

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí, T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
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	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. J.G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. C. O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. J. Hallahan, A/ Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Kavanagh Family on the death of Billy Kavanagh.
- The Horgan Family on the death of Marian Horgan.
- The Russian Holiday Makers killed on the 31st October 2015 by terrorist bomb
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Trevor O’Sullivan.
- The Corcoran Family on the death of Michal Corcoran.
- The Ahern Family on the death of Michael Ahern.
- The Kavanagh Family on the death of Billy Kavanagh.
- The Allen Family on the death of Abie Allen.
- The Noonan Family on the death of Frank Noonan.
- The Williamson Family on the death of Lily Williamson.

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

- The Naval Service on winning People of the Year Awards.
- Irish Women’s Cross Country team on winning the bronze medal in the European Championship.

- Mayfield GAA Club on winning the McCurtain Cup.
- Mayfield United runners up in the Keane Cup.

2.1 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of An tArd-Mhéara, Comhairleoir. C. O’Leary, it was unanimously agreed that An Chomhairle would suspend Standing Orders to allow consideration of the document “Preliminary Report on Flooding on the Mahon side of the Jack Lynch Tunnel, December 3rd 2015” by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, (TII).

2.2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O’Sullivan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the RTE Prime Time Programme ‘Lost in Recovery’ which would be addressed at the end of the meeting.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **JUDICIAL REVIEW**

An tArd-Mhéara informed An Chomhairle that the Judicial Review of the Cork Local Government Review Committee Report was continuing.

3.2 **LIFETIME LAB**

An tArd-Mhéara welcomed the announcement of a grant of €60,000 awarded by Fáilte Ireland to Cork Lifetime Lab.

3.3 **RETIREMENT OF MR. MICHAEL O’BRIEN, SENIOR ENGINEER**

An tArd-Mhéara congratulated Mr. Michael O’Brien, Senior Engineer on his upcoming retirement and wished him well in his retirement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS

4.1 **TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IRELAND LETTER IN RELATION TO TRAFFIC DISRUPTION IN CORK CITY ON 3rd DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Preliminary Report on Flooding on the Mahon side of the Jack Lynch Tunnel dated the 3rd December 2015 received by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

4.2 **REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TII AND ERTTO TO APPEAR BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF CITY AN CHOMHAIRLE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That representatives of the TII and ERTTO should be asked to appear before the next meeting of An Chomhairle.’

4.3 **REQUEST THAT THE ERTO CONTRACT WITH TII, TO MANAGE THE JACK LYNCH TUNNEL BE CANCELLED**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would request that the ERTO contract with TII, to manage the Jack Lynch Tunnel, would be cancelled because of its inability to manage the tunnel, and that Cork City Council would take back the management of the Jack Lynch Tunnel.’

On the proposal of An tArd-Mhéara , An Chomhairle agreed to issue a letter to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government outlining the concerns of An Chomhairle and request that the management of the tunnel should revert to An Chomhairle.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 23rd November 2015.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 23rd November 2015.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **29 PARK OWEN**

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

When will the house at 29 Park Owen be ready for occupation?

REPLY

No date has been set yet for the return of 29 Park Owen
Subject to the availability of funding it will be included in the 2016 void recovery project

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

6.2 **RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS IN ZONE C**

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

Considering the changing demographics of the inner city and the difficulties these changes bring for car owners in the inner city, can the C.E. inform council on the following:-

- (1) How many resident parking permits have being granted by CCC to residents living in zone C?

- (2) How many official parking areas are available for residents living in zone C and where are they located?
- (3) How many car parking spaces are available for residents to use in zone C (excluding loading bays)?
- (4) Is it possible for residents living in zone C to apply for a multi zone residential parking permit, thereby allowing residents a broader base to seek legal parking spaces?

REPLY

- (1) Zone C comprises the area bounded by St. Patrick's Street (excluding St. Patrick's Street itself) and North Channel of Lee, from St. Patrick's Bridge to Kyril's Quay, Cornmarket Street and Grand Parade, including Lavitts Quay, St Paul's Avenue and Academy Street. There are currently 13 Residents Permits issued for Zone C.
- (2) A Resident Parking Permit allows the holder to park their vehicle without limitation as to time in any parking bay on any of the streets within the zone to which the permit relates. It does not allow the vehicle to be parked illegally (e.g. on double yellow lines, on footpaths or in a dangerous or obstructive manner).
- (3) The on street parking space in this area is not divided into individually delineated spaces. There are currently 17 loading bays within the area, as it is located in the heart of the Central Business District. On-street parking constitutes a significant public asset, which must be managed in a manner that balances the use of this limited resource between the needs of residents, businesses, shoppers, visitors, tourists and the disabled. The Council is satisfied that there are adequate on-street spaces to accommodate the parking needs of residents based on the number of permits currently issued.
- (4) Cork City Council does not provide multi-zone Residential Permits.

**G. O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads and Transportation**

6.3 **RESPONSIBILITIES OF CORK CITY COUNCIL FOR LEISURE CENTRES AT CHURCHFIELD, BISHOPSTOWN AND DOUGLAS**

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

Can the CE tell me what responsibilities Cork City Council has in relation to the 3 leisure centres – Churchfield, Bishopstown & Douglas?

1. How much financial support is CCC giving to each leisure centre?
2. What management role has CCC in the running of the centres?
3. Who benefits from any profits made from the use of the centres?
4. Who makes up for any losses made in each of the centres?
5. Who is responsible for the maintenance & upkeep of the centres?

REPLY

- (1) Sport Ionad Reigiuneach Chorcaí Teo T/A Leisureworld operates both the Bishopstown and Churchfield Leisure Centres on behalf of Cork City Council without a revenue subsidy. Leisureworld manages the Douglas facility on a contract basis for the City Council. The nett cost to the Council of operating the Gus Healy Pool is €180k per annum approx. All capital projects in Bishopstown have been funded by Leisureworld. The City Council is represented by six Councillors on the Board of Leisureworld. The company is responsible for the day to day operation of Bishopstown and Churchfield facilities. The Company is chaired by the Councils former Head of Finance Mr Tim Healy. Monthly meetings and more regular contact takes place as necessary between Leisureworld and City Council staff in relation to the Gus Healy Pool, and the other facilities.
- (2) Any surplus generated by Leisureworld is reinvested in further enhancement of the facilities. An additional 18m pool, extra pitches, new gym areas and equipment including facilities for people with disabilities have provided at Bishopstown without financial support from the Council.
- (3) As stated above, Leisureworld has operated to date without subsidy from the Council and is responsible for any losses.
- (4) Leisureworld is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Bishopstown and Churchfield Centres and the City Council is responsible for Douglas.

**Jim O Donovan,
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation**

6.4 **EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR ROAD REPAIRS**

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

Does the CE agree that the atrocious nature of many of the city's roads (exacerbated by recent heavy rainfalls) requires emergency funding from central government to fix and bring them up to a minimum standard of use by taxpayers, and will the CE organise for such a request to be made immediately to the Department of the Environment

REPLY

The maintenance of the local network across the City is funded by a combination of the Councils own resource allocations and grant funding from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport. Due to the reduction in the funding available in recent years the condition of the network has deteriorated. The matter has also been further exacerbated by some of the more severe weather events of recent years. The Council as with other local authorities engages regularly with the Department in relation to the condition of the network and seeks to secure the maximum allocation from the funding available to the Department. The Council has also availed of supplementary block grants and allocations from special funds established in the aftermath of severe weather incidents. The Council

will be making an application to the relevant Department for additional funding from the funds that may be established in the aftermath of the current severe weather.

**Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation**

6.5 **NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS PROVIDED BY NAMA FOR SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS**

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

Will the CE report on the number of housing units NAMA is providing to Cork City Council which will cater for social housing applicants, as well as the areas involved? Has the Council declined any offers of units from NAMA due to them being deemed unsuitable?

REPLY

To date, 67 units for social housing have been sourced from the properties that were attached as security to loans in NAMA’s portfolio. These properties were delivered at two locations, Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel (53 units) and at the Meadows, Knocknacullen (14 units).

NARPS (National Asset Residential Property Services – NAMA’s special purpose vehicle for the delivery of social housing) has acquired 23 units at Ashmount, Silversprings, Tivoli. The construction of the units are currently being completed with funding provided by NAMA. Respond Housing Association has been nominated as the Approved Housing Body (AHB) to lease and manage these units once completed.

NARPS is in the process of acquiring 30 complete and vacant properties at Downview, Farranlea Road. Co-operative Housing Munster (formerly known as NABCO) has been nominated as the AHB to lease and manage these housing units.

The allocation of the 53 units in early 2016 at both locations will enable persons from the Social Housing Support waiting list, who have a legitimate housing need, to be provided with permanent accommodation.

Cork City Council were approached by NAMA over the past number of years regarding the availability of units for social housing and this engagement is ongoing. In addition to the units accepted as outlined above, other options were not pursued by the Council at the time as the units were considered unsuitable for technical, design and sustainable community reasons.

Cork City Council has an ongoing engagement with NAMA as referred to above through the Housing Agency to explore all available opportunities in this area.

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

6.6 **BODIES REGISTERED AS LOBBYISTS UNDER THE NEW LOBBYING LEGISLATION**

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

Can the Manager please inform Council of the bodies which have to date registered as Lobbyists under the new Lobbying legislation?

REPLY

The Standards in Public Office Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining the Register of Lobbying. This Register will be available online to members of the public and will be publicly accessible free of charge.

The Register of Lobbying will contain:

- The registration details provided by each registered person to the Standards in Public Office Commission

and

- The information contained in the returns made by each registered person.

A person or organisation undertaking lobbying activities is required to register and submit a return of lobbying activity to the Standards in Public Office Commission within 21 days of the end of each relevant period. The relevant period is the four months ending on the last day of April, August and December each year. It is a contravention of the Regulation of Lobbying Act to fail to make such returns.

As of the 8th December there have been a total of 581 “individuals or organisations” registered with the Standards in Public Office Commission. The details on each can be accessed at www.lobbying.ie.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs**

An Chomhairle agreed to add www.lobbying.ie as a link on the Cork City Council website.

6.7 **UNAUTHORISED CARPARK IN ST MICHAEL'S DRIVE, MAHON**

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

With regard to the unauthorised carpark in St Michael's Drive, Mahon, on lands owned by Cork City Council, to ask the Chief Executive when will the Council take repossession of the site. Given that the terms of the license issued has been breached, the planning application that was submitted to regularise the situation was deemed invalid by our own planning directorate and that the current unauthorised use is contrary to both planning policy and zoning.

REPLY

In accordance with normal enforcement procedures, enforcement action has commenced in relation to the site, including the issuing of Warning Letters. The recipient of a Warning Letter is entitled to respond (within four weeks) to it. This period has not elapsed.

An application for permission has been submitted on the site and this is currently being considered for validation.

No further action will be taken until these processes are complete.

Patrick Ledwidge
Deputy Chief Executive

6.8 **LOSS OF RATES INCOME AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT GLOBAL VALUATION OF UTILITY COMPANIES**

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

Can the CE clarify the exact amount in the loss of rates income to Cork City Council as a result of the recent global valuation of utility companies?

On what date did the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government inform the Council that compensation would be paid in respect of the valuation and will this be paid annually?

Was any other information relayed to the Council on this issue?

REPLY

The loss in rates income to Cork City Council as a result of the November global utilities revaluation is €1,035,000. This is higher than previously reported due to the fact that the Ervia building on Gasworks road, previously classified as Offices / Retail Warehouse, has now been reclassified into the global valuation for Gas Networks. There was a 40% reduction in Gas Networks Ireland's global utility revaluation.

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government advised Cork City Council on November 20th that the City Council would be fully compensated for this loss in rates income. The Department subsequently advised Cork City Council in a letter dated December 9th that the calculations in their letter of November 20th contained errors and further advised that the City Council would receive compensation of €751,361 (73%). The Department has advised that this is a once off adjustment for 2016 and will not be available in future years.

John Hallahan,
Head of Finance

6.9 **CAMDEN PALACE HOTEL COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE**

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

Can the Chief Executive report on any discussions between Cork City Council and the Camden Palace Hotel Community Arts Centre on finding an alternative location for the Centre due to the imminent sale of the building?

REPLY

Over the last few months Cork City Council has had a number of meetings with the Centre management. These engagements have focused around a number of possible options that the Centre will need to explore, including the determination of their priority arts practices, the seeking of alternative accommodation for these practices, reviewing the opportunities for working with other building based organisations, and pursuing public funding streams to support their work. The Chief Executive, the Arts Officer and the Community Arts Officer of Cork City Council have each visited the space and met with the Artistic Director over the last few months. In September, Camden Quay Community Arts Centre requested a statement of support for the work of the organisation which the Arts Service supplied.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate and External Affairs**

6.10 **PROPOSALS FROM RESPOND HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

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

Can the CE report on proposals from the Respond Housing Association which I believe seek to address housing accommodation needs and other issues relevant to the residents of the Spring Lane Halting Site, Ballyvolane?

REPLY

The report of Joe Horan into Traveller Inter Agency processes in Cork City recommended that Cork City Council should explore the role of voluntary housing bodies in the delivery of housing solutions for residents in Spring Lane.

In March 2015, Respond! Housing Association was asked by Cork City Council to undertake a Housing Needs Assessment at the halting site at Spring Lane. This first phase of the project was to include consultation with residents in Spring Lane, Traveller Representative Groups and other key stakeholders.

Respond! have now presented a draft a report of Phase 1: a housing needs assessment to the City's Traveller Inter Agency Group. The report is very welcome and provides a valuable snapshot detailing the demographic profile of the residents on the site and it also documents the needs and aspirations of the families on Spring Lane as well as some of the challenges and service needs.

The next stage of this project is to look at options in relation to housing solutions and the feasibility of different options.

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

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 7th DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held on the 7th December 2015.

7.1 **JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Joint Policing Committee's Steering Group request for an informal consultation with An Chomhairle regarding the six year JPC Strategy.

8. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 16th NOVEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on the 16th November 2015.

9. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE - 7th DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 7th December 2015.

9.1 **MICRO CHIPPINGS OF DOGS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd December 2015 on Micro Chipping of Dogs Regulations.

9.2 **DOG FOULING AWARENESS WEEK – 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Dog Fouling Awareness Week dated 3rd December.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the appointment of a Dog Litter Sub-Committee with the following members:-

- Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh
- Comhairleoir P. Dineen
- Comhairleoir J. Sheehan,
- Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald
- Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe
- Comhairleoir H. Cremin

9.3 **INVESTIGATION DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE GOULDING PLANT AND SUTTON'S COAL YARD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 3rd December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council investigate the daily operation at the Goulding Plant on Monahan Road and Sutton’s Coal Yard also on Monahan Road. This investigation should include:-

1. Operating times
2. Environment impact on the locality
3. Noise and dust levels
4. EPA Licence infractions, if any.
5. Suitability of their locations.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/416)

The report stated that investigations into this matter by the Waste Enforcement Section have been ongoing since the submission of the motion including multiple inspections in the vicinity of the sites, on site meetings and regular follow up contact with Bord Na Mona and Goulding Chemicals Ltd, submission of a Method Statement for dust monitoring at the Bord Na Mona site and purchase of specialist monitoring equipment also by the company.

A report outlining the findings of the monitoring is due to be submitted to City Council early in the New Year. A further report will be brought to the next meeting.

9.4 **TAKE IN CHARGE PORTION OF TRAMORE RIVER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 3rd December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take in charge the portion of the Tramore River in the ownership of Nemo Rangers with a view to encompassing it in the overall development of the Tramore Valley Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/328)

The report stated as part of the Nemo Rangers development in the early 2000’s the original course of the Trabeg River was altered to allow for the development of GAA pitches. Some lands and the diverted section of the Trabeg were transferred to Nemo Rangers ownership from Cork City Council. As part of this transfer both parties agreed that Nemo Ranger would maintain the diverted section of the river which was in their ownership.

In 2014 due to ongoing siltation build up in the diverted section of the Trabeg the flow of the river was severely restricted greatly increasing the potential of a flooding event upstream of Nemo Rangers property. Cork City Council was left with no choice but to carry out remediation measures along the diverted section of the stream to mitigate against this risk.

To resolve the matter Nemo Rangers should surrender their lease in respect of the portion of the Tramore River which was transferred to them.

In the event of Cork City Council taking ownership of the diverted section of the Trabeg stream there will be an ongoing maintenance cost of approximately €7,000 per annum associated with this which will need to be provided for in future budgets.

9.5 **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 3rd December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'I am requesting that the CEO of Cork City Council ensures that funding for the construction and furnishing of the long awaited Children's Playground in Bishopstown is provided for in the upcoming budget. A group of active and concerned residents met with officials of the Environment Dept last May where the residents put forward a very comprehensive proposed plan and costings.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 15/346)

The report stated that plans were prepared in 2008 to provide an enclosed playground at Bishopstown Park (Murphy's Farm) but could not proceed due to budgetary constraints. The plan remains as a priority project for the South West area of the City. It is expected that provision can be made in 2016 of funding that would allow the engagement of a consultant to oversee the design process for the playground, with provision in the Draft Capital Programme 2017 for installation of the facility.

Part of the consultants brief will be to consult with local stakeholders to assist the design process.

The Council has invested considerable resources in Bishopstown Park in recent years including construction of a Sports Changing Pavilion, Pitch & Putt Pavilion, new car park, surfacing of all paths and provision of new paths. Expenditure to-date on the Park by Cork City Council from its own resources exceeds two million euro. The addition of a new playground in the coming years will further complement the existing facilities at the Park.

9.6 **SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 3rd December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council undertake to review and cut back the overgrown trees lining either side of Silverheights Road and Upper Lotabeg in Mayfield. Quite a number of these trees have grown out of control and are growing into the adjacent wiring and need to be cut back in the interest of public safety.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/308)

The report stated that the trees situated either side of the above roads will be inspected in the coming days and any remedial pruning required will be added to the tree works schedule for 2016. Any emergency works identified will be attended to immediately.

9.7 **DILLONS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services dated 3rd December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place a refuse bin at Dillon’s Cross Junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/306)

Following discussion, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the report back to Committee for further consideration.

10. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 7th December 2015.

10.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendations from the International Relations Committee Meeting of 7th December, 2015.

10.1.1 **REPORT OF LORD MAYOR ON VISIT TO COVENTRY FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION EVENTS OF THE BLITZ.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of the Lord Mayor dated 3rd December, 2015 on the visit to Coventry in November, 2015.

10.1.2 **REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF SERVICES ON U.S. MAYORS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO IN JUNE 2015.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of the Director of Services dated 23rd November, 2015 on the visit to San Francisco in June 2015.

10.1.3 **REPORT OF ATHLETES ON PARTICIPATION IN THE COLOGNE MARATHON IN OCTOBER 2015.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of Niall Hedderman, on behalf of the athletes, dated 3rd December, 2015 on their participation in the Cologne Marathon in October, 2015.

10.2 **FORMALLABS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the presentation received from Mr. Cathal Garvey on Formallabs at the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee on the 7th December 2015.

10.3 **RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH PRESENTATION COMPLEX**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the presentation received from Mr. Jim Corr, Chairman and Mr. Michael O’Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, South Presentation Company, on the re-development of South Presentation Complex at the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee on the 7th December 2015.

10.4 **URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUND – DESIGNATED URBAN CENTRES GRANTS SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 3rd December, 2015 on the Urban Development Fund – Designated Urban Centres Grants Schemes.

10.5 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Director of Services, dated 3rd December, 2015 on the following motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

10.5.1 **MCCARTHY MONUMENT ON BLACKROCK ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 3rd December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘The McCarthy Monument on Blackrock Road is in a terrible condition with small branches growing out of it. Its environs are also in poor unkempt state and the boundary walls are loose and need to be stabilised. Enforcement of the keeping of this monument and its surroundings seems to have failed. A plan with the landowners for this site needs to be created before the monument falls to further disrepair’.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/229)

The report of the Director of Services dated the 3rd December 2015 stated that the McCarthy Monument is a protected structure PS515. The Conservation Officer has visited the site and met with the landowner who is very amenable to working with the City Council in maintaining the monument.

The Conservation Officer recommends that as a first step a stone conservator be commissioned to report on the monument’s current condition and to make recommendations for its conservation in the short- and long-term.

10.5.2 **ACTION IMPLEMENTED FROM THE MAHON LOCAL AREA PLAN 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 3rd December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reports on any or all actions from the Mahon Local Area Plan (2014) that have been implemented thus far. To include a particular update on plans for the proposed works on Avenue de Rennes, Mahon’.

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/357)

The report of the Director of Services dated the 3rd December 2015 stated that the Mahon Local Area Plan was adopted in March 2014 and proposed infrastructure actions are contained in Tables 5.3-5.6 of the Plan. The following progress has been made so far:

Table 5.3: Transport Improvements

- Skehard Rd. (Park Hill to Bessboro) Part 8 is complete and the project is at detailed design stage.
- Citygate to Mahon Point Shopping Centre Part 8 will be published shortly. This includes a ramped access for cyclists and pedestrians from the old railway line to Mahon Point link road, the signalisation of St. Michael's Drive junction/Mahon Point Link Rd., St. Michael's Drive and the extension of the bus service into Mahon Point SC.

Table 5.4: Environmental Improvements (including Avenue De Rennes)

No works advanced on items listed in Table 5.4 - no funding in place at present.

Table 5.5: Community and Civic Infrastructure

Mahon Library is at detailed design stage - due to complete detailed design February 2016

Table 5.6: Environmental Infrastructure Projects

No works advanced on items listed in Table 5.6 - no funding in place at present.

Table 5.7: Potential site acquisitions

No acquisitions completed.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Mr. Greg Byrne, 2016 Centenary Programme regarding the commemoration of the centenary of the 1916 rising.
- Letter from Donegal County Council regarding the Adopting of a Resolution.

12. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

- Cllr Terry Shannon – AILG Training Module 6 – Dublin – 14 November 2015.
- Cllr Sean Martin – AILG Autumn Seminar 2015 – 01/02 October 2015 – Clonakilty, Co. Cork.
- Cllr Sean Martin – LAMA Autumn training Seminar – Kilkenny – 09/10 October 2015.
- Cllr Sean Martin - Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 – Galway – 27/28 November 2015.
- Cllr Sean Martin - AILG Training Module 6 – Dublin – 13/14 November 2015.
- Cllr Mary Shields - AILG Training Module 6 – Dublin – 14 November 2015.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

No Items tabled on the night.

14. **TRAINING**

No Items tabled on the Night.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

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15.3 **REVIEW ALL THE OVERGROWN TREES IN THE CITY AREA**

‘I would request that City Council review all the overgrown trees in the City area in the near future which may need attention, as they are now accessible without excess leaves and will be a hazard in the spring/summer months when they re-grow, and cause light obstruction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/360)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

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

‘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)

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15.6 **WORKS CARRIED OUT BY TENANTS TO THEIR HOMES**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.8 **ASSIGN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ROADS FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE TO REPORT AND MONITOR THE PERFORMANCE OF BOTH TII AND NTA WITHIN THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AREA**

‘That Council would assign an additional responsibility to the Roads Functional Committee to report and monitor the performance of both TII and NTA within the City's administrative area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/371)

Corporate Policy Group

15.9 **CORK CITY COUNCIL CALLS ON ESB TO REMOVE THE HIGH TENSION CABLES CROSSING OVER THE RIVER LEE**

‘That Cork City Council calls on ESB to remove the high tensions cables crossing over the River Lee so that the Tall Ships event can again be invited come to Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/372)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

15.10 **INCLUDE HYDE PARK, TORY TOP ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE ON THE STREET CLEANING SERVICE**

‘That Cork City Council include Hyde Park, Tory Top Road Ballyphehane to its street cleaning service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 15/373)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 **BYE-LAW TO PROHIBIT THE COLLECTION OF WASTE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AT ANTI-SOCIAL HOURS**

‘That Cork City Council would enact a city-wide bye-law to prohibit the collection of waste in residential areas at anti-social hours, especially early in the morning and at night.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/375)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.14 **REVIEW OF TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME**

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

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

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.15 **REPORT ON SCOPING EXERCISES BEING UNDERTAKEN ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND BANKS AND OUTLINE THE TIME FRAME FOR NEW SOCIAL HOUSING BUILDS**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.16 **REPORT THAT LISTS ALL THE ORGANISED FESTIVALS HELD IN CORK THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

‘That Cork City Council compiles a report that lists all the organised festivals held in Cork that are supported by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/379)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.18 **DEANROCK SITE, TOGHER**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO DISCUSS THE RTE PRIMETIME PROGRAMME ‘ LOST IN RECOVERY ’

An Chomhairle discussed the RTE Primetime Programme ‘Lost in Recovery’ which had been televised on the 8th December 2015.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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