate dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017 and the draft of said bye-laws as considered and recommended for approval and adoption (with the amendments as specified below) by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee at its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017

**It is hereby Resolved** pursuant to the powers in that behalf contained in Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 to make the Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2017, in accordance with the said draft Bye-Laws 2017, subject to the amendment of Article 2 and the Second Schedule thereto as follows:-

“These Bye Laws shall come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2017”

“The Roads or Road Segment referred to in the Second Schedule at No.21, No.22, No.23, No.24, No.25, No.32, No.35, No.36, No.37, No.38, No.39, No.40, No.41, No.42, No.43 shall be excluded.”

11.5 **REPAINT DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 204 PEARSE ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

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

‘To repaint the disabled parking space in front of number 204 Pearse Road, Ballypheane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/290)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October stated that the request to renew the painting of the disabled parking spaces in front of number 204 Pearse Road Ballypheane will be added to the Roads Painting programme and undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions, funding and resources being available.

11.6 **BYE LAWS TO SUSPEND THE USE OF RICK SHAWS**

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

‘That Cork City Council introduce an emergency bye-law to immediately suspend the use of Rick Shaw’s on the streets of Cork City until such time as these vehicles regulate their service for use on the public streets of our City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/291)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this Motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the Meetings Administrator would write to the National Transport Authority and Minister Shane Ross T.D. in this regard.

11.7 **INCLUDE DUNMANUS PARK IN THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

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

‘That Cork City Council include Dunmanus Park in the traffic calming programme in the interest of the safety of children living there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/292)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that Dunmanus Park will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

11.8 **RECONFIGURATIONS OF THE ROAD NETWORK AROUND WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

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

‘We the Ward Councillors of the Cork City South Central Ward requires that the following reconfigurations of the road network surrounding the White Street car park be introduced prior to the closure of the car park to make way for a new housing development of 43 dwellings. The imminent closure of the car park will see the loss of 80 plus car parking spaces and the proposed reconfiguration will ensure the continuation and availability of car parking spaces in the area concerned thereby avoiding the displacement of those who use the car park and maintaining access to the area for those who support indigenous business in the area while also providing much needed parking for residents who live in the area concerned.

We propose the following.

That Douglas Street be designated a one way traffic flow system West to East from Dunbar Street to Rutland Street.

That Rutland Street be designated a one way traffic flow system South to North from Douglas Street to the South Terrace and that Parking will be provided on the left hand side up to the South Terrace.

That Sawmill Street be designated a one way traffic flow system East to West from Infirmary Road to White Street with parking being provided left and right as appropriate/permitted from Infirmary road to Rutland Street and that the parking be maintained on the left hand side as it currently is from Rutland Street to White Street.

That Kemp Street be designated a one way traffic flow system from Sawmill Street to South Terrace with parking being permitted on the right hand side.

In our estimation this will provide upwards of 60 plus parking spaces which will help to alleviate any parking concerns for residents and current users of the car park. It will also help to maintain revenue from car parking in the area.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. M. Finn 17/294)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that this has been dealt with by way of a separate Report. Refer to Report 2.2 for details.

Report 2.2 stated the following-

### **Introduction**

The Roads and Transportation Directorate was requested to examine and report on the potential to establish one way routes on a number of streets near White Street Carpark with a view to creating additional off street car parking opportunities. The streets involved include Kemp St, Rutland St and Sawmill St. In this regard it is to be noted that the current design guidelines for works on urban roads and streets require that a minimum carriageway width of 5.65m be provided to safely accommodate parking on one side of the street with a one way system.

In addition the Directorate was requested to assess the additional capacity that could be created by upgrading the existing car park at Summerhill South.

### **Kemp Street:**

There is no car parking provision on Kemp Street. There are double yellow lines on both sides of the Street and road widths vary from 5.0m to 5.1m. There are no footpaths on the

street and traffic currently has to give way due to the narrowness of the road. As the width of the street (5 to 5.1m) is less than the minimum width required for one sided parking with a traffic lane (5.65m) it is not possible to create car parking spaces on the street, even with the introduction of a one way system.

### **Rutland Street:**

There are currently no car parking spaces on Rutland Street north or south of its junction with Sawmill Street. There are double yellow lines on both sides of the street and carriageway widths vary from 4.71m to 5.36m, mostly less than 5m. There are footpaths on both sides of Rutland Street. The introduction of one way routing would not create the potential to provide additional parking spaces along this section of the street. This is primarily due to the narrow lane width coupled with additional restrictions arising from business entrances (O'Sheas Coal & Lee Garage), laneway entrances, private parking and fire exits.

### **Sawmill Street:**

On Sawmill Street to the East of Rutland Street the road widths vary from 5.12m to 7m and there is currently no footpath on the northern side of the street. An additional 5 car parking spaces could be created by introducing a one way system on Sawmill Street. These spaces would be located to the Eastern End of Sawmill Street. Further spaces cannot be gained along this section of the street due to a combination of narrow lane widths, business entrances, laneway entrances, private parking and fire exits.

There are approximately 14 car parking spaces (13 ordinary and 1 disabled space) on the southern side of Sawmill Street to the west of its junction with Rutland Street. There is a double yellow line on the northern side of the street. Widths along this section of road vary from 6.51m to 7.6m. There are no footpaths on the section of Sawmill Street from its junction with White Street to its junction with Rutland Street. The introduction of one way traffic would not change the current provision of 14 spaces along this section of the street.

### **Douglas Street:**

The introduction of a one way system on Douglas St (east to west from Dunbar St to Rutland St) has also been separately suggested. This proposal will be examined with counts and modelling being undertaken to assess the benefits and assist in the identification, planning and costing of required supporting infrastructural works. There are currently approx 32 car parking spaces (29 ordinary and 3 disabled spaces) on the southern side of Douglas Street from its junction with Dunbar Street to its junction with Rutland Street. The proposed one way routing would not increase this figure further.

### **Re development of existing car parking at Summer hill South Car Park:**

The car park located adjacent to the junction of Summer Hill South and High Street provides approximately 16 spaces. The proposal is to re-generate and rearrange the car park to gain additional spaces. In order to increase the size of the existing car park the green area adjacent to the car park would need to be excavated. This area includes mature shrubbery, three trees, public lighting and existing services. Three spaces would be lost due the realignment and 9 spaces would be gained. This gives a net gain of 6 additional spaces. The estimated cost for the relocation of public lighting, removal of the green area and preparation of tarmac, relining etc is in the region of €60,000.

### **Summary**

At present, traffic is obliged to operate on a give and take basis along large sections of the streets reviewed as there is insufficient widths for two vehicles to pass safely. There are also a significant number of entrances on streets such as Sawmill street where parking could not be provided as it would result in blocking of roadways and entrances. The introduction of a one way system would not provide any additional parking on Rutland Street and Kemp Street. Five additional spaces could be provided on Sawmill Street.

Proposals to revise the current routing system would need to be the subject of consultation under the Roads or Planning Development Acts as appropriate depending on scale and extent envisaged. Matters to be considered in this regard include safety of all road users( including pedestrians, cyclists and vehicular traffic), impacts on access and movement (for residents, visitors, deliveries etc), speed, traffic volumes, quality etc.

The reconfiguration of the carpark at Summerhill South could result in up to 6 additional spaces at an estimated cost of €60,000 and with the removal of the existing green space and trees. This development would be below threshold for the purposes of the Planning and Development Acts.

#### 11.9 **RESURFACE AND REPAIR THE ROAD BETWEEN COLLINS' BARRACKS AND DILLONS' CROSS**

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

‘That the Old Youghal Road between Collins' Barracks and Dillons' Cross would be assessed for repair/re-surfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/300)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that Old Youghal Road was not included in the 2017 Roads Resurfacing Programme. It will be reassessed for possible inclusion in the 2018 resurfacing programme and in the interim the area will be assessed for any necessary temporary remedial works.

#### 11.10 **RAMP ON WELLINGTON ROAD, WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ALEXANDRA ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council erect a ramp on Wellington Road, west of its junction with Alexandra Road in order to slow down traffic approaching St Lukes Cross in the interests of the safety of pedestrians and motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/301)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that Wellington Road will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

11.11 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 169 PEARSE ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a disabled Parking space be provided at or near 169 Pearse Road, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/303)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that No 169 Pearse Road, Ballyphehane will be added to the list of requests for the provision of a disabled parking space. If appropriate, it will be put forward for inclusion in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

It should be noted that there are three (3) conditions which must be adhered to in order to qualify for a disabled parking space, namely:

1. A valid disabled parking permit;
2. A vehicle registered to the address of the applicant;
3. No availability of off road parking.

It should also be noted that a disabled parking space is not ‘owned’ or reserved solely for the use by a specific individual and therefore can be used by any motorist displaying a valid disabled parking permit.

11.12 **FIX SOUTHERN GATE AND WALL AT BUCKLEYS MEADOW, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Council fix the southern gate and wall at Buckleys Meadow, Blackrock. At the estate’s opening residents had keys but the gate is now damaged and off its hinges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/306)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that this motion to be referred to the Housing & Community Directorate.

11.13 **EXAMINATION OF UNPROTECTED QUAYSIDES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out an urgent examination of all our unprotected quaysides with the intentions of erecting protective railings. This work is urgently required for the safety of both pedestrians and drivers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/307)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that 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.

11.14 **FOOTPATH ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF DOUGLAS ST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the stretch of footpath on the northern side of Douglas St from Dunbar St to White St currently, comprising a series of major trip hazards, is replaced immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/281)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that the section of footpath on the northern side of Douglas St from Dunbar St to White St is included in the 2017 roads programme and the work will be carried out in the coming weeks.

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

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 12th October 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)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this Motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee.

11.16 **SIGNS ON THE OLD RAILWAY LINE WALK AT THE MARINA AND SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘To erect signs on the old railway line walk at the Marina and at Skehard Road to alert users that pedestrians and cyclists need to be mindful of each other's use of the line.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/322)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that this matter will be addressed as part of the upcoming Greenway Enhancement Project which is scheduled to commence in 2018.

#### 11.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN LIMA LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would address the serious issue of traffic using Lima Lawn as a 'rat run' by introducing traffic management measures including four traffic calming ramps by the green area, children at play signs, including Lima Lawn in 30kmph zones and by undertaking an assessment of junctions to determine if yield and stop signs are required.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/331)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 state that Lima Lawn has been assessed and is included in the 2017 Review of Speed Limits to become a 30 kph zone. Lima Lawn is also on the list of traffic calming requests, specifically for the area in the vicinity of the green. The installation of traffic calming ramps at this location is recommended and can be progressed subject to funding and approval following completion and consultation in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act. Current stop and yield signage provision is adequate. ‘Children at play’ signs can be installed as requested.

#### 11.18 **REVIEW OF FOOTPATHS AND LIGHTING IN WILTON COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of the footpaths and public lighting in Wilton Court and would undertake remedial measures as appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/332)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that according to the DeadSure street lighting asset management database operated by the Transportation Division, there are no faults or lights ‘Out of Order’ recorded for Wilton Court. AUS are engaged as the specialist maintenance contractor and duties include patrol at night-time to inspect and record any lights out throughout the city. Members of the public can log faults directly to <https://www.deadsureapp.com/> or via the [www.corkcity.ie](http://www.corkcity.ie) on the “How do I report a Faulty Street Light” link on the website.

The lighting in this estate is of an older type and when individual lanterns fail they are replaced with LED based lighting which gives a much whiter and thus brighter aspect to the street in that location. The contrast between the LED white light and the older sodium discharge lighting may give the impression that lighting on the street is not all in operation

in Wilton Court. Given the stock of lights in residential areas lighting can only be upgraded, for the most part, on the basis of individual replacement.

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

11.19 **EXTRA SIGNAGE, RAILINGS, BOLLARDS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS NEAR BEAUMONT SCHOOLS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council roads department assess the need for extra signage, railings, bollards, pedestrian crossings and line painting in the vicinity of Beaumont Boys & Girls Schools to ensure the safety of the students and pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/336)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that the area will be assessed with the view to improving the safety of pedestrians.

Beaumont Boys & Girls National Schools are located in a residential area adjacent to Beaumont Park. There are a number of pedestrian routes to the school with no single crossing point on adjacent roads. There is no specific traffic management plan for the area around the school as normal rules of the road apply.

The main cause of health & safety issues outside the gates of schools is poor parking behaviour by parents/guardians. There is an onus on everybody to take responsibility for their own behaviour and it is recommended that the school reminds parents of this on a regular basis.

The school, parents and students should also continue the valuable work and behaviour change initiatives they undertook in the development of their School Travel Plans through the SMILES EU project.

It is worth noting that the area was assessed earlier in the year and all lining works recommended as a result of the assessment are now in place.

A School Warden is also being assigned to the area. However the onus is on the parents and school to foster good road safety behaviour by ensuring that the children cross at all times with the School Warden.

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

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 12th October 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)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the Motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee and also agreed that the Ward Members would meet in advance of the next Roads and Transportation Functional Committee Meeting.

11.21 **NAME OF BRIDGE BETWEEN MERCHANT’S QUAY AND PATRICK’S QUAY IN HONOUR OF CORK WOMEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 12th October 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In view of the fact that there is only one bridge in Cork out of over 20 named after a female, that Cork City Council would as a matter of principle agree to name the upcoming bridge between Merchant’s Quay and Patrick’s Quay in honour of the contribution and service that many Cork women have given.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/299)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 stated that the current policy is that the Council determines the name of such infrastructure on receipt of recommendation from the Functional Committee, the matter having been agreed in advance by Party Whips. The process to be employed for the naming of the proposed new bridge between Merchants Quay and Patrick Street is due to be considered by Party Whips prior to commencement of construction work on the project.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

13. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

14. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

14.1 **ECAD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – STOCKHOLM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan to deputise for Comhairleoir M. Shields at the ECAD Executive Board Meeting in Stockholm on November the 21<sup>st</sup> 2017.

15. **TRAINING**

None received.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

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

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

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

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

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

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

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.7 **DOG WALKING ZONES**

‘We the members of the Dog Fouling Awareness sub committee propose that Cork City Council and its Environment Department would set in motion the relevant resources required to introduce specific Dog Walking Zones in each ward of the City. Each dog walking zone should be at least one kilometre long with at least 2 waste bins installed (one at each end) for the disposal of dog waste. The purpose of these designated dog walking zones would be to encourage dog walkers to walk to and from these zones while at the same time ensuring the dog walkers that bins will be located for disposal of their dog waste at these specific locations and further encouraging dog walkers, while walking away from these locations, to dispose of any subsequent dog waste in their own refuse bin at home.

We further propose that prior to the scheme being rolled out that two dog walking zones be introduced on a pilot basis one on the Southside and one on the Northside to test the idea to see if the dog walkers in general are willing to cooperate with the proposal.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. H. Cremin 17/375)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

16.8 **START-UP EUROPE NETWORK**

‘That the City Council through Cork Innovates take an active part in the Start-Up Europe Network. The network gathers all EU regions actively engaged in promotion of startups and entrepreneurship and interested to cooperate and develop joint actions with other regions for this purpose.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/376)

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

16.9 **INSTALL FOOTPATH AT JUNCITON OF TRAMORE LAWN AND DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.11 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.12 **PARKING AT DILLON'S CROSS**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.13 **REDUCE GREEN AREA IN TIFFANY DOWNS, BISHOPSTOWN**

‘I am requesting that Cork City Council consider the reduction of the large green open space in Tiffany Downs, Bishopstown by about three feet and incorporate it into the roadway to facilitate safe parking of cars. At present if cars are parked on both sides of the narrow roadways in the estate, it would be impossible for emergency services to gain access. In many cases car owners have no choice but to park on footpaths which in turn make it difficult for residents to access and egress their driveways’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 17/386)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.14 **PLANNING FOR HOMELESS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS**

‘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 planning for crisis situations in time of serious adverse and dangerous weather conditions.’

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

**Corporate Policy Group**

16.15 **RAMPS ON BLARNEY STREET**

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

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

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.16 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON RINGMAHON ROAD**

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.17 **DILAPIDATED SITES AT AVENUE DE RENNES, MAHON**

‘That Cork City Council takes dilapidated sites around Avenue de Rennes, Mahon into dereliction as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/391)

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

16.18 **SECURITY SCREENING OF WINDOWS AT LAGAN GROVE**

‘That Cork City Council will provide security screening and/ or re-enforced windows for tenants in Lagan Grove who are having the windows at the back of their houses continually broken by stone-throwing from public pathways. Council will report as soon as possible on solutions to address this ongoing issue which is a real health and safety concern for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 17/392)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

16.19 **SPORTS GROUNDS ON THE CARRIGROHANE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would produce a report on current and future uses for the sports grounds on the Carrigrohane Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/393)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

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

‘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)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16.21 **STAFF TO INSPECT HOUSING STOCK**

‘That Cork City Council would hire staff to inspect the housing stock to ensure that tenants are abiding by their tenancy agreements and keeping the properties in a clean manner and also to ensure they are not the cause of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/395)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

17. **MOTIONS**

17.1 **REVIEW THE MORTGAGE TO RENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the government to review the mortgage to rent scheme to enable the inclusion of the power of the Housing Authority to have first refusal on properties which are in danger of repossession by lending institutions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/211)

17.2 **STRENGTHEN LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE THE POWER TO CPO VACANT SITES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

- ‘(A) That Cork City Council calls on the Government to strengthen the legislation to provide the power to CPO vacant sites and provide the facility to progressively increase the levy, with the levy for the initial year to be raised to 10%
- (B) The revision of Derelict Sites legislation to allow for increased levies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/212)

17.3 **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JPC TO TACKLE PROBLEMS AROUND UCC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That a special JPC be called (or a portion of the next scheduled one assigned) to tackle the problems already being experienced with student behaviour in the areas surrounding UCC.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/327)

Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, Chair of the Joint Policing Committee agreed to bring this Motion to the Executive Meeting of the Joint Policing Committee.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue after 8:00 p.m.

17.4 **RELEASE OF TONY TAYLOR**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports calls for the release of Derry man Tony Taylor. Tony has been held without charge for over 600 days in Maghaberry Prison, Co. Antrim following the revoking of his early release licence by the then British Secretary of State, Theresa Villers. Tony has the support of a number of local authorities and public representatives from across the political spectrum, the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin have been monitoring his case and governmental officials are said to be prepared to visit Tony in prison, Council agrees with the view that his continued detention is a denial of justice and due process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/388)

A vote was called for on the Motion where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, M. Nugent, C. O’Leary, M. Finn, F. Kerins (5)

**AGAINST:** (0)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, K. McCarthy, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney (8).

As the number voting in favour was more than the vote against, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting

**ARD-MHÉARA**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**