

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JUNE 2014.

PRESENT	An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan.
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, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. D. Buggy, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. T. O’Sullivan, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation. Ms. A. Bogan, Senior Planner, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoir T. Tynan.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to

- The Hurley Family on the death of Donal Hurley.
- North Presentation Sisters on the death of Sr. Eurcharia.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/ BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-

- Best wishes to Derval O’Rourke on her retirement from athletics after a successful career.
- The Kang Family & Fota Island golf course team on the successful holding of the 2014 Irish open.
- Irish Open volunteers for their unselfishness in the giving of their free time during the very successful Irish Open.

- Cork Symphony Orchestra on the IL Divo Concert.
- Shandon Street Festival on its community festival.
- Cork Midsummer Festival on its Arts festival.
- Pulses of Tradition on its ongoing concert.
- Picnic in the park on its community festival.
- Those involved in the annual Corpus Christi possession.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

1.3.1 An t-Ardmhéara proposed and it was agreed to award a Civic Reception to local Special Olympic Athletes.

1.3.2 **COMHAIRLE NA NÓG**

An t-Ardmhéara reminded An Chomhairle that a meeting Comhairle Na Nóg is taking place next Wednesday 25th June at 4.30pm.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

1.4.1 **SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CORK CITY COUNCIL AND WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MUNSTER BRIDGE REHABILITATIONS 2014 RELATING TO BRIDGE REPAIRS, RESURFACING AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS WORKS AT AND IN THE VICINITY OF SILVERSPRINGS OVERPASS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive on Section 85 Agreement between Cork City Council and Waterford City and County Council for Munster Bridge Rehabilitations 2014 relating to bridge repairs, resurfacing and other miscellaneous works at and in the vicinity of Silversprings overpass.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further approved the following resolution:-

‘RESOLVE THAT Cork City Council being of the opinion that the function of Cork City Council in relation to Munster Bridge Rehabilitations 2014, and in particular relating to bridge repairs, resurfacing and other miscellaneous works at and in the vicinity of Silversprings Overpass, should be performed by Waterford City and County Council being able and willing so to perform the said function and Cork City Council hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Waterford City and County Council for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001.’

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the minutes of the following:-

- Freedom of The City held on the 24th April 2014.
- Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 6th June 2014.
- An Chomhairle considered and approved the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 16th June 2014 subject to the following amendments:-

Item 3.1

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, Comhairleoir **S. Martin** was nominated as chair.

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On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn should read:-

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin should read:-

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

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On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen should read :-

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent should read:-

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin.

3. QUESTIONS

3.1 MUGA IN MURPHY'S FARM (BISHOPSTOWN PARK)

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

To ask the City Manager what plans are in place to provide a MUGA in Murphy's Farm (Bishopstown Park) the costs associated with these plans and if a timeline for delivery of the project can be provided?

REPLY

There are no plans at present, nor funding available, to provide a Multi User Games Area at Murphy's Farm. In recent years, the Council has provided a Pitch and Putt Pavilion ,and a Changing Pavilion to serve the playing pitches at the Park, and has also upgraded the path network. The Council will also be upgrading the entrance roadway and car park in the coming months. All MUGAs (€ 80k cost) installed by the City Council are within railed parks, opened and closed each day and inspected by Council staff, such not being the case in Murphy's Farm.

3.2 **ROUNABOUT IN SHEARS PARK, GLASHEEN ROAD**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Shields was deferred

The condition of the above turning point is dreadful. There is no road surface left and it is full of pot holes and dangerous for pedestrian and vehicle use. Could it be mended as a matter of urgency?

3.3 **GATEWAY SCHEME**

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

Can the Chief Executive inform Council as to whether the relevant Minister and Department have been informed of the fact that we will not be participating in the slave labour Gateway Scheme as per the resolution of Council earlier this year?

Can the Executive provide Council with the relevant correspondence from ourselves and any replies that might have been sent by the Minister and the Department?

REPLY

Cork City Council did not inform the Minister or the Department that the Council would not be participating in the Gateway Scheme.

The scheme is a government led initiative in the local authority sector and the City Council is actively progressing it at this time. It is anticipated that the first group of participants will be in situ in July/August 2014 undertaking works in Parks & Amenity areas and funds were provided in the 2014 Budget in this regard.

3.4 **INCOME OF CITY MANAGER**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir L. O'Donnell, a written reply was circulated as outlined as above:-

Could I please enquire as to the expected salary of the incoming City Manager plus bonus's etc.

REPLY

The salary for the position of Chief Executive is €142,966 per annum as determined by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.

Currently there is no approved performance related pay.

3.5 **WHAT STAGE OF PLANNING ARE THE PROPOSED PARKS FOR BOTH THE BISHOPSTOWN PARK/MURPHY'S FARM AND A NEW PARK ON THE MODEL FARM ROAD AT**

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

Can the Manager tell me what stage of planning are the proposed parks for both the Bishopstown Park/Murphy's Farm and a new park on the Model Farm Road at, which were adopted in the Bishopstown and Wilton area action plan in October 2007? And can you tell me were these plans costed and what were the costs if so?

REPLY

Considerable improvement and enhancement works have been carried out at Bishopstown Park/Murphy's Farm in recent years and include the provision of sports changing facilities, pitch & putt club house, parks depot, renewal of all footpaths and the planting of over one thousand indigenous trees. Improvement works (widening & resurfacing) to the main access road at Chestnut Grove are due to commence in late autumn 2014.

The provision of a new local park at Model Farm Road has not been progressed to-date due to the Council's financial constraints at present, however, this will be reviewed as the financial situation improves.

3.6 HOUSING STOCK

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin was deferred.

What was the allocation for disabled works to our existing housing stock in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013?

What was the allocation for energy efficiency – retrofitting voids/energy upgrades in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013?

Can the Manager confirm that the terms of the allocation have forced the contribution towards the normal repair and refurbishment costs of long term vacant properties has been reduced from 20,000 per property in 2011 to 3000 per property in 2012?

3.7 INVESTIGATE LOW WATER PRESSURE ON KENT ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE

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

To ask the Council to investigate low water pressure on Kent Road, Ballyphehane?

REPLY

Under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water, Cork City Council as agents of Irish Water can carry out works on behalf of Irish Water. However works must first be logged as service requests with Irish Water via their call centre. The call centre can be contacted on 1890 278 278 and has a dedicated team who deal directly with queries and issues raised by elected representatives. Councillors who have service requests should contact the Irish Water call centre directly.

4. STATUTORY ITEMS

4.1 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Chief Executive on the appointment of Ms. Ann Doherty as Chief Executive of Cork City Council and the following resolution:-

‘**RESOLVED THAT** Cork City Council, on foot of a recommendation from the Public Appointments Service Ref: 1421605 /LA13/6/2014 dated 30th May, 2014, agrees to appoint Ms. Ann Doherty, Glinny, Riverstick, Cork as Chief Executive of Cork City Council with effect from 8th September, 2014 in accordance with Section 6 (4) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and the provisions of the Local Government Reform Act 2014’.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a vote was called on whether to defer this item to the next meeting and arrange a special meeting of An Chomhairle in committee to which Ann Doherty would be invited to attend. Prior to the vote being taken The Chief Executive advised Members that there was no legal basis for this course of action.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney.
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As there were no Member voting against the proposal, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the item deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

4.2 EXTENSION OF DURATION OF FARRANFERRIS LOCAL AREA PLAN

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive on the Extension of duration of Farranferris Local Area Plan.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle further approved the following resolution:-

‘An Chomhairle **HEREBY RESOLVES** to defer the sending of a notice under section 20(3)(a)(i) in the Planning and Development Acts 2001-2013 and publishing a notice under section 20 (3)(a)(ii) the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2013 in respect of the Farranferris Local Area Plan for a further period of 5 years (or less than that if An Chomhairle so decides in the future), i.e. until 13th July 2019. ‘

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan requested that his objection to this matter be noted.

4.3 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle resolved to establish a Local Development Committee and nominate the following members to the Local Community Development Committee:

- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy
- Comhairleoir C. O’Leary
- Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican

4.4 **FINAL DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Final Draft Annual Report 2013.

5. **DEFERRED ITEMS FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 16th JUNE 2014**

5.1 **TOGHER/MAHON AIT (AREA IMPLEMENTATION TEAM)**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the appointment of the following four Members to the Togher/Mahon AIT (Area Implementation Team)

Comhairleoirí D. O’Keefe, S. Martin, P.J. Hourican, H.Cremin.

5.2 **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th MAY 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, from its meeting held on the 19th May 2014.

5.2.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th APRIL 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to 30th April 2014.

5.3 **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th MAY 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 19th May 2014.

5.3.1 **NATIONAL EXPO IN DOCKLANDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated the 15th May 2014 on the following Motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Council hold a National Expo in Docklands in future years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/071)

The report stated that this matter will be referred to Cork Inc when that body is established.

5.3.3 **DOCKLANDS FESTIVAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated the 15th May 2014 on the following Motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a Docklands Festival be established making use of vacant buildings such as Odlums.’

The report stated that this matter will be referred to Cork Inc when that body is established.

5.3.4 **‘CORK MARKETS’ BRAND (AND MARKETING STRATEGY) BE ESTABLISHED**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated the 15th May 2014 on the following Motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘THAT in order to promote local food and craft markets, a ‘Cork Markets’ brand (and marketing strategy) be established to promote the city’s markets and link them up as part of Cork’s tourism appeal...similar to what is done in the UK, Australia etc.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Finn 14/115)

The report stated that as the members will be aware, the Council is in the process of developing a Food Strategy and this motion will be fed into that process with the suggestion that it form part of the overall food marketing strategy when defined.

5.3.5 **FORMER PERMANENT TSB BANK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated the 15th May 2014 on the following Motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would give consideration for the future, the former Permanent TSB Bank be utilised as a Central Tourist Office.’

It has the size, scope and is equipped to deal with the general public.

Its strategic location directly opposite City Hall and adjacent to the Park and Ride could be a great benefit to the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 14/166)

The report stated that the tourist offices nationwide are managed by Failte Ireland. All suggestions as to the future use of the TSB Bank will be given serious consideration when the future of the building is being considered.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to note.

7. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

No conferences/seminar were tabled on the night.

8. **MOTIONS**

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

8.1 **STREET BIN IN DILLONS CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a street bin in Dillons Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/180)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

8.2 **DOG FOULING AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

"That Cork City Council launch a **Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign** in the City and coincide this by conducting a pilot scheme of putting in place Dog Fouling bins attached to a number of poles in the Northside such as on Old Youghal Road from Dillons Cross to the junction of The Noth Ring Road and a similar scheme on the Southside."

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/181)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

8.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN ORRERY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council introduces traffic calming measures in Orrery Road, in the interests of health and safety of the pedestrian and children that live in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/199)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN MOUNT EDEN ROAD, GURRANABRAHER**

‘That Cork City Council put in place speed ramps and traffic calming measures in Mount Eden Road, Gurrabraher, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/200)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council prioritise Monastery Avenue and Monastery Terrace in the traffic calming programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/203)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.6 **UPGRADE THE FOOTPATH ON SHANAKIEL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council repair and upgrade the footpath on Shanakiel Road from the end of Strawberry Hill to the T junction at Shanakiel Road as its condition is of concern to residents with mobility issues and is on the main tourist route from Fitzgerald's Park to the City Gaol.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/204)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.7 **ROAD RESURFACING AT PLUNKETT ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

That Plunkett Road, Ballyphehane, be prioritised for resurfacing or extensive patching due to the age profile of residents and the terrible state of the road.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/214)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.8 **SURVEYS OF FOOTPATHS**

‘That surveys of footpaths be conducted at O'Connor Ville (off Tower St), Lower Friar Street and at Croaghtamore Gardens (off Pouladuff Rd) with a view to repair and the removal of dangerous trip hazards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/218)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.9 **FRIARS WALK TO PEARSE ROAD BE INCLUDED IN A SOCIAL INCLUSION WORKS PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council included the roads and footpath from Friars Walk to Pearse Road be included in a social inclusion works programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/226)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.10 **REMOVE THE GRASS FROM THE CHUTES IN THE FLATS IN DESMOND SQUARE**

‘That Cork City Council immediately take action to remove the grass from the chutes in the flats in Desmond Square.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/227)

Housing & Community Development Functional Committee

8.11 **UPGRADE ALL THE SIGNAGE IN DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That City Council would upgrade all the Signage in Deanrock Estate, as some of these area signs are in place since the 70's and are long overdue a replacement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/239)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.12 **PAINT A YELLOW BOX AT THE ENTRANCE TO MELBOURNE COURT**

‘That Cork City Council paint a yellow box at the entrance to Melbourne Court, Model Farm Road as many residents are finding it difficult to enter and exit the estate due to the large volumes of traffic. (Close to the motor tax office)’

(Proposer: Cllr T Moloney 14/243)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

8.13 **AUDIT OF POSSIBLE SITE'S OWNED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL SUITABLE FOR HOUSING**

‘That Cork City Council do an audit of what sites Cork City Council own that are suitable / zoned for housing (Deanrock Togher for example), with a view to seeing how many different housing units could possibly be built on the site - taking into consideration the different needs of people on the housing lists, e.g. people with disabilities, families with careers needs, single people & families homes. This would have a range of different types of housing needs being met.

This, in turn, will increase employment.

As the interest rates from the EU is at an all time low (marginal lending facility @ 0.40 % & main refinancing operations @ a fixed rate of 0.15 %) and with our government owning AIB Bank, I suggest we look at getting very cheap loans through this format.

With the rise in taxes being taken from the extra people working, taxes on the materials (VAT), people being taking off the dole, savings on rent allowance scheme etc., this would make a great start in paying back the loans received to start the building programme. The Council will have the increased rents received on the homes to go back into paying the rest of the debt but also having assets going into the future.

If it's a large scale building programme, have one main buyer negotiating the price for all materials thus keeping the price down on all the work materials. Agree prices & do not let spending get out of hand, avoiding the risk of increases week on week / year on year. Agree fair prices at the start. We know how much roughly it should cost per unit. Tender the job out, or directly employ people on a fixed contract for the jobs, which ever works best.

A rising tide lifts all boats.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/244)

Housing & Community Development Functional Committee

8.14 **LIVE WEBCASTS OF CORK CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BY JAN 1 2015**

'Council instructs the Chief Executive to put in place the infrastructure which will allow live webcasts of Cork City Council meetings by Jan 1 2015.'

Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 14/245)

Party Whips

This concluded the business of the meeting

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