

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J.G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. Hallahan, A/ Head of Finance. Mr. E. Walsh, Senior Engineer, Environment & Recreation. Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Executive Officer, ICT & Business Services.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O’Brien Family on the death of Alan O’Brien.
- The Rawley Family on the death of Thomas Rawley.
- The Molloy Family on the death of William Molloy.
- The O’Callaghan Family on the death of Kitty O’Callaghan.
- The Barry Family on the death of John Barry.
- The Crowley Family on the death of Joe Crowley.
- The Porter Family on the death of Albert Porter.
- The Corcoran Family on the death of John Corcoran.
- The Williamson Family on the death Lily Williamson.

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

No Votes of Congratulations/Best Wishes were received.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to hold a Civic Reception in honour of all former Lord Mayors.

3.2 **LORD MAYOR'S VISIT TO BELARUS AND CHERNOBYL**

An tArd-Mhéara advised members of his upcoming Civic Visit to Belarus and Chernobyl. The visit is in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of Chernobyl Children International and to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear disaster. He will be accompanied by the Chief Executive.

3.3 **APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF CRAWFORD ART GALLERY**

An tArd-Mhéara advised members that a nomination to the Board of Crawford Art Gallery was required. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, Comhairleoir T. Brosnan was nominated for the position.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to address the following motion at the end of the meeting:

“That Cork City Council calls on Cork City Partnership to reverse its decision to close the LES Office in Mahon and to meet with the local people, the Department of Social Protection and Public Representatives to discuss the future of this vital social service.”

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

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

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for December 2015.

5. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 11th January 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **MONEY DRAWN DOWN FOR HOUSING PROGRAMMES 2014, 2015**

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

How much money has been drawn down by Cork City Council for various housing programmes in 2014, 2015 from the Department of Environment?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

2014

Fabric Upgrade Program:	€2,368,145
Vacants Program:	€2,872,027
DPG works (Social Housing):	€ 313,377
DPG works (Private):	€1,688,928
Social Housing Construction:	€ 437,641
Regeneration:	€2,182,717
Total	€9,862,835

2015

Fabric Upgrade Program:	€ 2,896,834
DPG works (Social Housing):	€ 561,058
DPG works (Private):	€ 1,042,420
Regeneration:	€ 4,556,765
Social Housing Strategy 2020:	€25,219,406 (incl acquisitions, vacants program & cas)
Total	€34,276,483

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

6.2 **WORK ON CLONTARF BRIDGE**

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

Can the CE indicate when work on the underside of Clontarf Bridge will be completed?

(Cllr. Shane O'Shea)

REPLY

Initial works to the underside of Clontarf Bridge were completed in December 2015 with the scaffolding removed and compound demobilised on week ending 15th January 2016.

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

6.3 **TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION UNITS AT TENNIS COURTS IN COLLINS BARRACKS**

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

Can the CE please advise on what involvement, if any, Cork City Council had on the proposed location of temporary accommodation units to be put in place on the Tennis Courts in Collins Barracks.

Was there any consultation with the Planning Department or indeed any other department regarding this temporary facility.

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

Cork City Council are represented on a sub group of the Cork Homeless Forum with Cork Simon, St. Vincent DePaul, Good Shepherd Services, the Defence Forces and the Garda Síochána to consider proposals, including the provision of temporary emergency accommodation located at a site to be agreed in Collins Barracks, to ensure no one has to sleep rough during a period of severe weather conditions.

Advice regarding any planning requirement for these temporary structures was sought and received from the Planning Department.

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

6.4 **FUNDING FOR TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the funding situation for Tramore Valley Park, and what is the plan to open it beyond the Saturday mornings?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Specific provision for the operation of the Tramore Valley Park was not made in the 2016 budget.

Before the park can be fully opened to the public there are essential engineering works required. It is expected that these will be completed by mid-Summer. It is also hoped that at that time a sustainable funding model will also be in place to facilitate a full opening.

At present, some facilities are in use on Saturday mornings, the BMX Track, the rugby pitch and the Park also accommodating a 5k Park-run.

**Eamonn Walsh,
A/Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.**

6.5 FAST TRACK SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

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

Can the CE outline proposed changes to planning laws that will enable local authorities fast track social housing developments?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government have put in place a new procedure on the 11th January, 2016 for the approval of Social Housing Construction Projects. The Department will facilitate a streamlined mechanism of funding approvals for projects with a maximum all in budget of less than €2m and no more than 15 units.

Local Authorities will be required to prepare a more in depth Capital Appraisal submission for approval under this new procedure. This will allow the Department to issue an approved budget for the project, which will represent the Department's entire financial commitment to the project except in the case of an extraordinary force majeure type occurrence which could not in any way have been foreseen by the Local Authority and which directly incurs a cost addition.

The Department have advised that this new arrangement of greater devolution for smaller capital projects is optional and Local Authorities can follow the conventional four stage approval process, which may be more appropriate for complex capital projects.

Local Authorities will still be required to comply with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for development involving the construction of a house.

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

6.6 FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIGHTS DUE TO BE REPAIRED 2016

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

In light of my recent motion (15/318) on a report on public lighting. Can the CE provide details of the estimated total funding that would be required to repair the public lights that are due to be repaired – 284 subject to approval – during 2016?

Can the CE also advise what funding is available for the provision of new public lighting?

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

REPLY

Expenditure in 2016 to cater for the repair of the 284 public lighting faults referred to above is subject to inspection of the individual locations by the contractor. An estimate of costs must be submitted by Airtricity Utility Solutions, for each Job Ticket referenced to the tendered schedule of rates. There is an allocation of €250,000 approximately in the 2016 Budget in addition to normal maintenance to cater for the renewal and replacement of damaged or degraded columns, electrical circuits, brackets and lanterns. The programme for 2016 is currently being prepared and it is anticipated that there works will be undertaken in 2016. There is no allocation of funding for the provision of new public lighting in 2016 other than schemes that will be delivered as part of capital developments undertaken in compliance with Cork City Council Planning Conditions.

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

6.7 LIGHTING UP TIMES FOR THE PUBLIC LIGHTING SCHEME

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

To ask the CE to outline to City Council the lighting-up times for the public lighting scheme in Cork City.

Has there been a reduction in the lighting-up time in recent weeks?

What time are the public lights switched on and what time are they switched off?

(Cllr. Terry Shannon)

REPLY

The lighting-up time in Cork City varies in accordance with astronomical changes for the time of year. The standard adopted requires that public lighting is switched on within 30 minutes approximately of sunset. The actual lighting-up time of public lighting now takes account of local ambient light conditions as the switch-on of individual lanterns or street lighting circuits in most instances, is controlled by a photocell or solar switch. The photocell switches lighting on when an ambient level of 38 Lux is measured on newer equipment and at 70 Lux on older lighting equipment to cater for a longer warm-up period. At this time of year, Dusk occurs later and Dawn occurs earlier each day as is now quite noticeable following the Winter Solstice on the 21 December. The use of good quality photocells to control the lighting-up profile provides an accurate and reliable lighting-up regime.

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

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18th JANUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held on the 18th January 2016.

8. **SPECIAL MEETING OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP, PARTY WHIPS AND PARTY LEADERS - 18th JANUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Corporate Policy Group, Party Whips and Party Leaders, from its meeting held on the 18th January 2016.

8.1 **CORK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the draft report on the current position on the Cork Local Government Review.

9. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 14th DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on the 14th December 2015.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th JANUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 18th January 2016.

10.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 14th January, 2016 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in the property known as “Bello Villino”, (Site A14), Iona Road, Mayfield, Cork to Margaret O’Flynn, c/o David Kenny & Co. Solicitors, Dillons Cross, Cork for the sum of €127.00 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of fee simple interest in dwelling house and premises situated at and known as No, 20, Joe Murphy Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, held by Cork City Council subject to a Shared Ownership Lease dated the 20th November 2009 to Denise O’Neill (formerly Condon) for the sum of €125,635.73. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, the disposal was approved.

10.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for December 2015.

10.3 **ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for the year ended 31st December 2015.

10.4 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 24, Meadow Drive, Hollyhill, Cork by Clúid Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, 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 €45,600 be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

10.5 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT HANOVER STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 22, Hanover Mews, Hanover Street, Cork by Focus Housing Association Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, 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 €160,650 be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

10.6 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT SOUTH TERRACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the provision of 2 units of accommodation at Apartments 12 & 15 South Channel Court, 26/28 South Terrace, Cork by Focus Housing Association Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, 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 €214,794 (previous loan being €211,699) be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

10.7 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT WASHINGTON STREET/JAMES STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the provision of 6 units of accommodation at No. 27, Washington Street West (Incorporating 27A) & 5 and 6 James Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, 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 €657,718 (previous loan being €639,839) be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

10.8 **LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th December, 2015 in relation to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

10.9 **PROPERTIES AT HORGANS BUILDINGS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘There have been numerous requests made by the residents of Horgans Buildings to carry out maintenance of their houses, from leaking roofs, leaking sky lights, facia & soffit rotten & leaking, shoots & guttering breaking, baths where showers are needed etc. These residents need the support of Cork City Council and we should be responding in a much quicker time than we are currently doing. Some residents have expressed the feeling that they are being ignored, forgotten about and that Council don’t care about them.

So I would like for this council to pass a motion that Cork City Council’s housing maintenance department carries out a survey of all the houses in Horgans Buildings immediately to find out all of the maintenance problems the residents are having. Then put in place a serious plan to rectify all of the issues the tenants are having.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/348)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is aware of a number of issues pertaining to the fabric of the properties at Horgans Buildings. The required repairs have been prioritised in line with the demands placed on the Housing Maintenance Department and the resources available.

10.10 **PROPERTIES ON HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Can Cork City Council ensure that No's 33, 35 Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny are returned to the local authority housing stock and available for allocation asap.’

(Proposer Cllr. K. Collins 15/355)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Health Service Executive (HSE) have prepared plans for the provision of a pedestrian access from Harbour View Road to St. Mary's Hospital Campus where a new Primary Care Centre will be constructed. It is proposed that the creation of this access will necessitate the demolition of the vacant properties at 33 & 35 Harbour View Road. A detailed presentation on the proposals for the Campus including the creation of the pedestrian access was made by Officials from the HSE to the elected members of the North West electoral ward on the 12th January, 2016 and it was agreed by those present that further consultation would take place with the local community on the access proposal.

10.11 **INSPECTION OF RENTED PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would publish a comprehensive report on the number of rented properties inspected on a ward by ward basis in 2014 and 2015 to include details of compliance and non-compliance and follow up investigations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/363)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Building Control Department provide the Housing Department with a quarterly statistical return for the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government indicating the number of private rented properties inspected by Cork City Council including details of compliance and non-compliance and follow up investigations.

Details of the statistical returns for 2014 and Quarter 3 for 2015 are set out below. The current database and recording of inspections cannot provide details on a ward by ward basis. Given the large volume of inspections carried out during this period and to reliably report on a ward by ward basis, all of these inspections would need to be examined. We do not have the resources necessary to carry out this large volume of work. However if the Council has a concern about specific private rented properties in the city, these can be notified to the Building Control Department for investigation.

	2014	Quarter 3: 2015
Dwellings Inspected	604	470
Inspections carried out	1,211	842
Dwellings inspected not meeting Regulatory requirements	320	224
Compliance achieved without requirement for further inspection	991	46
Compliance achieved following further inspection	320	178
Improvement Notices served on landlords	320	224

10.12 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘When a tenant of Cork City Council carries out necessary repairs to their home and pays for it themselves, Cork City Council should put a means in place to reimburse the tenant fully for the works carried out if Cork City Council has not carried out said works in a timely manner after being informed of the issues.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/367)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a scheme to refund tenants for works they have carried out themselves would place an excessive demand on the resources available to the Housing & Community Services Directorate to maintain its social housing. Such a scheme would need to be investigated with regard to scope, costings, risks, quality, funding, etc. and integration within the existing maintenance programme.

10.13 **REVIEW OF TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council fast-track the scheduled review of the 2014-2018 Traveller Accommodation Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/377)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council’s Traveller Accommodation Plan 2014 – 2018 was adopted at the City Council meeting held on 27th January, 2014. As outlined in statute under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, Section 17, the current Programme is due to be reviewed within three years of its adoption. Hence, a review will be carried out over the next twelve months or at such time as the Minister may by direction specify in the interim.

10.14 **CITY COUNCIL LAND BANKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will report on scoping exercises being undertaken on Council owned land banks and outline the time frame for new social housing builds and details of same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/378)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Housing Agency is undertaking a scoping exercise nationally on lands in local authority ownership with regard to prioritising suitable lands for development in the lifetime of the Social Housing Strategy 2020. This exercise will have regard to a number of factors including the local demand for social housing, planning issues and the physical characteristics of the lands. This process is ongoing.

Six significant sites are available for social housing and in the ownership of Cork City Council and the current status of same are as follows:

Site	No. of Units	Status	Construction Start Date
Deanrock	65	Part 8 to be advertised in Feb 2016	October 2016
Gerald Griffin Street	40	Part 8 to be advertised in Feb 2016	September 2016
Thomas Davis Street	39	Site to be developed by Approved Housing Body	November 2016
Boherboy Road	125	To be considered for Social Housing PPP Bundle	To be confirmed
Nash’s Boreen	110	To be considered for Social Housing PPP Bundle	To be confirmed
Old Whitechurch Road	TBC	Masterplan Required	To be confirmed

10.15 **DEVELOPMENT OF DEANROCK SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th January, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

“That any proposed development of the Deanrock site in Togher would allow for an adequate consultation process with the local community and the elected representatives of the area as has been previously agreed by council and that any such proposal would incorporate a community facility which is required for the area and would be in line with facilities that have been provided in other areas that have undergone similar significant regeneration”.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 15/381)

The report of the Director of Services stated that plans, which are being prepared by the City Architect's Department, are at an advanced stage for the construction of 65 new housing units on the Council owned site at Deanrock, Togher. The development will be advertised under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) in February, 2016 and is subject to a public consultation process.

The City Council, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government, is examining the feasibility of incorporating a community facility into the development.

11. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th JANUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 18th January 2016.

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th January 2016 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending December 2016.

11.2 **MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

11.2.1 **SURVEY OF THE ROAD AND FOOTPATH IN REEDS AND PROSPERITY SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council carry out a survey of the road and footpath in Reeds and Prosperity Square with a view to including them in a road resurfacing programme and a footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/330)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the roads and footpaths at Reeds Square and Prosperity Square will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

11.2.2 **INCLUDE GREENMOUNT AVENUE IN A RENEWAL AND REPAIR PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Greenmount Avenue has their footpath included in a renewal and repair programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/331)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the footpaths at Greenmount Avenue will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

11.2.3 **UPDATED REPORT ON THE ERECTING OF GATES AT GRIFFIN'S COURT/DESMOND SQUARE AND AT NICHOLAS CHURCH PLACE, COVE STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That an updated report be given on the erecting of gates at Griffin's Court/Desmond Square and at Nicholas Church Place, Cove Street, aimed - in both cases - at addressing antisocial behaviour affecting our own council tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/365)

The report of the Director of Services stated that an updated report on the proposal to erect gates at Griffins Court / Desmond Square is currently being finalised and will be available in the next month. In the case of Nicholas Church Place, the assessment is ongoing.

11.2.4 **TRAFFIC STUDY REVIEW ON THE JUNCTION OF BARRACK STREET AND EVERGREEN STREET AND REDESIGN OF THE JUNCTION OF FRIAR STREET/ABBEY STREET/INDUSTRY PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘In light of the main traffic elements of the Barrack Street renewal having been completed, the proposed traffic study review needs to be carried out immediately at its junction with Evergreen Street as well as a redesign of the now 'free for all', five-road spaghetti junction at junctions of Friar Street/Abbey Street/Industry Place which has been further compromised by the Barrack Street works.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/366)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Barrack Street and Evergreen St will be re-examined with left and right turning movements modelled. If required, the layout will be revised.

There is currently no proposal for the redesign of Friar Street/Abbey Street/Industry Place.

11.2.5 **INCLUDE WILTON COURT ON THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the remaining part of Wilton Court would be placed on the roads resurfacing programme as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/368)

The report of the Director of Services stated that localised repairs to the road surface in Wilton Court will take place in the coming weeks.

11.2.6 **CLEAN UP ALL WELCOME TO CORK SIGNAGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would clean up all the Welcome to Cork Signage on all our routes into our City particularly the Twinning Signage on Carrigrohane Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/374)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the ‘Welcome to Cork’ signage on all our routes into our City including the twinning signage on Carrigrohane Road will be included in the Roads Programme and will be done as soon as is practical.

11.2.7 **REPORT ON THE PROVISION OF ROAD SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council reports on the provision of road signage throughout the City. To include the budget allocated for same, the total number of outstanding requests for road & estate signage provision and an estimated figure of what funding is required to clear such requests. Can the report also include any relevant local or national funding streams for same, where applicable.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/380)

The report of the Director of Services stated that road signage across the city comprises regulatory, directional and information type signage. There is no specific budget for same as most of these signs are installed through specific schemes across the city. Requests for replacement or additional signage are dealt with on a case by case basis and are funded through the annual roads funding programme, subject to funding being available.

11.2.8 **LIAISE WITH AIRTRICITY TO REPLACE THE BROKEN LANTERN ON LIGHT NUMBER 14, DEANROCK AVENUE, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council liaise with Airtricity to replace the broken lantern on light number 14, Deanrock Avenue, Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 15/376)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Public Lighting Column 14 in Deanrock Estate was damaged as a result of a road traffic collision. It was replaced by AUS on 18.12.2015.

11.3 **MOTION WHICH WAS HELD IN COMMITTEE**

11.3.1 **EFFECTIVE SET OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE MELBOURNE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 14th January 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this Council, recognizing the inherent conflict between the functions of, the design of and the driver behaviour on Melbourne Road, and the likely worsening of these conflicts given future development plans for the wider area, requests Cork City Council to provide an effective set of traffic management measures for the Melbourne Road between Curraheen Road and Rossa Avenue that will

- 1.Reduce the ambient speed of traffic in both directions,
- 2.Encourage walking by the provision of a sufficient number of safe crossing points
- 3.Prioritize cycling

and thereby mitigate the severance caused to residents of Melbourne Estate by current and forecast levels of traffic on Melbourne Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 14/147)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Transportation Division advises that Melbourne Road will be assessed as part of the 2014 NTA funded South West Strategic Travel Corridor study.

Any identified traffic management measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available. NTA funding may also be possible, where appropriate.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence to note.

13. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

No conference/seminar summaries to note.

14. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

15. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and S. Martin at the “AILG Councils and Public Safety focusing on Water Safety, Road Safety and Fire Safety” training seminar, taking place in the Tower Hotel Waterford, on the 13th February 2016.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **TOWNSEND PLACE TO BE INCLUDED IN AN ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Townsend Place be included in an Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/334)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.2 **MOUNT SION ROAD TO BE INCLUDED IN AN ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Mount Sion Road be included in an Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/335)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.3 **TAFFIC CALMING AT PARKLANDS DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with the Residents Association include Parklands Drive in the next allocation of funding for traffic calming.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/010)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.4 **UPGRADE FOOTPATHS AND CUT BACK TREES/ SHRUBS ON COMMONS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council undertake the necessary works to upgrade footpaths and cut back trees/shrubs on both sides of Commons Roads from the traffic lights at Blackpool Shopping Centre to the entrance to Parklands Estate for people with mobility issues and wheelchair users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/011)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.5 **LIBRARY SERVICES**

‘That sufficient staff resources are provided to ensure that (a) there will be no reduction in opening hours at any of the City's Branch libraries (b) that the local studies library, reference library and children's, library are able to operate a full service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 16/013)

Tourism, Arts and Culture Functional Committee

16.6 **FOOTBRIDGE ON THE NORTH WEST SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC POND**

‘That Cork City Council install a footbridge on the North West side of the Atlantic Pond, similar to the existing footbridge on the Southern Side. The inability to walk around the pond is causing much hardship and upset to the many many users of the facility. While construction to the Páirc Uí Chaoimh is welcome it should not be accepted that the public are discommoded in such an unnecessary way.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/017)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.7 **REPRESENTATION ON THE ARTS COMMITTEE**

‘That the Arts Committee with 10 Southside Councillors and 1 Northside Councillor be rebalanced through the addition of more Northside Councillors so that it can be considered to be properly representative of the City as a whole.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/018)

Tourism, Arts and Culture Functional Committee

16.8 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND PUBLIC REALM AT PEARSE SQUARE, BALLYPHEHANE**

‘THAT following a meeting with several ratepayers from the Pearse Square Traders Association, Ballyphehane, during which the issue of on-going anti-social behaviour affecting business was raised, as well as the very poor state of the public realm at this location (which was one of, if not the, first local authority shopping centres in the country), the following actions are taken to ensure the viability of the 80 or so jobs involved in the various businesses and the continued provision of services to customers and residents:-

- The erecting of a boundary gate between Boylesports and the side of Bartie's Takeaway to be locked at night time
- Upgrade of public lighting in the square
- Improve CCTV coverage of the area
- Closure of access to the cul-de-sac at rear of pharmacy
- Pruning and topping of trees in conjunction with improved lighting.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. F. Kerins, 16/020)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.9 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 27 GREENFIELD'S, MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That City Council would put in place a disabled parking space outside house No. 27 Greenfield's Model Farm Rd. to facilitate this resident who has a family member with a medical condition that requires this space.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/021)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.10 **BOLLARDS ON THE FOOTPATH AT CHERRY GROVE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That City Council would put in place bollards on the footpath at Cherry Grove Model Farm Rd. to prevent cars parking in this area as children have to walk out onto the road due to inconsiderate parking by some motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/022)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.11 **ROAD RESURFACING WITHIN CLOVER LAWN ESTATE, SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council assess the road surfacing within Clover Lawn Estate, Skehard Road. There is one particular stretch of road on the bend within the estate that is very dangerous- particularly at times of bad weather. Following inspection some remedial works may need to be carried out to make the road safe for all road users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/024)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17. **MOTIONS**

17.1 **PROPOSED MERGER OF CIT AND ITT**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:

“Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Education, Jan O’Sullivan TD, and her successor in the event of a change of government, to suspend the proposed merger of Cork Institute of Technology and Institute of Technology Tralee and to enter into meaningful discussions with trade unions, especially the Teachers’ Union of Ireland and also the Union of Students of Ireland on the future of the two institutes.

It is clear that there is serious disquiet among teachers and research staff in both institutes as to the implications of this proposed merger and there has been insufficient information shared with students and their representatives. The two institutes in question are of far too much importance to their respective regions to be simply tinkered with and expenditure on the proposed merger, which will cost at least €7 million to complete, is in stark contrast with the serious cutbacks in funding to the two institutes over the last number of years.”

Can I also ask that this motion be forwarded to the Minister for Education, Jan O’Sullivan TD.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/015)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:

FOR: T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, M. Shields, T. Moloney. (15)

AGAINST: (0)

ABSTAIN: T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill. (5)

As those voting in favour was greater than those voting against, an tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion was approved.

17.2 **CHAIRPERSON TO THE PENSIONS AUTHORITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:

‘That this Council condemns the behaviour of the Labour Party Leader Joan Burton in appointing a Chairperson to the Pensions Authority without firstly advertising to seek expressions of interest from persons interested and qualified. In proceeding as she has the Tanaiste has taken advantage of her position.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/019)

17.3 **TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHTS FROM CORK AIRPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Transport and the Government to urgently intervene in support of the proposed transatlantic flights from Cork Airport and that this council is fully supportive of the transatlantic flights and the ongoing development & promotion of Cork Airport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/023)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO DISCUSS THE CLOSURE OF MAHON LES

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion tabled from the floor:

“That Cork City Council calls on Cork City Partnership to reverse its decision to close the LES Office in Mahon and to meet with the local people, the Department of Social Protection and Public Representatives to discuss the future of this vital social service.”

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon; Seconder: N. O’Keeffe)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO CONTINUE THE MEETING PAST 8.00P.M.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle agreed to further suspend standing orders to continue discussion on the closure of Mahon LES.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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