

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M. R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. T. Keating, Interim Director of Services, Housing. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to consider the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council reiterates it’s support for the Debenhams workers and calls on the new Government, led by An Taoiseach Mícheál Martin, to do all that it can to support the workers campaign for a just resolution to the ongoing dispute with the company.’

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the motion.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Comhairleoir O. Moran proposed a suspension of Standing Orders to consider motion 20/233 of Appendix 1.

An tArdmhéara advised that the motion was addressed prior to the meeting of An Chomhairle and that a suspension of Standing Orders was not required.

1. LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS

1.1 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

In accordance with Standing Orders, An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle of his resignation from the following committees:-

Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee
Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee
Finance & Estimates Committee
Dog Fouling Committee
Joint Policing Committee

An Chomhairle approved the appointment of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan to the above committees.

1.2 NEXT MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE

An tArdmhéara advised that the next meeting of An Chomhairle is scheduled for Monday 14th September 2020.

An tArdmhéara further advised that An Taoiseach, Mícheál Martin has been invited to address a meeting of An Chomhairle and if accepted, a Special Meeting of An Chomhairle will be arranged.

1.3 NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY BRIEFING

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that a briefing from the National Transport Authority has been scheduled for Monday 20th July 2020 at 4.30pm in the Concert Hall, City Hall.

1.4 LETTER OF CONDOLENCE, JACK CHARLTON

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle of his intention to issue a letter of condolence on the death of Jack Charlton.

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS

An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that Chief Executive's items would be considered after Statutory items.

3. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the Draft Annual Report 2019.

4. **ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2020**

An Chomhairle noted that the publication of the Annual Service Delivery Plan was delayed due to Covid19. Actions in the plan may be affected by recent events and as a result a review on the impact of Covid19 will be performed and the plan reviewed accordingly.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle adopted the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2020.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 8th June 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 12th June 2020.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **SUMMARY OF COMMERCIAL RATES TO BE DEFERRED DUE TO COVID 19**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir O. Moran was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 14th September 2020.

To ask the Chief Executive for a summary of commercial rates that Cork City Council has agreed to defer due to COVID19, broken into bands of rates payers delineated by the annual rates normally owed by rates payers in each band, showing the number of rates payers for whom payments have been deferred in each band.

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

6.2 **CLEAR FELLING IN OLD COURT FOREST**

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

To ask the CE if Cork City Council is aware of the 6 hectares of Clear Felling proposed by Coillte in the Old Court Forest, Ballyorban. Contract No CN86326

and to ask that the CE on behalf of Cork City Council would make a submission to Coillte and the Department of Agriculture asking that the Clear Felling approach be abandoned in favour of a Continuous Cover Forestry approach similar to the Dublin Mountain Makeover approach by Coillte.

(Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond)

REPLY

This matter has now been resolved to the satisfaction of the local residents and Councillors.

David Joyce,
 Director of Services,
 Roads & Environment Operations Directorate.

6.3 FUNDING FOR TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

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

Can the CE provide the following details with regard to funding for Traveller Accommodation?

- a) Can you tell me how much money Cork City Council has requested from Department of Housing for Traveller accommodation in 2016/2017/2018 & 2019?
 (include St. Anthony’s Park please)
- b) Can you tell me how much of this was drawn down and spent?
- c) Can you tell me why the rest of the money wasn’t drawn down or spent please?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

Reply to (a) and (b) above.

The following table details the sums allocated to Cork City Council by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government across the years 2016 to 2019 and the amounts subsequently drawn down.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount of Funding Allocated</i>	<i>Amount of Funding Drawn Down / Spent</i>	<i>Project Description</i>
2016	€100,000	€141,039	Spring Lane Electrical Upgrade
2016	€100,000	€25,971	Spring Lane Cliff Phase 1
2016	€200,000	€134,785	Spring Lane – Upgrade Works
Total 2016	€400,000	€301,796	

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount of Funding Allocated</i>	<i>Amount of Funding Drawn Down / Spent</i>	<i>Project Description</i>
2017	€730,830	0	Spring Lane Refurbishment
2017	€377,514	0	Spring Lane Cliff Phase 2
2017 Circular 46/2016 Emergency Mobile Home Replacement	N/A	€97,000	Replacement of Mobiles following Storm Ophelia.
Total 2017	€1,108,344	€97,000	
2018	€250,000	0	Spring Lane Refurbishment
2018	€60,000	0	Spring Lane Cliff Phase 2
2018 – Circular 46/2016 Emergency Mobile Home Replacement	N/A	€180,250	Replacement of Mobiles following Storm Ophelia/Storm Eleanor/Storm Emma
Total 2018	€310,000	€180,250	
2019	€275,799 provisional allocation based on submission on various projects	€377,731	Ellis Yard Environmental Clean-up and site preparation works
2019	0	€30,043	Spring Lane Cliff Works
2019 – Circular 46/2016 Emergency Mobile Home Replacement	0	€8,250	Fire Damaged Mobile Home – SAP.
2019	0	€900,000	St. Anthony's Park Final Account
2019	€127,455	€52,389 claimed in June 2020. Further claims will be submitted once works are completed and invoices paid.	Meelagh Group Housing Scheme Refurbishment
Total 2019	€275,799	€1,316,024	
Grand Total	€2,094,143	€1,895,070	

Reply to (c):

The Housing Directorate did not spend or draw down the balance of funding as originally planned, mainly on Spring Lane / Ellis's Yard site as various works had to be suspended or abandoned for a time. In March 2019, Cork City Council commenced the environmental clean-up of Ellis's Yard in addition to site preparation works. This was an urgent and large project requiring the removal of a significant amount of illegally dumped material that included asbestos. The project commenced on 27th February 2020 and was completed on 7th March 2020. The Council and its agents encountered significant health and safety and security / criminal interference while attempting to carry out these works which significantly delayed and stopped these essential works. Unfortunately, these improvement / environmental works would be beneficial to both the younger and more vulnerable members of the community resident on the site.

Works and ongoing plans on other sites have of course been delayed and complicated by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. All outstanding works will commence as soon as practicable in these circumstances.

Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.

6.4 **ALBERT ROAD RESIDENTS – VOTING LOCATION**

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

What action is required to allow the people of Albert Road – Hibernian Buildings and surrounding areas to move their vote from Our Lady of Lourdes to City Hall?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Any change in Polling Stations/Polling Booths within the city must be sanctioned by the City Sheriff, who is the Returning Officer for Elections, following consultation with Franchise Section, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. I have brought this request to the attention of the City Sheriff.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

6.5 **LEHENAGHMORE/LEHENAGHBEG PART 8**

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

To ask the manager for an update on the proposed Lehenaghmore/Lehenaghbeg Part 8 development and could you please provide a reason as to why this was not produced in Q1 as anticipated, also, has funding for the project, excluding the €100K design grant, been secured or promised.

(Cllr. Fergal Dennehy)

REPLY

The Part 8 planning process for the Lehenaghmore road improvement project is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2020. The programme delivery dates have been impacted by a number of factors. These include design enhancements, other work demands arising due to Covid 19 pandemic and NTA design refinements.

The Council secured grant funding of €100,000 from the NTA for 2020 and this is being used to progress the preliminary design process. Further funding will be sought to progress the scheme through to the detailed design/tender and construction phases and Council will be kept appraised of progress in this regard.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.6 **CENTENARY LEGACY PROJECTS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an estimate of the costs involved in the following centenary legacy projects:

- The erection of monuments and statues of Tomás MacCurtain, Terence McSwiney and Michael Collins on Patrick Street of a similar size and design as the monument and statue of Father Matthew, which is currently on Patrick Street.
- The development of the centenary garden of remembrance/centenary remembrance park, which is currently being planned by Cork City Council.

(Cllr. Shane O’Callaghan)

REPLY

In order to provide an estimate of the costs involved in the erection of monuments and statues a scoping exercise would need to be initiated to produce a brief to identify suitable exact locations on St. Patrick's Street, the scale of each project, materials to be used and cost involved in preliminary design and layout work.

Cork City Council's Cork City Plan for Decade of Centenaries 2019 – 2023 includes a proposal for a number of legacy projects to be put in place over the period to 2023, dependent on resources being available.

An appropriate form of memorial garden in an accessible location has been identified as a possible legacy project. The Parks Department have proposed Bell's Field as a suitable location for this memorial garden, having a strong vantage point over the city and being close to a number of sites which featured strongly in the turbulent period being commemorated.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

6.7 **EVENTS CENTRE**

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

With all of the various elements now in place (including pledges of state support, planning permission etc), can the CE update Council on the status of the Event Centre project and whether or not the development team behind the planned centre on the former Beamish & Crawford site are going ahead with the project.

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

All sides including the development team behind the project are fully committed to delivering the Event Centre. The Council is engaging with BAM / Live Nation on the detail of the agreement which will govern that basis on which public funding will be made available to the project.

The Council also has engaged consultants as part of the process to deliver the necessary enabling works to support the operations of the Event Centre.

John Hallahan,
Head of Finance.

6.8 **FLATS AT MOUNT FARRAN AND FARRAN CLEARY**

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

To ask the City Manager/CE of Cork City, could we please confirm the following:

- a) That there is a Fire Cert available for the flats at Mount Farran and Farran Cleary?
- b) That no Asbestos is currently exposed or in the buildings?
- c) That a health and safety audit has been carried out on the structure of the buildings in the past 5 years?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

REPLY

- a) A formal Fire Safety Certificate application as required by the Building Control Act 1990 is not applicable to these buildings as they were constructed prior to 1990 and the regulations at that time. However, the Housing Directorate will carry out a review of fire safety in these buildings and deal with any requirements arising from that review.
- b) Asbestos surveys were carried out for the Council on these buildings over the years; these confirm that asbestos is present in floor tiles. This is normal for buildings constructed in that period. However, the level of risk pointed out in these surveys for the flooring is either low or very low and it is recommended that where the Asbestos-containing Materials (ACMs) are in good condition and pose minimal risk to building occupants or maintenance personnel and are not likely to be disturbed during refurbishment work, that they should remain in situ and are monitored. It is also noted that a number of downpipes to the front & rear of both apartment buildings in Mount Farran Place may contain ACM. The Housing Directorate will organise an assessment of these pipes and will undertake any remediation action recommended. The downpipes in Mount Cleary Place are reported as uPVC pipes.
- c) No formal Health and Safety Audit other than normal maintenance visits and inspections was carried out on these buildings in the last 5 years. Like all buildings these were constructed to the standards applicable at the time of construction and under Council supervision. The Housing Directorate will organise a health and safety and accessibility report on these premises and will take appropriate action based on any recommendations of that report.

Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.

6.9 **CYCLIST SAFETY ON CONTRAFLOW CYCLELANE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET**

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

Can I ask 'The contraflow cyclelane on South Main Street does not have protections opposite the bus stop. Traffic overtaking the bus when it is stopped drive straight into oncoming cyclists. Can The CE report on the measures being taken to ensure cyclist safety on the contraflow cyclelane on South Main Street?'

(Cllr. Colette Finn)

REPLY

The road layout on South Main Street was designed and approved in 2012 and delivered as part of the broader UCC to City Centre Cycle Scheme in 2014. The Design Team for the project recommended the current layout as it best balanced the needs of all road users. While physical edge protection was included along most of the street it was not recommended at the location referred to above. The safety of the layout was considered as part of the planning process and also re-examined as part of the Road Safety Audits Stages 1, 2 & 3.

In March of this year Cork City Council appointed a design team for the provision of new/ upgraded infrastructure necessary for the redevelopment of the Beamish & Crawford site. The renewal of the public realm on South Main Street is a condition of planning for the site. This work will also include a full review of footpaths, cycle lane and carriageway etc. It is expected that the current layout is likely to change as a result of this process and in doing so it will be better positioned to respond to the emerging new demands on the street space. The design team will also be asked to consider the request for additional protections for cyclists. Members will be kept informed regarding progress in relation to same

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.10 **UPDATE/PROGRESS ON RE-OPENING DOUGLAS LIBRARY**

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 progress on re-opening Douglas Library?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The reopening of Douglas Village Shopping Centre is scheduled for 12 November 2020.

This is a tight timeline but it is expected that Douglas Library which is within the centre will also reopen at this time.

A project team is in place to oversee the development and constructional work to ensure the space is ready to open mid November.

Staff are currently purchasing stock and preparing RFTs for furniture and fittings and look forward to welcoming the public back to a newly stocked and refurbished building.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

6.11 **COUNCIL'S POLICY ON DERELICT AND DANGEROUS PROPERTIES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive given that it has been twelve months since the collapse of buildings at 62-65 North Main Street, with subsequent events having occurred at Patrick's Street, Washington Street, Grand Parade and Tuckey Street, if an ongoing review of this Council's policy on derelict and dangerous properties is taking place, and if so what new approaches are arising from such a review?

(Cllr. Dan Boyle)

REPLY

Work is scheduled to commence week starting 13th July, 2020 on the structures on 62 – 65 North Main Street. There is continuous engagement with the parties to advance this, and Cork City Council will, if necessary, use all its powers under the Derelict Sites Act to bring this to a satisfactory conclusion. Cork City Council has been bound by the process, which was delayed due to COVID 19 but now advancing.

The Building Control Section of CCC has well established inspection practices and procedures in dealing with Dangerous Structures under the Local Government Sanitary Services Act 1964. Inspections and investigations are carried out as a result of specific complaints from the Gardaí, emergency services, other Cork City Council Departments and the general public. The Building Control Section are committed to treating any report of a Dangerous Structure as a priority issue and will promptly investigate any report. However, ultimately, responsibility for dangerous structures and places rests with private property owners.

A revised derelict sites policy was adopted by Council in late 2019 and it is aimed at ensuring a targeted and streamlined approach to addressing dereliction in the city. The derelict sites team continues to receive referrals from members of the public and through various other means. Inspection of sites takes place and an engagement process with owners of sites takes place and appropriate action is then taken under the Derelict Sites Act. As part of current practice, the Derelict Sites team work in consultation with the Building Control team. This is under continuous review, but is subject to the application of the processes set out by law.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic & Economic Development.

6.12 **FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME FOR CHURCHFIELD/BAKERS ROAD FLATS**

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

Can the CE report on the Fabric Upgrade Scheme Phase 2 including any works planned for the Churchfield/Bakers Road Flats areas?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

Cork City Council Housing Directorate's Energy Efficiency Programmes under Apartment Deep Retrofit and Fabric Upgrades were seriously affected by the onset of the Covid -19 pandemic and necessary public health restrictions; progress on these programmes are updated here as follows:

Fabric Upgrade Phase 2

- As part of the Phase 2 Upgrade Works, 27 out of 81 homes at Allen Square were underway when works had to be suspended at the onset of the pandemic; these works have now recommenced in line with public health guidelines and related building protocols. A further 100 homes in Churchfield under Phase II of the Fabric Upgrade Programme were originally targeted for 2020 but in these unprecedented circumstances these works are not likely to commence before 2021. Both Apartment Deep Retrofit and Fabric Upgrade Phase II schemes are being funded under the umbrella of Energy Efficiency. The Housing Directorate plans to complete the remainder of the Phase II Apartment Deep Retrofit homes as a priority once funding is sanctioned at Government level.
- Overall, there are more than 1000 apartments to be upgraded in completing Phase 2 and starting and finishing phases 3 and 4 in the City Council's housing stock. These include Bakers Road and Noonan's Road (Phase 3) schemes. The overall budget forecast for these is of the order of €32 million.

- The Housing Directorate has its plans prepared and will prioritise funding applications for all such energy upgrade schemes and climate action plans announced by Government.

Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.

6.13 **WILDFLOWER MEADOWS PROGRAMME**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for the areas in the city where Cork City Council have rolled out the wildflower meadows programme and if Cork City Council have engaged with local residents to expand this programme in residential estates.

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

REPLY

The Wildflower Meadow Programme was rolled out at the following Parks and Amenities during 2020.

Gerry O' Sullivan Park, Nash's Boreen, Sun Valley Drive, Lee Fields, Curragheen Walk/Cycleway, Bishopstown Park, Clashduv Park, Ballybrack Valley Douglas, Harbour Greenway Rochestown, Joe McHugh Park, The Marina, Estuary Walk/Cycleway, Cloghmilcon Walk Blarney, Waterloo Walk Blarney, Glen River Park, Tinkers Cross Green, John O' Callaghan Park Glanmire, Tramore Valley Park, Ballincollig Regional Park.

In addition to the above, areas of wildflower meadow have been provided in many open space areas within residential estates by allowing perimeter areas and areas around groups of trees to remain unmown.

Engagement was undertaken with some residents during 2020 and, it is intended to increase engagement in 2021, resources permitting.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads and Environment Operations.

6.14 **IDENTIFICATION OF SITE FOR GAELSCOIL AN CHAISLEAIN, BALLINCOLLIG**

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

Can I please request an update in relation to the identification of a permanent site for Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin in Ballincollig? The school, which is due to welcome

its fourth annual intake of 28 pupils next month is currently operating at maximum capacity from prefabricated classrooms at its temporary location in the grounds of Tanner Park (home to Ballincollig R.F.C.) on the western side of Ballincollig. The lack of progress to date in identifying a site has been a source of enormous frustration to those involved, who require and deserve certainty on this matter so that they can plan for the future for their children and their school.

(Cllr. Garret Kelleher)

REPLY

Cork City Council has engaged with the Department of Education and Skills in relation to the provision of school space in Ballincollig. Site options are being considered by the Department who are to revert to the local authority to assess suitability. Cork City Council will aim to ensure that solutions proposed by the Department of Education and Skills can be executed expeditiously and in a sustainable manner that meets the needs of residents of Ballincollig. Planning staff are available to meet with representatives of the Gaelscoil and Department of Education and Skills to bring forward solutions to the need.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic & Economic Development.

6.15 **NORTH WEST REGIONAL PARK**

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

To ask the Chief Executive on the current status of the plans for the North West Regional Park on Kilmore Road?

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

REPLY

Chapter 11 of the City Development Plan 2015 – 2021 addresses the Recreation Infrastructure for the City, it identifies the current assets that must be protected and enhanced and, it identifies areas of shortfall.

Figure 11.1 identifies a hierarchy of parks for the City ranging from pocket parks measuring between 0.2 – 2 hectares to City Parks measuring between 50 – 75 hectares.

Chapter 11.21 identifies the need for a City Park for the North West of the City and recommends it be close to existing residential areas to ensure maximum usage and benefit to the community.

The park should provide a wide variety of both passive and active recreation facilities and incorporate existing landscape features and amenities as appropriate.

The lands between Kilmore Heights and Nash's Boreen have been identified as the most suitable location for the park, these lands satisfy the criteria of being close to existing residential and commercial areas and, have good existing landscape features and established amenities.

The total area measures approximately 16 hectares, however, the Council own less than 4 hectares which unfortunately is only capable of providing facilities similar to those at Gerry O' Sullivan Park.

Attempts to acquire the remaining lands some years ago were unsuccessful, however, the Council will attempt to pursue this again during 2021.

In the meantime, draft proposals will be prepared for the lands in Council ownership along Kilmore Heights and, present them to ward members in early 2021 for consideration.

The draft proposals will make provision for extending the park northwards should the Council be successful in acquiring the additional lands.

Provision to advance the development of the park will be included in the 2021 Parks Capital Programme for consideration.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads and Environment Operations.

6.16 **INSPECTIONS - PAYING & DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE**

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

How many inspections were carried out to see how residents are paying & disposing of their rubbish since the bye law was introduced?

How many fines were issued to people who are breaking the law?

(Cllr. John Maher)

REPLY

While Covid -19 has impacted our ability to carry out onsite inspections since March 2020 the following work has been conducted over the past 14 months since the introduction of the Waste Presentation Byelaws.

Total Inspections (office based and door to door) from May 2019 to date = **425**

Number of Door to Door inspections carried out from May 2019 to date = **85**

Number of fines issued from June 2019 to date = 38

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated 2nd July 2020 in relation to the following disposals:-

- (a) Disposal of the freehold interest in property situated at “Rosary”, No. 22, Colmcille Avenue, Mayfield, Cork, to Andre Desmond, c/o Kevin Hegarty, Solicitors, Brian Dillon House, Dillon’s Cross, Cork for the sum of €101.60 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (b) Disposal of the freehold interest in property situated at “Launceston”, No. 24, Clifton Avenue, Montenotte Park, Cork, to Lindsay Adams, c/o Howard & Co., Solicitors, Eastgate Village, Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Co. Cork, for the sum of €50.80 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (c) Disposal of the freehold interest in property situated at No. 3, Capwell Road, Turners Cross, Cork, to Lucy O’ Donovan, c/o Martin A Harvey & Co., Solicitors, Parliament House, 9/10 Georges Quay, Cork, for the sum of €10.16 together with costs in the sum of €550.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (d) Disposal by way of lease of part of the 2nd floor of the property known as “The Hut”, No. 11, Gurrabraher Road, Cork, to Cumann Spraoi Ltd t/a Youth Work Ireland, c/o Best & Co. Solicitors, 42, South Mall, Cork, by way of a 5 year lease subject to a rent of €100.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (e) Disposal of No. 10, Beara Drive, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Vera Crowley, c/o BDM Boylan Solicitors, Clarkes Bridge House, Hanover Street, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Vera Crowley at No. 6, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (f) Disposal of No. 16, Killary Green, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Thomas Lynch, c/o Denis O'Sullivan & Co. Solicitors, St. Patrick's Buildings, No. 64, St. Patrick Street, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Thomas Lynch at No. 11, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (g) Disposal of No. 18, Killary Green, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Denis Horgan, c/o Babbington Clarke & Mooney Solicitors No. 48, South Mall, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Denis Horgan at No. 19, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (h) Disposal of No. 84, Cathedral Road, Gurrabraher, Cork to Ina O'Brien, c/o Murphy Condon Solicitors, No. 69, Shandon Street, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Ina O'Brien at No. 14, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (i) Disposal of No. 74, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork to John & Denis Leahy, c/o Leo Murphy Solicitors, Unit 2F The Atrium, Blackpool Retail Park, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said John & Denise Leahy, at No. 9, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (j) Disposal of No. 84, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Michael & Doris Freyne, c/o Martin Harvey & Co. Solicitors, Parliament House, No. 9, Georges Quay, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Michael & Doris Freyne, at No. 12, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Forde, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (k) Disposal of No. 86, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Bernadette Godfrey, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Solicitors, No. 54 North Main Street, Cork in

exchange for the property owned by the said Bernadette Godfrey, at No. 24, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (l) Disposal of No. 102, Templeacre Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork to Mark Moore & Linda O'Brien Moore, c/o Murphy Condon Solicitors, No. 69 Shandon Street, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Mark Moore & Linda O'Brien Moore at No. 11, Glandore Park, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (m) Disposal of No. 108, Templeacre Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork to Lee Skillington & Tammy Francis, c/o Fitzgerald Solicitors, No. 6, Lapps Quay, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Lee Skillington & Tammy Francis at No. 24, Ardmore Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (n) Disposal of No. 144, Bakers Road, Gurrabraher, Cork to Breda Walsh, c/o Patrick Buckley Solicitors, No. 6, Washington Street, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Breda Walsh, at No. 13, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (o) Disposal of Cork City Council's interest in sixty nine shared ownership properties located in the boundary position area to Cork County Council, County Hall, Cork for a few of €1.00 (if demanded).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (p) Disposal of No.'s 20, 21, 22, Thomas Davis Street, Blackpool, Cork to Respond, c/o Della Power Solicitors, Luke House Solicitors, Airmount, Dominick Place, Waterford for the sum of €221,315.00 (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (q) Disposal of leasehold interest in a plot of ground situated to the rear of No. 16, Oakdene, Skehard Road, Cork to Anne Browne, c/o Patrick Buckley and Co. Solicitors, 5/6 Washington Street West, Cork for the nominal sum of €1.00 (if demanded).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (r) Disposal of lands situated at Ringmahon Road, Cork to the Trustees of Munster Rugby, IRFU c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, 2, Park Place, Mahon, Cork by way of a 99 year sporting lease subject to a rent of €250.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (s) Disposal by way of lease of property known as No. 52, Shournagh Grove, Togher, Cork to Togher Family Centre Limited, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffee Solicitors, No. 54, North Main Street, Cork by way of a 20 year lease subject to a rent of €598.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7.2 **N/M20 CORK – LIMERICK PROJECT – SECTION 85 AGREEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 11th June 2020 in relation to N/M20 Cork – Limerick Project – Section 85 Agreement.

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

“That the Council agrees to the making of an Agreement between Cork City Council and Limerick City & County Council under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act, 1993, in the form as presented to them for the carrying out by Limerick City and County Council of the relevant statutory procedures, procuring the necessary design work acquiring the land and carrying out of/procuring the construction works and such other powers, functions and duties necessary for the design, construction and completion of the N/M20 Cork – Limerick Project.”

7.3 **COVID 19 AND PROPOSED INTERIM CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendations of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 8th July 2020, following public consultation, on the proposed interim cycle infrastructure pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

1. Proposed Interim Cycle Infrastructure on Centre Park Road
2. Proposed Interim Cycle Infrastructure on Monaghan Road
3. Proposed Interim Cycle Infrastructure on Terence MacSwiney Quay, Horgan’s Quay and Victoria Road
4. Proposed Interim Cycle Infrastructure on South Mall

7.4 **COVID 19 AND PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendations of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 8th July 2020, following public consultation, on the proposed pedestrian improvements pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

1. Proposed Pedestrian Improvements at Dublin Hill
2. Proposed Pedestrian Improvements at Rathmore Road
3. Proposed Pedestrian Improvements at Vicars Road
4. Proposed Pedestrian Improvements at Ringmahon Road

7.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: ACQUISITION THE HOLLIES, MAGAZINE ROAD, CORK - SOPHIA HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 18th June, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Sophia Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of four, 2 bedroomed duplex apartments at The Hollies, Magazine Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, 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 €1,002,708 (previously approved €988,000) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Sophia Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of four, 2 bedroomed duplex apartments at The Hollies, Magazine Road, Cork”.

8. **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle adopted the proposed Audit Committee Charter, in pursuance of the provisions of the Audit Committee Regulations 2014.

9. **BOARD OF CRAWFORD ART GALLERY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, Comhairleoir T. Shannon was nominated to the Board of Crawford Art Gallery.

10. **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA GRANT SCHEME 2020**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of

Services, Strategic and Economic Development dated 8th of July 2020 on the Architectural Conservation Area Grant Scheme 2020.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS

REIMAGINGING THE CITY AND REAWAKENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

The Chief Executive briefed An Chomhairle on the update report, Reimagining the City and Reawakening the Local Economy dated, 13th July 2020.

11. CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 6th JULY 2020

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 6th July 2020.

11.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MAY 2020

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st May 2020.

12. PARTY WHIPS – 22nd JUNE 2020

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 22nd June 2020.

12.1 MOTIONS REFERRED TO PARTY WHIPS BY MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

12.1.1 GUIDELINES ON WARD FUNDS

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council guidelines on ward funds will be eased during 2020 so as to allow individual Councillors to supplement the budget for approved applications for grants in the areas of the arts, sports and placemaking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/192)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be withdrawn.

12.1.2 CUT WARD FUNDS

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘In light of the recent loss of earnings to Cork City Council due to the Covid-19 shutdown and cuts that had to be made to services within Cork City Council due to loss of earning (close to 30% cuts on some services), I call on councillors to

voluntarily take a cut to their ward funds by 30% to come in line with this. Ward funds are €11,000 therefore I would like CCC to take 30% - €3,300 and if all 31 councillors did so €102,300 would be saved by the council which could go towards badly needed planned housing maintenance, it would cover the full cuts to the fire service and I'm sure there are a lot more other projects that could be looked at. I accept that some councillors will have already allocated this year's ward funds, if so maybe they would be willing to make this gesture from next year's allocation.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/202)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí O. Moran, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, D. Boyle, T. Moloney. (5)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, K. Collins, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde, M. Finn, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, H. Cremin. (24)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against the motion were greater than those voting for, An tArdmhéara declared the vote, and the motion defeated.

12.2 **ITEM REFERRED TO PARTY WHIPS FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE OF 9th MARCH 2020**

12.2.1 **DESIGNATED LOCATIONS FOR CANDIDATES' POSTERS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will identify or provide designated locations for candidate posters during elections and request candidates for election not to erect posters outside of these locations in its functional area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/082)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí O. Moran, D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, D. Forde, M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. O'Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan, T. Shannon, S. Martin, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, C. Kelleher, H. Cremin. (15)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against the motion were greater than those voting for, An tArdmhéara declared the vote, and the motion defeated.

13. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 15th JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 15th June 2020.

13.1 **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Housing Progress Report for March 2020.

13.2 **MOTIONS**

13.2.1 **INSPECTION OF TREES IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Housing dated 11th June, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That City Council would carry out a tree inspection in all front and back gardens of its tenants properties that would facilitate a pruning/removal of the dangerous ones.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/100)

The report of the Acting Director of Services stated that the City Council does facilitate the management of dangerous trees, whereby we respond to requests, observations by the depot and other sections of the council. We are currently not in a position to carry out tree inspections in all front and back gardens of the entire Housing Stock, in excess of 10,000 units. There is an opportunity, in the future, to consider a form of survey through digital engagement with the tenant as the Council seeks to grow and develop its online offering and customer management systems.

14. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 15th JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 15th June 2020.

14.1 **MOTIONS**

14.1.1 **BIKESHARE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, dated 12th June 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That the CE would better report on the maintenance of the bikeshare scheme in her monthly report to Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 20/074)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Infrastructure will contact the consultant in charge of the bikeshare scheme on behalf of the NTA for data regarding maintenance. Once the data is issued to Infrastructure, it will update the R&T SPC.

15. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE AND PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 25th JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 25th June 2020.

15.1 **GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2020-2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the proposed amendments to the Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2022 on the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2022.

15.2 **BUSINESS SUPPORT DURING COVID 19**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Head of Enterprise, dated 22nd June 2020 on the various types of support structures and grants available to business owners.

15.3 **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services in relation to the City Development Plan review.

16. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 29th JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 29th June 2020.

16.1 **MOTIONS**

16.1.1 **INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 28th February, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council seek independent assessment of the economic opportunities that may be brought about by the Little Island Tidal Barrier option or LLFRS city centre flood defence barriers option, for Cork in terms of realising the potential of the riverside and city heritage of tourism, our ability to attract investment and talented people to the city, maintaining and strengthening the historic city centre for amenity and trade and facilitating docklands development potential, to enable elected members to make a fully informed decision on flood defences for Cork City given the now expanded city boundary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/334)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion should be redirected to the Strategic and Economic Development and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

16.1.2 **LITTER ACTION PLANS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 28th February, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Litter Action Plans be put in place throughout the City, paying particular attention to areas with high levels of transient residents, especially those containing third level education institutions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/023)

The report of the Director of Services stated that work will commence shortly on drafting a new Litter Management Plan for Cork City Council’s functional area. The plan will set out the Council’s objectives to prevent and control litter as well as specifying measures to encourage public awareness including information and educational campaigns. The Litter Management Plan can also specify objectives for designated areas such as schools and colleges. The draft plan will be brought before the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee for consideration prior to the plan going out for public consultation.

16.1.3 **SEGREGATED WASTE FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 28th February, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That cork City Council write to the management of private apartment complexes to request that segregated waste facilities (glass, compost, recycling, general waste etc) are provided by management companies to residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 20/027)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is aware that there are issues surrounding segregation of waste at private apartment complexes and as a result we have written to a number of management companies over the past 12 months as well as carrying out inspections of their complexes. It is planned to carry out further inspections in 2020.

16.1.4 **WATER MAINS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 29th June, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘Council environmental policy has it that private homeowners are responsible for their own water mains on their own property and this is inscribed on the Council website and its public documentation. However, in some estates along Douglas Road, the private drains according to deeds of housing are the responsibility of two private households. I ask the policy documentation promoted in the public realm be amended to add in a line or two that responsibility of private water mains lies with the provision set out in private house deeds.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 20/078)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion has been withdrawn by Cllr. K. McCarthy.

16.1.5 **AIR POLLUTION RISK FROM PARKED VEHICLES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 22nd June, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That this Council, in line with campaigns run by local authorities in other countries, initiate a campaign highlighting the air pollution risks created by parked vehicles continuing to urn their engines.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/021)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will consider this proposal as part of the air quality strategy that is currently being drafted.

16.1.6 **COMPREHENSIVE TREE SURVEY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 22nd June, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a comprehensive tree survey of all mature trees in the city and environs, with a view to scheduling a winter and spring pruning programme and identify areas in the city and environs to commence an ambitious tree planting programme which would include fruiting trees and orchards, to enhance biodiversity, help tackle climate change and to create urban amenity woodlands in appropriate areas with the inclusion and participation of local communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 20/010)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council currently has an all year round tree pruning programme concentrating firstly on emergency pruning followed by programmed maintenance as appropriate. Tree planting is carried out in line with approved budgets and in many locations involves meeting requests from local communities.

A city wide tree survey is considered important to establish the number of existing trees, species and their condition in the City. The survey would also highlight areas with low tree cover and identify opportunities to address this.

A Green and Blue Infrastructure Study will be undertaken in the coming months to feed into the City Development Plan Review. This study will identify existing woodland, nature and biodiversity areas in the City and, identify additional areas with potential to be reserved for woodlands and biodiversity.

Undertaking a City wide tree survey is a major undertaking and will require considerable additional resources in terms of specialist staff and finances. An estimate to commence a survey in 2021 will be included in the Draft 2021 Estimates for consideration.

16.1.7 **AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 28th February, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That appropriate additional resources be provided to allow for the preparation of an Air Quality Management Plan, in light of deteriorating air quality in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/095)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has put together a team of air quality specialists to prepare the ‘Air Quality Strategy’. The team is working on the strategy and is organising the establishment of a Technical

Working Group within the City Council to facilitate cross departmental co-operation on the topic of air quality.

In addition to the above actions, the City Council has engaged the services of UCC's Centre for Research into Atmospheric Chemistry to facilitate additional specialist input to the air quality strategy as and when required.

16.1.8 **PLANT FRUIT TREES IN THE PUBLIC REALM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 22nd June, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That this Council adopt a policy exercised in Copenhagen, Denmark of planting fruit trees in the public realm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/142)

The report of the Director of Services stated that planting appropriate fruit trees in the public realm will be researched and implemented on a pilot basis in partnership with local community and healthy city groups. The aim is to commence planting during the 2020/21 planting season.

16.1.9 **AMEND PRIVATE DRAINS INFORMATION LEAFLET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations dated 22nd June, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council amend the Private Drains Information Leaflet to state that should the deeds of a house owner is responsible for their own drains then any pipe work repair / replacement will be the responsibility of the house owner only.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 20/131)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Section 43 of the Water Services Act addresses this issue. The existing Cork City Council Private Drains Information Leaflet serves as a summary of the Water Services Act and is in line with Irish Water guidance on this matter.

16.2 **REQUEST TO THE HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing dated 13th February, 2020 on the following request from the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee:-

- a) That the Housing Strategic Policy Committee formulate a policy that would require all existing and potential Cork City Council and HAP tenants to have in place a proper method of waste disposal as outlined in the Cork City Council

segregation, storage and presentation of household and commercial waste by-laws 2019.

- b) That the Housing Strategic Policy Committee formulate a policy that would consider any convictions against Cork City Council tenants or HAP tenants under The Litter Pollution Act 1997 or the Waste Management Act 1994 as anti social behaviour that would affect their tenancy.

16.3 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted Cork City Council's Public Lighting Framework document.

17. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 29th JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture and Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 29th June 2020.

17.1 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

17.1.1 **WALKING AND CYCLING AUDIT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture and Placemaking dated 2nd March, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a walking and cycling audit on a ward basis so that the public could become aware and familiar with potential quiet routes that could be taken.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 19/486)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council together with the Cork Cycling Campaign and Transport & Mobility Forum developed the Cork Cycle Map which was launched during Bike Week 2019. This is the first cycle map to be developed in Cork and has recommendations on the different routes into the city e.g. greenways, shared quiet roads, Coke Zero Bike stations, green spaces etc. This map is also suitable for walkers. The map includes some tips on the benefits of cycling to work or school together with advice on Road Safety. See link below for Cork Cycle Map:

<https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/news-room/latest-news/cork-cycle-map-pdf-for-web.pdf>

The National Transport Authority have also developed an App <https://www.transportofireland.ie/plan-a-journey/> or <https://www.journeyplanner.transportofireland.ie> which facilitates planning a journey in Cork via walking, cycling or public transport.

Cork City Council in recent years adopted the Cork City Walking Strategy and Cork Cycle Network Plan. The findings and recommendations of both of these reports form the basis of schemes prepared and submitted to various funding agencies.

The major capital projects (multi modal) that are currently being progressed through the different stages of delivery (prelim design, planning, detailed design, land acquisition, tender etc) include the following:

- Skehard Road (Church Rd Jn to CSO Jn),
- Greenway Ph 1 (Marina to Mahon),
- Glanmire transport improvements,
- Ballyvolane (NRR to Fox and Hounds),
- Greenway ph 2 (Mahon to Passage),
- Mc Curtain St PTI,
- Horgans Quay Cycle Lane,
- Docklands Infrastructure,
- Docklands to City Centre route Improvements,
- Urban regeneration infrastructure (City Centre),
- South Quays PTI,
- Grange to Tramore Valley Route (N40 cycle/ped bridge),
- Ballybrack cycle track Ph 4,
- Lehenaghmore Road improvements,
- South Douglas Road Junction,
- Mahon to City Centre transport corridor,
- Silversprings to Blackpool corridor,
- Northern and Southern Orbitals (route identification) and
- Clarkes Hill.

Grant funding is also continuing for the close out of completed or ongoing capital projects including Mary Elmes Bridge, CCMS phases 1 and 2, Thomas Davis Bridge Junction, Skehard Rd (Parkhill to Church Rd plus CSO Jn), Ballyvolane Ph 2 (Gordons Hill to NRR), Dalys Bridge etc.

17.1.2 **FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CREATION OF SOFT PLAY AREAS FOR SMALL CHILDREN/BREASTFEEDING FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture and Placemaking dated 2nd March, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will commission a feasibility study for the creation of soft play areas for small children and breastfeeding facilities throughout Cork City to encourage an accessible healthy city for parents of young children. Cork City Council will also write to the H.S.E. requiring a feasibility analysis for the creation of a breast milk bank in Cork – bearing in mind that the only facility of this type is in Fermanagh and therefore while this facility is used by people in Cork it is not particularly accessible in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 19/497)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will liaise with Healthy Cities Steering Group to include the need for a feasibility study into the creation of soft play spaces for small children and breastfeeding facilities throughout Cork City in the Healthy Cities Work Programme. Cork City Council will refer the request for a feasibility analysis for the creation of a breastmilk bank in Cork to the HSE.

17.2 **STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CORK CITY COUNCIL LIBRARIES 2020-2024**

An Chomhairle considered and adopted the Strategy for the Development of Cork City Libraries 2020-2024.

17.3 **COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and adopted the Community Grant Scheme 2020.

18. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 29th JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 29th June 2020.

18.1 **CURRENT ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE TOURISM SECTOR IN CORK IN LIGHT OF THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic and Economic Development on current activities to support the tourism sector in Cork in light of the COVID 19 emergency.

18.2 **EU ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Strategic and Economic Development, on Cork City Council's EU activities and projects.

18.3 **RECENT ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Corporate Affairs and International Relations on recent activities in International Relations.

18.4 **VISITOR ORIENTATION AND WAYFINDING**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Strategic and Economic Development on next steps for the Cork City visitor orientation and wayfinding scheme.

18.5 **MOTIONS**

18.5.1 **TOURISM INFORMATION OFFICE BLARNEY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Strategic and Economic Development dated 2nd March, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council seek funding from the Minister of Tourism to open a full time tourist information office in the centre of Blarney Village.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/332)

The report of the Director of Strategic and Economic Development stated that as the national tourism development authority, Fáilte Ireland is responsible for the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) network in Ireland. Recent years has seen a consolation of the TIC network responding to the visitor’s shift to digital information services while in Ireland. If members agree the motion can be the subject of a letter to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport. In parallel Cork City Council is in negotiations to install a touchscreen tourist information kiosk in Blarney.

19. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2020.

20. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2020.

20.1 **ITEM FROM THE SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – 22nd JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate dated 18th June 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That the CE would expedite cycle lane protection measures on the N22 coming up to the junction of the R618 in Ballincollig.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 19/529)

The report of the Director of Services stated that site inspections were undertaken at this location and on some occasions traffic crossed the cycle lane in advance of the junction to make a left turn movement. This is an enforcement issue and one that will be brought to the attention of An Garda Síochána. Consideration was also given to the installation of protection measures as proposed but given the complex nature of the junction including the presence of a bus stop and the existing road

widths, such installations are not feasible at this location. To create awareness of the presence of a cycle lane the Area Office will be asked to renew the lines at this location and additional warning signs will be erected.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Finn, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be referred back to the South West Local Area Committee for further consideration.

21. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2020.

22. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2020.

23. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 22nd JUNE 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 22nd June 2020.

24. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 9th MARCH 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 9th March 2020.

25. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 6th JULY 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 6th July 2020.

26. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence as follows:-

- Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 8th July 2020.
- Letter from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform dated 25th June 2020.
- Letter from Westmeath County Council dated 24th June 2020.
- Letter from the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine dated 19th June 2020.
- Letter from Kerry County Council dated 16th June 2020.

27. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None Received.

28. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None Received.

29. **TRAINING**

None Received.

30. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for April 2020.

31. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the motions on Appendix 1, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

32. **MOTIONS**

32.1 **LICENSING SYSTEM FOR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION LANDLORDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That in order to ensure the health and safety of student tenants, and to provide a transparent system of owner responsibilities with regard to conditions in and activities in these houses/units (in the event of issues arising with such tenancies), Cork City Council calls on National Government to introduce a workable licensing system for all student accommodation landlords where permits are required and minimum standards are set, with a clear framework on requirements on the part of owners and a scale penalties for transgressions. This licensing system also to include lettings of said properties outside of academic terms (i.e. during summer).'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/180)

32.2 **GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO CREDIT UNION ACCOUNTS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council call upon the Irish League of Credit Unions and the Central Bank of Ireland to ease some of the more stringent guidelines and restrictions relating to credit union accounts held by legitimate community groups and organisations. A more practical and less stringent approach, which would make it much less onerous for such groups and organisations to open and operate credit union accounts, would be beneficial to both credit unions and the communities they serve.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O'Callaghan 20/220)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 14th September 2020.

32.3 **FUNDING FOR MONUMENTS OF TOMÁS MACCURTAIN, TERENCE MACSWINEY AND MICHAEL COLLINS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call upon the Government, in particular the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, to provide national funding for the erection of monuments and statues of Tomás MacCurtain, Terence MacSwiney and Michael Collins on Patrick Street to commemorate Cork’s contribution to the struggle for Irish independence and to the establishment of an independent Irish State. The monuments and statues should be of a similar size and design as the monument and statute of Father Matthew, which is currently on Patrick Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O'Callaghan 20/223)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 14th September 2020.

32.4 **AN BORD PLEANÁLA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘I ask this Council whose members are duly elected by the citizens of Ireland through a fair and trusted democratic process to support my call for a vote of no confidence in the board of An Bord Pleanála. The reason for my call of no confidence is that the actions and the decision making of the board members of An Bord Pleanála is such that it acts outside the democratic process which is the bedrock of Irish society.

Further to my call of no confidence in the board of An Bord Pleanála I further call on An Taoiseach Mr. Micheál Martin, the Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Simon Coveney, the Minister of Public Expenditure Mr. Michael McGrath and the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage Mr. Darragh O'Brien to disband the current board of An Bord Pleanála and to actively seek a public inquiry into the decision making of the board of An Bord Pleanála on large scale developments from January 1st 2019 to present day.

I have genuine concerns about the powers of the board of An Bord Pleanála after it gave the green light to a controversial proposed housing development in a Cork city suburb. This has been the most recent in a litany of decisions that have been granted by the board under the current Rebuilding Ireland and the National Student Accommodation Strategy.

The proposed development of apartments off the Cherry Lawn estate in Blackrock was the subject of an unsuccessful material contravention earlier in the year. However the board of An Bord Pleanála has now said the change, which was proposed for land zoned for sporting use, would be justified and would be acceptable. I believe that this decision is an affront to local democracy and does nothing but diminish the elected members powers in the decision making of the electoral area that they have been democratically elected to serve. I ask you to support this motion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 20/225)

32.5 **NATIONAL SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR HAEMOCHROMATOSIS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the HSE and the Minister for Health to put in place a national screening programme for Haemochromatosis. Furthermore, that as a chronic condition with simple treatment, that the sufferers of hemochromatosis be offered free treatment and supervision for life. The early diagnosis of this condition prevents cancers, organ failure and a deterioration in the quality of life of sufferers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 20/241)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boylan, An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 14th September 2020.

32.6 **EXCAVATION WORKS AT KILMAINHAM GAOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Office of Public Works to carry out the necessary excavation works to recover the remains of Joe Brady, Daniel Curley, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Tim Kelly, in what is commonly known as the Invincibles Yard at Kilmainham Gaol. The bodies of these five members of the Irish National Invincibles lie beneath the paving slabs of the yard where they were executed in 1883 for their part in the Phoenix Park assassinations. The families of the five men are represented by the National Graves Association and the wish of the families is for their relatives to be exhumed from Kilmainham Gaol and reinterred in consecrated ground at Glasnevin Cemetery.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 20/244)

32.7 **HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council agrees that the delivery of real affordable homes will be the key litmus test of the new Government recognising that housing was one of the biggest issues in February's general election. Council calls on the Government to undertake a massive house building programme on public land believing that is the only way to deliver the genuinely affordable homes that people need. An invitation to the new Housing Minister Darragh O'Brien to address Council to be sent asap.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. H. Cremin 20/248)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 14th September 2020.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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