

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014.**

- PRESENT** An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. Clancy in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager.  
Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs.  
Ms. Valerie O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs.  
Mr. C. O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs.  
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Virgo Family on the death of Morgan Virgo.
- The Long Family on the death of Kathleen Long.
- The Kerrigan Family on the death of Margaret Kerrigan.
- The Cosgrove Family on the death of Michael Cosgrove.
- The Phelan Family on the death of John Phelan.
- Colette Barry on the death of Nora Buckley.
- Rose McGurk on the death of Donal Kennedy.
- The Corcoran Family on the death of Anne Corcoran.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Theresa McCarthy.
- The Burns Family on the death of Margaret Burns.
- The Coughlan Family on the death of Tony Coughlan.
- The O’Shea Family on the death of Cian O’Shea.

## 1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

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

- Tadhg Barry Galvin, grand-nephew of the Late Alderman Tadhg Barry who attended the City Council Meeting.
- Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan for regaining Economic Sovereignty and the return to the financial markets.
- Judge Olann Kelleher, Brendan Dowling and Fiona Sheehan, well done on a professional and common-sense approach to their work.
- An tArd-Mhéara highlighted the fact that Cork City Council was considered Clean to European Norms in the latest IBAL results and congratulated the staff in the Environment & Recreation Directorate for its work.

### 1.3.1 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

1.3.2 The Lord Mayor informed An Chomhairle of the following correspondence from Tadhg Keating, Meetings Administrator.

1. Letter informing An Chomhairle of a Special Meeting of whole Council in Committee is to be held to consider the Draft Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 prior to sending it for public consultation on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Cork.
2. Letter informing An Chomhairle of a briefing to be held on the New I.T. System for managing Members representations to take place on Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Cork.

## 1.4 **CITY MANAGERS ITEMS**

1.4.1 An Chomhairle noted the City Manager's items as circulated to An Chomhairle for information on the following:\_

1. Proposed development of a Multi-Functional Events Centre in Cork.
2. Irish Open Golf Tournament.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

A vote was called for whether to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the following Motion on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould.

‘That Cork City Council would award the Freedom of the City to Nelson Mandela in recognition of his life's work to defeat apartheid, bring democracy and peace to South Africa due to the failure of Cork City Council to award it to him in 1987.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 13/414)

There appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (12)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, J. Kavanagh, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, M. O’Connell, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. (16)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir S. Martin.

As the numbers voting against the suspension of Standing Orders were greater than those voting in favour, An tArdmhéara declared the vote defeated and the Suspension of Standing Orders not approved.

## 2. MINUTES

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
- Budget Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

## 3. QUESTIONS

### 3.1 APPROVED BUILDERS/CRAFTSMEN LIST OF CORK CITY COUNCIL

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

*Can the Manager please advise the names and registered offices of the builders/craftsmen who are currently on Council’s “approved list” in relation to works which the Council may require to be done on its housing stock. Is there only one list or does the Council have a separate list in respect of extensions under Disabled Grant Scheme. Can the Manager further confirm why officials have closed the list? Is there any rational reason why any registered builder or properly qualified craftsman should not be allowed to register at anytime?*

## **REPLY**

The names and registered offices of builders/craftsmen who are currently on the Councils approved list in relation to works which the Council may require to be done on its housing stock are as follows:

- Electrical Repairs:** Donal Murray Ltd, Unit 3, Enterprise Business Park, Ballincollig, Co. Cork
- Window and Door Replacement:** Marina Windows, Auburn House, 2 Victoria Road, Cork.
- Energy Efficiency Improvement Works:**
  - CandS Construction Ltd. 62 Bakers Road, Gurrabraher, Cork
  - John Somers Construction, Ballybrazil, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

- d. **Central Heating Response Maintenance and Boiler Servicing:**
- i. CandS Construction Ltd. 62 Bakers Road, Gurrabraher, Cork
  - ii. Terry Rea Gas and Oil Ltd, 55 Willowbank, Blackrock, Cork
  - iii. Absolute Plumbing Ltd, 10 Castlemanor, Carrignavar, Co. Cork
- e. **Steel Shuttering for vacant Houses:** Dwellguard Ltd., Ballincollig, Co. Cork
- f. **Drain Cleaning:** Cork Tank and Drain Cleaning Co. Ltd., Ballinglanna, Glanmire, Co. Cork.
- g. **Refurbishment of Properties and other building works:**

1	All Time Cosy Homes Ltd.	Kilmeedy; Millstreet Co. Cork,
2	Cumnor Construction	Stone View, Blarney, Co. Cork
3	Deermount Construction	Lissarda Co. Cork, Ireland
4	John Somers Construction	Ballybrazil, New Ross, Co. Wexford
5	L&M Keating Ltd	Kilmihil, Co. Clare
6	NCE insulation Ltd	St. Finbarrs, Farranferris, Redemption Road, Cork
7	NColl Construction Ltd.	Atrium Business Centre, Blackpool Business Centre, Blackpool, Cork
8	Noonan	Hilton House, Unit 3 Swords Business Park, Swords, Co. Dublin.
9	Summerhill Construction	Ballycunningham; Donoughmore, Co. Cork
10	T. Cotter Developments Ltd.	Enterprise House, Centre Park Road, Cork

2. In relation to the disabled persons grant scheme the Council does not operate a panel of contractors. The grant recipient appoints a builder of their choice to perform the works.
3. Lists cannot be added to during their lifetime. The council advertises its requirements on the etenders website. On completion of the tender process the Council will appoint process the Council will appoint one or more successful bidders to perform the works. The number of contractors appointed depends on the requirement and nature of the contract. The lifetime of any given contract, panel or framework is specified in the tender documents but is generally two years.
4. A builder or craftsman cannot be added to a list at any time because this would breach the procurement rules for the contract, list or framework.

### 3.2 **SOUTH LINK FLYOVER**

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

*Could the Manager please inform the members when the South Link Road flyover work will be completed and when the road will be opened officially by the Minister.*

**REPLY**

The remaining work on the Bandon Road to Sarsfield Road scheme includes completion of footways and drainage, landscaping, traffic signals and remedial works to road pavements. Some of this work is progressing on site. It should be noted, as reported in the media, that the Contractor has entered Examinership and the outcome of this process is awaited at the end of the month.

3.3 **SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN CAPWELL ROAD AND CAPWELL AVENUE**

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

*Could the Manager explain the cause of the regular blockages in the sewerage system in Capwell Avenue and Capwell Road and despite having investment by Council to alleviate the problem that some residents keep experiencing regular blocking of the system?*

**REPLY**

I understand that blockages have occurred in a private common drain serving 11 no. houses on Capwell Avenue and Capwell Road.

The reason for the recurring blockages could be a break in this pipe or an obstruction in it.

A private drainage contractor has jetted and cleaned the pipeline but has not established the cause of the problem.

A CCTV survey of pipeline would help determine the reason for the regular blockages.

However as this is a private common drain, the responsibility rests with householders served by it to organise and pay for any such survey.

The Drainage Section is happy to liaise with residents in respect of outcome of their investigations.

3.4 **NO. 1 & 2 BROG AVENUE, OFF BLARNEY STREET, CORK**

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

*Has permission ever been sought or granted for apartments of No. 1 & 2 Brog Avenue, Off Blarney Street, Cork?*

## **REPLY**

Permission was granted on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1999 to retain two apartments at 1 Brogue Makers Hill, off Shandon Street, planning Ref No T.P.24355/99.

This two storey property is accessed by means of a pedestrian passageway from Blarney Street and to the rear of a short terrace comprising of a City Council infill housing scheme.

### **3.5 EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

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

*Can the Manager give an update on the status of the request from residents of the Edward Walsh Road area in relation to the upgrading/modification of the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Pouladuff Road/Edward Walsh Road to include an audible sound system to facilitate visually impaired pedestrians?*

## **REPLY**

The Transportation Division advises that the installation of audible sounders to the existing pushbuttons at the junction of Pouladuff Road/Edward Walsh Road will be added to the 2014 works program and will be done as soon as is practical.

### **3.6 TREES ON WOODBROOK GREEN**

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

*Request the Manager to trim to a reasonable height the extremely high trees on Woodbrook Green as they are a hazard to motorists/pedestrians/homes, planted as they are on soft ground?*

## **REPLY**

Remedial pruning works to trees at Woodbrook Green is scheduled for early Spring 2014.

### **3.7 CPO AT TANKFIELD AND MURMOUNT ROAD**

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

*Can the Manager please advise why he felt it necessary to proceed with CPO's in the Tank Field and Murmount Road since Council officials had already represented that it owned the site when the officials gave permission to the Department of Education to seek a planning permission in the area?*

## **REPLY**

The areas being acquired by Cork City Council under the Iona Road - Murmont Road Acquisition Order No. 1 of 2013 and the Murmont Road Acquisition Order No. 2 of 2013 do not form part of and are separate and distinct from the site, owned by Cork City Council, in respect of which the Department of Education and Skills sought planning permission.

### 3.8 **PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM AT GURRANABRAHER, BLARNEY STREET AND SUNDAY'S WELL**

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

*Why was there a delay in restoring the public lighting system in parts of Gurrabraher, Blarney Street and Sundays Well areas over the Christmas period which were out of order for a number of days causing worry and anxiety to residents, and what emergency response policy and funding allocation is in place between Cork City Council, Airtricity and ESB Networks to ensure a quick response is activated to address public health and safety issues like this, when they occur?*

## **REPLY**

A series of Weather Warnings for High Winds and Gales were issued by Met Éireann over the Christmas period for Cork. These severe weather conditions led to some areas of the City's electrical circuits tripping out and consequently areas being without street lighting.

A considerable portion of the street lighting in the suburbs comprises the mounting of brackets and lanterns on ESB Networks poles and this configuration of lighting is susceptible to outages due to the clashing of electrical supply phases or swinging of electric cables in high wind conditions. As soon as the outages were reported, the Public Lighting Maintenance Contractor called in staff from annual leave and crews attended to the clearance of faults and sought to address the outages.

Resources are being made available to undertake the replacement of degraded public lighting brackets and lanterns with the separation of supplies or unbundling of the asset as directed by the Commission for Energy Regulation, CER. New installations are not as susceptible to inclement weather but resources will only allow the phased implementation of renewal schemes. Occasionally, weather will impact adversely on such schemes and a request has been submitted to ESB Networks to ask that remediation of particularly vulnerable switch wires or network cables be addressed.

Cork City Council will continue to work with the Public Lighting Maintenance Contractor, to ensure that any street lighting outages are restored to affected areas, as soon as is practicable.

### 3.9 **LEASE ON THE NORTH CENTRAL WARD LIBRARY**

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

*Can the City Manager please inform Council as to (a) when the 5 year review of the lease on the North Central Ward Library falls due (b) the plans of the City Manager re library provision in the Ward going forward?*

**REPLY**

- a) Blackpool Library opened in the spring of 2010; the 5-year review will fall due in March 2015.
- b) The Council will review requirements and options in respect of the library service in the North Central Ward in the second half of the current year, in advance of the 5-year review of the lease.

3.10 **IRISH WATER**

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

*Can the Manager outline the agreed operating arrangements between Cork City Council and Irish Water going forward and the financial implications for both parties as a result?*

**REPLY**

The recent adoption of the Water Services (No. 2) Bill 2013 permitted Irish Water to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with each local authority so that each of the local authorities would provide certain services to Irish Water with respect to Water Services Functions and also to provide for a defined relationship between Irish Water and each local authority in the delivery of those services. The effective date of the SLAs was 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

The services to be provided by Cork City Council are as follows:

- Water treatment (including source protection);
- Water network and related operations (including water conservation);
- Delivery of water to customer connections and collection of wastewater from customer sewers;
- Wastewater network operations including combined sewers which discharge into the collection network;
- Wastewater treatment and related operations (including sludge management);
- Sampling and testing;
- Regular reporting on activities;
- Support for the water services capital programme and
- Management, engineering and administration support in relation to the above.

The provision of a service level agreement between Cork City Council and Irish Water will see the continued involvement of this local authority in service delivery at the local level for the next 12 years. This will see the local expertise in assets management and operations combined with the considerable network and utility management experience



being made available to Irish Water. A SLA for the Cork City area has been agreed and signed-off at the end of 2013.

Irish Water is providing funding to local authorities to deliver water services through the SLAs and in the case of this authority through the *Cork City Council/Irish Water - Annual Service Plan 2014*. The operational costs (exclusive of capital investment) of providing water services both domestic and commercial next year is contained in the agreed Annual Service Plan - it is estimated at just under €20.8 million for this year. The agreed sum will cover all operational and maintenance costs for the year, including staff wages and salary costs. For each of the 12 years of the Service Level Agreement, an Annual Service Plan will be negotiated and agreed between this authority and Irish Water.

A separate capital investment programme is now being negotiated between Cork City Council and Irish Water and it is expected that the details of the Capital Investment Programme will be available before the end of this month.

3.11 **BOUNDARY WALL OF PARK COURT, BALLYVOLANE AND ELLIS' YARD**

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

*Why was the boundary wall between the residents of Park Court, Ballyvolane and Cork City Council tenants at Ellis's Yard (erected by CCC 10 years ago) removed?*

*When was the wall removed and*

*When will the wall be re-instated?*

**REPLY**

This boundary fence was criminally damaged and the matter has been reported to An Garda Síochana.

Responsibility for reinstatement/repair needs to be established and I will arrange for a staff member from the Housing & Community Directorate to brief you on same once the matter is clear.

3.12 **LIVING CITY INITIATIVE**

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

*To ask the City Manager if he has applied for the recent Central Government "Living City" initiative and what areas is he targeting for renewal?*

**REPLY**

This scheme was announced in late 2013 and it proposes to give financial incentives to building owners for refurbishment of buildings constructed before 1915 in selected parts of the main cities. The detailed criteria are expected to be issued to City Managers

in the next few weeks by the Department of Finance and the selection of the appropriate areas will then proceed.

3.13 **FLYOVER AT SARSFIELD ROAD AND BANDON ROAD**

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

Can the Manager explain why work on the two Flyovers - @ Sarsfield Road and Bandon Road has ceased for several weeks now, which leaves the site in a dangerous condition from a motorists point of view and looking derelict?

Can he give Council an update on the contractor's present position regarding finance etc and when does he envisage the work will commence again and the project will be completed?

**REPLY**

The remaining work on the Bandon Road to Sarsfield Road scheme includes completion of footways and drainage, landscaping, traffic signals and remedial works to road pavements. Some of this work is progressing on site. It should be noted, as reported in the media, that the Contractor has entered Examinership and the outcome of this process is awaited at the end of the month

4. **REVISION OF POLLING SCHEME FOR CORK CITY 2014**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the report of Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 on the Revision of Polling Scheme for Cork City, and adopted the following resolution:

“Cork City Council hereby RESOLVES THAT the Draft Polling Scheme for Cork City, notice of which was published on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, be adopted”.

5. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013.**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

5.1 **LIFETIME LAB ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the Life Time Lab 2012 Annual Report.

6. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

## 6.1 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of Director of Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013 on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

### 6.1.1 **RESIDENT'S PARKING PERMIT POLICY**

‘That the Council considers a change in the resident's parking permit policy, reviewing the need for a car to be registered at the address in question, to allow for young people who may have vehicles registered at parents' addresses as a cost saving measure, a continuous, unbroken residency proof introduced to counteract any potential abuse of the scheme by temporary residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/264)

The Report stated that, the evidence required in support of an application for a Resident's Permit has been reviewed and streamlined in recent years. The current requirements are as follows:

- Completed application form and fee;
- Photocopy of Vehicle Licensing Certificate/Log Book;
- Photocopy of a recent domestic utility bill or financial statement;
- Photocopy of the current insurance certificate for the vehicle;
- Photocopy of drivers licence;
- For rented accommodation, a copy of the rental agreement/rent book/PRTB letter.

Proof of residency alone is not sufficient to qualify for receipt of a permit. The vehicle must be registered to, and insured at, the address for which the permit is being sought, as there must be a mechanism to verify that the applicant is the person by whom the vehicle is habitually kept and used.

These requirements are necessary to ensure that only those who are validly entitled to permits receive them, and therefore to ensure that the parking spaces in a given zone are available to those living in the area. Given the annual fee is only €10, there is a danger that further relaxing the eligibility criteria will lead to abuse of the resident's permit system to the detriment of genuine residents.

### 6.1.2 **PAY PARKING POLICIES**

‘That Cork City Council review its existing pay parking policies which discriminate against long term parking in favour of short term parking. With the recession there has been a continuous decline in pay parking. We need to review the overall strategy in the context of changing circumstances.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 13/374)

The Report stated that, parking space, especially in the Central Business District, is a finite resource. Cork City Council's parking policy supports short term parking to

ensure use of this limited resource is balanced to meet the differing requirements of residents, businesses, commuters and visitors to the city. A key objective is to ensure increased turnover of spaces to maximise footfall through the city centre. Extending the time limits to facilitate longer term parking for commuters would flood the Disc Parking Zone with parked cars from early morning, with resultant impact on turnover, and availability of spaces for short term parkers.

It should also be noted that policies on parking provision and demand management impact on areas such as the viability of public transport services, traffic congestion, mobility, road safety, travel behaviour and economic development. It is generally accepted that restrictions on availability of parking in the central business district can reduce the volume of commuter car journeys.

In a broader context, it is Cork City Council's policy to promote sustainable modes of transport including public transport, walking, cycling and car pooling. The more sustainable and cost effective option for longer term parking is to use the Black Ash Park and Ride facility, as the fee of €5 covers all day parking and bus fare for the driver and passengers.

### 6.1.3 **SUB-LETTING OF NORTH MAIN STREET, CAR PARK**

‘That Cork City Council look at actively sub-letting sections of the North Main Street Car Park to major employers in the town. The occupation ratio is just above 50%. This is an asset and we should be looking at different means of maximising the income from it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 13/378)

The Report stated that, the pricing schedules, in the Cork City Council operated car parks, is structured to support short term parking (i.e. visitors, shoppers etc). This accords with the Cork City Council Development Plan 2009 – 2015 objective to manage capacity ‘in the interests of promoting short term parking and restricting long stay commuter parking.’

In further support of this policy the Council has developed the Black Ash Park n Ride facility which provides a good value option for longer term parking for employees and commuters. Further Park n Ride facilities are proposed. In addition to the foregoing the Council has supported investment in public transport provision and has itself invested significantly in the delivery of related infrastructure improvements.

In relation to the North Main Street car park specifically, it is noted that usage generally does not exceed 60% in an average week. However there are considerable fluctuations in parking demand trends across different times of the day, week, and year and the average occupancy does not fully represents the entire range of parking behaviour (i.e. peak demand occurs in November and December).

The future use of the car park at North Main Street can be further examined and key issues to be considered in this regard include the availability of parking in the City and the potential impact of any changes on a range of matters including income streams, economic activity, City access/mobility/congestion, public transport use/related investment, capacity to attract investment in upgrading strategic and City centre routes

and Park n Ride use/ sustainability. There is also a need to examine the requirement for investment in improving the facility. In relation to the latter it is hoped that the 2014 budgets will provide funding to undertake a review of the condition of the car park from which an upgrade scheme/programme can be developed.

## **7. ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014.**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

### **7.1 ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended December, 2013.

### **7.2 REVIEW OF SMILES PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 on the Review of The Smiles Project

The Report stated that dependence on the private car has increased hugely in recent years, especially in relation to the school run. This dependence on the car has resulted in traffic congestion at the school gate, higher emissions to the environment, inactive and overweight children and adults, and less social interaction. Cork City Council sought to influence a reversal of these trends and to promote alternative modes of transport which are healthier and more environmentally friendly.

In January 2010 Cork City Council was appointed lead partner in an EU co-funded project, SMILES (Sustainable Mobility Involving Learning and Experiences). The other partners in the project were Cheshire West and Chester, London Borough of Merton, Karlstad Kommun (Sweden) and Ayuntamiento de Aranjuez (Spain). The aim of the project was to promote walking and cycling to selected schools in the city and to bring about a reduction of 10% in the number of cars making the school trip to those schools.

The selected schools have a broad variety of size and geographic and socio-economic backgrounds:

- Sundays Well Boys, Blarney Road
- St Brendan's and St Mark's, The Glen
- Scoil Barra Naofa, Beaumont (Boys and Girls)
- Nagle Community College, Mahon,
- North Monastery Secondary, North Monastery Road
- Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh, Bishopstown

Through collaboration with the schools and informed by best practise, a programme of measures was agreed and implemented over the three-year life of the project. These measures included:

- Awareness raising of the benefits of walking and cycling
- Promotion of walking – particularly primary schoolchildren
- Promotion of safe cycling, particularly secondary school students
- Development of Walking Buses
- Promotion of Park & Stride
- Installation of minor footpath improvements and access measures
- Speed control zones
- Cycle training and bike maintenance for both primary and secondary
- Installation of bicycle racks and gear storage at schools

Initial travel surveys were undertaken in all SMILES schools in October/November 2010 and final surveys carried out in November 2012 near the conclusion of the project. The initial surveys showed quite a variation in how students travelled to school, with some schools demonstrating small numbers walking, cycling or using park and stride while other schools showed higher numbers engaging in sustainable travel.

For the duration of the project, a regular awareness and education programme was undertaken in all the schools with classes on environmental awareness, global warming, health benefits of active travel etc. Where possible these sessions were linked to the school curriculum including activities in geography, science, mathematics and CSPE. In addition to this, practical classes were held in road safety and safe cycle training and bike maintenance. Safe cycling programmes were implemented in both primary and secondary schools, with primary schools completing the equivalent of Bikeability Level 1. Level 2/3 was developed and introduced to secondary schools for the first time as a pilot under the SMILES Project. Students and parents have indicated that they found the programme very helpful and it is hoped that this will be translated into a modal shift to cycling on the school trip – although there are a number of challenges to this, including the very full curriculum and the necessity for heavy school bags.

On foot of consultation with students, teachers and parents, it was clear that road safety issues and excessive speed were huge concerns and a deterrent to walking and cycling to school. An initiative of Smiles was the introduction of “School Walking and Cycling Zones” and Bye-Laws were made to reduce the speed limit to 30 kph within these zones. The proposal was supported by An Garda Siochana, the HSE and the schools themselves. Each school within the Project has developed a School Travel Plan specifically for the individual school, promoting and encouraging sustainable travel to school.

Speed surveys undertaken have shown a significant reduction in speed at only one school i.e. Sundays Well School, Blarney Road, an area where speed ramps have also recently been installed. Road design measures such as these will need to be considered in order to bring about a significant reduction in speed at the other locations. As well as that, ongoing enforcement of the Bye Laws by the Gardaí is an essential element of speed reduction.

In addition, a number of infrastructural improvements were also completed including the following:

- Upgrading of pathways through Beaumont Park
- Access upgrade at St Mark’s,
- Lining at St Brendan’s
- Footpath renewal at Sunday’s Well entrance
- Provision of bike parking and gear storage at the schools.

The objective of the Smiles Project was to achieve a modal shift to sustainable travel of 10%. The outcome of the Smiles Project in Cork has been a very positive overall reduction of 15% in car use for the school trip. The experience with the Cork SMILES schools was that there is a much greater success rate in switching to more sustainable travel at primary school level than with secondary school for a number of reasons including the following:

- A) The travel surveys confirm established evidence to date that lifestyle patterns or behaviours (including behaviours in respect of mobility) are set down in the first thirteen years of life. Students in primary schools are quite willing to change but students in secondary schools are less likely to change their habits.
- B) The school curriculum is flexible enough at primary level to incorporate sessions on environmental awareness, global warming and health benefits
- C) The curriculum at secondary level is very much exam orientated leaving little room for the above and the culture and structure of secondary schools does not lend itself as easily to the fostering of behavioural change.
- D) Heavier school bags and greater distances travelled at second level also proved to be inhibiting factors

However, the successes at primary school are noteworthy. In addition to a primary school modal shift of 21% and 15% modal shift overall, the project raised levels of awareness of environmental issues and also fostered social interaction. At the outset of the project, a hands-up survey was carried out in each classroom to assess students' awareness levels of environmental issues as they relate to transport. Before the end of the project, even quite young children were very familiar with and understood terms such as traffic congestion, greenhouse gasses, global warming and climate change. This improved comprehension applies to all the students. Students have a better understanding and improved ability to link these terms with curriculum subjects e.g. geography, maths and science. Children now have a better concept of Road Safety including a good knowledge of the Safe Cross Code.

As well as that, both parents and teachers reported that students were more alert and aware of their surroundings on the days they walked to school.

The positive experience with primary schools in Cork has prompted an application to the National Transport Authority for funding to extend the programme to other schools across the city. This application has now been approved so the experience and benefits gained with the Smiles Project can now be extended to other schools in Cork.

### 7.3 **NAMING OF A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED ROAD – Between the Tadhg Barry Road and Apple junction to the Kilmore Heights and Apple junction**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 on the Naming of a recently constructed Road, between the Tadhg Barry Road and Apple Junction to the Kilmore Heights and Apple junction.

The Report stated that, I refer to the following decision by An Chomhairle on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 following a recommendation by the Party Whips:

*“An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the recommendation that the recently completed road in the vicinity of Apple Computers, Hollyhill be called after the late Cllr. Dave McCarthy.”*

A review of the history of the locality surrounding the road at the roundabout to Harbour View Road has since been carried out and it has been confirmed that there is no archaeological or historical objection to the proposed naming of the road after the late Councillor Dave McCarthy.

In furtherance of the proposal the late Councillor’s family has been consulted regarding the proposal and it has been confirmed that the name David McCarthy would be the appropriate version for the proposal.

Accordingly, it is proposed to officially name the road between the Tadhg Barry Road and Apple junction to the Kilmore Heights and Apple junction as shown on the map attached as the David McCarthy Road.

I recommend that this report be referred by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee to Council for approval and I also recommend the following resolution to Council for adoption;

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 139 of the Cork Improvement Act 1868 (which applies in circumstances such as this i.e. where Council wants to name any street which is without a name), it is hereby resolved that the road between the Tadhg Barry Road and Apple junction to the Kilmore Heights and Apple junction be hereby named as the ‘David McCarthy’ Road.

An Chomhairle approved the proposal of Comhairleoir Joe O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan to recommend the adoption of the following resolution to Council.

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 139 of the Cork Improvement Act 1868 (which applies in circumstances such as this i.e. where Council wants to name any street which is without a name), it is hereby resolved that the road between the Tadhg Barry Road and Apple junction to the Kilmore Heights and Apple junction be hereby named as the ‘David McCarthy’ Road.

It was also agreed, on the proposal of Comhairleoir Joe O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan to recommend the adoption of the following resolution to Council.

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 139 of the Cork Improvement Act 1868 (which applies in circumstances such as this i.e. where Council wants to name any street which is without a name), it is hereby resolved that the road between the Tadhg Barry Road and Apple junction to the Kilmore Heights and Apple junction be hereby named as the ‘David McCarthy’ Road.



#### 7.4 **MOTIONS REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE.**

##### 7.4.1 **PARKING AREA AT SUMMERSTOWN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would examine the disc parking area of Summerstown Road Glasheen with a view to extending the disc parking on this road completely to the junction with Southbury Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 13/361)

The Report stated that, Summerstown Road is located within the existing pay parking control area, in zone AA. If the residents of this area are experiencing problems due to unregulated parking, a written request to extend the pay parking controls should be submitted to the Transportation Division. Each resident who requires on-street parking will be required to apply for a Resident’s Permit, to enable their vehicles to be parked without limitation as to time in the disc parking area. The cost of a permit is €10 per annum.

The process is as follows:

- Written request from residents requesting introduction of controls;
- Liaison with local residents;
- Consultation with the Gardaí;
- Issuing of residents permits;
- Installation of parking poles and signs (to be completed within the constraints of resources and demands of other traffic related work);
- Enforcement of parking controls.

##### 7.4.2 **FOOTPATH OF HILLSIDE ROAD, GLASHEEN**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpath of Hillside Road, Glasheen be repaired.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Kieran McCarthy 13/376)

The Report stated that, repairs were recently carried out to the footpaths in this area.

##### 7.4.3 **ROADWAY ON VICTORIA AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That arising from the limited width of the roadway on Victoria Avenue and increasing numbers of residents parked cars being damaged by passing traffic, Cork City Council will examine the feasibility of introducing a one-way traffic flow system on that road with traffic flowing from South (Boreenmanna Road) to North (Blackrock Road).’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Corr 13/379)

The Report stated that, Victoria Avenue is a minor, narrow, 2-way road linking Old Blackrock Road with Boreenmanna Road. On street parking is provided on the eastern side only. Currently normal rules of the road apply where traffic from one approach has to give way to traffic coming from the opposite direction.

Converting the roadway to one-way routing will have the following effects:

- It will attract additional traffic in the direction of flow, as motorists will become aware of its attractiveness in that direction;
- Traffic in the “opposite direction” would have to use a different road. In this case there is no obvious road nearby that could be used to accommodate traffic travelling in a north to south direction from Old Blackrock Road;
- Traffic speeds will increase in the one-way direction of flow;
- Deliveries and access to local residents will be made more difficult as some trips will require longer distances;
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds.

The current situation could be seen as a form of traffic calming where traffic is deterred from using the roadway as a rat run or through route. The introduction of one-way routing could worsen the situation. Accordingly, it is the Transportation Division’s recommendation that the current traffic regime remain and it is proposed that no changes be made to the traffic arrangements on Victoria Avenue.

#### 7.4.4 **ASSESSMENT OF THE TRAFFIC FLOW AT COMMONS ROAD FROM FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will carry out a comprehensive assessment of the traffic flows coming off and onto the Commons Road from Farranree where traffic is literally stopped and backed up continuously due to the bad traffic systems and will also consider the option of creating a slip road off Fairfield Avenue to Commons Road behind the Petrol Station alongside Dinos Restaurant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’ Callaghan 13/382)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council will review the traffic signals at the junctions and will make any possible adjustments. The option of creating a slip road will be considered, in the event of funding being made available.

7.4.5 **REVIEW OF LEAFLETS ISSUED REGARDING PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would review the wording on its leaflet that’s dropped into residents houses on a road where there are proposed traffic calming measures to take place into the future.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 13/387)

The Report stated that, the City Council will review the wording on such flyers so that residents may further clearly understand what is being requested of them. It should be noted that the flyer drop is an informal way of consulting residents so that their views on a proposal are known at an early stage. The flyer drop takes place well in advance of the detailed traffic calming design and formal Section 38 Public Consultation process.

7.4.6 **ASSESSMENT OF SUBSIDENCE IN HOUSES IN HILLSIDE DRIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake an assessment of subsidence in houses in Hillside Drive following works undertaken on the main road in the estate to determine if there is any association or causality between them.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 13/385)

The Report stated that, a sink hole appeared in the roadway at Hillside Drive on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011 and a section of road had to be cordoned off by the Roads Dept. Subsidence was also noted at this time on the roadway and footpaths and cracks appeared in the garden walls and driveways of adjacent houses. Tell-tale monitors were attached to the cracks in the garden walls to monitor any further movement. Reinstatement of the road and footpaths were carried out in January 2012. The road reinstatement work was not the cause of the subsidence. This work was undertaken after the subsidence occurred.

7.4.7 **FREE PARKING - BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Given the fact that the Blackpool Area has suffered severely from ongoing flooding, together with the loss of the Post Office service in the area, I would request that Cork City Council would consider offering 1 hour free parking on a daily basis to help traders who are struggling to survive in business. This could be offered even in the short term coming up to the Christmas period.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 13/304)

The Report stated that, as on-street parking space is finite and at a premium, these spaces are intended to be used for the convenience of those who wish to spend a relatively short period of time (one or two hours) in an area. It is important that a constant turnover of spaces occurs, and on-street charges and time limits are a means to achieve this.

Free parking on-street would create difficulties in enforcement for customers who overstay the free period. It is likely that this would lead to abuse of the spaces by vehicles parking for long periods, thereby reducing turnover and availability of spaces, and consequently reducing the footfall in the area, creating the opposite of the intended effect.

#### 7.4.8 **BYE LAW TO BAN SULKY RACING IN PUBLIC PLACES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘As a result of the recent incidents regarding sulky racing on public roads, I am requesting that a bye law be put in place to ban sulky racing in public places.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 13/307)

The Report stated that, this is a matter requiring National legislation and therefore needs to be forwarded to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for their attention.

#### 7.4.9 **ROAD RESURFACING AT KILLINEY HEIGHTS, KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council add Killiney Heights, Knocknaheeny to the road resurfacing programme urgently

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 13/369)

The Report stated that, Killiney Heights will be considered for inclusion in the 2014 Roadworks Programme.

#### 7.4.10 **ACTION IN RELATION TO CARS PARKED ON THE FOOTPATH IN SUMMERHILL SOUTH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take action in relation to the cars constantly parked on the footpath in Summerhill South’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 13/389)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council's enforcement regime is focused on public safety as our top priority – this includes illegally parked vehicles which may cause a danger to the general public and other road users, including parking on footpaths, parking on or near pedestrian crossings, at junctions etc. The parking policy in relation to such offences is strictly enforced, and vehicles may be relocated to a safe parking area in addition to receiving a Fixed Charge Penalty Notice.

The Transportation Division will report this request for enforcement to the Parking Enforcement Manager to deploy the Traffic Warden Service to address the issue.

7.4.11 **RESURFACE THE ROAD AT MURPHY'S GARDEN, OFF PATRICK'S ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council resurfaces the road in Murphy's Garden, Off St. Patrick's Road, Cork.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 13/390)

The Report stated that, Murphy's Gardens will be considered for inclusion in the 2014 Roadworks Programme.

7.4.12 **RE-INSTATE ROAD MARKINGS AT SUMMERHILL TO ST. LUKE'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City council will undertake to re-instate the Road Markings on Summerhill to St. Luke's Cross and reinstate the yellow box at St Luke's Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 13/399)

The Report stated that, The re-painting of road markings on Summerhill to St. Luke's Cross will be added to the road painting programme and will be carried out subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

7.4.13 **FIX FAULTY LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF SKEHARD ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To fix the faulty lights at the junction of Skehard road and Church Road Blackrock. When pressing the button for walking across the road and when the green man indicates it is safe to cross on the chemist side of the junction, there is still a green light showing on the Skehard side of the junction allowing cars to carry on, which has caused a couple of near misses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 13/407)

The Report stated that, the traffic lights at the junction of Skehard Road and Church Road Blackrock will be investigated for any conflict between phases of the lights that are currently running in parallel.

#### 7.4.14 **'LOLLIPOP' WARDEN FOR EGLANTINE NATIONAL SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'To seek a second 'lollipop' warden for Eglantine National School on Eglantine Park due to the large numbers of children crossing over the road at that location.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 13/408)

The Report stated that, due to the present embargo on the recruitment of staff into the public service, it is not possible to employ any additional School Wardens at the present time.

#### 7.4.15 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR THOMAS DAVIS BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That City Council would follow through on the undertaking given that a Pedestrian Crossing would be put in place near Thomas Davis Bridge to facilitate the connection of the Mardyke/Lee Fields Walk.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 13/413)

The Report stated that, the project involving the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the southern end of Thomas Davis Bridge as well as the installation of traffic signals at the junction of Thomas Davis Bridge/Sundays Well Road is currently at detailed design stage.

Scheme will be progressed to completion subject to NTA funding.

#### 7.4.16 **CHRISTCHURCH LANE TO BE USED AS CORK'S COMMEMORATION CORRIDOR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 2nd January, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Christchurch Lane be used as Cork's Commemoration Corridor, where the exploits and memories of the city's famous sons and daughters can be marked by wall or floor plaques or some other mechanisms.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/373)

The Report stated that, this motion has been referred to the Strategic Planning & Economic Development Functional Committee.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting to 8.30pm

## 8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014.**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

### 8.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the City Manager dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 in relation to the following property disposals:

#### **Property Disposals**

- a. Disposal of interest in No. 8, Convent Place, St. Mary's Road, Cork to James and Eileen Walsh, c/o Ernest J. Cantillon Solicitors, No. 39, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €1,500.00 (inclusive of VAT) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of freehold interest in plot to the rear of No. 11, Bandon Road, Cork to John Joseph Long and Patrick Long, c/o O'Flynn Exhams Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €100.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,000.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the disposal was approved.
- c. Disposal by way of lease of Stall No. 6, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade, Cork to Schull Food Producers Limited trading as "Fresh from West Cork" Anam Cara, Cooradarrigan, Schull, Co. Cork, c/o Wolfe & Co., Solicitors, Market Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, for a term of 4 years 9 months, subject to an annual rent of €2,700.00 and payment of a premium of €1,000.00. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the disposal was approved.
- d. Disposal by way of lease of Café premises at Fitzgerald's Park, Cork to Ailis Ní Bhroin, Orla O'Byrne, and Roderick Henderson, trading as 'The Natural Foods Bakery', Pier Head, Blackrock, Cork, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey, Solicitors, No. 54, North Main Street, Cork for a term of 4 years 9 months subject to an annual rent of €10,400.00. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the disposal was approved.
- e. Disposal of land to the rear of No. 21 and No. 22, Bandon Road, Cork to Timothy O'Mahony and Finbarr Coakley, c/o Mullins Lynch Byrne, Solicitors, Melbourne House, Model Farm Road, Cork for the sum of €1,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the disposal was approved.
- f. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as "Naomh Stiofán", Site A5, Iona Road, Mayfield, Cork to the said Cork Diocesan Trustees, c/o Diarmaid Ó Catháin, Solicitor, No. 30, South Terrace, Cork for the sum of €2,500.00 (plus VAT if

applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the disposal was approved.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting to 9.00pm.

#### **8.2 MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager on Housing for the month of December, 2013.

#### **8.3 ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager on Housing for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013.

#### **8.4 FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – DEVELOPMENT AT SOUTH TERRACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 on the proposed development of 2 units of accommodation at Apartments 12 & 15 South Channel Court, 26/28 South Terrace, Cork by Focus Housing Association Limited.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had approved a funding application from Focus Housing Association Limited under the Capital Assistance Scheme for a loan not exceeding €211,699 in respect of the provision of 2 units of accommodation at Apartments 12 & 15 South Channel Court, 26/28 South Terrace, Cork.

The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover costs in providing social housing accommodation. The granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Assistant City Manager recommended that the required loan facility be granted and that the following resolution be referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €211,699 be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

#### **8.5 FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – DEVELOPMENT AT WASHINGTON STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 on the proposed development at 27 Washington Street West (Incorporating 27A) & 5 & 6 James Street, Cork by Focus Housing Association Limited.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had approved a funding application



from Focus Housing Association Limited under the Capital Assistance Scheme for a loan not exceeding €639,839 in respect of the provision of 6 units of accommodation at 27 Washington Street West (Incorporating 27A) & 5 and 6 James St., Cork.

The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover costs in providing social housing accommodation. The granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Assistant City Manager recommended that the required loan facility be granted and that the following resolution be referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €639,839 be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

1. Letter from John Tierney, Managing Director, Irish Water dated the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
2. Letter from Robert O’Driscoll, Private Secretary, Office of the Tánaiste dated the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
3. Letter from Valerie O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 informing An Chomhairle of the temporary closure for the renovations of Cork Public Museum from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
4. Letter from Tadhg Keating, Meetings Administrator dated the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 informing An Chomhairle of a Special Meeting of whole Council in Committee is to be held to consider the Draft Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 prior to sending it for public consultation on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Cork.
5. Letter from Tadhg Keating, Meetings Administrator dated the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 informing An Chomhairle of a briefing to be held on the New I.T. System for managing Members representation to take place on Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Cork.
6. Letter from Jim O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation attaching briefing note for elected representatives issued by Irish Water dated the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

10. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

- Cllr Patricia Gosch – Debt Solutions -The New Personal Insolvency Legislation– Rosscarbery, Co. Cork – 22/24 November 2013
- Cllr Patricia Gosch – Local Authority Employment – Law Practice & Procedure – Clonmel, Co. Tipperary - 06/08 December 2013.
- Cllr Michael O’Connell – Local Authority Employment – Law Practice & Procedure – Clonmel, Co. Tipperary - 06/08 December 2013.

- Cllr Michael O’Connell – Tourism Technology and Competitive Strategies for 2014 - Rosscarbery, Co. Cork – 13/14 December 2013.
- Cllr Joe O’Callaghan – Contemporary Overview of Immigration into Ireland – Bunratty, Co. Clare – 06/07 December 2013.
- Cllr Laura McGonigle – Local Authority Employment – Law Practice & Procedure – Clonmel, Co. Tipperary - 06/08 December 2013.
- Cllr Brian Bermingham – Local Authority Employment – Law Practice & Procedure – Clonmel, Co. Tipperary - 06/08 December 2013.
- Cllr Ger Gibbons – Local Authority Employment – Law Practice & Procedure – Clonmel, Co. Tipperary - 06/08 December 2013.
- Cllr Ger Gibbons – Putting People First; Update on Local Government Reform to Date – Bunratty, Co. Cork.

### **SEMINARS & CONFERENCES**

A vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of Councillors at Seminars & Conferences at items 11 & 12 here listed, where there appeared as follows:-

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

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. (17)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, M. Nugent, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (8)

As the numbers voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the attendance of Comhairleoirí at the various seminars & conferences approved, as listed under relevant items hereunder:-

#### 11. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at the following Conferences/ Seminars:-

### **LOCAL AUTHORITY RATES & DIMINISHING RETURNS**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the “Local Authority Rates & Diminishing Returns” training seminar, held in the Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway, on the 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

## **MICROSOFT EXCEL TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR COUNCILLORS**

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the “Microsoft Excel Training Workshop for Councillors” conference, held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork, on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013.

## **CANVASSING TIPS 2014**

Comhairleoir J. O’Callaghan at the “Canvassing Tips 2014” conference, held in Bewleys Hotel, Newlands Cross, Naas Road, Dublin 22, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **2014 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, S. Martin and D. O’Flynn, at the “2014 European Elections” Information Seminar for Councillors, held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## 12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at any conferences/seminars which were tabled on the night.

## **DEVELOPING & SUPPORTING ENTERPRISE LOCALLY**

Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at the “Developing & Supporting Enterprise Locally” Seminar held in Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **BRANDING IN POLITICAL ELECTIONS – A NEW QUALITY OF POLITICAL COMMUNICATION**

Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, E. O’Halloran and L. McGonigle at the “Branding in political Elections – a new quality of political Communication” Seminar held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **EMPLOYMENT LAW MEDIATION V LITIGATION**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the “Employment Law Mediation v Litigation” Seminar held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **FINANCING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – THE CRITICAL ISSUES**

Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham and P. Gosch at the “Financing of Local Government – the critical issues” in the Manor West Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2013**

Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham at the “Local Government Bill 2013” conference in the Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

## **CREDIT UNION AND THE RULES GOVERNING THEM**

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the “Credit Union and the Rules Governing them” conference in the Swift Room, Bewleys Hotel, Newlands Cross, Naas Road, Dublin 22 on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES – PERPETRATION AND PRACTICALITIES**

Comhairleoirí S. Martin, E. O’ Halloran and L. McGonigle at the “Domestic Water Charges – Perpetration and Practicalities” seminar at The Four Seasons Hotel, Carrlingford, Co. Louth on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE AWARENESS “SUPPORTS AND & DEVELOPMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE”**

Comhairleoirí S. Martin and J. Buttimer at the “Mental Health and Suicide Awareness” Conference “Supports and & Development in Mental Health Care” at The Park Hotel, Dungarven, Co. Waterford on the 31<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ARTISAN FOODS**

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the “Employment Opportunities in Artisan Foods” conference at the Celtic Ross Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

## **INSOLVENCY SERVICE OF IRELAND**

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the “Insolvency Service of Ireland” Seminar at the City North Hotel, Gormanstown, Co. Meath on the 28<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014

## **TOURISM TECHNOLOGY & COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES FOR 2014**

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the “Tourism Technology & Competitive Strategies for 2014” at the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork on the 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

## **THE BUILDING CONTROL AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2013**

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the “The Building Control Amendment Regulations 2013” seminar at the Four Season Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE ELECTED MEMBER**

Comhairleoirí G. Gibbons and J. Buttimer at the “Volunteering in the Community and the Elected Member” seminar at the Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

## **LOCAL AUTHORITIES & WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Comhairleoir G. Gibbons at the “Local Authorities & Waste Management” conference at the Westport Plaza Hotel, Castlebar Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

**AMAI SPRING SEMINAR 2014 “THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LANDSCAPE”**

Comhairleoir L. Kingston at the “AMAI Spring Seminar 2014 “The Local Government Landscape” at The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting to 9.10pm.

13. **MOTIONS**

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

13.1 **RE-PAINT THE YELLOW BOX JUNCTION AT SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council re-paint the yellow box junction on the South Douglas Road adjacent to Half Moon Lane and Christ the King Girls Secondary School.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 13/391)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.2 **KILMORE ROAD/KILMORE HEIGHTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2014**

‘That Cork City Council include Kilmore Road and Kilmore Heights in the road resurfacing programme 2014 and paint the traffic calming measure in the centre of the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald. 13/396)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.3 **TREE PRUNING AT PEARSE ROAD, BETWEEN POULADUFF AND LOUGH ROAD**

‘That the trees on Pearse Road between Pouladuff and Lough Road be included in the 2014 tree pruning programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 13/397)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

13.4 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE PUT IN PLACE ADJACENT TO THE BUS STOP NEAR KEATINGS FURNITURE, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘As part of the forthcoming development of Ballyhooley Road, a pedestrian crossing be put in place adjacent to the bus stop near Keatings Furniture.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 13/401)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.5 **PAINTING GRANT SCHEME 2014**

‘That Cork City Council would include Watercourse Road, Thomas Davis Street, Dublin Street, Commons Road and any streets or lanes of them in the Painting Grant Scheme for 2014.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 13/415)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

13.6 **FUNDS FOR RESIDENTS OF BALLYVOLANE TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council make funds available for the residents of Ballyvolane to establish a community and youth centre’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 13/416)

**Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

13.7 **PAINTING OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF GREEN STREET**

‘Painting of double yellow lines on the western side of Green Street, perpendicular to its junction of Mount Sion Road, to remedy a huge traffic build-up problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/417)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

13.8 **PAINTING OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF BARRACK STREET**

‘Painting of double yellow lines on the Northern side of Barrack Street, perpendicular to Griffin's Court, to allow sufficient space for vehicles to exit the Court (as part of the improvement scheme)’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/418)

**Roads and Transportation Functional Committee**

13.9 **CLOSURE OF SPRINGLANE HALTING SITE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES**

‘That Cork City Council immediately close the Spring Lane halting site due to the overcrowding and the health and safety issues that are occurring on the halting site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 13/425)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.10 **FIRE SAFETY CHECKS ON PROPERTY**

‘That Cork City Council directs the Fire Officer to carry out fire safety checks on all pre 1960 premises converted to flats and apartments in the general area of St Lukes, Wellington Road, Summerhill North, and Lower Glanmire Road in the interests of public safety. The Manager in his report to Council might please confirm if a comprehensive check has ever in fact been carried out on all houses in the area which were converted to flats.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 13/427)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

13.11 **DEVELOP AND PROMOTE A HISTORIC QUARTER**

‘That Cork City Council, via T.E.A.M., would establish, develop and promote the City Quarter from Shandon, Old Blackpool Village, Coburg Street, McCurtain Street, Summerhill, St Lukes Cross, Montenotte, Dillons Cross, Collins Barracks and Patricks Hill as a "**Historic Quarter**" ( *To be Named* ) in Cork City. A marketing Strategy enhancing and highlighting the Tourist potential of this Historic Quarter of Cork City should be formulated with a view to breathing new life into this Quarter of our City which is steeped with a variety of historical events, landmarks, people and folklore. The incredible underlying potential that this "**Historic Quarter**" could yield to the promotion of the History of our City to the Tourism Industry, the Education sector and most importantly the retention and portrayal of our City's History into the future would be significant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 13/432)

**Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

13.12 **REGULAR STREET MARKET ON THE GRAND PARADE**

That Cork City Council will facilitate a regular street market on the Grand Parade.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 13/433)

**Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

13.13 **FUNDING FOR A NEW MUGA IN BALLINLOUGH DOUGLAS POOL PARK.**

‘That the Parks Department apply for funding from the Sports Council of the Department of Sport for a new MUGA in Ballinlough Douglas Pool park. A successful application was recently made for one in Douglas Park by Cork County Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/001)

**Environment & Recreational Functional Committee**

13.14 **CORK CITY COUNCIL WOULD BORROW MONEY TO INVEST IN BUILDING SOCIAL HOUSING ON LAND THE COUNCIL OWNS.'**

‘That Cork City Council would borrow money or secure investment to build Social Housing Units on land that Cork City Council already owns. This policy would reduce the number of individuals and families on the housing waiting list, it would also provide much needed work for unemployed trades people, it would help stimulate the local economy and the income received from rents would provided much needed funding for the Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/003)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

13.15 **NEW HISTORICAL & COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH MOTIONS OF A COMMEMORATIVE NATURE**

‘That Cork City Council will put in place a historical & commemorative committee that would, rather than the party whips, deal with motions & of a commemorative nature, as well as been tasked as the committee responsible for organising events marking significant anniversaries i.e the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, the committee should have representatives from each grouping on Council & could invite interested members of the public to participate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/004)

**Corporate Policy Group**

13.16 **REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY DUMPED RUBBISH AROUND VACANT LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES**

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that rubbish illegally dumped in & around vacant City Council local authority houses be removed as speedily as possible and any measures required be implemented to prevent further dumping & vandalism to vacant housing stock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/ 005)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

13.17 **OAK PARK HOUSING ESATE , BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Oak Park Housing Estate on Ballyhooley Road be added to the 2014 Estates Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/007)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



13.18 **PRE- SCHOOL AT BISHOPSTOWN HOUSE, MURPHY'S YARD TO ERECT FENCE AT THE REAR**

‘That City Council would do its best to speed up the process to enable the pre-school at Bishopstown House Murphy's Farm to erect the surrounding fencing at the rear of this building thus enabling them to construct a safe outdoor playground for the children.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/009)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

13.19 **PATHWAYS ACROSS THE GREEN AREAS AT LEESDALE AND MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would give immediate attention to the Pathways across the Greens Areas in Leesdale and Model Farm Road as two of them are in a dreadful state.

These are:-

1. The Pathway that runs along the perimeter wall with the Community School and Leesdale.
2. The Pathway that runs across the main green from Leesdale to Greenfields. [near the shop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/010)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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**All other items were deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

14 **MOTIONS**

To consider the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

14.1 **CAPITAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to allocate funding for Sports Capital Grant to various Local Authorities throughout the country and allow them to make decisions in their own Local Authority area.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 13/426)

14.2 **CHANGE IN CURRENT SYSTEM OF LEVYING COMMERCIAL RATES ON BUSINESS**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Environment Minister to bring forward legislation for a change in the current system of levying commercial rates on business to a system based on Turnover. The current system is frankly decimating smaller business and leading to huge vacancy levels in City centre commercial properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 13/428)

14.3 **COUNCIL OPPOSES THE NEW 833 EURO CHARGE ON APPRENTICES ATTENDING INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY**

‘Council opposes the new 833 euro charge on apprentices attending Institutes of Technology.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 13/431)

15. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013.**

15.1 **MANDATORY CARDIAC SCREENING FOR ALL TEENAGERS**

‘Cork City Council calls on the Government to make cardiac screening mandatory for all teenagers in Ireland.’

(Proposer: Cllr E. O’Halloran 13/395)

15.2 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

‘Cork City Council calls on the Government and Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government Phil Hogan TD for a property tax exemption for families on social welfare, low incomes and those who have high mortgages on their homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr C. O’Leary 13/402)

15.3 **“RORY RULES”**

‘That Cork City Council call on the Government and Minister for Health Mr. James Reilly to enact and adopt what’s now known as “Rory’s Rules” aggressive procedures for identifying sepsis in patients by the following recommendations:

***Hospitals should:***

1. Establish a process for screening patients in all hospital settings to facilitate early recognition of patients with possible sepsis;
2. Commence a countdown clock once possible sepsis has been documented; and
3. Establish clear time-based goals for providing treatment once sepsis has been identified: aiming for administration of antibiotics within one hour and full protocol implementation within at least 6 hours.

The evidence shows and experts agree that successful adoption of these procedures at all hospitals would save lives and, for those who survive, reduce the severity of their injuries.’

(Proposer: Cllr C. O’Leary 13/403)

15.4 **PURCHASE OF LANDBANK AT BISHOPSTOWN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would request NAMA to consider disposing all or part of the landbank held in Bishopstown (area of land between the Curraheen Road, Hawkes Road and the Bishopstown Road) for the development of a local community park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 13/410)

16. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

16.1 **LOWER AGE PROFILE FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection to lower the age profile from 25 to 21 for eligibility to community employment schemes to allow young people to develop their skills through training and education and at the same time supporting vital community and social services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 13/355)

16.2 **LIST OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN CORK CITY**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the HSE to establish and publish a list of defibrillators in Cork City’.

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 13/371)

16.3 **DISCLOSURE OF RESTING PLACE OF IRA VICTIMS TO THE GARDAI**

‘That Cork City Council on behalf of the people of Cork call on the leadership of Sinn Fein who may have any knowledge of the final resting place, of murdered victims of the Provisional IRA to disclose this information to the Gardaí/PSNI immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 13/372)

17. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

17.1 **PRIVATISATION OF THE BUS SERVICE OF BUS EIREANN**

‘That this Council rejects any proposals that could privatise the bus service of Bus Eireann or Dublin Bus.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan, Cllr. K. O’Flynn, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. T. Shannon, Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. M. Shields 13/320)

17.2 **REVERSE DECISION TO REMOVE ONE PARENT FAMILY TAX CREDIT**

‘That this council calls on the Government and Minister for Finance to reverse the decision to remove the One Parent Family Tax credit in Budget 2014 which if implemented will have disastrous and far reaching consequences for separated fathers and mothers who share parenting of their children.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 13/336)

17.3 **STATUTORY PENSION RIGHTS**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to explain

1. Why it signed off on such a radical change with such far reaching consequences.
2. How it intends to maintain members statutory pension rights in this regard.
3. Who it thinks is liable for ESB staff’s state pension provision based on government agreement with ESB regarding reduced rate PRSI.
4. Who is going to fund 0.5bn need for risk reserves from 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 13/343)

17.4 **PROPERTY TAX (HOME TAX)**

‘That this Council calls on the Government to reverse the decision to compel home owners to pay their property tax (Home Tax) due in 2014, by the middle of November 2013, which will cause great hardship to already struggling families, and will have a devastating negative impact on retail business prior to Christmas. We also call on the Government to live up to its promise to the Irish People when they imposed this tax on families that it would be spent locally on services starting in 2014, and not as recently stated by the Government that it will be 2015 at the earliest. Another broken promise by Fine Gael and Labour.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Shannon 13/352)

17.5 **FAIR SHOP CAMPAIGN**

‘That Cork City Council would support the Fair Shop Campaign which was recently launched by the Mandate Trade Union . The primary objective of Fair Shop is to support and promote quality employment in the retail sector by encouraging trade union members, their families and supporting organisations to make an informed choice to use Fair shop designated retail outlets.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 13/357)

17.6 **CONFERENCE FOR YOUNGER PEOPLE**

‘Following the success of the 'Cork Towards an Age-Friendly City' conference Cork City Council will hold a similar conference for younger people.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 13/365)

17.7 **BALLYMURPHY MASSACRE CAMPAIGN**

‘That Cork City Council endorses the 'Ballymurphy Massacre Campaign' & supports the victim's families call for a statement of innocence and apology from the British Government, Council will write to the Taoiseach asking him to raise the issues highlighted by the campaign with the British Prime Minister David Cameron MP.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 13/366)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**