

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. N. Carroll, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Human Resources Management & Organisational Reform. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager, Housing & Community.

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 McCarthy Family on the death of Patrick McCarthy.
- Mr. Jerry Buttimer Snr. on the death of Der Kelleher.
- Murphy Family on the death of Mary Murphy.
- The Fine Gael Party on the death of Joe Walsh.
- The Walsh Family on the death of Joe Walsh.
- The Hopkins Family on the death of Tom Hopkins.
- The Dunne Family on the death of Pat Dunne.
- The McInerney Family on the death of Mary McInerney.
- The O'Mahony Family on the death of Eileen O'Mahony.

- The Morgan Family on the death of Thomas Morgan.
- The Hurley Family on the death of Anne Hurley.
- The Murray Family on the death of Peggy Murray.
- The Farrell Family on the death of Brian Farrell
- The Foley Family on the death of Noreen Foley.
- In memory of former Alderman Tadhg Barry on the 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of his killing by the British Army while interred in the Ballykinler Camp, Co. Down.

## 1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

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

- Beaumont Boys School, Blackrock on winning the Sciath Na Scoil Football Final.
- The six staff of the Texoil Filling Station in Ballyvolane fighting for employees rights.
- University College Cork on the launch of the celebration to mark the bicentenary of George Boole with the ‘George Boole 200’ project.
- The Department of Government, U.C.C. on the success of the annual Philip Monaghan Lecture.
- Mr. Ciaran Delaney on being elected to the World Government Body of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health for a second 3 year term and on receiving a President Award for services to Health and Safety.
- Cork City Comhairle Na Nóg for the creation of a new website –[www.workwonder.ie](http://www.workwonder.ie)
- Western Front Association on organising the Ceremony for the First World War.
- Lord Mayor Comhairleoir M. Shields on winning the Publishers Award for Services to Public Life.

## 1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

- 1.3.1 An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields welcomed Dr Aodh Quinlivan Director BSc MSc Government College Lecturer and students from the Department of Government, University College Cork and the residents from Kilbrack Gove to the public gallery.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O’Keefe, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to discuss items No. 6.1, 6.3 & 6.4 following Question Time.

## 1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

### 1.4.1 **GLOW – A CORK CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Chief Executive, on the Proposed Holding of an event by Cork City Council – Glow – A Cork Christmas Celebration.

### 1.4.2 **BRANDING**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Chief Executive on Cork Brand Book.

1.4.2 **EVENT CENTRE**

The Chief Executive informed An Chomhairle that contrary to reports there is no change in the event centre funding.

2. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **UNSPENT SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

Can the CE tell me if Cork City Council is holding any unspent special development contributions?

If they are, what area/s is the money to be spent in?

How much money is to be spent?

How long is left before the 7 year window to spend such funds run out?

**REPLY**

1. At present, Cork City Council holds a balance of €139,602.70 in unspent Special Development Contributions.
2. Being Special Contributions, individual permissions levied them to fund particular infrastructure or works benefiting that development spread over the entire city.
3. The amount to be spent is equal to that unspent under 1 above.
4. The length of time remaining for each Special Contribution is dependent on the date of payment of the last instalment of each individual contribution.

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

3.2 **WHEN GREAT GAS GARAGE AND ALL ATTACHED RETAIL UNITS, KINSALE ROAD WERE GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION?**

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

To ask the Manager when Great Gas Garage and all attached retail units, Kinsale Road were granted planning permission?

## **REPLY**

There is a current active planning enforcement file in relation to these premises.

Over the past 18 to 24 months, there have been two referrals to An Bord Pleanála under section 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) in relation to clarifying whether activity on the site constituted development within the meaning of the Planning and Development Act. A Judicial Review in the High Court was also taken in relation to this site.

The Development Management Section of the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Directorate has reviewed the file and is currently assessing the remaining planning issues relating to the premises to ascertain if further enforcement action is warranted. The preferred outcome is to resolve any such issues with the owner of the premises.

The planning history of the site is:

- TP 05/29451 Permission granted (not implemented) for demolition of existing showroom / workshop and removal of petrol pumps, construction of two single storey car showrooms, total area 1038 sq.m with associated building signage pylon and alterations to existing site entrance.
- TP 03/26971 Permission granted for demolition of all existing buildings and the construction of a new entrance and access road, car park, ESB substation, retail warehouse and associated two storey offices garden centre service yard, boundary fencing / walling and diversion of public sewer.
- TP 90/16013 Permission granted to Texaco for (a) Alter and extend the filling station islands and canopy, (b) provide 5,000 gallon underground petrol tank, (c) demolish existing wash bay structure (d) build wash bay structure at rear of main garage and (e) erect illuminated sign at Turner's Cross Motors.
- TP 90/15745 Permission for demolish existing office building and erect a car showroom to the north of the appeal site.
- TP 82/10582 Permission granted for installation of a distribution pump and storage tank.
- TP 79/8640 Permission granted for alterations and extension to garage and workshops.
- TP 69/1725 Permission refused for application for outline permission for vehicular entrance from Curragh Road (refused).
- TP 68/1385 Permission granted 3/4/1968 for showroom, offices, garage and petrol pumps at Curragh Road.
- TP 66/307A Permission granted for revised building layout at Curragh road pursuant to TP 65/307.
- TP 65/307 Permission granted 10/12/65 for erection of new offices, garage showrooms and petrol pumps at Curragh Road.

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

**IRISH WATER PLC**

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

Would the CEO provide the answers to the following questions with regard to Irish Water PLC.

- (1) The cost of setting up Irish Water PLC is estimated to be 100 million Euros of tax payers money, is it possible to receive a breakdown on the cost analysis that enabled the Limited Company to become established?
- (2) Cork City Council has gifted its fresh water infrastructure estimated to be worth upwards of 330 million Euros to Irish Water, as Cork City Council are now acting agents for Irish Water, can the CEO inform the chamber what exactly will Cork City Council receive or expect to receive in annual remittance from Irish Water?
- (3) Commercial enterprises have been paying for their water for many years, recent bills issued by Cork City Council now display a new 26 Euro standing charge, can the CEO explain what this standing charge is for?
- (4) With regard to commercial enterprises paying for water for many years can the CEO inform the chamber as to how much this revenue raised per year up to and including 2013?
- (5) Minister Alan Kelly recently stated that the water treatment plant on the Lee Road is in need of upgrading, can the CEO inform the chamber as to what the actual cost would be to perform the necessary upgrade of the Lee Road Treatment Plant?

**REPLY**

The setting up of Irish Water was a government project. The City Council had no role in its creation and is not privy to details of costs involved.

**Question 2:**

Legislative enactment has provided for the transfer of Water Services Assets to Irish Water. The City Council has not gifted any infrastructure to Irish Water. Cork City Council acts as agent to Irish Water, currently on a cost recoupment basis. The Budget provision for 2014 was €20.8 million (Operation and Maintenance). In future years cost recoupment will vary in proportion to the level of service provided.

**Question 3:**

The standing charge element of commercial water bills has been in place for several years. This charge is for the fixed costs not related to the quantity of water supplied such as meter provision, maintenance, reading, administration and collection costs incurred in providing the service. In the period between 2005 to 2013 it was 25 euro's per quarter increasing to 26 euro's per quarter in 2013. This charge is similar to that applied by other service providers.

Question 4:

The following are the totals of the bills issued to Non Domestic Customers including commercial enterprises for water services in the period 2009 to 2013;

- 2009 € 7,119,875
- 2010 € 6,735,060
- 2011 € 7,647,785
- 2012 € 5,924,869
- 2013 € 7,557,992

Question 5

Provision was made in the Water Services Investment Programme 2010 - 2012 produced by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government for the replacement of the existing plant with a new stand alone Water Treatment Plant, on a DBO (Design Build and Operate) basis, at the Lee Road site at an estimated cost of €20.68 million.

However with the creation of Irish Water responsibility for capital investment has transferred to Irish Water. In their published proposed Capital Investment Programme 2014 - 2016 the Water Works is designated Category B - Review Scope and Commence Construction. It is currently at the review stage.

Jim O Donovan,  
Director of Services,  
Environment and Recreation.

3.4 **REGENERATION OF NOONAN'S ROAD AND ST. FINBARR'S ROAD**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

Will Cork City Council identify any national funding that is available that could be used to invest in the regeneration of Noonan's Road and St. Finbarr's Road?

3.5 **TENDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CORK CITY COUNCIL'S WASTE COLLECTION**

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

Can the Chief Executive tell me if the four tenders that lost the bid for the purchase of Cork City Council's Waste Collection Service in 2011 were fully compliant with all relevant Environmental and Planning regulations and have the necessary Cork City Council issued permits or a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If the other companies that tendered were compliant then why was Country Clean Ltd not omitted from the process as their Cork City Council waste facility permit had expired and they did not have a licence from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA).

## **REPLY**

The 5 shortlisted companies were assessed on a number of criteria including financial standing, infrastructure to provide a customer focus service, treatment of existing waived customers, environmental compliance, etc. The 4 unsuccessful companies were in possession of either a waste facility permit issued by a local authority or a waste licence issued by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Country Clean Recycling Ltd indicated that they had sufficient capacity for disposing of waste in Cork City and elsewhere. The position with regard to their premises at Churchfield was that a Waste Facility Permit register number 02/07 was issued by Cork City Council to Country Clean Recycling Ltd under the Waste Management (Permit) Regulations 1998 was valid to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Country Clean Recycling Ltd applied to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a waste licence in February 2009. Discussions took place with the EPA who advised by letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 that Cork City Council remained the competent authority for Country Clean Recycling Ltd facility at Churchfield until such time as the waste licence application ( W0257-01) was decided upon by the Agency. Cork City Council continued to monitor the facility until an EPA licence with conditions was issued in January 2014.

The City Council was satisfied that Country Clean Recycling Ltd was in compliance with environmental legislation at the time that the decision was taken to transfer its waste collection service.

Jim O'Donovan,  
Director of Services,  
Environment and Recreation.

3.6

## **TANK FIELD**

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

In relation to the Part 8 Planning Proposal re Tank Field approved on 27 February 2006 can the Manager please confirm if Cork City Council was in fact "the owner" of all lands shown in the proposal at the time in 2006. The 2 CPOs of 2014 suggest Council may not have owned all such lands as CPOs would not otherwise have been necessary. Furthermore, can the manager furnish me with a copy of the Licence to Brian Dillon's current in 2006 and , can the Manager confirm if the terms of the Leases to Brian Dillon's expressly permitted the Club to sub let to a third party at a substantial rent. Finally, while Mr Ledwidge states in his response of 25 Sept 2014 the "Officials had no reason to doubt the bona fides of the consultant's drawings." Isn't it a matter of fact that had they done so they would have found the project proposed as impossible due to the proximity of high tension cables. The fact that a senior member of staff , a qualified Engineer recommended the proposal to Council as constituting "proper planning and sustainable development" should be a cause of serious concern, should it not? Should not the subsequent delays and substantial costs arising as a result of failure be charged to someone other than the taxpayer?

## REPLY

1. The greater part of the Tank Field was then and is held by Cork City Council in fee simple. As regards the balance of the lands, being the lands scheduled in the Iona Road - Murmont Road Acquisition Order No. 1 of 2013 ("Order No. 1"): Cork City Council has held possessory title to those lands for the past 40 years and upwards, having been in possession and occupation of the lands specified in Schedule No. 1 and Schedule No. 2 of Order No. 1 since the mid to late 1960's. The purpose of CPO No. 1 is to improve the City Council's existing title by acquiring the fee simple/freehold interest.
2. The Licence to Brian Dillons Hurling and Football Club, current in 2006, was not in writing.
3. The Lease dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1990, made between the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Cork of the one part and the Trustees of Brian Dillons Hurling and Football Club of the other part, did not permit the club to sub-let without first obtaining the consent in writing of Cork City Council. It is an implied term of any such Lease that this consent cannot be unreasonably withheld.
4. By a Deed of Variation dated the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2004, of Lease dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1990, made between Cork City Council of the one part and the Trustees of Brian Dillons Hurling and Football Club of the other part, Cork City Council amended and extended The Lease to retrospectively permit the erection of buildings on the land demised by The Lease to be used for educational purposes and uses ancillary thereto. The issue of rent was a private matter between the club and the club's tenant to which Cork City Council was not involved.
5. The City Council relied on drawings submitted by qualified and experienced consultants acting for Brian Dillon's Hurling and Football Club. The project did not prove impossible. Once the restriction imposed by the power lines became evident, it was possible to relocate the pitches within the terms of the Part 8 approval.
6. All City Council officials acted in good faith on this matter in accordance with the documentation furnished to them.
7. This project was facilitated by the City Council in good faith and no action of the City Council caused any delay. There were no substantial costs to the City Council arising from the Part 8 approval.

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

3.7

### **LIST ALL LISTED OR PROTECTED BUILDINGS OWNED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON A WARD BASIS**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

To ask the CEO to list all listed or protected buildings owned by the City Council on a ward basis, the current state of repair of those buildings, their current use and what plans are in place for those buildings currently not in use?



3.8 **TRAFFIC SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE USE OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES OF ROADS THROUGH HOUSING ESTATES IN THE FAIRHILL/FARRANREE AREA**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

Can the Chief Executive provide a progress report on the traffic survey conducted by the City Council on the use of heavy goods vehicles of roads through housing estates in the Fairhill/Farranree area? Has there been consideration given to traffic-calming measures for the area particularly the slip road off the Commons Road? Has the Council engaged with the relevant Government departments and bodies stressing the need for a new road link off the New Mallow Road so heavy vehicles can access industrial estates and centres of employment in the Northside of the city safely? Will the faulty pedestrian crossing on Upper Fairhill be repaired shortly as committed to by Council?

3.9 **RATES**

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

Please find question for the CEO attached:

- A. Can the chief executive please advise how much revenue is generated from commercial rates in Cork City?
- B. Can the CEO please provide a break down of the total rates paid within each ward area of the city?
- C. How many vacant properties throughout the city are liable to pay rates? How much do these rates generate?

**REPLY**

- A. In 2013 the revenue generated from commercial rates was € 56.979m.
- B. For rates purposes, the city is divided into 74 wards plus one extra ward for all global utilities. It is not possible to break down rates income on the basis of electoral wards.
- C. In 2013 approximately 950 ratings were subject to full or partial vacancy. Rates in the order of € 3.5m are levied on these vacant properties, being 50% of total rates on them.

Tim Healy,  
Head of Finance

3.10 **PURCHASING CAMDEN PALACE HOTEL**

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

To ask the CE about the potential of buying the ‘Camden Palace Hotel’, formerly on Camden Quay, to develop as an arts building, continuing what is there. I understand that the ‘hotel’ is being sold by NAMA shortly.

**REPLY**

The Arts Office acknowledges the value of the work currently carried out from the Camden Place premises and its positive impact on the city.

The Property Department has looked into the sale of the premises and has determined that its acquisition at this time is not possible. It is understood that there has been an offer made on the building and the Council does not propose to enter into a bidding process. We will continue to keep abreast of the property market in the city and to prudently consider any future acquisition possibilities, and as budgets permit.

Valerie O’Sullivan,  
Director of Services,  
Corporate & External Affairs

3.11 **NUMBER OF PERSONAL EMPLOYED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL SINCE THE 2009 RECRUITMENT EMBARGO**

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

Could the CE supply and outline the details of the number of Personal employed by Cork City Council since the 2009 Recruitment Embargo was put in place on the appointment by the Government.

- a) Give a full break down of the numbers of positions filled,
- b) Give details of each of the posts filled,
- c) Give details to which departments were the appointments recruited to,
- d) Did Cork City Council pursue the Department of Environment to lift the embargo to fill such positions or was it requested by the Department of Environment to fill any of these positions.

**REPLY**

As requested above,

Cork City Council did request the Department of Environment to lift the embargo in order to fill the following positions which increased the numbers of Staff on the City Council Payroll.

<i>Numbers of positions filled:</i>	<i>Posts filled:</i>	<i>Departments appointments recruited to:</i>
2 No.	Accountant	Finance
1 No.	Health & Safety Officer	HR & Organisational Reform
4 No.	Plumbers	Housing & Community
2 No.	Plumbers	Environment
1 No.	Senior Executive Engineer – P&M	Roads
1 No.	Assistant Chief Fire Officer	HR & Organisational Reform

Denis O'Mahony,  
 Director of Services,  
 Human Resource Management  
 & Organisational Reform.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders and take Items 6.1, 6.3 & 6.4.

## **6. HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

### **6.1 DISPOSAL**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Chief Executive dated 30th October, 2014 in relation to the following property disposal:

- a. Disposal of six individual dwellings situated at and known as Numbers 3, 4, 8, 23, 29, and 30, Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Blackrock, Cork to Túath Housing Association Limited, c/o William J. Brennan & Co., Solicitors, No. 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2, by way of lease for a term of five years, subject to a rent of €10.00 per annum (plus VAT if applicable).

### **Decision of Committee**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that the disposal shall not be carried out.

### **6.3 VACANT UNITS AT KILBRACK GROVE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 in relation to the vacant housing units at Kilbrack Grove.

**An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer this item back to the Housing & Community Functional Committee for further discussion.**

### **6.4 VACANT UNITS AT KILBRACK GROVE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 in relation to the vacant housing units at Kilbrack Grove.

**An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer this item back to the Housing & Community Functional Committee for further discussion.**

**On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a vote was called on the following tabled Motion:-**

‘That Cork City Council Housing Management produce a report on the proposed Affordable criteria sale of the 9 houses in Kilbrack Grove for the next Housing Functional Committee Meeting and no further action be taken in relation to the 9 houses in question until a final decision has been made by Cork City Council.

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, N. O’Keefe, D. Cahill, K. McCarthy, S. Shea)

Where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O’ Keefe, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (25)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell. (3)

As the numbers voting in favour of the motion were greater than those voting against the motion, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

**On the proposal of An t-Ardmhéara An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to take the remaining items of the Housing & Community Functional Committee.**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.

## 6.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services on Housing for October 2014.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m.

## 6.5 **LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the formation of the new Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that Cork City Council are in the process of formulating a new Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC). This is in accordance with the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998. The new LTACC will sit for the duration of the current Council term. The Traveller Accommodation Unit has been in contact with various bodies and people in

relation to seeking nominations to sit on the new LTACC. In light of the recent Horan Report on Cork Travellers it is the intention of the Traveller Accommodation Unit to widen the stakeholders who sit on the new LTACC. The aim is to ensure there is increased participation in addressing Traveller accommodation issues within Cork City Council's administrative area.

### **Councillors**

At the City Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2014 the following City Councillors were nominated to sit on the new Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:–

- Lord Mayor Mary Shields, Fianna Fáil
- Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, Fianna Fáil
- Cllr. John Sheehan, Fianna Fáil
- Cllr. Mick Nugent, Sinn Féin
- Cllr. Henry Cremin, Sinn Féin
- Cllr. John Buttimer, Fine Gael
- Cllr. P.J. Hourican, Fine Gael
- Cllr. Marion O'Sullivan, Anti Austerity Alliance
- Cllr. Mick Finn, Non Party / Independent

The report also stated that a Chair for the new LTACC will be elected following the first sitting of the new LTACC. The Traveller Accommodation Unit contacted a number of other bodies to request nominations to sit on the new LTACC. The following have agreed to be nominated to sit on the new LTACC: –

### **Traveller Advocates**

- Chrissie O'Sullivan, Traveller Visibility Group
- Breda O'Donoghue, Traveller Visibility Group
- Brigid Carmody, Cork Traveller Women's Network

### **Local Travellers**

- Denis Stokes, St. Anthony's Park
- Martin McDonagh, Nash's Boreen

### **HSE**

- Rebecca Loughry, Specialist Social Inclusion, HSE

### **Voluntary / Charity Sector**

- Brian Cullen, St. Vincent de Paul

## **Cork City Council Officials**

- Tony Power, Social Inclusion Officer, Community and Enterprise, Corporate and External Affairs.
- Senior Executive Officer, Social Housing, Housing and Community Directorate
- John Kelly, Traveller Accommodation Unit, Housing and Community Directorate

The report further stated that as with the previous LTACC it is intended that the Traveller Accommodation Unit will facilitate the new LTACC meetings. The Traveller Accommodation Unit are recommending that the Housing Functional Committee approve the above

6.6

### **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – HOLLYHILL LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 6, Hollyhill Lane by Túath Housing Association Limited.

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had approved a funding application from Túath Housing Association Limited under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility for a loan not exceeding €43,485 (Previous loan being €41,460) in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 6 Hollyhill Lane, Blarney Street, Cork.

The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover 30% of total capital outlay for the purchase of No. 6 Hollyhill Lane, Blarney Street, Cork for social housing use under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme. The granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Assistant Chief Executive recommends 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 €43,485 (Previous loan being €41,460) be granted to Túath Housing Association Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

6.7

### **FORMER COUNCIL DEPOT ON KNOCKNAHEENY AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by the Environment & Recreational Functional Committee:

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that the former council depot on Knocknaheeny Avenue is cleaned up and will also have weeds cleared and the grass cut at an adjacent green area which is behind the Ascension Heights Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent14/333)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that this site is earmarked for the Boxing Club and housing under the City NorthWest Quarter Regeneration plan. The

enclosed site of the former North West office was previously cleaned up under the regeneration scheme and it is proposed to undertake a further cleanup as part of the next phase of the works programme. The area of open space is an issue for the Parks Department as part of the management of the larger open space in this area.

6.8 **REGENERATION PROGRAMME FOR SOUTHSIDE INCLUDING NOONAN'S ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

That mindful of the huge investment in northside regeneration, future funding for council housing regeneration and refurbishment be invested on the southside, to include Noonan's Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/220)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that a proposal was made under a Remedial Scheme to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in 2008 for Noonan's Road, Dean Street, Fort Street and St. Finbarr's Road Flat complexes and subsequently followed up in 2012 with a request for funding for a Masterplan for the area. Under the current Regeneration Programme for Cork City, the City North West Quarter and The Glen projects have been prioritised by the Department for funding. The likelihood of additional regeneration projects outside of these can be discussed with the Department in 2015 and the outcome made known to Members.

6.9 **FLATS AT DESMOND SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council include the flats in Desmond Square in the S.E.A.I. Warmer House Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/228)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that the SEAI Warmer Homes Scheme provides grant aid to house owners towards the cost of works to upgrade the energy efficiency of their houses. Cork City Council does not apply directly to SEAI but supports Community Based Organisations who are eligible to make applications in respect of social housing. Consideration will be given to including flats in Desmond Square if the scheme is again available in 2015.

6.10 **FLATS FOR SEAI WARMER HOMES SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council seek Government funding and include the following flats in the S.E.A.I Warmer House Scheme. These buildings are over 40 years old and require a maintenance programme to improve the quality of life.

137 to 157 Pearse Road  
175 to 191 Pearse Road  
156 to 178 Pearse Road  
110 to 132 Pearse Road  
205 to 221 Pearse Road  
11 to 19 Perase Place  
257 to 279 Connolly Road  
15 to 29 Connolly Place  
241 to 246 Pouladuff Road  
62 to 78 Killeenreendowney  
50 to 74 Father Dominic Road  
14 to 24 Edward Walsh Road  
25 to 41 Edward Walsh Road

This work has been carried out in Sarahville Place and Michael Fitzgerald and it enhances the quality of life and the appearance of the structure.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/229)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that the SEAI Warmer Homes Scheme provides grant aid to house owners towards the cost of works to upgrade the energy efficiency of their houses. Cork City Council does not apply directly to SEAI but supports Community Based Organisations who are eligible to make applications in respect of social housing. Consideration will be given to including these flats if the scheme is again available in 2015.

#### 6.11 **HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will return No's 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 & 35 Harbour View rd Knocknaheeny to its housing stock whose householders were previously decanted to allow the houses to be used as offices for the City North West Regeneration team, as the houses have not been used as offices & are currently partially shuttered Council should avail of recently announced Government funding to make these houses available to social housing applicants.’

(Proposer: Cllr Kenneth Collins 14/280)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that in previous motions and discussions at Ward meetings it has been agreed that these properties would be returned for tenancing within the regeneration project. However, the number of properties being returned permanently will depend on the outcome of the need identified by the HSE and Cork City Council for access at this location primarily for a Primary Health care centre project in St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital site. They will all be tenanted temporarily as



part of the decant programme and pending the outcome of the final detailed assessment for access to HSE lands at this location the situation will be reviewed.

6.12 **PROGRAMME FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CHUTES AND DRAINPIPES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

That because of the perilous state of a large proportion of iron (asbestos) chutes and drainpipes in older council housing stock, a complete programme of replacement is rolled out, starting in the southside of the city’.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/283)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that programmed replacement of guttering and downpipes was formerly carried out under planned maintenance funding provided within the annual Housing Maintenance Revenue budget approved by City Council. Due to financial constraints such funding has been severely restricted in recent years, resulting in only emergency repairs being carried out. The Housing Maintenance budget for 2015 will be broadly similar to 2014. Accordingly, it is unlikely that programmed replacement of guttering can be funded in 2015 and such repairs will again be limited to emergency situations.

6.13 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING TRUST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

That Cork City Council establish a housing trust, an arms-length company, in Cork City Council.

This company would then be able to borrow money from the Housing Finance Authority (HFA). The money would then be used to secure mortgages on which Cork City Council could build houses, which would then be rented to those on the housing lists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/273)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that current Government policy is for the funding of new build social housing via the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government funding programmes only which includes the Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP), the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) and through the Social Leasing model via the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF). There are no proposals to change this policy at present. In any event, such borrowings would require Department approval.

6.14 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING TRUST**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘That Cork City Council would build 1,300 houses on the land banks that the Council owns (information supplied by the City Manager following a question from me earlier this year). That Cork City Council would explore establishing a housing Trust which would have the ability to access funding from the Housing Finance Authority, the European Investment Bank or any other financial institution to fund this social housing building project. There are 8,540 families and individuals on the Cork City Housing waiting list while Cork City Council is currently paying 2 million Euros a year for these land banks to lie idle during the worse housing crisis in the City’s history.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/313)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that current Government policy is for the funding of new build social housing via the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government funding programmes only which includes the Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP), the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) and through the Social Leasing model via the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF). There are no proposals to change this policy at present. In any event, such borrowings would require Department approval.

The Housing Directorate will consider developing proposals for Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government approval using all the above funding models, particularly with respect to the awaited outcome of the anticipated enhanced funding for social housing.

6.15

**OFFICIAL RECEIPTS FOR RENT PAYMENTS ON CORK CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL HALTING SITES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle

‘That City Council would provide official receipts for payments of rent to City Council received from the Travellers who reside in our official halting sites across the city. This would help in some way to alleviate a lot of problems that travellers are experiencing presently when trying to prove their place of residency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/334)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that members of the Travelling community living on Cork City Council's halting sites do not pay an official rent. A nominal rent is collected through a pay as you go electrical system. There are times of the year when tenants aren't living on the halting sites and hence no rent is collected. To accommodate the City Council's tenants living on halting sites, the Traveller Accommodation Unit issue letters to any of the residents on request confirming they live permanently on the halting sites, referencing PPS numbers for accountability. Letters are requested through the City Council's onsite Caretakers and hand delivered to the halting sites directly.

4. **PARTY WHIPS – 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Party Whips, from its meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.

5. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.

5.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved Report of the Director of Services, dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended October, 2014.

5.2 **NAMING OF A EXISTING ROAD AFTER THE LATE NOEL CANTWELL**

An Chomhairle considered an unanimously approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 regarding the naming of an existing road after the late Noel Cantwell.

The Report stated that, I refer to the following decision by An Chomhairle on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 following a recommendation by the Party Whips:

*“It was agreed to recommend to Council that the pedestrian walkway opposite the main gate of Fitzgerald’s Park would be named “Noel Cantwell Walk” and that the proposal be referred to the Roads Directorate for processing”.*

A review of the history of the locality surrounding the walkway between Mardyke Walk and Western 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 walkway after the late Noel Cantwell.

Accordingly, it is proposed to officially name the road between Mardyke Walk and Western Road as shown on the map attached as Noel Cantwell Walk.

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 Mardyke Walk and Western Road be hereby named as ‘Noel Cantwell Walk’.

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following Resolution:-

“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 Mardyke Walk and Western Road be hereby named as ‘Noel Cantwell Walk’.

### 5.3 **UPDATE ON PUBLIC BIKE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 regarding update on public bike scheme.

The Report stated that, as members will be aware, the National Transport Authority developed an overall public bike scheme for the cities of Cork, Limerick & Galway in co-operation with three Local Councils. The scheme provides for 740 public bikes at 73 locations in the three cities. The Cork element of the scheme comprises of 320 bicycles and 31 stands.

Following a tender process the NTA have awarded a contract for the supply, installation, maintenance and operation of the scheme in Cork, Limerick and Galway to *An Rothar Nua* consortium. The consortium comprises of –

- *Tracetel (based in France);*
- *Centre d’Initiative et Gestion Locale (based in Luxembourg);*
- *West Ireland Cycling Ltd (based in Galway) and*
- *Mobile Research Solutions Ltd (based in Dublin).*

It has been confirmed that in excess of €5m is being invested by the NTA in the supply and installation element of the scheme. This includes the grant funded locally enabling works commissioned by the three Councils earlier this year.

The Authority has also confirmed that the operating costs will be of the order of €1.25m per annum for the three cities. This cost is based on competitive tendering and covers the maintenance of bikes and stands as well as the redistribution of bikes as necessary in the three areas. In order to defray this cost, the NTA has entered into a five-year sponsorship agreement with Coca Cola Ltd under which the company will provide €3m in sponsorship. The NTA anticipates that when combined with user fees there will be an annual net funding requirement of €0.45 - €0.6m across the three cities. The NTA has secured funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for the operational shortfall in 2014 and 2015. The Authority has indicated that it wants to put in place a long term funding arrangement for the period from 2016 onwards and proposes engaging with the three Councils to explore the potential of *on street* advertising locations where specially designed panels could be erected to provide an ongoing revenue stream to fund future operational deficits. Street signage/advertising is commonly used as a funding mechanism for public bike schemes.

Enabling works in Cork were completed in October 2014. The contractor appointed by the NTA is now effecting the final installation of stands at the agreed locations, supply of bikes and commencement of the scheme. It is anticipated that the scheme will be operational shortly. It is expected that the scheme will attract high levels of use similar to that experienced by other cities where public bike schemes have been introduced. The NTA has also confirmed that the contracts have been structured so as to allow for expansion with pre-priced options for additional stations or bikes. The Authority has confirmed that, as happened in other locations, it wishes to see the initial scheme fully operational and any issues assessed/addressed before embarking on extensions.

5.4 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

5.4.1 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include:-

1. O’Connell Crescent
2. Friar’s Road
3. Father Mathew Road
4. Douglas Road
5. Derrynane Road
6. Upper Derrynane Road
7. St. Ann’s Park and Beaufort Park.

in a programme of entire resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/248)

The Report stated that, these locations will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Roads Resurfacing Programme.

5.4.2 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include:-

1. Green Street
2. Bonaventure Place
3. Townsend Place
4. Presentation Place
5. Mount Carmel Road
6. Friars Walk.

in a programme of entire resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/249)

The Report stated that, these locations will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Roads Resurfacing Programme.

#### 5.4.3 **COMPLETE THE RENOVATION OF NANO NAGLE BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council honours a commitment to complete the renovation of Nano Nagle Bridge which is one of the most used, yet grubbiest, access points into the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M, Finn 14/284)

The Report stated that, minor works on securing of loose timber decking will be carried out shortly. We will also arrange repainting of the bridge, subject to funding.

#### 5.4.4 **INSTALL A WELL LIT WEIGHT RESTRICTION SIGN AT THE JUNCTION OF SHANAKIEL ROAD AND BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can a large well lit sign be installed at the junction of Shanakiel Road and Blarney Road to notify HGV & Tour buses that Blarney Street is unsuitable & a weight restriction is in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 14/315)

The Report stated that, the possibility of putting up a black and white information sign stating that ‘*Blarney Street is unsuitable for heavy vehicles*’ will be investigated and any similar type existing signage will be reviewed.

#### 5.4.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT PARKLAND DRIVE, FAIRHIL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can traffic calming measures be installed on Parkland Drive Fair Hill to reduce the speed of vehicles using the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 14/316)

The Report stated that, Parkland Drive, Fair Hill, has now been added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 5.4.6 **RESURFACE DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL CARPARK AND ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Douglas Swimming Pool Carpark and Road be resurfaced as per the capital money put aside for it at last December’s budget.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/322)

The Report stated that, this motion has been referred to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee.

#### 5.4.7 **JUNCTION AT SKEHARD ROAD BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council immediately assesses the urgent need for improvements at the Junction of Skehard Road, the CSO office & Eden & implements appropriate measures. This is a significant safety concern for drivers who are unable to make the turn into Eden safely because of approaching traffic. The lack of a filter lane and/or appropriate traffic light sequencing also creates significant traffic congestion in the area.

Also that these improvements would involve the upgrading/painting of road markings; particularly pedestrian markings; as this junction has become treacherous for both pedestrians & vehicle users.

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/328)

The Report stated that, the junction of Skehard Road, the CSO office and Eden will be reviewed as part of the National Transport Authority funded South Eastern Strategic Travel Corridor study, which is currently in progress.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 5.4.8 **METHODS OF PAYMENT FOR ON-STREET PAID PARKING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would develop new methods of payment for on-street paid parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/331)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council currently offers a choice of two methods for payment of on-street parking fees, namely:

- ‘scratch card’ style parking discs which customers may purchase in authorised retail outlets;
- a ‘*park by phone*’ system.

The use of parking discs is still the most popular choice among customers – in 2013, the total number of parking discs sold was 1,450,000 while 203,150 ‘*park by phone*’ parking events were completed in the year.

A procurement process to select a new service provider to operate the ‘*park by phone*’ was recently completed, and a key requirement of the Request for Tender issued was to select a solution offering a leading technology for a service of this nature, which is capable of enhancement, as relevant technologies develop and mature. This includes the option to facilitate the use of SMS messages and Smartphone apps for the processing of parking payments in the future. The transition to the new ‘*park by phone*’ service is due to commence in the coming weeks. Once the core service is fully operational, it is intended to review the available options to bring the use of the park by phone system to a broader customer base.

#### 5.4.9 **LAMP NO. 42 IN KENLEY AVENUE MODEL FARM ROADS NOT FUNCTIONING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would inquire from Airtricity why Lamp No. 42 in Kenley Avenue Model Farm Road is not functioning since last December, this particular public light has been reported numerous times to all the relevant bodies by residents of this area but they are still awaiting a successful result.

These residents would like to have this problem sorted immediately for security and safety reasons.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/335)

The Report stated that, Public Light No. 42 on Kenley Avenue, Model Farm Road, has been out of order due to the obsolete lantern being non-repairable, as reported by Airtricity Utility Solutions(AUS). Replacement fittings are not included in normal maintenance and the work has to be authorised subject to budget allocations. AUS was approved to replace this lantern in September and installation will be completed on the next scheduled visit.

#### 5.4.10 **TRAFFIC PLAN FOR BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a full traffic plan be put in place for Ballyhooly Road to protect the residents and to slow down the traffic outside Mervue, Meelick, Meadow Park and Ashgrove Estates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/289)



The Report stated that, it is the intention of Cork City Council, in association with the National Transport Authority, to carry out a Strategic Travel Corridor Study for the north side of the City and any traffic issues affecting residents outside Mervue, Meelick, Meadow Park and Ashgrove Estates on Ballyhooley Road, will be considered as part of this study.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 5.4.11 **TRAFFIC PLAN FOR OLD MALLOW ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a full traffic plan be put in place to slow down traffic on the old Mallow Road and in particular outside the Westlink Industrial Estate owing to the amount of car accidents that have occurred over the past year in that particular black spot.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/290)

The Report stated that, it is the intention of Cork City Council, in association with the National Transport Authority, to carry out a Strategic Travel Corridor Study for the northside of the City and any traffic issues along old Mallow Road and in particular outside the Westlink Industrial Estate will be considered as part of this study.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 5.4.12 **YELLOW BOX AT THE EXIT OF SILVERCOURT, NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would put in place a Yellow Box at the exit of Silvercourt on the North Ring Road to ensure the safety of residents from this estate and of residents from neighbouring estates onto what is a very busy road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 14/340)

The Report stated that, an assessment will be carried out of the need for a yellow box at the exit of Silvercourt on the North Ring Road.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

5.4.13 **ROAD RESURFACING TO THE KENLEY ESTATE, MODEL FARM ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out road resurfacing to the Kenley Estate, Model Farm Road, Cork.

The state of the roads in Kenley Estate, Model Farm Road are shocking.

I have being sent a letter from the resident with photo's of the state of the roads and also drove around the area to witness it myself. In particular they refer to the junction of Kenley Road & Kenley Close and also the road up to, and including, Kenley Circle. These section of roads undergo a high rate of daily traffic and have undergone remedial repairs (i.e. filling of potholes) periodically over the past number of years. However, these remedial repairs don't last long, especially in wet weather.

In 2011 resurfacing work took place from Kenley Avenue to the ramp on Kenley road, and this still looks like new today. The remainder of the estate roads were laid over 30 yrs ago, they now need immediate action on this section of the road. Many parts of this road is unsafe due to the number of pot holes. A complete resurfacing of this section is whats needed.’

(Proposer: T. Moloney 14/341)

The Report stated that, these locations will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Roads Resurfacing Programme. The most damaged sections of these estates are currently being patched by Roads Maintenance.

5.4.14 **TRAFFIC SURVEY FROM THE NORTH GATE BRIDGE TO WELLINGTON BRIDGE SUNDAY'S WELL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Given the increase of traffic on Sundays Well Road particularly from 7.00 am to mid morning that City Council carry out a detailed traffic survey from the North Gate Bridge to Wellington Bridge Sunday's Well to examine the usage of vehicles in this area and take the appropriate steps to solve ongoing traffic congestion.’

(Proposer: T. Fitzgerald 14/342)

The Report stated that, it is the intention of Cork City Council, in association with the National Transport Authority, to carry out a Strategic Travel Corridor Study for the northside of the City and specific traffic issues on Sunday's Well Road, between North Gate Bridge and Wellington Bridge may then be assessed.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

5.4.15 **HANDRAIL BE PUT IN PLACE ON THE STEPS LINKING FORT STREET AND FRENCHES QUAY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a handrail be put in place on the Steps linking Fort Street and Frenches Quay as a support for those who find it difficult them.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/343)

The Report stated that, Roads Maintenance will investigate the possibility of providing a handrail at this location and will obtain quotations for the work. However there is no funding available in the current year to carry out this work.

5.4.16 **INCLUDE DERRYNANE ROAD IN THE 2015 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Upper Derrynane Road be included in the 2015 Roads Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/344)

The Report stated that, Upper Derrynane Road will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Roads Resurfacing Programme.

5.4.17 **INCLUDE KENLEY ESTATE IN THE ESTAT RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would include Kenley Estate in the Estate Resurfacing programme for 2015.

Photographic evidence of the condition of this estate has been forwarded to the Roads Dept from the Residents Association, so I would ask that remedial work be carried out here in the meantime as the road surface is presently in a very poor condition.

I would also ask that this remedial work be monitored frequently as these potholes seem to reappear after any heavy downpour of rain.

This estate includes the following areas:-

[ Kenley Circle/Kenley Drive/Kenley Heights/Kenley Close/Kenley Road /Mount Eden ]’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/347)

The Report stated that, these locations will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Roads Resurfacing Programme. The most damaged sections of these estates are currently being patched by Roads Maintenance.

#### 5.4.18 **APPROVES THE USE OF CYCLE LANES BY WHEELCHAIR USERS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council approves the use of cycle lanes by wheelchair users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/349)

The Report stated that, the appropriate usage of cycle lanes is set out at a National level. Therefore, Cork City Council will refer the matter to the Department of Transport for their attention.

#### 5.4.19 **CONSTRUCTION OF NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That construction of the long overdue North Ring Road be prioritised by Government in 2015 as it will open up lands for industry and housing and also relieve traffic dangerous flows across Cork's northside.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/350)

The Report stated that, preliminary design, preferred route selection together with draft EIS and CPO have already been developed for the Northern Ring Road. The project delivery remains an objective for Cork City Council and Cork County Council but no substantial funding has been available to date.

By agreement, Cork County Council is the lead authority for the scheme and we expect that they will liaise with the Dept. of Transport regarding future funding.

#### 5.4.20 **PUBLIC LIGHTING REPAIRS AT KILLALA GARDENS KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out urgent public lighting repairs at Killala Gardens Knocknaheeny as the lower end of the estate is in complete darkness for a number of months now.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/351)

The Report stated that this work will be included on AUS work list and repaired subject to funding being available.

#### 5.4.21 **A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would develop a traffic management plan for the residential area adjacent to UCC from Glasheen Road to Western Road and from Dennehy's Cross to St Finbarr's Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/353)

The Report stated that, the residential area adjacent to UCC from Glasheen Road to Western Road and from Dennehy's Cross to St Finbarr's Road, will be reviewed as part of the National Transport Authority funded South Western Strategic Travel Corridor study, which is currently in progress.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 5.4.22 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON BLACKROCK ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Council review traffic calming measures on Blackrock Road; There is a point in the road where the cars get a good run to build up speed around Rochelle apartments, and then it narrows suddenly heading to Blackrock, just at the 4 white Victorian houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/355)

The Report stated that, Blackrock Road in the vicinity of Rochelle apartments has been added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. It is also worth noting that traffic issues along Old Blackrock Road will be reviewed as part of the National Transport Authority funded South Eastern Strategic Travel Corridor study, which is currently in progress.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 5.4.23 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON OLD BLACKROCK ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘We propose that due to significant safety concerns caused by speeding vehicles Cork City Council would carry out a traffic count/survey along the Old Blackrock Road to ascertain the dangers posed as result of both the volume of traffic and speed of vehicles in this area. In the short term we call on City Council to erect traffic signs; ‘Children at Play’ & ‘Speed Limit’ signs for the safety of all pedestrians, cyclists and residents in the area with a view to providing traffic calming measures in consultation with local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Nicholas O’ Keeffe & Cllr. Terry Shannon 14/358)

The Report stated that, Old Blackrock Road will be reviewed as part of the National Transport Authority funded South Eastern Strategic Travel Corridor study, which is currently in progress.

In the interim, consideration will be given to the erection of appropriate signage.

5.5 **TO RECONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN COMMITTEE**

5.5.1 **BARRIERS ON THE FOOTPATHS BEYOND 56 MARKET GARDENS, TOGHER ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would put in place some barriers on the footpaths to prevent motorists from parking on these footpaths on both sides of the road just beyond No. 56 Market Gardens Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/309)

The Report stated that, Market Gardens is not in the charge of Cork City Council Roads and Transportation Directorate.

This motion has been referred to the Housing & Community Functional Committee.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

Letter from the Insolvency Payments Section, Department of Social Protection regarding the Insolvency Payments Scheme, Protection of Employees dated the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014.  
Letter from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government regarding Churchfield Industrial Estate dated the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

8. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following Summary:-

Comhairleoir T. Shannon – AILG Inaugural Annual Conference held at Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

9. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

There was no request for attendance at conferences/seminars tabled on the night.

10. **TRAINING**

10.1 **LAMA AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR “PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST – IS IT A REALITY”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the LAMA Autumn Training Seminar “Putting People First – Is it a Reality” held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal, 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **FUNDING FROM THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council seek funding from the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Scheme for the flats on Ballyphehane, Pouladuff and Noonan Road, Fort Street and St. Finbarr’s Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/318)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

11.2 **BASKETBALL COURT AREA ON STEPHEN STREET**

That a report be issued on the plan to turn the basketball court area on Stephen Street (now derelict) into a recreational area - for children or allotments - with controlled access for local residents adjoining the location only.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/330)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

11.3 **CLOSURE OF THE LANEWAY LINKING DESMOND'S SQ AND BARRACK ST VIA GRIFFIN'S COURT**

‘That the process required by a previous motion regarding the closure of the laneway linking Desmond's Sq and Barrack St via Griffin's Court be instituted with a view to undertaking the work if wanted by residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr Mick Finn 14/348)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.4 **CORK JAZZ FESTIVAL**

‘That Cork City Council celebrates the iconic musical personalities that have helped to establish the Cork Jazz Festival as Ireland’s premier city centre music event.

The Cork Jazz Festival is a one week annual event but we as a city have an opportunity to highlight our outstanding festival for the other 51 weeks of the Calendar.

I am proposing that Cork City Council engage with all partners in the Jazz Festival to explore the feasibility of a Musical Walk of Fame on Mac Curtin Street in the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/382)

**Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

11.5 **DETAILED TRAFFIC SURVEY FROM THE NORTH GATE BRIDGE TO WELLINGTON BRIDGE SUNDAY'S WELL**

‘Given the increase of traffic on Sundays Well Road particularly from 7.00 am to mid morning that City Council carry out a detailed traffic survey from the North Gate Bridge to Wellington Bridge Sunday's Well to examine the usage of vehicles in this area and take the appropriate steps to solve ongoing traffic congestion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/384)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.6 **INSTALL VERTICAL PARKING ON POPHAM'S ROAD FARRANREE**

‘Can vertical parking be installed on Popham's Road, Farranree, outside the shops where the footpath is very wide. This would improve trade for the businesses and would allow traffic including the 203 bus to flow, as it stands road users cannot flow freely.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins.14/386)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN COMMONS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council assess the need for traffic calming measures in Commons Road’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 14/387)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



11.8 **ADD ALDERWOOD ESTATE TO THE PATCH RESURFACING ROADS PROGRAMME**

‘That Alderwood Estate, on South Douglas Road be added to the patch resurfacing roads programme.’

( Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/388)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.9 **SKATEBOARD PARK IN TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

‘That an elaborate skate board park be developed in Tramore Valley Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/389)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

11.10 **ROADS SURVEY OF WOODBROOK ROAD, BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Directorate would carry out a survey of Woodbrook Road, Bishopstown to establish what measures can be taken to taken to eliminate indiscriminate parking at the entrance to the road which has the potential to restrict access to emergency vehicles and that this road be added to the estate resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 14/391)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.11 **HANDRAIL AT THE STEPS CONNECTING BENOIRLICH ESTATE AND HALLDENE ESTATE ON THE CURRAHEEN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would put a handrail at the steps connecting Benvoirlich Estate and Halldene Estate on the Curraheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/392)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.12 **UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESSES**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of public consultation processes (statutory and non-statutory) with a view to increasing public engagement and comment on public schemes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/393)

**Corporate Policy Group**

11.13 **IRELAND HOSTING A STAGE OF THE TOUR DE FRANCE**

‘That Cork City Council's Tourism and Arts Functional Committee will write to the Minister of State for Sports and Tourism, Michael Ring TD, to request that he engage with the relevant sporting and tourism bodies to examine the possibility of Ireland hosting a stage of the Tour de France in the near future with the Cork region central to the event, the first since 1998.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/395)

**Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

11.14 **DATABASE OF THE MAINTENANCE WORKS REQUIRED ON VACANT CITY COUNCIL STOCK**

‘That Cork City Council would keep a database of the maintenance works required in all houses that become vacant in order to readily ascertain the costs associated with renovation of each house in City Council stock. This database should also include the costs associated with standing utility charges, security & any miscellaneous charges on each property to fully estimate the ongoing costs to City Council of vacant houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/396)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

11.15 **REPAIRS TO THE 5 GARAGES ON FARRANFERRIS AVE**

‘Can Cork City Council secure and carry out any necessary repairs to the 5 garages on Farranferris Ave and that Cork City Council facilitate the use of the garages to members of the community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 14/397)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

11.16 **INCLUDE APARTMENTS ON TOGHER ROAD IN THE INSULATION / WARMER HOME SCHEME IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME**

‘That City Council would include the Council owned Flats / Apartments on Togher Road in the insulation / Warmer Home Scheme in the next programme if / when funding is allocated from the Dept. of Environment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/398)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

11.17 **CORRESPONDENCE FROM IRISH WATER**

That this Council calls on management to produce a report including all correspondence, if any, received from and sent to Irish Water, relating to any request for information of Council tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 14/400)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

11.18 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE NO. 12 MAGLIN GROVE, DEANROCK, TOGHER**

‘That City Council would facilitate the homeowner in No 12. Maglin Grove, Deanrock, Togher with a Disabled Parking Space outside their residence.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/401)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.19 **TRAFFIC SURVEY OF THE WESTGATE ROAD, AND SURROUNDING ROADS, LEADING ONTO THE BISHOPSTOWN AND CURRAHEEN ROADS**

‘That Cork City Council conduct a traffic survey of the Westgate Road, and surrounding roads, leading onto the Bishopstown and Curraheen Roads to establish traffic volumes in these locations and provide a traffic management plan and deterrents to vehicles travelling through these residential estates if the traffic volumes are deemed as being excessive.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 14/403)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

11.20 **URGENT PUBLIC LIGHTING REPAIRS IN AVENUE DE RENNES**

‘That Cork City Council carries out urgent Public Lighting Repairs in Avenue De Rennes as it is frequently damaged, to both lamps and power supply cables which is a cause of danger to the public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/405)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

12 **MOTIONS**

12.1 **RESTORE FUNDING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE RESTORING OF D.P.G. GRANT ON SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS**

**An Chomhairle deferred the following Motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to immediately restore funding to Local Authorities for the restoring of D.P.G. Grant on social housing units. The present Government procedure is socially exclusive and discriminate against Local Authority tenants suffering from various disabilities.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/254)

12.2 **RECOGNISE THE STATE OF PALESTINE**

**An Chomhairle deferred the following Motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to recognise the state of Palestine’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon, S. Martin, N. O’Keeffe, F. Dennehy, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald. 14/381)

12.3 **CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM TO RETAIN WATER SERVICES IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

**An Chomhairle deferred the following Motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to hold a constitutional referendum to retain water services in public ownership.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/394)

12.4 **GENDER IDENTITY SELF-DETERMINATION**

**An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following Motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

‘That this Council supports the right for citizens of Cork City and elsewhere to determine their own gender identity.

Therefore, Cork City Council calls on the Government to legislate to allow for self determination of one's own gender identity, both legally and medically.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 14/399)

12.5 **SUPPORT THE WORKERS AT TEXACCO BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘This council fully supports the workers at Texacco Ballyvolane who are sitting in for their entitlements, pay, holiday pay redundancy”

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry, J. Sheehan 14/402)

12.6 **PROVIDE SIGNAGE FOR PATIENTS AND VISITORS TRAVELLING TO THE SOUTH INFIRMARY- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

**An Chomhairle deferred the following Motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Health Service Executive and The South Infirmary-Victoria University Hospital to provide signage for patients and visitors travelling from outside Cork City and across Munster to the hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/404)

13. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> JULY, 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, AND 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014.**

13.1 **TRADE UNION FEES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a vote was called for on the following Motion:-

‘That the large Trade Unions cut their affiliation fees by at least 50% for a period of 5 years for employees on salaries less than the average industrial wage and by 25% for employees on salaries above that level in order to help those employees from an economic perspective.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/261)

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Shannon, N. O’ Keeffe, M. Finn, S. Martin, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J Hourican. (10)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins. (10)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, T. Moloney. (2)

As the vote was tied, An tArd-Mhéara had the casting vote and voted in favour of the motion, accordingly the motion was approved.