

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016**

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| <b>PRESENT</b>       | An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>NORTH EAST</b>    | Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>NORTH CENTRAL</b> | Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, 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 D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b> | Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>SOUTH WEST</b>    | Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>ALSO PRESENT</b>  | Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive.<br>Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs.<br>Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs.<br>Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs.<br>Ms V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Services.<br>Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.<br>Mr. J. Hallihan, Head of Finance.<br>Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Executive Officer, ICT & Business Services.<br>Ms. A. Bogan, Senior Planner, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Services.<br>Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.<br>Mr. L. Griffin, Executive Planner, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. |

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Due to an over run of the Special Meeting with Minister Simon Coveney T.D., on the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn standing orders were suspended to commence the ordinary meeting of An Chomhairle at 6.15 p.m.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Meehan Family on the death of Josephine Meehan.
- The Stout Family on the death of James Stout.
- The Ahern Family on the death of Phil Ahern.
- The Hourihan Family on the death of Cian Hourihan.
- The Corcoran Family on the death of Leonard Corcoran.
- The Moylan Family on the death of Mary Moylan.

- The Speight Family on the death of Helen Speight.
- Ann Doherty, Chief Executive on the death of Mary Doherty.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Philomena Murphy.
- The Farry Family on the death of Andrew Farry.
- The Barrett Family on the death of Mark Barrett.

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

- Togher Boxing Club on winning a 3<sup>rd</sup> National Title.
- Cork Con RFC on winning the Munster Senior Cup.
- Ms. Maria Foley on saving the life of a young child.
- Cork Senior Comogie Team on winning the Munster Senior Comogie Championship.
- St Finbarr's under 21's on winning the City Division Championship.
- Cork City Council Social Inclusion Unit on LGBT Awareness Week.

## 3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

## 4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

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

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for April 2016.

### 4.2 **DRAFT LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)**

The Chief Executive informed An Chomhairle that public consultation on the draft Local Economic and Community Plan will commence on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

## 5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## 6. **QUESTION TIME**

### 6.1 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN BISHOPSTOWN AND WILTON**

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

To ask the Chief Executive with respect to planning and development in Bishopstown/Wilton;

- (i) What is the current status of the Bishopstown/Wilton Area Action Plan?
- (ii) What is the current status of the dwelling on the green in Bishopscourt; are there any legal actions currently pending in relation to this site and associated planning

- application; have all monies owed pertaining to this site been paid to the City Council, what was the value of such monies?
- (iii) What is the current status of the landbank at Hawkes Rd, Waterfall Rd and Curraheen Rd and what discussions, communications, meetings or preplanning meetings have taken place in relation to this site and with whom and the outcome of such meetings?
  - (iv) What is the current status of the planning application granted for the Dunnes Stores site on the Curraheen Rd?
  - (v) What communications have taken place between City Council and Dunnes Stores in relation to this site, has a meeting taken place with representatives of Dunnes Stores, if so what was the outcome of this meeting?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

### **REPLY**

- (i) The Bishopstown/Wilton Area Action Plan is a non-statutory Area Action Plan which was adopted in 2007. Its key policies were incorporated into the City Development Plan 2009. These were reviewed and updated in the City Development Plan 2015-2021.
- (ii) 1 Park Gate Villas, Bishopstown has been on the Derelict Sites Register since 10/12/15. The owners were invoiced for a derelict sites levy of €4,500 in January 2016.

There are 3 separate legal actions pending in relation to this site as follows:

1. **Judicial Review Proceedings (Record No. 645 JR 2009) Ken Mahon v Cork City Council**– In August 2012, Cork City Council lodged an appeal in respect of the High Court decision, in this case. This appeal will be heard by the Court of Appeal.
  2. **High Court (Record No. 2009/5565) Ken Mahon & Jason Healy v Cork City Council**– These proceedings relate to a claim seeking damages for negligence, breach of duty etc.
  3. Claim for Compensation under Section 190 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Planning and Development Regulations 2001 on behalf of Ken Mahon and Jason Healy.
- (iii) Property at junction of Hawkes Road/ Waterfall Road– The previous planning permission on these lands has expired and there have been no recent proposals for the site.

Derelict sites officials from SPED have been in contact with the receivers, KPMG, to request them to secure the boundaries and this was progressing. However it appears the site has now been sold and KPMG have been asked to supply contact details for the new owners. If the required works are not carried out shortly the placement of the site on the Derelict Sites Register will proceed.

- (iv) Dunnes Stores, Curraheen Road - The application for this site (Ref. No. TP08/33098) was extended in December 2015 and expires on 23 December 2019.

- (v) Development Management Section wrote to Dunne's Stores a number of months ago enquiring as to their plans for the site but there has been no response to date.

Ann Bogan,  
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

## 6.2 **JUNCTION OF CURRAHEEN ROAD/WESTGATE ROAD**

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

At the junction of Curraheen Road / Westgate Road and going up Westgate Road the road narrows for about 50 yards. Vehicles park on both sides of this very narrow roadway, thereby causing a "bottle neck" where moving traffic can only proceed in single file in the middle of the road both going up and coming down Westgate Road.

This is a very busy road especially at peak times. It is the main route to Bishopstown Community School, Bishopstown G A A Club as well as resident's vehicles etc

Would it be possible to access this problem and install double yellow lines where needed A S A P in the interest of health and safety.

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

### **REPLY**

Westgate Road from its junction with Curraheen Road will be assessed to identify the problems that exist and the appropriate mitigation measures. If double yellow lines are deemed appropriate they will be inputted into the current road painting programme and will be undertaken as soon as is practical.

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

## 6.3 **PUBLIC LIGHTS RE-INSTATED IN 2013, 2014 & 2015**

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

How many public lights were re-instated in 2013, 2014, 2015?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

### **REPLY**

Due to the age of public lighting assets in the City, the Council has been progressing the replacement of life expired metalwork across the network as budgets have allowed in recent years. While the City Council's annual maintenance budget is the primary source of funding, additional work has been undertaken with grants secured from the National Transport Authority for sustainable transport projects and also under the low cost safety improvement scheme.

The number of lanterns installed over the past three years is as follows:

2013 – 413 lanterns  
2014 – 267 lanterns  
2015 – 313 lanterns

These replacements are in addition to other works on lighting brackets, columns or expired bulbs. The Council will continue its program of replacing obsolete equipment in 2016.

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

#### 6.4 **PLAYGROUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

Can the CE tell me how many playgrounds there are under the control of Cork City Council?

Where are these playgrounds situated within the city?

What was the year these playgrounds were built?

What was the cost of building these playgrounds?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

#### **REPLY**

The Council Manages 19no Playgrounds at the following locations:

- The Lough
- Kilmore Road (+ MUGA)
- Gerry O’ Sullivan (+MUGA)
- Popham@s Park (+MUGA)
- Fitzgerald’s Park
- Clashduv Park (+MUGA)
- Tory Top Park (+MUGA)
- Grattan Hill
- Glenamoy Lawn (+MUGA)
- Shalom Park
- Ballinlough Park
- Lough Mahon Park (+MUGA)
- Meelick Park (+MUGA)
- Military Cemetery
- Foyer Assumption Road
- Life Time Lab
- Mangerton Close, The Glen – MUGA
- Meelagh Estate, Mahon – MUGA
- St Michael’s Close, Mahon – MUGA

All Playgrounds including the MUGAs were built during the period 2000 to 2010, the exception being Fitzgerald’s Park which was built in 2015.

The Playgrounds varied in cost from €75k to approximately €300k depending on the size and civil works involved. Where MUGAs are provided, these amounted to an additional individual cost of €80k. The final cost of Fitzgerald's Park Playground amounted to €652K.

A considerable number of the Playgrounds and MUGAs are situated within enclosed parks and considerable expenditure associated with the development of these parks also occurred during this period. These works involved civil ground works, drainage, perimeter railings, paths, carparks, park furniture, landscape works etc.

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

#### 6.5 **NORTHERN STRATEGIC CORRIDOR STUDY**

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

Can the CE please advise on the timeline for the completion of the NTA funded Northern Strategic Corridor Study.

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

#### **REPLY**

The Northern Strategic Corridor Study is expected to be complete by the end of October 2016.

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

#### 6.6 **RESURFACING AT MURMONT CRESCENT AND MURMONT PARK**

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

Can the CE please note that quality of resurfacing carried out at Murmont Crescent and Murmont Park was so bad that within a few years it is disintegrating and accordingly can the CE please arrange for them both to be properly resurfaced immediately.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

**REPLY**

Our records indicate that Murmont Crescent and Murmont Park have not been resurfaced within the last seventeen years. Both roads will be considered for inclusion in the 2017 resurfacing programme.

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

6.7 **RESTRICT THE DISTANCE FAST FOOD OUTLETS CAN OPERATE NEAR SCHOOLS**

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

Can the CE indicate if there are any planning stipulations in place that restrict the distance Fast-Food outlets can operate near schools?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

**REPLY**

The Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 sets out policy applying to locations of Hot food take-ways and fast food restaurants in paragraphs 16.88 -16.91, but does not include a provision on distance from schools. Paragraph 16.90 states:

*'In order to protect residential amenity in suburban areas fast food take-away units will only be permitted in District Centres, Neighbourhood Centres and Local Centres. These locations provide the focus for social and commercial life in any area'.*

There are no provisions in Planning legislation at present that require or provide for restrictions on Fast Food outlets close to schools.

Unless legislated for (e.g. in a change of use classes and exemptions in the Planning Regulations) it is considered that it would be difficult to make effective, implementable and enforceable planning policy on this issue.

Ann Bogan,  
Strategic Planning & Economic Development.

6.8 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE HOUSING CRISIS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the details of Cork City Council's emergency response to the housing crisis in Cork City to the Minister for Housing, as requested by Minister Coveney.

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

**REPLY**

The Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government met with Local Authority Chief Executives on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. The Minister requested that each authority would revert with ideas and proposals on how to boost supply of social and private housing in the short term. It is anticipated that local authority responses would be reflected in the Government's Action Plan for Housing to be finalised by the Summer. The City Council's submission will be finalised in the coming days.

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

6.9 **AMOUNT OF PROPERTIES OFFERED TO CORK CITY COUNCIL FROM NAMA**

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

Can the C.E. give a list of the amount and address's of all the properties / units that were offered to Cork City Council from N.A.M.A. over the years?

How many of these were accepted and how many were refused and what were the reasons for refusal?

In relation to Downview on the Farranlea Road these have being accepted for social housing units but are being allocated by an approved housing body from applicants on our waiting list.

What has been the hold up in relation to the allocation of these and when do we envisage that these units will be fully occupied?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)



## REPLY

### Summary of Properties - Cork City Council - May 2016

| Area                          | Identified | Demand, Confirmed & Active | Completed/ Contracted | No Longer Considered | Not Available | No Demand | Not Suitable |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| Bishopstown (Downview)        | 31         | 31                         | 31                    | 0                    |               |           |              |
| Blackpool                     | 18         | 18                         |                       | 0                    |               |           |              |
| Blackpool                     | 32         | 32                         |                       | 0                    |               |           |              |
| Blarney Road                  | 5          | 5                          |                       | 0                    |               |           |              |
| Boreenmann a Road             | 42         | 0                          |                       | 42                   | 42            |           |              |
| City Centre                   | 1          | 1                          |                       | 0                    |               |           |              |
| City Centre                   | 9          | 0                          |                       | 9                    | 9             |           |              |
| City Centre                   | 205        | 0                          |                       | 205                  | 64            |           | 141          |
| Silversprings (Ashmount Mews) | 60         | 23                         | 23                    | 37                   |               |           | 37           |
| Silversprings (Ashmount Mews) | 11         | 11                         | 11                    | 0                    |               |           |              |
| Knocknacullen (The Meadows)   | 14         | 14                         | 14                    | 0                    |               |           |              |
| Shanakiel (Ard Sionnach)      | 53         | 53                         | 53                    | 0                    |               |           |              |
| Shandon                       | 20         | 0                          |                       | 20                   | 20            |           |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>501</b> | <b>188</b>                 | <b>132</b>            | <b>313</b>           | <b>135</b>    | <b>0</b>  | <b>178</b>   |

#### Notes:

1. Listed above are each of the individual groups of housing units identified by NAMA as being potentially suitable for social housing since 2011.
2. As part of the process for the engagement with NAMA, the Housing Agency acted as a central contact between NAMA and local authorities to, in the first instance, establish demand for social housing in the general areas initially identified.
3. Cork City Council confirmed a demand for properties in all areas identified.
4. In two areas, the Council confirmed a demand for some of the units having regard to sustainable community considerations and seeking to avoid a potential over-

5. concentration of social housing in these areas. For example, a total of 71 units were identified in Ashmount Mews. The Council confirmed a demand for 34 of these units and these are currently under construction with delivery anticipated later this year. NAMA is funding the construction of these units which will be purchased by NAMA's special purpose vehicle, National Asset Residential Property Services (NARPS) on completion. These units will then be leased to Respond! Housing Association and made available for allocation to applicants on the Council's waiting list under a Payment and Availability agreement. Under this agreement, the Department funds a monthly payment from the Council to Respond!.
6. The balance of 37 units in Ashmount Mews, along with 141 units out of 205 declined in a City Centre location make up the total of 178 that the Council declined in 2013 and 2012 respectively. It subsequently transpired that none of the units identified in the City Centre location could be delivered by NAMA.
7. In relation to the units in Downview, Farranlea Road, these were identified by NAMA in April 2015 and the Council confirmed a demand for these units to the Housing Agency. Based on this confirmation, NAMA entered into negotiations with the receiver appointed over these units and subsequently reached agreement to purchase them from the receiver. Co-operative Housing Munster (formerly NABCO) was selected through a process managed by the Housing Agency, in consultation with the Council. Completion and commissioning works are underway by the receiver along with the legal conveyancing process between NARPS and the receiver. Once these are completed, the Payment & Availability agreement will be signed between the Council and the Approved Housing Body and allocations will be made in accordance with the Council's Allocation Scheme. Current indications are that these units will be available for occupation in quarter three of this year.

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

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## 7.2 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Financial Statement 2015. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**Resolved that** the Annual Financial Statement for 2015 and, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 16 are hereby approved.”

## 7.3 **MOTION**

### 7.3.1 **CAPITAL FUNDING FOR A PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was referred from the meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

‘That Cork City would provide capital funding for a playground and associated works in Bishopstown; that it would be prioritized as a matter of urgency and that this motion would be forwarded directly to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. Dennehy, Cllr. P.J. Hourican, Cllr. T. Moloney 16/139)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee.

## 8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

### 8.1 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 2 (SOCIAL HOUSING UNDER PART V) OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An Chomhairle agreed to formally make variation No. 2 (Social Housing under Part V) of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Having considered proposed Variation No.2 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 and the Chief Executive’s report on the public consultation, dated 11th of May 2016, and having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of Cork City Council as local authority and any relevant policies and objectives of the Government or Ministers of the Government, it is hereby resolved to make Variation No.2 to the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021.”

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

9.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 in relation to the following property disposals:-

- a. Disposal of Cork City Council's interest in a plot of ground to the rear of No. 107, Blarney Street, Cork to William and Tracy McCarthy, c/o Finbarr Murphy Solicitors, Lee White House, No. 8, Washington Street, Cork for the nominal sum of €100.00 (inclusive of VAT).  
On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal by way of lease of substation site together with right of way and wayleave to ESB Networks at Kinsale Road Landfill Site, Kinsale Road, Cork at a rent of €10.00 per annum (if demanded) plus costs of €750.00 (plus VAT if applicable).  
On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin the disposal was approved.

9.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for April 2016.

9.3 **DERELICT PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 in relation to Derelict Properties.

9.4 **CENSUS 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 in relation to Census 2016.

9.5 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

## 9.6 **ALLOCATION FOR TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th May, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would give a full report to Council on all the funding that was allocated in the years 2009 to 2015 for the purpose of Traveller Accommodation and upgrading/redevelopment of our Travellers Halting sites under the remit of this Council. Was all that funding availed of and used for these projects and if not was their funding returned to the D.E.C.L.G. or to the City Council centrally and reasons for this.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/061)

The report set out details of capital allocations for upgrading/ redevelopment of Cork City Council’s Traveller specific accommodation types from 2009 to 2015 as follows:

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Allocation</b> |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2009        | €337,962.85       |
| 2010        | €0.00             |
| 2011        | €0.00             |
| 2012        | €62,000.00        |
| 2013        | €291,421.00       |
| 2014        | €2,827,621.93     |
| 2015        | €1,902,097.85     |

The report further stated that 97.5% of the St. Anthony’s Park group housing scheme approved budget has been claimed. 2.5% of the original approved budget sum is outstanding equating to €96,768. Apart from this sum all capital allocations from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government were fully expended.

## 9.7 **COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR BALLYVOLANE AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th May, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council recognizes the need for providing basic community infrastructure and community centre to the Ballyvolane area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/072)

The report stated that Cork City Council recognises and supports the needs of communities throughout Cork City through local Community Associations and provides annual grants to Community Associations. Community Associations have traditionally developed through grassroots community development led by local activists wanting to provide services to their community. Local communities can receive support from organisations such as Cork City Partnership to help them develop a local plan for their area. Local communities can join the Public Participation Network (PPN) to ensure the needs of their community are

represented through the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) process and included in future planning.

#### 9.8 **CONSTRUCTION OF 1,300 HOUSES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th May, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would immediately start the process of building the 1,300 houses that Cork City Council Housing Department estimated could be built on land banks owned by Cork City Council. That the developments would be a mixture of social housing, affordable housing, and housing for renting. That all required infrastructure such as roads, footpaths, public lighting etc. Would be included along with other services such as doctors clinics, community centre, shops, park, crèche, schools and any other service that would ensure that these new estates are sustainable.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/077)

The report stated that the Housing Agency has been undertaking a scoping exercise nationally on lands in local authority ownership with regard to prioritising suitable lands for development in the lifetime of the Social Housing Strategy 2020. This exercise will have regard to a number of factors including the local demand for social housing, planning issues and the physical characteristics of the lands. Six significant sites are available for social housing and in the ownership of Cork City Council and plans are well advanced for the construction of housing units that are sustainable on four of these sites. The remaining two sites are under review in light of changing housing requirements.

#### 9.9 **PROGRAM TO REPAIR VACANT HOUSES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th May, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put a program in place to repair all the vacant houses it has boarded up across the city and to allocate them to families that are homeless and on the social housing waiting list.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/078)

The report stated that Cork City Council had put in place a program to continue the repair of vacant properties in its possession in 2016. Work on this program has commenced.

9.10 **DEANROCK DEVELOPMENT – STATUS OF THE LOUGH CREDIT UNION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th May, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That in conjunction with the very welcome development of housing on the Deanrock site in Togher, the status of the Lough Credit Union - a long-standing and essential public service facility (particularly given the departure of PTSB from the area) - be preserved by ensuring ease of public access, by providing sufficient parking facilities for staff and customers and by avoiding over encroachment on its premises with balanced density of units on the housing site. Additionally, access to the new housing development must not compromise access points to existing estates in the catchment that are already compromised by huge traffic volumes, along Togher Road in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/087)

The report stated that the new housing proposal gives due regard to preserving ease of public access to the Credit Union, and a new boundary configuration has been agreed in principle with the Credit Union management which will provide new dedicated parking within the Credit Union grounds in lieu of the public parking spaces currently available in Shournagh Lawn. Further public parking is proposed along Togher Road and elsewhere within the scheme.

The report further stated that the proposed density of housing is considered appropriate to the site. Issues of traffic and access will be given due consideration by the relevant Departments as part of the Part VIII Planning application procedure.

9.11 **RAPID BUILDING HOUSING SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th May, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would report whether ‘Rapid Build Housing’ schemes are being considered as one element in its housing strategy to tackle the ongoing housing crisis.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/099)

The report stated that Cork City Council had examined the procurement of innovative solutions to meet its targets under the Social Housing Strategy 2020 and in particular the first phase of the Strategy 2015 – 2017.

The report further stated that a contract notice was placed on the e-tenders website and the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) in September, 2015. The Council through a Competitive Dialogue procedure is in the process of identifying suitable partners to deliver part of its housing programme for Cork City. The dialogue has allowed the Council to engage with interested candidates who have offered innovative solutions that include “fast track” housing options to meet housing need.

The report also stated that the Council is now in the final stages of selecting the preferred bidders and members of Council will be advised in due course of the outcome to the process.

#### 9.12 **FARRANREE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th May, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on any progress being made in ensuring the former Farranree Community Development Project (CDP) building is available again for use by the local community and agencies working on its behalf’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 16/100)

The report advised Members that this building is not in City Council ownership. Notwithstanding this, the Director confirmed that the Council has been working on an inter agency basis since 2015 to develop a solution for the future use of this building for the benefit of the community and the area. The Council is just one party involved in this process, and has confirmed its support for a sustainable community use in the premises. The report further advised that Members will be kept apprised of progress in this regard.

#### 10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

#### 10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th May 2016 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending April 2016.

#### 10.2 **INTRODUCTION OF 30KM/H IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 regarding the introduction of 30KM/H in residential areas.

#### 10.3 **CORK CITY COUNCIL PARKING BYE LAWS 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 regarding Cork City Council Parking Bye-Laws 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

‘Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED “CORK CITY COUNCIL PARKING BYE-LAWS 2016”** Cork City Council having consulted with the Garda Commissioner and having complied with the provisions of Section 36 of the *Road Traffic Act 1994* (No 7 of 1994) and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws and the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, it



is hereby **resolved** to **make** the Cork City Council Parking Bye Laws 2016 in accordance with the draft attached hereto subject to Article 2 thereof being amended to read:-

“These Bye-Laws shall come into operation on the **4th** day of **July 2016.**”

10.4 **SECTION 85 AGREEMENT WITH CORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO FACILITATE THE REPLACEMENT OF CURRAHEEN ROAD BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 regarding Section 85 Agreement with Cork County Council to facilitate the replacement of Curraheen Road Bridge.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS

To facilitate the proposed replacement of Curraheen Road Bridge, Cork City Council is of the opinion that it would be more convenient that Cork City Council would carry out on behalf of Cork County Council its powers functions and duties as a local authority and or as a road authority insofar as they relate to concern and or involve the proposed works set out in the Schedule hereto, insofar as the proposed works shall be situated within the administrative area of Cork County Council and Cork City Council is able and willing to do so.

Accordingly, Cork City Council hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Cork County Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993.

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

10.5.1 **REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON THE SOUTH LINK ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council along with the Gardaí would consider reducing the speed limit on the South Link Road approaching the traffic lights at Tramore Valley Park. The speed limit at these lights is 100 k.p.h. and is much too fast as vehicles approaching from either direction are breaking the Red Light constantly.

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/062)

The report stated that the N27 South City Link is a national road and a dual carriageway. The statutory/default speed limit for a national road is 100km/h. In accordance with TII Circular No. 12/2015 and The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport’s 2015 publication, ‘*Guidelines for setting and managing speed limits in Ireland,*’ the use of a regulatory speed limit, that is lower than the default speed limit, should not be the immediate response to addressing road safety issues at particular locations in the road network. Notwithstanding this the reduction of the speed limit on the approaches to the traffic lights at Tramore Valley Park can be considered as part the National Speed Limit review. It should be noted that should a lower speed limit at this location be implemented it

will have to be supported by engineering measures as a driver's choice of speed is primarily determined by the physical appearance of the road ahead and the resultant assessment of risk.

If a speed limit is set in isolation it is likely to be ineffective and lead to disrespect for the speed limit.

#### 10.5.2 **CYCLE LANES AMENDED TO ALLOW TWO WAY TRAFFIC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'Following a recent situation on French's Quay where a cyclist in the middle of the road was almost knocked off their bike, despite a contra flow bicycle lane being less than two metres away, the following motion should be considered; "that all cycle lanes installed in Cork City be amended to allow two way traffic and the response that the lanes are not wide enough not be tolerated, as cyclists using them can surely exercise due caution as they would have to do on unprotected parts of the already narrowed main roadway.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/067)

The report stated that the provision and use of cycle lanes is governed by national design guides, policies and legislation. Any contravention of these regulations and standards would place considerable risks on both the users of the infrastructure and the City Council by way of public liability claims.

#### 10.5.3 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ALONG DISTILLERY WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That the public lighting along Distillery Walk be fixed in advance of the Darkness Into Light Walk in May, as requested in 2015.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/068)

The report stated that prior to the event taking place, a survey of the lighting on the Banks of the Lee Walk was undertaken and the public lighting maintenance contractor ensured that all the lanterns were in order.

#### 10.5.4 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN ST. VINCENT'S PLACE, BLARNEY STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That new public lighting be placed in St. Vincent's Place, Blarney Street, Cork'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 16/071)

The report stated that St. Vincent's Place has been listed for inspection as an existing lighting column is in position and the scheme will be assessed by the maintenance contractor.

#### 10.5.5 **SPEEDING ON SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD AND BOHERBOY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take immediate measures to curtail speeding on Silverheights Road and Boherboy Road including options such as electronic speed indicator devices, road markings, and occasional Garda speed checks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/075)

The report stated that a speed survey has recently been completed in the area to identify if it is suitable for introduction of a 30kph speed limit. Results of the survey indicate that speeds are sufficiently low to merit introduction of the reduced limit and report to members on the issue is on the agenda.

#### 10.5.6 **STATUS OF ELECTRICITY POLE NUMBER 3 ON CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council reports on the most recent update on the status of Electricity Pole Number 3 on Church Road, Blackrock & that Cork City Council allocates funding to replace the lantern on pole number 26 on Church Road, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/079)

The report stated that ESB Networks have confirmed that the degraded timber pole is included on the programme for replacement but there is no further update available. Cork City Council will include the lantern on pole number 26 on Church Road, Blackrock on the schedule for proposed upgrades.

#### 10.5.7 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SURVEY IN WOODLAWN TRAMORE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out a pedestrian safety survey in Woodlawn Tramore Road with the intention of installing more traffic calming measures for the safety of the young children living there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/083)

The report stated that Woodlawn, Tramore Road can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Currently, there is no funding available for a traffic calming programme. However any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

10.5.8 **PAVING SLABS IN THE PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE THE POST OFFICE AT LEESDALE MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would remove the small paving slabs in the parking space outside the post office at Leesdaile Model Farm Rd. and replace them with tarmac as a lot of them are loose presently and some are missing and this is also a real danger to pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/084)

The report stated that the location has been assessed and will be attended to as part of the Road Maintenance Southside rolling programme in the coming months.

10.5.9 **FOOTPATH INFRASTRUCTURE IN LOTABEG, BOHERBOY ROAD, SILVERHEIGHTS, SILVERSPRINGS LAWN AND SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That an audit be carried out on the state of the footpath infrastructure in Lotabeg, Boherboy Road, Silverheights, Silversprings Lawn and Silversprings Court areas to examine the extent to which these paths have become broken, damaged or dangerous. Where paths are found to be in such a state that they constitute a danger to pedestrians that the council would include them in the works programme for repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/088)

The report stated that the footpaths in Lotabeg, Boherboy Road, Silverheights, Silversprings Lawn and Silversprings Court areas will be inspected in the coming months and any essential repair works will then be included in future Roads Programmes. The extent of repairs will be dependent on available resources.

10.5.10 **MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 30 KILOMETERS PER HOUR AT SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD AND BOHERBOY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In light of the recent call at the inquest into the tragic death of a young child for the introduction of a mandatory maximum speed limit of 30 kilometres per hour in housing estates that Cork City Council would take the initiative and begin the process of

introducing such limits at Silverheights Road and Boherboy Road where there has been particular issue with speeding for many years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/089)

The report stated that a speed survey has recently been completed in the area to identify if it is suitable for introduction of a 30kph speed limit. Results of the survey indicate that speeds are sufficiently low to merit introduction of the reduced limit and report to members on the issue is on the agenda.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8 p.m.

#### **10.5.11 RE-PAINT THE MARKINGS AT THE CSO JUNCTION ON SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council re-paint the markings on the road at the CSO junction on Skehard Road as a matter of urgency. The junction is dangerous for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. Also that Cork City Council re-configure the traffic light sequence at this junction to improve traffic flow into the Eden estate.

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/101)

The report stated that the repainting of the markings on the road at the CSO junction on Skehard Road is complete.

The existing operation of traffic signals on the Skehard Road/CSO junction incorporates a system to optimise timings in response to the traffic flows detected on each of the approaches. It is not possible to improve the performance of the junction without the provision of additional capacity.

The geometric layout of the junction would have to be modified to incorporate widening of the carriageway to cater for a dedicated right-turn lane from the Ringmahon approach and thereby improve the access into the Eden Development. The modifications to cater for such a junction upgrade which would include traffic lighting staging has been considered on the South West Strategic Corridor study and any such improvement works are dependent on NTA funding.

#### **10.5.12 TIMING OF THE LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION AT DENNEHYS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would examine the allowed timing of the lights for pedestrians to cross safely at the Junction at Dennehy’s Cross. The time allowed presently is not sufficient for the elderly residents of the area to cross safely so I am calling on Council to increase the

time allocated to facilitate the elderly and give them more confidence when trying to cross this Very Busy Junction to the Church or Supermarket.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/093)

The report stated that the junction at Dennehy's Cross has been inspected on site and it has been confirmed that the total crossing time comprising Green Man, Flashing Green Man and All Red clearance complies with the recommended code of practice. Further measures which would improve the level of service for pedestrians may be considered in the context of the South West Strategic Corridor Study.

10.5.13 **ADDRESS THE LENGTHY DELAYS AT THE JUNCTION OF TRAMORE ROAD & POULADUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the lengthy delays being experienced by motorists at this junction be addressed as part of the South West and South Central Strategic Transport Corridor study.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/102)

The report stated that this matter will be considered as part of the detailed design for Project No 4. “The Kinsale Road – Curragh Road Corridor Project” identified in the area wide Strategic Transport Corridor Study.

10.5.14 **INCLUDE TORY TOP ROAD, FRIARS WALK JUNCTION IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include the Tory Top Road, Friars Walk Junction in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/104)

The report stated that the condition of Tory Top Road/Friars Walk Junction will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

10.5.15 **PROVIDE PARKING IN THE UNUSED GRAVEL AREA PARALLEL TO THE HOUSES ON BANTRY PARK ROAD, FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take short or long term measures to provide parking in the unused gravel area parallel to the houses in Bantry Park Road, Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/107)

The report stated that this area will be inspected for suitability to provide parking areas. The provision of such parking will be dependent on the consensus of the local residents and sufficient funding being available.

10.5.16 **INVESTIGATE DRAINS IN LARCHFIELD ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Council investigate the drains in Larchfield estate and clear where appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/109)

The report stated that the gullies in Larchfield Estate will be cleaned in the coming weeks as part of our ongoing gully cleaning programme.

10.5.17 **INCLUDE MCSWEENEY’S VILLAS IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include McSweeney’s Villas on the Corks Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/114)

The report stated that the condition of McSwiney Villas will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

10.5.18 **CLOSE THE CASUAL PATH THAT RUNS EAST/WEST TO THE SOUTH OF LAGAN GROVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council close the casual path that runs east/west to the south of Lagan Grove as it has never been properly kept by City Council, it is a constant source of anti social behavior and must be permanently closed in the interests of public safety and the common good.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/115)

The report stated that this motion has been referred to the Housing & Community Functional Committee.

10.5.19 **TRAFFIC FLOW SURVEY ON THE NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a traffic flow survey on the North Ring Road with Particular emphasis on the three roads exiting on to the North Ring Road. They are Boherboy Road, Silverheights Road and the road exiting Silversprings Court. These exit roads are catering for seriously increasing volume of traffic and with absolutely no traffic regulation it is becoming increasingly difficult and dangerous at each of these junctions. Based on my proposed Traffic Survey, can I request that a traffic management strategy be formulated for the area in the interest of regulating traffic flow and most importantly addressing public safety concerns.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/117)

The report stated that the North Ring Road and the roads feeding onto it are currently being assessed in the context of the NTA funded Northern Strategic Corridor study. Any proposed works will feed out of this study.

10.5.20 **RESURFACE THE JUNCTION OF SHANDON STREET AND CATHEDRAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Can Cork City Council resurface the junction of Shandon Street and Cathedral Road as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr: K. Collins 16/118)

The report stated that the condition of the Shandon Street/Cathedral Road junction will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

10.5.21 **CLEAR BLOCKED DRAINS WITHIN AVONLEA COURT, CHURCH RD, BLACROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 12th May 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council clear blocked drains within Avonlea Court, Church Rd, Blackrock. Any amount of rainfall causes localized flooding within the estate due to the blocked drains.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/123)

The report stated that the gullies in Avonlea Court will be cleaned in the coming weeks as part of our ongoing gully cleaning programme.



11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Meath County Council dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
- E-mail from Ballina Municipal District dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the summaries of the following conferences/seminars attended:-

- Comhairleoir T. Shannon on the AILG 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference held 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Buncrana, Co. Donegal.
- Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll on the LAMA Annual Conference held 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 in Sligo town.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

14. **TRAINING**

None received.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **SIGNAGE IN KENLEY ESTATE TO PREVENT LITTERING**

‘That City Council would erect permanent signage in Kenley Estate to prevent littering and dumping of grass / hedge cuttings on a green area that the residents are after cleaning up recently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/125)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.2 **INSTALL DOG FOULING BINS**

‘Following on from the success of Dog Fouling Awareness week, that Cork City Council would put in place a number of Dog Fouling Bins on a nominated road, say Old Youghal Road on the Northside and a similar stretch of road on the Southside and monitor these roads re dog fouling levels over a six week period. If successful this initiative could then be rolled out gradually across the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/133)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.3 **REFURBISH STEPS LEADING UP TO CASTLEVIEW TERRACE**

That the steps leading up to Castleview Terrace on Lower Glanmire Road be refurbished as they have fallen into a state of disrepair over the years and is the only access for the residents of Castleview Terrace.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/134)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.4 **INSTALL GATES AT ENTRANCES TO CHAPEL FIELD, GURRANABRAHER**

‘That Cork City Council install gates at the Templeacre Avenue and Cathedral Road entrances to Chapel Field Gurrabraher. This estate is being used by non residents as a shortcut especially late at night. These gates would greatly help minimise the occurrence of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/138)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

15.5 **PROTOCOLS FOR CORK CITY COUNCIL AND THE OFFICE OF LORD MAYOR**

‘That Cork City Council consider current documents that set out protocols for Cork City Council and the office of Lord Mayor, and that council set up a committee that includes elected members and former Lords Mayor who may be interested to review old protocols and develop new ones on behalf of the citizens of Cork.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. T. Shannon, Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. N. O’Keeffe, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/142)

**Corporate Policy Group**

15.6 **TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEES**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with interested community groups and associations to facilitate the development and creation of local Tidy Towns committees and that Cork City Council would recommence the annual competition for gardens, estates and public spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/144)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.7 **PUBLIC EXTINGUISHMENT OF ROPE WALK FROM SHANAKIEL PARK TO SOHO TERRACE, SHANAKIEL**

‘That Cork City Council begin the process of the public extinguishment of Rope Walk from Shanakiel Park to Soho Terrace Shanakiel.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/153)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.8 **RING FENCE THE DIVIDEND ON THE I.P.B ON CAPITAL SPORTS GRANTS**

‘That Cork City Council ring fence the dividend from the I.P.B for Capital Sports Grants and show it as an individual item in the Budget’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/154)

**Finance & Estimates Functional Committee**

15.9 **REPAIR THE SLIPROAD TO SOUTH LINK ROAD FROM TURNERS CROSS ON DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That what’s left of the roadway at the sliproad to the South Link road from Turners Cross on Douglas Road (just before Christ the King) be repaired immediately. It is currently in an unacceptably disgraceful and embarrassing state – like many of our roads – and has been for months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/157)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.10 **PROVIDE QUARTERLY UPDATES IN RELATION TO LEGAL ACTIONS INITIATED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS**

‘That Cork City Council members be provided with quarterly updates in relation to legal actions initiated by City Council officials- such updates to include an estimates of likely legal costs, the Solicitors and barristers retained by Council officials. In addition Council members should be provided with a summary of judgements to cases which result in costs having to be borne by Council (public funds).’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/159)

**Finance & Estimates Functional Committee**

15.11 **TEA WAGONS TO BE RETURNED TO CITY COUNCIL DEPOTS**

‘That Cork City Council Tea wagons, parked (to put it mildly) all over the city and which are covered in graffiti should be returned to City Council Depots in the interests of keeping the City tidy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/160)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.12 **ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Prosperity Square be added to the Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 16/161)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.13 **UNDERTAKE TRAFFIC REVIEWS ON WESTGATE RD, BALLINEASPIG LAWN, AND CENTRAL AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake the following works:-

- (i) A review of traffic on Westgate Rd, Ballineaspig Lawn, Central Avenue and adjoining estates and specifically would address issues of parking, speed and safety;
- (ii) That Westgate Rd, Firgrove, Central Avenue and Ballineaspig Lawn be assessed for traffic calming measures;
- (iii) That Bishopstown Rd would be assessed with respect to the turning into and out of the Aldi site and the site of the former Rock Savage Filling Station;
- (iv) That the hatched area at the western end of the grass median on Bishopstown Rd would be augmented by safety bollards or other measures to minimise cars and other vehicles undertaking u turns.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. P.J. Hourican 16/164)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.14 **ERECT A FENCE TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE MIDDLE PARISH MEALS ON WHEELS**

‘That Cork City Council would consider erecting a Fence/Gate at the entrance to the service entrance of the Middle Parish Meals on Wheels on Peters Street, the side entrance is an off road cul de sac which is attracting groups of individuals who hang out and make a nuisance of themselves. The said area is being used as a public toilet by these individuals and drug use is also common place. The width of the entrance is in the region of 16 foot

and it would not prove too difficult or costly to do. The Fence/Gate would be of immense importance for the volunteers of the Middle Parish and it would also provide added security to the service entrance in the cul de sac.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 16/166)

### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 16. **MOTIONS**

##### 16.1 **REQUEST THAT COKE ZERO BICYCLE STAND AT THOMAS KENT TRAIN STATION BE MOVED**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to Iannród Éireann and the National Transport Authority requesting that the Coke Zero bicycle stand at Thomas Kent Train Station be moved from its current location where it is obscuring the view of the Thomas Kent memorial bust and garden.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/146)

##### 16.2 **MOVE THE ELECTRONIC METER FOR RENT A BIKE BLOCKING THE THOMAS KENT MONUMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That the City Council would act immediately in consultation with Irish Rail to move an electronic payment meter for the Rent-a-Bike scheme which is directly in front of the Thomas Kent monument and which is blocking the viewing of it the general public including tourists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/165)

##### 16.3 **PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO GREEN BIN CHARGES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council;

- Recognises the strong public opposition to green bin charges and opposes the introduction of a pay-by-weight system imposed by the previous Labour Minister for the Environment, Alan Kelly which is due to come into effect from July 2016.
- Recognises the serious financial difficulties this system will cause for the 70,000 carers across the state who cannot recycle medical waste material, and; low-income earners, those in receipt of state benefits, and those who suffer from ill health or disability.
- Recognises that the introduction of green bin charges will discourage people from recycling their household waste.

- Calls on the Government to take into account the concerns expressed by citizens, carers and advocate organisations and stop the imminent imposition of this scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/167)

16.4 **SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS COURSE ON THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to ensure that a suicide prevention, mental health awareness and well-being course is on the secondary school curriculum with training for both teachers and students alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/168)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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