

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, 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	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J.G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. J. Hallahan, A/ Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The MacCarthy Family on the death of John MacCurtain.
- The Greaney Family on the death of Neilus Greaney
- The Monaher Family on the death of Don Monaher.
- The Kenneally Family on the death of Hannah Kenneally.

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

- St. Finbarrs NHFC on winning the Junior B County Championship
- Sister Mercedes Desmond, St. Maries of the Isle Convent, Sharmen Crawford Street, Cork.
- The great performance by both Cork City Soccer team and the fans at the recent FAI cup final.
- Mayfield G.A.A. Intermediate Footballers on reaching the Intermediate Football Championship final.
- To al involved in Oliver Plunkett Street winning the Great Street Award 2016.

- Stephen Cairns on winning the European Silver Medal in Boxing.
- The Cork Branch of the Western Front Association on organising Remembrance Ceremonies.
- Joanne O’Riordan on being awarded the JCI Outstanding Young Person of the Year Award.
- To all involved in Cork City Centre being awarded the Purple Flag.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

An Chomhairle considered the following item raised by An tArd-Mhéara:-

3.1 **REPORT OF THE CORK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW COMMISSION**

An tArd-Mhéara advised that following the submission of 3 recent F.O.I requests, 2 have been refused to date. It is the intention to appeal these refused requests.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **GLOW – A CORK CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive on the Proposed Holding of an event by Cork City Council – GLOW A Cork Christmas Celebration.

4.2 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP)**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community, which was circulated at the meeting. The report outlined a recent legislative change regarding the operation of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) in Cork City Council.

Comhairleoir M. Barry proposed and Comhairleoir M. O’Sullivan seconded that this item be discussed by the Elected Members.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, M. Finn, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, M. Shields, T. Moloney. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, K. O’Flynn, M. Nugent, K. Collins, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, P.J Hourican. (9)

As the numbers voting in favour of the proposal were greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the proposal carried.

Following discussion, An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services and agreed to discuss further at the next Housing & Community Functional Committee meeting.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Minutes:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 27th October 2015.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **SOUND ASSESSMENT ON THE N40 SOUTH RING ROAD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if she will publish all reports pertaining to sound assessment on the N40 South Ring Road with particular reference to the sections from the Kinsale Road Flyover to the City boundary west of the Bandon Road Flyover and if she can make specific reference to the dates of assessments, the status of assessment process e.g. Methodology, Funding, Independence and consultation with local residents as well as the effectiveness of sound control measures included as part of the design and build process and what redress is available to residents who are effected by noise from the use of the Ring Road?

REPLY

The following noise related documentation is available for examination in relation to the N40 South Ring Road Interchange Project –

- EIS Volume 1 NTS Noise & Vibration (2003)
- EIS Volume 2 Chapter 7 Noise & Vibration (2003)
- EIS Volume 3 Appendix 3 Noise & Vibration (2003)
- EIS Noise – Additional Information Regarding Reassessment in Accordance with NRA Guidance ABP Approval. (Oct 2003)
- awn Consulting Technical Report Re Noise Assessment (24th Feb 2004)
- Survey Report from SIAC for Locations 2 and 9, (30 May 2014)
- ARUP File Note Re Noise Levels & Mitigation at Westside & Elmvale Estates, (22nd Feb 2013)
- ARUP Document titled Review of Noise Assessment, (13th May 2013)
- ARUP File Note titled “Assessment of Noise Levels and Mitigation Measures at Tiffany Downs and Brampton Court” (June 6th 2013)
- Survey Report from SIAC for Location 9, (6 June 2014)
- Report from SIAC– Short Term Measure Noise Surveys locations S01, S03, S04 & S10, (17th April 2014)
- Survey Report from SIAC for “Location 2” 25th May 2014, and “Location 9” 1st May 2014,

Reports are generally prepared by suitably qualified consultants.

All of the above reports were directly or indirectly funded by the NRA. The assessments were carried out in accordance with the NRA “*Guidelines for the Treatment of Noise and*

Vibration in National Road Schemes?. The methodology is as follows:

- (1) The first stage is to assess and quantify the noise environment at representative sensitive receptors that may be affected by the proposed development. In the case of a road scheme, the selected noise sensitive locations are likely to be those in closest proximity to the proposed road.
- (2) The noise levels resulting from the operational phases are then calculated using prediction techniques. Traffic noise levels are predicted in accordance with relevant guidelines and the predicted values are then assessed against pertinent conditions in order to assess the need for mitigation measures.
- (3) The noise impact is assessed by comparing the predicted noise climates both with and without the proposed scheme in place.
- (4) The mapping identifies the mitigation measures. These include low noise surfacing for the road pavement, solid noise barriers on the elevated flyovers, solid noise barriers/block walls at other selected locations and landscaping.
- (5) During the construction phase the Contractor is required to operate within a certain noise thresholds and monitoring is undertaken to ensure compliance.
- (6) When the project is complete and all mitigation measures are in place the Contractor is required to reassess the effectiveness of the measures. These tests are being undertaken by the Contractor.

Public consultation was undertaken as required in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions. This included consultation in relation to the EIS and proposed scheme itself and an Oral Hearing by An Bord Pleannala which took place on the 17th of Feb 2004. Surveys completed to date confirm that the scheme is operating within the permitted tolerances.

The Project Team will continue to engage with residents in relation to any concerns that may arise.

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

6.2 **DOG LICENCES/ DOG FOULING**

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

- a) Could the CE please inform the Council of how many dog licences have been issued for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?
- b) How many dog fouling prosecutions have happened under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act (since 2008/15)
- c) Has Cork City Council applied for funding for anti-litter awareness grant scheme. (If so, how much was received from Central Government?)
- d) Has Cork City Council considered increasing the power of traffic wardens so they can issue litter fines under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act?
- e) What plans are currently in place to combat dog fouling in our city?

REPLY

a)

Year	Number of dog licences issued
2008	1,124
2009	979
2010	2,033
2011	2,823
2012	3,033
2013	3,212
2014	3,337
2015 to 30 th September	2,416

b)

year	Number of on the spot fine issued	Number of one the spot fines paid	Number of one the spot fines not proceeded with	Number of prosecutions for failure to pay on the spot fines
2008	Nil	nil	nil	Nil
2009	2	1	1 *	
2010	Nil	nil	nil	Nil
2011	Nil	nil	nil	Nil
2012	3	2	1**	Nil
2013	Nil	nil	nil	Nil
2014	Nil	nil	nil	Nil
2015 to 30 th September	Nil	nil	nil	Nil

* Fine cancelled as it showed the wrong date of the offence.

** Fine cancelled as the offence occurred in Cork County Council's administrative area.

c) A sum of €28,000 has been allocated from the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in 2015 for anti-litter and anti-graffiti awareness. This covers 70% of the cost with the remaining 30% being provided by Cork City Council.

d) Motion number 12/014 in March 2012 asked that Cork City Council would consider amalgamating the posts of Traffic Warden and Litter Warden. The report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 1st March 2012 advised that joint roles of litter wardens and traffic wardens usually existed in small towns where there is not sufficient workloads in each area of responsibility to have separate positions of litter warden and traffic warden. The report indicated that an amalgamated position would not be appropriate for Cork City Council as the existing number of traffic wardens and litter wardens are not sufficient to meet the existing workloads. This report was approved by Council.

- e) Cork City Council has carried out the following initiatives over the last number of years with regard to dog fouling:
1. Information leaflet on responsible dog ownership, including a section on dog fouling has been issued to all holders of dog licences within the administrative area. This leaflet has also been sent to Community and Residents Associations.
 2. Dog faeces collection bags are provided free to holders of valid dog licences within the administrative area.
 3. "No dog fouling signs" have been provided on walkways, footpaths and public parks and open spaces.
 4. Information on dog fouling is included in its anti litter media campaign including cinema, press and radio. A "sminky shorts" animation advertisement has been commissioned.
 5. Residents groups in Blackrock and Turners Cross were supported in local initiatives through the provision of signage ,collection bags and presence of Litter wardens .

Two "Audio Messaging" devices will be provided in Colmcille Park and The Marina in November 2015. This pilot project will last for 6 months to enable its effectiveness to be monitored.

Jim O Donovan
Director Of services
Environment and Recreation

6.3 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING/ LAND BANKS IN THE YEARS 2013-2015**

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

What capital and interest has been paid of the 37 million

- (a) Affordable Housing
- (b) Land Banks

In the years 2013, 2014, 2015?

REPLY

- (a) The City Council paid an annual sum of €719,667 being interest only in respect of these loans for the years 2013, 2014 & 2015.
- (b) Cork City Council borrowed €37.5m from the Housing Finance Agency for the purchase of land for housing purposes. The Council paid an annual sum of €749,200 being interest only in respect of these loans for the years 2013, 2014 & 2015.

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

6.4 **CORK BIKE SCHEME**

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

Can the CE please give an update on the usage and progress of the bicycle rental scheme recently introduced in the City.

REPLY

In relation to the Cork Bike Scheme, there are over 300 bikes located in 31 bike stations between Gaol Cross and Kent Station. Although some stations were operational from late December 2014 onwards, all stations have been fully operational since the official launch of the scheme on 2nd March 2015.

Registration information and details on the operation of the scheme and the location of stations can be found on www.bikeshare.ie. The current annual subscription is €10.

The usage levels are recorded as follows -

6950 users were registered by 30th September. The scheme has been very successful and number of registered users continues to rise.

201,024 trips have been made in the period to 30 September. 34,231 trips were made in September alone. Data for the period ending 31 October will be available shortly and advised to Members following receipt.

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

6.5 **CITY COUNCIL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PLAN 2014-2018**

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

Can the CE indicate when the current City Council Traveller Accommodation Plan (TAP) is due to be renewed and the process involved?

REPLY

Cork City Council's Traveller Accommodation Plan 2014 – 2018 was adopted at City Council meeting held on Monday, 27th of January 2014. As outlined in statute under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, section 17, the current Programme is due to be reviewed within three years of its adoption. Hence, a review will be carried out over the next 14th months.

The Housing and Community Directorate will review the current Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014 – 2018 and duly report to the sitting Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

V. O'Sullivan,

Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.6 **RAPID CO-ORDINATORS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive how many RAPID Co-ordinators are now employed by Council and what steps are taken to replace staff when either transferred or retired?

REPLY

At present the RAPID service is resourced by two part time coordinators and an assistant staff officer. Originally there were four full time RAPID Coordinators in place. The services have been reviewed internally and it is clear that many initiatives cannot continue unless replacement staff are in post. We are working to resolve this situation at present.

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

6.7 **REFUSAL OF COACH DRIVER TO BRING TOURISTS INTO THE CITY**

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

Can the CE inform the Council of the following:

In regards to an email sent to all Cllrs and your own office from an English gentleman regarding the refusal by their coach driver to bring English tourists in to our city back in August 26th of this year as he was using an excuse that there were lots of traffic hold ups in Cork and refused to go in.

1. Was there ever an official complaint forwarded to this English Tour Bus company on this matter?
2. Have City Council acknowledged and responded to this gentleman who was annoyed that he had not been given the opportunity to visit and shop in our beautiful city?

REPLY

The Council examined the matter and has recently replied to the person in question to advise that there was no record of access difficulties in or around the date in question. The period from early June to late August is associated with reduced traffic volumes as a consequence of school and other holidays. The number of closures and diversions necessary to facilitate private and public works increases during the summer months. However these closures and diversions are pre-planned in consultation with the Garda Siochanna and the Councils Traffic Department and have not given rise to any unusual issues/difficulties. The Council has sought contact details of the tour operator so that it can engage with them on the matter. Whilst it is acknowledged that tour operators often follow predefined routes and can have prior arrangements with local attractions it is important that they be aware of the attractions in the City and also to see if there are additional measures that can be taken in response to their needs.

Gerry O'Beirne,

Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation.

6.8 **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN**

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

Can the CE guarantee that funding will be available in the upcoming budget to construct a much needed and long awaited children's playground in Bishopstown as promised when a group of residents met officials from the Environment Department of Cork City Council last May?

REPLY

It is planned to provide a playground at Murphy's Farm in Bishopstown. It was hoped that provision for a playground could be made in the Draft Capital Programme for 2016. However, given the very tight financial constraints on the Council, it has not been possible to do so. Provision has been made to provide for the appointment of a consultant to oversee the design process in the Draft 2016 Programme, which would allow the project to advance further in 2016, subject to finance being available. Both the design and consultation would take a number of months to complete, with an expected construction date in 2017.

Jim O Donovan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.9 **EVENTS CENTRE**

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

Can the CE please give an update on the most recent developments regarding the Cork Events Centre? When is construction likely to commence?

REPLY

Discussions are ongoing between all parties involved in bringing this project to fruition with all sides actively engaged in seeking mutual acceptable terms of a final contract arrangement. While the lengthy delay in formal contract signing is regrettable it is not unusual in projects of this level of risk and complexity.

Until the formal contract is signed a commencement date for construction is not possible to predict.

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

6.10 **UPDATE ON THE BOOLE HOUSE PROJECT**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the Boole House project on Bachelor's Quay?

REPLY

Cork City Council at its meeting of 8th December 2014 approved in principle the use of its powers under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 to assist in the removal of dereliction and the future redevelopment of the property situated at and known as No. 5, Grenville Place, Cork. The property is of major historical significance being the former residence of George Boole. The property was the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order under the Derelict Sites Act and has been brought into Council ownership.

Funding of €600,000.00 has been approved by UCC towards the refurbishment project and Cork City Council have committed to undertaking the relevant consolidation works to enable the handover of the building to UCC in a protected and stabilised condition.

Since December 2014 Part VIII planning has been approved to give effect to the required package of works to consolidate the building and the relevant legal contracts and agreements have been drafted between the Law Agent's office and UCC have been signed. The City Council's Architect's Department is also finalising the scope of detailed works required to tender for suitably qualified and experienced contractors to undertake the consolidation works. It is expected that this tender will be advertised in December 2015 with the contract awarded in January of 2016. The estimated build time for the project is 9 months.

The formal disposal of the property to UCC will be brought to full Council for their approval in November 2015.

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

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 2nd NOVEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips Meeting, from its meeting held on the 2nd November 2015.

7.1 **DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – JANUARY – DECEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Draft Schedule of Meetings for January – December 2016.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the Annual Meeting would take place on week commencing, 20th June 2016.

7.2 **SURVEY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS – DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted that the completed Survey forms would be returned to the Meetings Administrator no later than Tuesday 1st December 2015.

7.3 **IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved a Special Meeting of An Chomhairle in Committee to be held on Monday 23rd November 2015 where the Irish Congress of Trade Unions will address An Chomhairle.

7.4 **NIALL MACCARTHY, CEO, CORK AIRPORT TO ADDRESS A MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved a Special Meeting of An Chomhairle in Committee to be held on Monday 14th December 2015 where Mr. Niall MacCarthy, CEO, Cork Airport will address a meeting of An Chomhairle.

7.5 **RAPID NOMINEES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination of the following Members to RAPID:-

Comhairleoirí P.J. Houican, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, S. Martin, H. Cremin, M. Nugent.

7.6 **CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination of the following Members to the City Centre Partnership:-

Comhairleoirí M. Shields, F. Kerins.

8. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd NOVEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 2nd November 2015.

8.1 **PROPOSED TOURIST TRAIN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs on the proposed tourist train.

8.2 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Director of Services on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

8.2.1 **CORK BUTTER MARKET**

‘That an immediate assessment of the state of the old Butter Market at Shandon be carried out with a view to refurbishment and opening up as a tourist attraction and a resource for the local community. The Butter Market is an iconic and historic building which should be the focal point of the Shandon area and indeed the Northside of the city as a whole. This should be done in conjunction with the local community and in particular with the Shandon Area Renewal Association to transform the building which is currently in a semi-derelict and underused condition into what could be a wonderful public resource and cultural centre of the city as a whole’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/263)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council has looked at a number of options to reintroduce a sustainable use of the Old Butter Market. Currently, a funding opportunity exists under the EU Designated Urban Centres Grants Scheme. An application for funding under this Scheme is to be made by Cork City Council that would enable the carrying out of works to facilitate re-use of the building. Decisions on funding applications are due to be made late in 2015 / early in 2016. At that stage, I will be in a position to update Members.

8.2.2 **SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF THE ENGLISH MARKET**

‘That Cork City Council would take inspiration from leading companies such as Google, Apple, Mars, Ikea and in particular Sainsbury’s stores who have installed 135,500 PV panels across their stores in the UK and we would look to do the same with our English Market by replacing the roof in solar panels. This would not only reduce Cork City energy foot print but would be a shining example to the food and energy sector. It was also help minimise energy costs for stall holders and tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/282)

The report of the Director of Services stated that further to the conclusion of a detailed emergency repair and opening up works programme for the roof of the English Market we are now completing a findings report which will inform the next phase of the project to determine how best to upgrade and replace the roof in a phased and coordinated manner.

Emphasis is to be placed on investigating how best any new roof achieves the highest standards possible in terms of thermal efficiency, energy performance and production for a building of this type and size. Consideration will also be given to rain water harvesting and other energy and cost saving measures to help ease the operational costs of the building for the Council and traders but to also highlight the importance of incorporating “Green” design principles in this important public building. We will then be in a position to cost proposed interventions and assess the possibilities of funding the relevant works.

9. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd NOVEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 2nd November 2015.

9.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

Financial Statements to end of September 2015

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of September 2015.

9.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Head of Finance on the Bank Overdraft for Year ending 31st December 2016.

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

“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 31st December 2016”.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle note the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht dated the 22nd October 2015 in connection with the GPO/Moore Street 1916 Battlefield Site.

11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

There were no summaries to note.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved attendance at the following Conference tabled on the night:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the ‘Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015’ conference to be held at The Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway on the 20th – 21st November 2015.

13. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following training tabled on the night:-

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, M. Shields, S. Martin at the AILG ‘In Service’ Elected Member Training November 2015 – Module 6 – Septic Tanks, Ground Water and Water Pollution & Registration of Lobbying Act 2015 to be held at the Red Cow Hotel, Dublin on the 14th November 2015.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **NORTH RING ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will investigate the feasibility of putting in place a yellow box or some form of traffic regulatory measure on The North Ring Road at the exit point from Silversprings Court. Residents are finding it more difficult and extremely dangerous exiting on to the North Ring Road at this junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/307)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council undertake to review and cut back the overgrown trees lining either side of Silverheights Road and Upper Lotabeg in Mayfield. Quite a number of these trees have grown out of control and are growing into the adjacent wiring and need to be cut back in the interest of public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/308)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.3 **REPORT ON ALL PUBLIC LIGHTING**

‘That Cork City Council circulates a detailed report on all public lighting that is currently not working throughout the City. To include the location, pole number, fault reported, any actions undertaken & what the expected time for completion of repair will be.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/318)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **YOUTH FACILITY IN THE MAHON COMMUNITY**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the provision of a permanent youth facility in the Mahon Community. Are there buildings in Councils possession that may be suitable for same and has any work on this issue been progressed in recent years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/ 319)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.5 **DESIGNATED PARKING PASSES FOR MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS - AND OTHER COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKERS**

‘In light of the fact that meals on wheels drivers - and other community outreach workers - are getting parking tickets on an ongoing basis while making deliveries to service users, and conscious of the vital role such groups play in our communities, that Cork City Council issues designated parking passes/badges/licences for strictly controlled use by these organisations in the course of their daily operations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/322)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.6 **ERECT GATES AT THE REAR ENTRANCE TO NICHOLAS CHURCH PLACE ON COVE STREET**

‘To combat the use of an area for drinking and drug taking, and to prevent criminal damage to residents' property, that Cork City Council moves swiftly to erect gates at the rear entrance to Nicholas Church Place on Cove Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/323)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.7 **RE-HOUSE THE MODEL OF CORK CITY AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MILLENNIUM HALL IN CORK CITY HALL**

‘That the now unused model of Cork City that was housed in St Peter’s Church (Cork Vision Centre) will now be re-housed at the entrance of the Millennium Hall in Cork City Hall and to be on view to the general public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/324)

Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee

14.8 **INCLUDE WOODLAWN, POULADUFF ROAD IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Woodlawn, Pouladuff Road be included in the Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/326)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **PONDING ON THE LOUGH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council address the issue of ponding on the Lough Road opposite Beechwood House.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/327)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **SURVEY ROAD SIGNAGE IN CORK CITY**

‘The Cork City Council would ensure that road signage in Cork City is surveyed and any obstructions, damage or signs in need of remediation are addressed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/340)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.11 **COST EFFECTIVENESS OF INTRODUCING A PARKING METER SYSTEM**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with other local authorities to determine the cost effectiveness of introducing a parking meter system, and would undertake to implement a flexible coinage and digital parking meter system in the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/341)

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14.12 **LIST ALL ROADS REINSTATED OR RESURFACED**

‘That Cork City Council would list all roads reinstated or resurfaced in the South West Ward, South Central Ward and South East Ward in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/342)

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14.13 **ERECT SIGNAGE TO HIGHLIGHT WHERE ILEN GARDENS IS WITHIN DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That City Council would put in place / erect signage to highlight exactly where Ilen Gardens is within Deanrock Estate.

The present situation is that you cannot access this area from Ilen Court due to infill housing.

This area can only be accessed through Maglin Grove and Araglen Court and is causing huge problems for residents as there is no signage whatsoever to direct deliveries or taxis/ambulances.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/343)

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14.14 **INSPECT THE ROAD SURFACE IN CROGHTAMORE SQ. / LOUGH VIEW TERRACE / LOUGH VILLAS**

‘That City Council would inspect the terrible state of the road surface in the following areas Croghtamore Sq. / Lough View Terrace / Lough Villas with a view to carrying out remedial works while waiting to be included in the Roads Resurfacing programme for 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/344)

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15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **DUTY OF CARE TO CHILDREN WITH AUTISM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would lobby the Department of Education to make sure they do not fail in their duty of care to children with Autism as there is a chronic lack of places for students with Autism in ASD special classes attached to mainstream secondary schools in Cork City. In the past year every secondary school in Cork City has been asked by their SENO to set up ASD specific special classes but unfortunately this has not happened to date with most schools, one extra school did establish an ASD special class last year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/320)

15.2. **PROPER FUNDING AND DIRECTION FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN CORK CITY TO SET UP ASD SPECIFIC SPECIAL CLASSES**

The following motion was withdrawn:-

‘We call on the Department of Education to put in place the structure, proper funding and direction for all secondary schools within Cork City to set up ASD specific special classes immediately, and take away the optional basis on which this works thus enhancing the opportunities for every child to access mainstream education which is the stated desired outcome from the Department of Education.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/321)

15.3 **IRISH SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL)**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to recognise The Irish Sign Language (ISL) the language of the Deaf Community in Ireland.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/325)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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