

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí Stephen Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan, K. Collins.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Sheehan, Administration Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Directorate. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. B. Geaney, Programme Manager, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Ms. Liz Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Ms. Edith Roberts, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads & Transportation Directorate.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Dennehy Family on the death of Peter Dennehy.
- The O’Neill Family on the death of Retired Garda Sergeant Tony O’Neill.
- The McEnroy Family on the death of Jim McEnroy.
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Alan O’Sullivan.
- The Butler Family on the death of Sr. Kathleen Butler.
- The Hussey Family on the death of May Hussey.
- The Broderick Family on the death of Jordan Broderick.
- The O’Leary Family on the death of Philip O’Leary.

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

- The Cork Senior & Minor Ladies Football Team on their success in the All Ireland Finals.
- Our T.E.A.M. Organisation on the organisation and success of Pulses of Tradition in the Triskel from June-September.
- Dr. Ann Marie Naughton on organising the “Irish Street Medicine Symposium 2016”.
- Participants of the Ladies Mini-Marathon and Evening Echo for sponsorship.
- Fr. Eoin Whooley of St. Finbarr’s, South Church, Dunbar Street, on the celebrations to mark their 250th anniversary of the church.
- Cork City Council on the success on Culture Night.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **CONGRATULATIONS**

An tArd-Mhéara congratulated Professor John Higgins on the Launch of the Health Innovation Hub Ireland on Monday, 26th September at UCC.

3.2 **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved a Civic Reception for the Cork Ladies Senior and Minor Football Teams to take place on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30 p.m.

3.3 **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

As required under Standing Orders, An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that he is resigning as a member of Functional Committees and Strategic Policy Committees to which he is a member of. An Chomhairle approved the appointment of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary as a member of the following:-

- Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee.
- Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee.
- Housing & Community Functional Committee.
- Finance Functional Committee.
- School Meals Committee

3.4 **ITEM DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE, 12th SEPTEMBER 2016**

3.4.1 **APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF CORE (CORK CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP)**

An tArd-Mhéara advised members that a nomination to the Board of CORE (Cork City Centre Partnership) was required.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll to the Board of CORE (Cork City Centre Partnership).

3.5 **CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY PHASE 1 & 2 PART 8 REPORT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to consider item 13.1 at this point.

An Chomhairle considered the report/recommendation dated 1st September 2016 on the City Centre Movement Strategy Phase 1 & 2 (Part 8 process).

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer proposed and Comhairleoir L. McGonigle seconded the following resolution:-

“In the matter of the City Centre Movement Strategy Phase 1 and 2 having given notice to the public and having complied with the Sections 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and having considered the proposed development and the Chief Executive report as prepared by Director of Services dated the 1st day of September 2016, it is hereby resolved under section 179(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to vary the proposed development, otherwise than as recommended in the said report, by way of the following amendments thereto:

- the upgrade of Grattan St car park to include provision for access for Resident Permit holders in the Grattan St area to park their cars there – bye law amendment process to be commenced and enforcement regime adjusted as necessary to reflect same.
- noise and air monitoring to be carried out. In relation to the former the Cork Agglomeration noise mapping exercise is currently being reviewed and a new Noise Action Plan will be produced for Cork City and suburbs. The Middle Parish area to be specifically included for survey as part of this process.
- removal of parking space (s) at the junction of Washington Street and Anne Street to improve sight lines.
- The proposed development to be reviewed and assessed after twelve months and residents views to be considered in the context of any adjustments /changes to be made at that point.
- pedestrian crossing numbers on St Patrick St to be reviewed and the additional pedestrian crossing from Opera Lane to Cook St to be omitted
- new bus lane on Grand Parade to be moved northwards so as to allow for continued access to Daunt Square from Grand Parade/South Mall/Parliament St direction during the period of restricted access to St Patrick St.

This is in accordance with the recommendation for approval made by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee at its meeting on the 20th day of September 2016.”

Following a discussion, a vote was called for, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, M. O’Sullivan, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll. (7)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour of the Resolution was greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried, and the Resolution adopted.

An Chomhairle further agreed that there would be a review after six months involving the Ward Members and relevant City Council Officials.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Reports for June, July and August 2016.

4.2 **REVIEW OF THE NORTH BLACKPOOL LOCAL AREA PLAN 2011**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle approved the Chief Executive’s Report dated the 22nd September 2016 on the Review of the North Blackpool Local Area Plan 2011. An Chomhairle further agreed that the relevant Council Officials would meet with the Ward Members.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 12th September 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 20th September 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **CONTRACTORS FOR CORK CITY COUNCIL**

In response to the following question, deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle 12th September 2016, submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the Chief Executive please provide the names and addresses of all Construction firms which are doing work for Cork City Council?

Can the Chief Executive further advise when the contract for each firm commenced and when it is due to finish?

In conclusion, can the Chief Executive provide the internet address where Cork City Council advertises when it wishes to contract firms to carry out works and when it last advertised?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Construction Firm		Start	Estimated
Name	Address	Date	Finish Date
Deermount Construction Limited	Clodagh, Crookstown, Co. Cork	18-Jan-16	18-Jul-17
O'Kelly Bros Civil Engineering Company Limited	The Square, Ballingarry, Co Limerick	04-Dec-16	31-Dec-16
Martin O'Callaghan Limited	Kilmoney, Carrigaline, Co. Cork	13-Jul-16	31-Oct-16
Glounthaune Property Development Ltd	Unit 3T, Kinsale Commercial Park, Kinsale, Co Cork	01-Mar-16	30-Sep-16
Donal Murray Eelctrical Ltd.	Ballicollig, co. Cork	01 Jan 12	30 Jun 17
Terry Rea Gas and Oil Ltd.	Blackrock, Co. Cork	01-Oct-12	30-Jun-17
Michael Kelleher T/A Absolute Plumbing	Carrignavar, Co. Cork	01-Oct-12	30-Jun-17
CandS Construction Ltd.	11A Church Street, Cork	01-Oct-12	30-Jun-17
DwellGuard Ltd.	Ballincollig, Co. Cork	01-Sep-12	30-Jun-17
Cork Drain and Tank Co. Ltd.	Glanmire Co. Cork	01-Oct-14	31-Dec-16
Marina Windows	Victoria Road, cork	01-Apr-15	31-Mar-19
Retrofit Design Ltd.	Killorglin, co. Kerry	26-Apr-16	25-Apr-18
DCI Energy Control Ltd.	Greenhills Business Park, Dub,lin 24	26-Apr-16	25-Apr-18
NCE Insulation Ltd.	St. Finbarrs, Farranferris, Redemption Road, Cork	01-Jun-16	30-Nov-16
Construction Firm		Start	Estimated
Name	Address	Date	Finish Date
ATCH	Millstreet, Co. Cork	01-Sep-16	31-Dec-16
GPD	Glounthane, Co. Cork	28-Mar-16	30-Sep-16
Deermount	Crookstown, Co. Cork	03-Jul-16	03-Oct-16
Insulex	Ballinadee, Co. Cork	20-Jul-16	31-Dec-16

NColl	Blackpool, Cork	01-Sep-16	31-Dec-16
Cahalane Bros.	Dunmanway, Co. Cork	23-Jun-16	30-Sep-16
HBS	Ballincollig, Co. Cork	21-Jun-16	30-Sep-16
Unique Fitout	Glanmire, Co. Cork	01-Aug-16	31-Dec-16
McGinty & O'Shea Ltd	Sarsfield Court Industrial Estate, Glanmire, Co Cork.	01-Jan-16	31-Dec-16
Ward & Burke Ltd	Stradbally East, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway	01-Jan-16	31-Dec-16
SIAC Construction Limited	Dolcain House, Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	03-Jul-05	Substantially Complete
Bandwith Telecommunications Ltd.	25 Finglas Business Park, Tolka Valley Road, Dublin 11.	23-Aug-16	22-Aug-17
Mitchlesfort Contracting Ltd.	Knocknalyre, Waterloo, Blarney, Co. Cork	13-Jan-16	12-Jan-17
SSE Airtricity Utility Solutions Ltd.	Cork Depot, Unit 7/8 Block B, Waterfront Business Park, Little Island, Co Cork.	01-Oct-15	30-Sep-19
Cumnor Construction Ltd	Stoneview, Blarney, Co.Cork	08-Aug-16	30-Sep-16
RYCA Contracts Ltd	Burnfoot, Bottlehill, Mallow, Co.cork.	05-Sep-16	14-Oct-16

The internet site Cork City Council uses is:

<http://www.etenders.gov.ie/>

Last advertised:

22nd September 2016

John Hallahan
Head of Finance.

6.2 **NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE SAFETY LEGISLATION**

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

How many prosecution or fines of a business for non-compliance with fire safety legislation has Cork City Council issued since 2006?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

There have been 2 prosecutions for non-compliance with fire safety legislation since 2006.

Both prosecutions were in the District Court and were successful with fines against the parties involved. One prosecution was successfully appealed to the Circuit Court.

The primary focus of the council in this regard is to concentrate on working with businesses to ensure they are compliant with fire safety legislation.

The Council only follow the prosecution route in the event of this being unsuccessful.

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

6.3 **UPGRADE AND MODERNISE LAVITT'S QUAY CAR PARK**

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

Has Cork City Council any plans to upgrade and modernise Lavitt's Quay Car Park and the North Main Street Car Park?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Systems upgrades are undertaken periodically in the Council's car parks at Lavitts Quay and North Main Street and maintenance work is executed on a demand/response basis as necessary. In recent years much of the works undertaken at the car parks has been focused on ensuring that the facilities are compliant with all Health & Safety requirements. From a customer service perspective two system upgrades were completed to enhance software functionality and improve payment acceptance. Signage on the properties has also been upgraded to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

In 2015 significant resources were devoted to undertaking necessary remedial works at the Black Ash Park and Ride, including resurfacing works, public lighting upgrade and the installation of a new management system and new pay stations. It has been an objective of the Council that a detailed assessment of the overall condition of both car parks be undertaken with a view to developing a short term refurbishment plan and a long term planned maintenance programme. Unfortunately in recent times the competing demands on resources have resulted in more urgent work or work for which funds are available being prioritized. The car parks assessment will be added to the Transportation Division operational plan in 2017 and will be progressed in accordance with the resources available.

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

6.4 **REBUILDING IRELAND HOUSING STRATEGY**

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

Has Cork City Council sufficient staff to deliver the Rebuilding Ireland Housing Strategy and have any extra staff postings with payroll become available to Council for that purpose this year?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

The HR Department has submitted a new staff structure on behalf of the Housing Directorate for the Housing Capital Section to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government. This was necessary following identification of the staff resources required to ensure delivery of our housing targets. We await hearing further.

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

6.5 **CITY NORTHWEST QUARTER REGENERATION PLAN**

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

To ask the Chief Executive:

Further to my motion 16/025 : That Cork City Council review the plans for the City Northwest Quarter Regeneration Plan, with a view to considering the current and future plans, and any research or consultation projects. The objective would be, to prioritise making the necessary adjustments to the various phases as the needs of the community emerge. This review could include members of the Housing SPC, Council staff, North West Ward Members, representatives of the local community and Department of Environment officials or any other relevant bodies.

To discuss again with the Department of Environment to include in the review the conditions of the properties both private and owned by Cork City Council on Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny bordering St. Mary's Campus given the age profile of the properties with a view to inclusion of the Regeneration Programme. To confirm that No 33 and 35 HVR will be returned for allocation and that discussions commence to enhance the public realm of Harbour View Road with new footpaths and garden walls where required and advance the plans for public access to St Mary's Campus through Terence MacSwiney Community College in advance of the completion of the Primary Care Unit.

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

REPLY

It was agreed at the meeting of the Housing & Community Services SPC meeting in June, 2016 that the Council would convey to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (DHPCLG) a number of proposals which could involve amendments

to the Regeneration project requirements as its development evolves. The houses on the southside of Harbour View Road are not included for in the adopted masterplan with the exception of public realm works to the front boundaries of the properties. These public realm improvement works are programmed for delivery in 2017. The south side of Harbour View Road is included in Phase one of the Fabric Upgrade Scheme. The Upgrade Scheme will reach this area for eligible properties before the summer of 2017. Consideration can be given to including the houses on the south side of Harbour View Road in a future regeneration project subject to the approval of the DHPCLG.

Numbers 33 and 35 Harbour View Road will be refurbished and ready for allocation by the end of 2016 to eligible persons in need of social housing support.

Funding for the public access to Saint Mary's campus through Terence MacSwiney Community College have not been approved by the DHPCLG to date but this proposal will be revisited by the Council with the Department in the current year.

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

6.6 **PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIMS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan was deferred.

In relation to Public Liability claims can the Chief Executive please advise Council the number of claims made, the average cost per claim and the total cost in respect of St. Patrick's Street, Grand Parade/ Daunts Square, and Oliver Plunkett Street for each year from 2008 to 2015 and can the CE list reasons for the claims.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

6.7 **POSTS WERE FILLED IN CORK CITY COUNCIL IN 2016**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what posts were filled in Cork City Council in 2016 and if sanction was required to fill those posts?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

The filling of posts in the Council is subject to sanction for the specific posts involved, overall staffing numbers and available finances within the approved budgets. To date this year, vacancies in the following permanent grades have been filled: Accountant Internal Audit, Administrative Officer, Executive Engineer, General Foreperson, General Operative, Probationary Fire Fighter, Senior Engineer, Senior Executive Officer, Senior Staff Officer, Traffic Warden and Traffic Warden Supervisor.

Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services,

Human Resource Management
& Organisational Reform.

6.8 **CITY NORTH-WEST REGENERATION SCHEME**

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

Can the CE outline what short-term measures are in place for houses on the south side of Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny under the City North-West Regeneration scheme? Longer term is the area to be considered under the scheme? In the interim can the area be prioritised for the Fabric Upgrade Scheme phases 1 & 2? Can the CE indicate why the area was excluded originally from the scheme considering the houses are amongst the oldest in Knocknaheeny and of similar build to nearby estates.

(Cllr. Ken Collins)

REPLY

The Cork City Northwest Regeneration Masterplan & Implementation report was adopted by Cork City Council on the 14th November, 2011. The development of the document included an extensive public consultation process and was prepared following a request by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government (DECLG) (now Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government) (DHPCLG) to review the 2001 Masterplan. The 2011 Masterplan includes for public realm improvements to be carried out on the south side of Harbour View Road, which would involve improvements to the existing footpaths and boundary walls to the properties.

A response was previously given to Council in June, 2016, that stated that the inclusion of the houses on the south side of Harbour View Road would be considered in a future regeneration project subject to the approval of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government.

This south side of Harbour View Road is included in Phase one of the Fabric Upgrade Scheme.

The Upgrade Scheme will reach this area for eligible properties before the summer of 2017.

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

6.9 **RIGHT OF WAY ON NASH'S BOREEN**

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

That the CE report on a recent legal case regarding right of way on Nash's Boreen which has seen the area open to vehicular traffic on the Hollyhill side, this is of concern to local residents and those that use it as a walking amenity?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

Proceedings were instituted by the owner of land adjacent to Nashs Boreen against Cork City Council and Cork County Council.

The City Council had blocked one end of the Boreen and the County Council had blocked the other. This was done due to the fact that significant dumping, burning of vehicles and antisocial behaviour was being undertaken at the Boreen.

Cork Circuit Court determined that Nashs Boreen was a public right of way and that vehicular access could not be restricted or removed.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.10 **FABRIC UPGRADE/INSULATION SCHEME**

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

Can the Chief Executive give any indication of when the Fabric Upgrade / Insulation Scheme will be carried out to completion on our tenants houses in Vicars Road / Vicars Court, Togher?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

Phase One of the Fabric Upgrade Scheme will be completed in Vicars Road/Vicars Court by the end of this year.

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

6.11 **TAKING IN CHARGE PROCESS OF WILLOWBANK, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

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

Can the Chief Executive & the Director of Planning please provide a comprehensive update on the taking in charge process of Willowbank, Church Road, Blackrock?

What outstanding works are required within the estate and how will these works be funded?

Can the CE confirm when the Estate will finally be taken in charge?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

Further to our responses dated 9th February 2016 and 29th March 2016, Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate can provide the following update;

An application, by plebiscite, was received by Cork City Council on 23rd August 2016 to have Willowbank Estate taken in charge. The taking in charge process has now been initiated and a formal recommendation will be made to the Roads and Transportation Directorate in due course.

Cork City Council has secured funding from the Department of Environment Community and Local Government, under the National Taking in Charge Initiative, to complete outstanding works. Inspections were carried by the relevant engineering departments and the estimated value of the works is circa €78,000. The funding has been provided 50% upfront from the Department and the remaining 50% is to be provided upon completion of the works.

The works are comprised of roads, drainage and water issues. Detailed CCTV and leakage surveys have been commissioned to identify exact nature of the outstanding issues. Once the surveys and associated reports are complete, works will commence on the drainage and water elements. Roads and footpath issues will be addressed last in order to avoid damage to repaired areas. We anticipate that the works will be complete by end November 2016.

In tandem with the above, the taking in charge process under the plebiscite application will be progressed. Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate is currently compiling the necessary documentation to make a formal recommendation to the Roads and Transportation Directorate. A statutory period of 6 weeks for advertising and inspections must be followed, as set out in Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. A resolution by Council could be expected by end of 2016/early 2017.

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

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 19th September 2016.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st AUGUST 2016**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle noted the Financial Statement to 31st August 2016.

8. **PARTY WHIPS SPECIAL MEETING – 19th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips Special Meeting from its meeting held 19th September 2016.

8.1 **WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) EUROPEAN HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK INVITATION TO POLITICAL VISION GROUP (DOCUMENT ATTACHED)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald onto the Political Vision Group and to attend at any required meetings of the Vision Group.

8.2 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 3 (MAHON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE) OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 10th October 2016.

9. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 13th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 13th September 2016.

10. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 14th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 14th September 2016.

11. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee from its meeting held 19th September 2016.

At this juncture the Lord Mayor vacated the Chair and Comhairleoir L. McGonigle assumed the duties of the Chair from this point on.

11.1 **THE WATER SYSTEMS AND SERVICES INNOVATION CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the joint presentation on the Water Systems and Services Innovation Centre from Mr. Kevin Fitzgibbon, Co-ordinator, Water Systems and Services, Innovation Centre, Nimbus Centre, Cork Institute of Technology.

11.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 15th September, 2016 on Housing Estates from 1st January, 2016 to 31st August, 2016.

11.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 15th September, 2016 on Planning Statistics from 1st January, 2016 to 30th June 2016.

11.4 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 15th September, 2016 on Planning Enforcement Statistics from 1st January, 2016 to 30th June 2016.

11.5 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 15th September, 2016 on the significant developments.

11.6 **ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS GRANTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 15th September, 2016 on Additional Building Grants and the additional report of the Director of Services dated 19th September, 2016.

11.7 **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 15th September, 2016 on the Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.

11.8 **MOTION REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 15th September, 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

11.8.1 **WAR OF INDEPENDENCE MEMORIAL PLAQUES AND MONUMENTS**

‘That the various memorial plaques and monuments erected to commemorate those who took part in the War of Independence in Cork City be restored to first class condition as soon as possible’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/241)

The report stated The Heritage Officer did produce a booklet on the republican plaques in Cork City entitled “*Laochra Chorcaí, Commemorating Cork’s Patriots – a city guide*” as part of Cork City Council’s 1916 commemorative programme. This bilingual booklet features over 25 republican plaques in the city. It is understood that these plaques are in a reasonably good condition due in part to the work carried out by the Capt Timothy Kennifick Commemorative Committee whose members regularly clean and restore these plaques on a voluntary basis. An updated conditional report on the existing database will be carried out and a programme of work proposed subject to funding being made available.

12 **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 19th September 2016.

12.1 **PRESENTATION ON WATER SYSTEMS & SERVICES INNOVATION IMPACT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the joint presentation on the Water Systems and Services Innovation Centre from Mr. Kevin Fitzgibbon, Co-ordinator, Water Systems and Services, Innovation Centre, Nimbus Centre, Cork Institute of Technology.

12.2 **PRUNE THE TREES AND HEDGES ON THE BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council prune the trees and hedges overhanging the footpath on the Ballyhooley Road between Gordon’s Hill and the North Ring Road intersection.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 16/204)

The report stated that the above pruning operation was completed in early August.

12.3 **GROWTH OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would attempt to address the increased growth of Japanese Knotweed in the ArdPatrick Estate, Rathmore Rd and Popes Rd area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/205)

The report stated that the Council is presently undertaking a survey of the entire City to identify and map the locations/sites containing Japanese Knotweed, the survey is scheduled to be completed in early November 2016.

On completion of the survey, the Council will prepare an appropriate eradication programme (prioritising the most problematic areas) in line with available resources. Ardpatrick Estate, Rathmore Rd and Popes Rd will be considered in that context.

12.4 **CCTV ON ST. MICHAEL'S DRIVE, MAHON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put in place CCTV cameras and/or other suitable measures to combat the increasing amount of litter that builds up regularly along St. Michael's Drive, Mahon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/213)

The report stated that CCTV is best utilised in establishing evidence of dumping where vehicles are involved, as the registration number can be used, to issue proceedings under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009. Cork City Council has used CCTV at a number of bring sites around the city.

Generally illegal dumping consists of small sized bags which, would suggest that, it is people who are walking to the location that are involved in this dumping. The dumped bags are searched by the Litter Wardens and if any evidence is found proceedings are issued under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009.

A survey will be carried out assess suitability of CCTV or other measures to address dumping in this area.

12.5 **SURVEY GREEN AREAS AT MULBERRY ESTATE, COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will survey green areas within and adjacent to Mulberry estate, Commons rd, including between No's 7 & 8, to determine the best options in enhancing community safety in the area.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 16/218)

The report stated an assessment of the land to the side and rear of No's 7 & 8 Mulberry Heights will be carried out in the coming weeks in the context of safety and littering. However, there is no provision in the 2016 budgets to secure this area with security fencing.

12.6 **INSTALL C.C.T.V. AT THE KNOWN BLACKSPOTS FOR LITTERING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would install C.C.T.V. at the known blackspots for littering / dumping around the city and prosecute the offenders thus putting out the message that this will not be tolerated into the future when the pay by weight is introduced to householders.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/126)

The report stated that CCTV is best utilised in establishing evidence of dumping where vehicles are involved, as the registration number can be used, to issue proceedings under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009. Cork City Council has used CCTV at a number of bring sites around the city.

Generally illegal dumping consists of small sized bags which, would suggest that, it is people who are walking to the location that are involved in this dumping. The dumped bags are searched by the Litter Wardens and if any evidence is found proceedings are issued under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009.

Contact will be made with other Local Authorities, particularly Dublin City Council, to assess the feasibility of implementing recent initiatives introduced by them, having regard to staffing, cost and data protection implications.

12.7 **CLEAN UP OF SHRINE AT LADYS WELL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out a thorough and appropriate clean up of the Shrine and surrounding area at Lady’s Well in order to improve the area and highlight what should really be a tourist attraction on Leitrim Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/174)

The report stated a major clean-up of the Shrine and paved area at Lady’s Well was undertaken in July and August. Due to the secluded nature of the area, it is vulnerable to considerable unsocial behaviour, littering and wanton vandalism. The area will be monitored and attended to as resources allow.

12.8 **PRUNE TREES AT ROCKFIELD ESTATE, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council prune the trees within Rockfield Estate, Church Road Blackrock, as a matter of urgency. A number of these trees are encroaching on properties within the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/178)

The report stated that the above trees have been inspected and placed on Tree Works List for attention as resources permit.

12.9 **MOBILE ZIP WIRE ACTIVITY IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report on the following motion recommended to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council assess the feasibility of bringing a mobile Zip Wire activity to a prominent location in the City that would be an exciting attraction, for a set period of time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/179)

The report stated that at present, the City Council owned Glen Resource Centre provides high ropes and zip wire activity as part of its range of adventure activities at the Centre. The facility is available for schools, parties and other groups with trained staff to comply with all health & safety regulations.

There is no budget to allow for a mobile unit. However consideration will be given to provision of a high ropes/zip wire activity in the medium term at Tramore Valley Park.

13 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING – 20th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 20th September 2016.

13.1 **CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY PHASE 1 & 2 PART 8 REPORT**

An Chomhairle agreed to consider this item under item 3 earlier in these minutes.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

15. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

16. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

17. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Brosnan, T. Fitzgerald and T. Shannon at the LAMA Autumn Training Seminar – Brexit and Ireland in the Westlodge Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork on the 30th September – 1st October 2016.

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **IRISH BUSINESS AGAINST LITTER (IBAL) SURVEYS**

‘That due to the failure of the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) to appear before the Council’s Environment & Recreation Committee that the Council will no longer propose suburbs within Cork City to be graded in any future IBAL surveys.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 16/249)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.2 **FULL ENGINEERING AUDIT OF AT RISK BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a full engineering audit of at-risk buildings in the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/255)

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

18.3 **MAIN DRAINS IN HILLCREST DRIVE, BLARNEY ROAD**

‘That Council would investigate the main drains in Hillcrest Drive, Blarney Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/262)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.4 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AT SOUTH MALL**

‘That the business community of the South Mall be encouraged to light up this important street with Christmas Lighting (as it did previously) to maximise the atmosphere in the city at Christmas time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/263)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

18.5 **REPAIRS TO NANO NAGLE BRIDGE**

‘That the loose boards on Nano Nagle Bridge be repaired to avoid becoming trip hazards and even more dangerous in cold weather and that the steelwork be repainted with a more durable finish and that the lighting up of this and other city bridges be expedited.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/264)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.6 **ASSESS OVERGROWN VEGETATION AT DISTILLERY WALK**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the Distillery Walk where the vegetation has overgrown, especially around the lifebuoys and cut back the vegetation where appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/269)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.7 **FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

‘That City Council would give a full updated report to the Housing Functional Committee on the Fabric Upgrade Scheme's progress in relation to each ward that would include the addresses of the outstanding properties awaiting this Insulation Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/272)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.8 **BOUNDARY WALL IN CASTLE AVENUE, CASTLE ROAD, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council assesses and reports on the boundary wall in Castle Avenue, Castle Road, Blackrock. This wall is very unstable and poses a serious health & safety threat that is a great concern to the residents.’

(Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/274)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.9 **TREES IN DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That City Council would revisit my appeal to have the trees cut/trimmed in Deanrock Estate, particularly around the Blackwater Grove area as this caused huge problems last year for the elderly residents in this estate. These were:-

- (1) The public lighting is blocked out by these trees thus total darkness at night.
- (2) The amount of fallen leaves on the footpaths are enormous and dangerous to walk on thus having to walk out onto the road for safety reasons.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/276)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.10 **NATIONAL FIRE SAFETY AUDIT OF TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION**

‘That Cork City Council will report on the publication of the National Fire Safety Audit of Traveller Accommodation by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.’

(Cllr. M. Nugent 16/277)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

19 **MOTIONS**

19.1 **CITY CORONER'S TOXICOLOGY EXAMINATIONS**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 10th October 2016 to allow Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn to be present:-

'That Cork City Council requisitions all City Coroner's Toxicology examinations to include testing for the presence of, but not limited to, the following: anxiolytics and hypnotics, drugs used in psychosis and related disorders, antidepressant drugs and CNS (Central Nervous System) stimulants.

Coroners should also be required to keep a database, of the incidents and the drugs they find.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 16/192)

19.2 **PROBLEM WITH DRAINAGE OUTSIDE EVERGREEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council request Irish Water to investigate the ongoing problem with drainage outside Evergreen Road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/225)

Following discussion, An Chomhairle agreed that this motion would be referred to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for consideration.

19.3 **EUROPEAN COMMISSION DECISION ON APPLE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council supports the government's decision to bring an appeal before the European Courts to challenge the European Commission decision on the Apple State Aid case.'

(Proposers: Cllr. K. O'Flynn, Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. T. O'Driscoll, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. N. O'Keefe, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. T. Brosnan, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. M. Shields 16/261)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keefe, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin (8)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, S. O'Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (12)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against was greater than those voting for, Comhairleoir L. McGonigle declared the motion defeated.

19.4 **2017 UNESCO CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on stakeholders including Cork County Council, Cork Institute of Technology, Cork Chamber and the Trades Unions and Industry representative bodies to campaign for the immediate enactment of the Technological Universities Bill so that Cork, a recognised centre for Lifelong Learning can get maximum exposure from the 2017 UNESCO conference due to be held in Cork. In addition City Council needs to seek the active support and commitment of all its TDs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/270)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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