

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Sheehan.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, K. Collins, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M. R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads and Environment Operations. Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance Mr. D. Roche, A/Director of Services, Housing. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. N. Stewart, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Ms. Marianne Meehan, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O’Flynn family on the death of Liam O’Flynn.
- The O’Shea family on the death of Tim O’Shea.
- The Hudson family on the death of Jerry Hudson.
- The Russell family on the death of Dermot Russell.
- The Hurley family on the death of Jimmy Hurley.
- The O’Brien family on the death of Mark O’Brien.
- The Scott family on the death of Derek Scott.
- The Scanlon family on the death of Brian Scanlon.

- The Ahern family on the death of Dan Ahern.
- The O'Connor family on the death of Kimberly O'Connor.
- The O'Brien family on the death of Gary O'Brien.
- The McCarthy family on the death of Caroline McCarthy.
- The Murphy Hickey family on the death of Fiona Murphy Hickey.
- The Looney family on the death of Pat Looney.
- The Kavanagh family on the death of Joe Kavanagh.
- The Jefferies family on the death of John Jefferies.

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

None received.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Bogue, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to consider the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to the governing body of UCC to register our disagreement with the proposed rent increases in student accommodation, to express our support of the students who are currently protesting in the quad, and to ask that the decision to increase rents in student accommodation is reversed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the motion.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that in the context of the evolving circumstances of the Covid-19 virus, and following a risk assessment, based on WHO guidelines, An tArdmhéara and the Chief Executive had made a decision to cancel this year's parade.

3.2 **COMMEMORATION EVENT 19th MARCH**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that invitations will be issued to An Chomhairle to attend a Commemorative Mass and wreath laying in Blackpool Church on the 19th March 2020.

The event will commemorate the murder of Tomás MacCurtain and will be attended by An t-Uachtarán, Michael D. Higgins.

3.3 **CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An tArdmhéara advised that there will be a briefing for An Chomhairle in relation to the City Development Plan on the 23rd March 2020 at 4.30pm.

3.4 **RENAMING OF ANGLESEA STREET**

An tArdmhéara advised that as part of the 1920 Commemorations it was intended to rename Anglesea Street. A public engagement process has been agreed, similar to that adopted for the naming of the Mary Elmes Bridge.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **PROPOSED HOLDING OF AN EVENT**

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Martin, Seconded by Cllr. K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 5th March on the proposed holding of an event by Cork City Council under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Planning and Development Regulations 2001. The event being the Seafest Maritime Festival 2020 to be hosted at the Port of Cork and Cork City Quays on the 15th, 16th, and 17th May 2020.

4.2 **CORK CITY COUNCIL'S PREPAREDNESS TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

The Chief Executive gave An Chomhairle an update on the measures being taken by Cork City Council to ensure preparedness to respond to the evolving circumstances of the Covid-19 virus.

4.3 **CORK METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

The Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle that the National Transport Authority, in association with Cork City Council, Cork County Council and in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, had published the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy. The strategy provides a framework for the planning and delivery of transport infrastructure and services in the Cork Metropolitan Area up to 2040.

4.4 **WINDSOR HOTEL SITE**

The Chief Executive gave An Chomhairle an update on action taken in relation to the Windsor Hotel site and outlined the steps to be taken in relation to planning enforcement.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 30th January 2020.
- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 10th February 2020.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 17th February 2020.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **INNISCARRA ROAD -PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

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

Can the Inniscarra Road be assessed for pedestrian crossings or have the Council any plans to improve pedestrian access to the Ballincollig Regional Park along this route?

(Cllr. Colette Finn)

REPLY

Presently access from the area in the vicinity of Westcourt Estate to the Ballincollig Regional Park is via a pedestrian bridge on the south-west corner of the park or via the carpark on the western side of the park, on Inniscarra Road. The entrance to Westcourt Estate is approximately 350m from the pedestrian bridge park entrance. The provision of additional new pedestrian access point directly to the Ballincollig Regional Park in the vicinity of Westcourt Estate would require a significant engineering project. Constraints in the area that would need to be considered include the breaking an entrance through the existing stone wall, the challenging topography in the area and the presence of a stream/river inside the stone wall that would require a bridge to be provided as part of the solution. The level of funding required for such an extensive project is not currently available and it could be argued is not justifiable given the fact that the existing park entrance is only 350m from the housing estate entrance.

Inniscarra Road can be assessed to determine the appropriateness for a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Westcourt, however there are topographical challenges in the area and currently there is no funding available for the installation of pedestrian crossing facilities. Any works deemed appropriate will be added for consideration in future roads programme and undertaken subject to available resources.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate

6.2 **PUBLIC HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AT MODEL FARM ROAD**

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

To ask the CE for an update with regard to the 4.7acre site at Model Farm Road and my motion 19/027 of which an amended version was agreed by Council on 14/01/2019 for referral to the Housing Functional Committee. Can the Chief Executive confirm if the Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy was written to and, if so, what response was received and if there has been any further update with

regard to my proposal for the construction of 100% public mixed income housing on this site?

(Cllr. Ted Tynan)

REPLY

The lands referred to at Model Farm Road are now within the functional area of Cork City Council and are not zoned as residential under the Development Plan.

The first stage consultation of issues to be considered in the new City Development Plan is due to formally commence in April 2020 and the Council's strategic objectives for the site will be considered in the context of that review. The Elected Members will be kept informed at all stages as the review progresses. Cork City Council has been in contact with the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government and it has been confirmed that it will consider the Council's proposals for a development of housing on the site as per normal procedures once an appropriate zoning is in place for residential development

Declan Roche
Acting Director of Services
Housing Directorate

6.3

NEMO RANGERS – TRAMORE RIVER

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

Where are we at with Cork City Council drawing up the legal documents with Nemo Rangers to take over the ownership of the Tramore River as agreed by previous Councils?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The property section are currently finalising the mapping of the site which should be complete imminently. Once this is complete, the necessary legal process can be concluded with Nemo Rangers.

Paul Moynihan
Director of Corporate Affairs & International Relations

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FOR TRAMORE VALLEY PARK AT HALF MOON LANE

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

To ask the Chief Executive to provide any legal basis for concerns that has delayed the opening of a pedestrian access for Tramore Valley Park at Half Moon Lane.

(Cllr. Dan Boyle)

REPLY

The legal basis is one of safety for existing users of Half Moon Lane and those who would use it to access the park.

Half moon Lane, is a narrow lane off South Douglas Road serving Christ King Girls Secondary School, a number of commercial premises, ESB pitch & putt club, one residential property and a large City Council Depot accommodating Plant & Machinery, Cleansing and Traffic Departments. All these uses generate considerable vehicular traffic ranging from large commercial vehicles to family saloons.

The lane measures approximately 250 metres in length and ranges in width from 4m – 5.5m. There is no public footpath and no dedicated car parking spaces along the lane. The junction with the South Douglas Road is not a controlled junction (no traffic lights) and is completely blind in both directions when exiting.

In the context of the above, the lane is completely unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists using it to access the Park and considerable improvement works will be necessary to bring it up to a safe standard. It is also important to note that providing an access to the park from Half Moon Lane will attract visitors to the park arriving by car and, given that there is no dedicated parking area, cars are likely to be abandoned along the narrow lane creating a serious obstruction for other vehicles using the lane to access their premises and, for parents dropping and collecting school children.

A traffic assessment and, survey of the lane is due to commence shortly and draft improvement proposals should be ready for consideration by early May. Should it be feasible to provide a safe access to the park along the lane, a part 8 application will be submitted to the South East LAC and Council for consideration. If approved, detailed design, tender and contract will follow.

Total timescale from survey to implementation will be approximately twelve months, but this timeline is subject to the required capital funding being secured to deliver the project.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Roads & Environment Operations

6.5

EROSION OF BANK - ST. GERARD'S PLACE

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

What are the results of the OPW study of possible erosion of the bank behind the houses St. Gerard's Place and Island View and what is the result of the examination of same area by Council officials and what action can or should be taken to rectify the surface deterioration due to the undermining of the bank which may have deteriorated due to storms.

(Cllr. Deirdre Forde)

REPLY

Cork City Council is unaware of the OPW having carried out a survey at this location. Will follow up with the OPW and the Department of Food, Agriculture and the Marine to ascertain if same exists.

We are also following up with the County Council to see if they have any information on this matter. Once this has been done we will revert.

Following on from a site inspection I can confirm that while the road is in poor condition there is no evidence of road subsidence.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Roads & Environment Operations

6.6

DERELICT SITES REGISTER

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

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full list of Council owned property that fulfils the criteria for inclusion on Cork City Council's derelict sites register and to provide a narrative as to why some Council owned property does not appear to be included on the public facing register?

(Cllr. Lorna Bogue)

REPLY

Property Services are undertaking a review of the Core Portfolio of Properties which are in CCC ownership; and as part of that process all built assets will be considered in terms of condition. If any building is considered to be in a derelict condition it will be classified as such. It is anticipated that this schedule of derelict property would be for internal use as Property Services works with the other departments on removing dereliction with the portfolio.

Stephen Fox from Property Services would be happy to meet with you to discuss any particular properties which are of concern.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

6.7 **VACANT COUNCIL PROPERTIES**

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

Can the CE outline how many Council owned properties are currently boarded up or not in use (ie voids) and if it is possible to determine via the HSE how many are in the Fair Deal Scheme in the city and currently vacant?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

A total of 341 units of the City Council's social housing stock are in transition between tenancies of which, 102 units are currently under offer and awaiting tenancy and the remainder are at various stages of pre-tenancy repair. As per policy, many of these housing units have to be boarded up to protect valuable built assets from anti-social behaviour.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) is best placed to answer queries regarding the Fair Deal Scheme.

However, it should be noted that there are no Council houses "*in the Fair Deal Scheme*". The amount recipients of this assistance are required to contribute towards their care is calculated on the basis of their income and assets. Although an individual's contribution can be deferred by way of a loan, the asset does not belong to or come under the control of the HSE.

Declan Roche
Acting Director of Services
Housing Directorate

6.8 **LIOS CARA ESTATE, KILLEENS**

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

Could the CE please update the Council on the taking uncharged of the estate of Lios Cara in Killeens, Blarney, Cork.

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

Updated inspection reports are required to itemise the outstanding works in relation to the various infrastructure elements to establish an estimated cost of the necessary works to complete the development to taking in charge standard. This is subject to

adequate resources being made available to carry out these reports. Please note that Cork County Council claimed the bond for this development, in the amount of €56,878, however, to date, following multiple requests Cork City Council are not in receipt of this bond. A recommendation to take the estate in charge cannot be made until the works are completed

Adrienne Rodgers
Director of Service
Community, Culture & Placemaking

6.9 **MARINA PARK**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the tender process for Marina Park?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Tender clarification process with the Most Economic Advantageous Tenderer is near completion. Should the Council be satisfied with all clarifications sought, it is anticipated a contract for the works will be issued in the coming weeks.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Roads & Environment Operations

6.10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what reforms/changes to the powers or operation of local government she believes are most necessary or would be most beneficial for Cork City Council to deliver on Cork's potential as Ireland's second city in the coming decade?

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

REPLY

The question requests my personal opinion in relation to the reform / change of local government and does not relate specifically to the business of Council as required by Standing Orders.

The reform / change of Local Government is a matter for the National Legislature. My role, as Chief Executive is to operate within the existing legislative framework and not to individually advocate for it's reform/change. I would be happy to engage

through appropriate representative structures in any consultative processes in relation to any proposals of Government for reform/change, and to support the Members if required in their consideration of any such proposals.

Ann Doherty
Chief Executive

6.11 **PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF HOUSE ON CHURCH AVENUE**

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

Can the CE report on a partial collapse of a house on Church Avenue off Roman Street recently which has also affected neighbouring properties? What was the response of the City Council to the incident and any follow up as residents in the area remain very concerned?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

Cork City Fire Brigade responded to an incident involving the partial collapse of a rear garden retaining wall at 9 Church Avenue on 20/02/2020 at 20.35hrs. At the time as a precautionary measure people were evacuated from their houses in the vicinity of the collapse. This included properties on Church Avenue, Easons Hill and Upper John Street.

Cork City Council Traffic Department also attended the incident.

Cork City Fire Brigade attended a further call with regards to back garden subsidence on 22/02/2020 at 12.13hrs at 7 Church Avenue.

Cork City Council investigated the partial collapse of this retaining wall under the Local Government (Sanitary Services Act) 1964, and are satisfied that this is a civil matter between private property owners .

Cork City Council has written to each property owner concerned and recommended that they

seek independent Structural Engineering and Legal opinion on the matter as soon as possible.

Adrienne Rodgers
Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking

6.12 **BIKE SCHEME**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what reforms/changes to the powers or operation of local government she believes are most necessary or would be most beneficial for Cork City Council to deliver on Cork's potential as Ireland's second city in the coming decade?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

Under the current Public Bike Scheme there are approximately 330 bicycles available for hire from 31 docking stations across the City. The docking stations are spread over an area from Kent Station through the City Centre to UCC. The scheme has proven to be very popular and there are currently in excess of 14,000 registered users with 270,000 trips per annum.

In response to Council requests, the National Transport Authority (NTA) has confirmed its willingness to support an expansion of the scheme. It is expected that such an expansion will operate as an extension to the existing network of docking stations and provide further connections to destinations in the west of the City. The City Council is currently engaging with the NTA in relation to progressing such an extension and the necessary financial supports. Details of same will be confirmed to Council as they become available.

Gerry O'Beirne
Director of Infrastructure Development

6.13 **FINES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING**

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 details of the fines issued in 2019 for illegal dumping and how many fines were issued for dog fouling in a public place?

Can the CE also please advise how many of these fines have been paid and how many remain unpaid to date?

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

A total of 1307 litter fines were issued in 2019 broken down as follows:

Section 3.1 & 3.3 Offences	(Illegal dumping)	1161
Section 3.2 Offences	(Presentation Issues e.g. overloaded bins)	93
Section 6 Offences	Litter on Land)	3

There were no fines issued for 22 Offences (Dog Fouling)

The following set out the current position in relation to the 2019 Litter Fines:

Description:	No. of Fines
Total Fines Issued	1,307
Fines awaiting processing	53
Unactionable Fines	240
Total Actionable Fines:	1,014
Actionable Fines:	
Fines Paid	567
Fines awaiting legal Proceedings	166
Fines in Legal Process	185*
Fines unfit for prosecution following Summons Issue	96

*Includes 58 prosecution taken (44 won & 14 Adjournments)

David Joyce
Director of Operations

6.14 **COMMUNICATIONS MAST**

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

To ask the CE to report to City Council on the circumstances surrounding the erection of a communications mast at the junction of Boreenmanna Road and Victoria Avenue a number of weeks ago?

What role, if any, does Cork City Council have in this process?
Is planning required or was this work carried out under a licence?
What, if any, public consultation took place regarding this work?
Are there any health and safety issues associated with this work?
What is the purpose of this mast?
Is there a time span for a review of this piece of infrastructure?

(Cllr. Terry Shannon)

REPLY

What role, if any, does Cork City Council have in this process?

The Government's National Broadband Plan is a framework for the provision of high speed broadband through a combination of commercial and state investment. Cignal are a registered provider for the communications industry and is authorised

by ComReg to provide electronic communications networks and services. This authorisation from ComReg allows Cignal to apply for licences for over ground electronic communications infrastructure

The location of streetwork solutions are proposed by the applicant/registered provider. These locations are then considered by the Planning Authority

Is planning required or was this work carried out under a licence?

The licensing process for this overground electronic communications infrastructure and any associated physical infrastructure' i.e. a streetwork solution is set out in Section 254 (1) (ee) of the Planning and Development.‘ In considering a licence under Section 254 for such infrastructure the Planning Authority in consultation with the Roads Operations Division of the Council must have regard to four considerations as prescribed by the Act:

- (a) the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,
- (b) any relevant provisions of the development plan, or a local area plan,
- (c) the number and location of existing appliances, apparatuses or structures on, under, over or along the public road, and,
- (d) the convenience and safety of road users including pedestrians.

What, if any, public consultation took place regarding this work?

A referral report is received on all files from the Roads Operations Division, and where appropriate from the Housing Capital and Regeneration Section of the Council. Unlike a planning application, there is no requirement for the applicant to put up a site notice or to place an ad in the newspaper. Moreover, the Section 254 licensing process does not provide for the consideration of third party submissions as part of the decision making process.

In this case, the Roads Operations Division of Cork City Council submitted their report stating there was no roads related reason to refuse the application and outlined a number of conditions to be attached to the licence.

Are there any health and safety issues associated with this work?

Guidance on the process has been published by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, and is available for review at the following link: <https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/communications/publications/Pages/Guidance-on-the-Potential-Location-of-Overground-Telecommunications-Infrastructure-on-Public-Roads.aspx>*

**It should be noted that there is a discrepancy in the Guidelines which states that Class 31 of the Planning and Development Regulations allows for exempted development outside of public roads for poles or support structures up to 10 meters in height. Class 31 in fact allows for a height of up to 12 meters.*

What is the purpose of this mast?

Cignal provide tower, mast, rooftop and **streetwork solutions** for the expanding requirements of operators including EIR, Vodafone and Three. Cignal work closely

with mobile operators to identify locations known as ‘blackspots’ for mobile and wireless broadband. It is on this basis that licence applications for streetwork solutions are made. These proposed sites/locations are areas where coverage for mobile phones and data devices is required.

Is there a time span for a review of this piece of infrastructure?

A licence may be granted by the Planning Authority for such period and upon such conditions as the authority may specify, including conditions in relation to location and design. **Developments which are carried out in accordance with a licence are exempted development** in accordance with Section 254(7) of the Planning and Development Act. This provision exempts this type of development, meaning that planning permission is not required.

Further to the initial licence, Section 101D of the Road Traffic Act relates to carrying out roadworks or works on the road inclusive of reinstatements and road opening licenses applies where necessary to the works when the poles are being installed.

Adrienne Rodgers
Director of Services
Community, Culture & Placemaking

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: COPPERGATE, 8 ANGLESEA TERRACE, CORK - GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 20th February, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of four one bedroom units of accommodation at Coppergate, 8 Anglesea Terrace, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €600,000 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of four one bedroom units at Coppergate, 8 Anglesea Terrace, Cork”.

7.2 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 53, KNAPPS SQUARE, MULGRAVE ROAD, CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 20th February, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of a one bedroom apartment at 53, Knapps Square, Mulgrave Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €152,900 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of a one bedroom apartment at 53 Knapps Square, Mulgrave Road, Cork.”.

7.3 **PART 8 PLANNING PROPOSAL, TOGHER PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle to consider the proposed Togher Public Realm Enhancement Scheme and the attached report of the Director of Infrastructure Development thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cauty, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Togher Public Realm Enhancement project and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Togher Public Realm Enhancement project be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 9th of March 2020.”

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP - 2nd MARCH 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group held, 2nd March 2020.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 31st JANUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to 31st January 2020.

8.2 **DESIGNATED LOCATIONS FOR CANDIDATES’ POSTERS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will identify or provide designated locations for candidate posters during elections and request candidates for election not to erect posters outside of these locations in its functional area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/082)

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the following amended motion to Party Whips for consideration:-

‘That Cork City Council will identify or provide designated locations for candidate posters during elections and request candidates for election not to erect posters outside of these locations in its functional area; and, recognising the legal framework preventing the implementing of this policy, will write to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment requesting legislation is brought forward to facilitate this.’

9. **PARTY WHIPS - 24th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 24th February 2020.

10. **ITEM DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD, 10th FEBRUARY 2020**

10.1 **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - 20th JANUARY 2020**

10.1.1 **CITY OF SANCTUARY ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking dated 13th January, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘To ask Community, Culture and Place-Making Directorate for a progress and implementation report on the City of Sanctuary Action Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 19/528)

The report stated that the Community Culture and Placemaking Directorate have been delighted to provide support to and to collaborate with the Cork City of Sanctuary movement since its initiation in Summer 2017.

Cork City of Sanctuary is not a programme of Cork City Council, rather an independent movement which works in close dialogue and co-operation with the Council, as well as other stakeholders from across the city. The movement is led by a capable and experienced Steering Group. This group held a strategy and planning session in November 2019 which reflected on progress to date and looked ahead to planning and priorities for 2020.

A meeting is planned this month between representatives of the Steering Group and the Community Team, to look forward to shared priorities and opportunities in the coming year.

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this item to the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 8pm.

11. **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th February 2020.

11.1 **MONTHLY REPORT ON HOUSING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Housing for December, 2019.

11.2 **ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Housing on the following item which was referred to the Committee from the Environment, Water and Amenity Interim Policy Committee.

a) That the Housing Strategic Policy Committee formulate a policy that would require all existing and potential Cork City Council and HAP tenants to have in place a proper method of waste disposal as outlined in the Cork City Council segregation, storage and presentation of household and commercial waste bye-laws 2019.

b) That the Housing Strategic Policy Committee formulate a policy that would consider any convictions against Cork City Council tenants or HAP tenants under The Litter Pollution Act 1997 or the Waste Management Act 1994 as anti social behaviour that would affect their tenancy.

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the item back to the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee.

11.3 **MOTIONS**

11.3.1 **RETROFITTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 13th February, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council apply for national funding to retrofit the properties in Block A, B, C, D under the NW Regeneration Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 19/514)

The report stated that the properties in the Block A, B, C and D areas are not included for in the ‘*Cork City Northwest Regeneration Masterplan &*

Implementation Report’ adopted by Cork City Council on the 14th November 2011 (*the Masterplan*). However, the City Council will make an application to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government for a retrofitting scheme for the properties located in Blocks A, B, C and D of the previous North West Regeneration Programme.

12. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - 17th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th February 2020, and approved the following recommendations:-

12.1 **CORK CITY COUNCIL, DOUGLAS, PARKING BYE-LAWS 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Operations on Cork City Council, Douglas, Parking Bye-Laws 2020, dated 30th January 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED “CORK CITY COUNCIL, DOUGLAS, PARKING BYE-LAWS 2020”** Cork City Council having complied with the provisions of Section 101 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended and having complied with Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, and having consulted with the Garda Commissioner and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws and the report of the Director of Services, Operations (Roads, Environment, Recreation, Licensing, Regulation and Enforcement), it is hereby **resolved to make** the Cork City Council, Douglas, Parking Bye-Laws 2020 in accordance with the draft attached hereto.”

12.2 **CORK CITY COUNCIL BALLINCOLLIG CAR PARK BYE-LAWS 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Operations on Cork City Council, Ballincollig, Parking Bye-Laws 2020, dated 30th January 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED “CORK CITY COUNCIL BALLINCOLLIG CAR PARK BYE-LAWS 2020”** Cork City Council having consulted with the Garda Commissioner and having complied with the provisions of Section 101 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* as amended and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws and the report of the Director of Services, Operations (Roads, Environment, Recreation, Licensing, Regulation and Enforcement) it is hereby **resolved to make** the proposed Cork City Council Ballincollig Car Park Bye-Laws 2020 in accordance with the draft attached hereto.”

12.3

CORK CITY APPOINTED STANDS (TAXI) BYE-LAWS 2020

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Operations on Cork City Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2020, dated 30th January 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED “CORK CITY APPOINTED STANDS (TAXI) BYE-LAWS 2020” Cork City Council having consulted with the Garda Commissioner and the National Transport Authority and having complied with the provisions of Section 25 of the Taxi Regulation Act 2013 (No. 37 of 2013) as amended by the Public Transportation Act 2016 (No. 3 of 2016), and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws, representations received following publication of notices and the report of the Director Of Operations (Roads, Environment, Recreation, Licensing, Regulation and Enforcement) it is hereby resolved to make the proposed Cork City Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2020 in accordance with the draft attached hereto.”

12.4

CORK CITY ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS) BYE LAWS 2020

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Operations on Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2020, dated 30th January 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“In the matter of the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2020 Cork City Council having given notice to the elected Members of Cork City Council and the Garda Commissioner and having obtained the prior written consent of Transport Infrastructure Ireland and having complied with the provisions of Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act, 2004 as amended by Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 2016 and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws, representations received following publication of notices and the Director of Services Report dated the 12th day of February 2020 and having considered the written submission with respect thereto, it is hereby resolved to make the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2020 in accordance with the draft attached hereto.”

Subsequent to the meeting, Members were notified that the TII requested the following amendment to the byelaws and incorporate the following change:

- Third Schedule:
 - Replace text in 60.53 with the following text: *N-28 Cork-Ringaskiddy Road southbound carriageway on the N-40 Junction 9 eastbound off ramp from a point 127 m east of the nosing between the off ramp and the N-40 mainline to a point 60 m south of the centre line of Rochestown Road Bridge.*

12.5 **M28 CORK TO RINGASKIDDY PROJECT – SECTION 85 AGREEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development dated 30th January 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“That the Council agrees to the making of an Agreement between Cork City Council and Cork County Council under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act, 1993, in the form as presented to them, for the carrying out by Cork County Council of the relevant statutory procedures, procuring the necessary design work, acquiring the land and carrying out of / procuring the construction works and such other powers, functions and duties necessary for the design, construction and completion of the M28 Cork to Ringaskiddy Road Project.”

12.6 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE**

12.6.1 **OFFICIAL TAXI RANK AT WASHINGTON STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Operations, dated 30th January 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That an official taxi rank be provided for the Washington area, one that does not compromise existing cycle lanes on the street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 19/535)

The report stated that in the October 2019 a report to the SPC advised that taxi byelaws were being reviewed and new draft byelaws were being prepared. These draft taxi byelaws went to public consultation on 29th Nov 2019 and a report on this consultation process is included on the agenda of this SPC meeting. The draft byelaws include a proposed time restricted taxi rank on Hanover Place to facilitate demand in the Washington St area.

12.6.2 **ADDITIONAL CHARGING POINTS FOR ELECTRIC AND HYBRID CARS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Operations, dated 30th January 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council work with the other relevant stakeholders to provide for the installation of a large amount of additional charging points for electric and hybrid vehicles in the City, particularly in residential areas where off street parking is not available.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 20/011)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this item to the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

12.7 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO OTHER COMMITTEES**

12.7.1 **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON ILLEGAL PARKING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Operations, dated 2nd December 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will classify illegal parking as anti-social behaviour and adopt a zero tolerance policy towards illegal parking on double yellow lines, bus lanes, cycle lanes and footpaths, including the employment of additional and weekend parking enforcement staff funded through increased revenue from fines issued through a zero tolerance approach.

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 19/482)

The report stated that parking on public roads is governed by the Roads Traffic Acts, the Road Traffic Regulations and parking byelaws as adopted by Cork City Council. Parking enforcement in respect of illegal parking is undertaken by An Garda Síochána and Cork City Council. In accordance with the governing legislation the system deployed by Cork City Council is based on Fixed Charged Penalty Notices (FCPN) issued by Traffic Wardens and this system operates six days a week, Monday to Saturday. Any expansion of this service would require resources to be provided in the Budget. The legislation does not allow the classification of this type of offence as anti-social behaviour but provides the driver of the vehicle is guilty of an offence and if the FCPN remains unpaid can lead to a court conviction. Any illegal parking will be issued with an FCPN once observed. Year to date 35,056 FCPNs have been issued for many offences including parking on double yellow lines, bus lanes, cycle lanes and footpaths.

12.7.2 **ACCESS TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Operations, dated 2nd December 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That City Council would put in place measures that would give access to emergency vehicles on all our public walkways across our city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/507)

The report stated that appropriate barriers/bollards are erected at the entry points to amenity walks/cycle ways to prevent these areas being used by vehicular traffic with the obvious consequences for public health and safety. Prior to the installation of these barriers, these walk/cycle ways were being used as short cuts, for joy riding along with numerous incidents of burnt-out vehicles.

Fire service vehicles are equipped to push these barriers aside should they need to gain access.

13. **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - 17th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held, 17th February 2020.

13.1 **SOUTH WEST REGIONAL ENTERPRISE PLAN**

An Chomhairle noted the presentation given to the Committee from Ross Church, Programme Manager for the implementation of the South West Regional Plan.

13.2 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO.7 TO THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021(to facilitate Housing Provision at Bessboro Road, Mahon; Sunview, South Douglas Rd.; Westside, Model Farm Road; and the Former Bolands Mills, Old Mallow Road Site)**

An Chomhairle considered the Chief Executive's Report dated 12th February, 2020 on the proposed Variation No.7 (to facilitate Housing Provision at Bessboro Road, Mahon; Sunview, South Douglas Rd.; Westside, Model Farm Road; and the Former Bolands Mills, Old Mallow Road Site).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, An Chomhairle agreed the following Resolution should be referred to a Special Meeting of the Local Area Committee and further considered at a Special Meeting of An Chomhairle, to be held before 23rd March 2020.

'Having considered the proposed variation and the Chief Executive's report dated 12th February, 2020 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 7 to the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 under Section 13(6) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)'.

13.3 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION GRANTS SCHEME 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the Architectural Conservation Area Grants Scheme 2020.

13.4 **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the Development Plan process.

13.5 **MOTIONS**

13.5.1 **DERELICT PROPERTIES IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development, dated 31st January 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That City Council would be proactive and put in place protective measures to prevent the ever increasing amount of derelict properties particularly in the western suburbs of the city before all these new student accommodation developments come on stream over the next few years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/034)

The report stated that Cork City Council is currently investigating a number of derelict houses in the western suburbs and will continue monitor the situation. In addition, residents are encouraged to report any derelict or vacant houses in the area via the Cork City Council website www.corkcity.ie or www.vacanthomes.ie

13.6 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS/DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the activity of sites on the vacant sites register.

14. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th February 2020.

15. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th February 2020.

16. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th February 2020.

17. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th February 2020.

18. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th February 2020.

19. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE - 10th FEBRUARY 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 10th February 2020.

20. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 2nd MARCH 2020**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Finance and Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 2nd March 2020.

20.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statements to end of January 2020.

20.2 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated 27th February, 2020 in relation to the following disposals:-

- 20.2.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal of the freehold interest in a strip of ground approximately 41.66m² situated adjacent to No. 58, Capwell Road, Cork to Eolann Harrington, c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, No. 2, Park Place, City Gate Park, Mahon Point, Cork for the sum of €500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

- 20.2.2 On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal of the freehold interest in a plot of ground approximately 62m² situated at the junction of Boreenmanna Road and South City Link Road, Cork to P.C. Elwood Limited, c/o Michael Powell Solicitors, No. 5, Lapps Quay, Cork for the sum of €500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs in the sum of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

- 20.2.3 On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Canty, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal of the leasehold interest in a plot of ground approximately 43.5m² situated to the rear of No. 18, Hartlands Road, The Lough, Cork to Marie O’Riordan, c/o George F. Daly & Co. Solicitors, No. 2, Father Matthew Street, Cork for the sum of €500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

- 20.2.4 On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal of the leasehold interest in a plot of ground approximately 78.7m² situated at No. 11, Seminary Buildings, Blackpool, Cork to Robert Foley, c/o Douglas Law Solicitors, No. 2, Barry House, East Village, Douglas, Cork for the sum of €1,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

20.2.5 On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal by way of lease of Stall's No. 32 & 33, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade, Cork to Tobias Simmonds, t/a The Real Olive Company and Toonsbridge Dairy, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, 54, North Main Street, Cork at an annual rent of €19.00 per sq. ft.

20.2.6 On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Forde, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal by way of lease of Stall's No. 39 & 40, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade, Cork to The Sandwich Stall Ltd., c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, 54, North Main Street, Cork at an annual rent of €19.00 per sq. ft.

20.2.7 On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal of the freehold interest in a site comprising approximately 3,719 m² situated at Kennedy Quay, Cork to Origin Riverwalk Property Trading Limited, c/o Gartlan Furey Solicitors, No. 20, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin for the sum of €5,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

20.2.8 On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal of a plot of ground comprising approximately 6.2m² situated to the rear of No. 6, Windsor Cottages, Ballyhooly Road, Cork to Anthony and Annette O' Connor, c/o Vincent Toher & Co. Solicitors, Legal Chambers, 2, Washington Street West, Cork for the sum of €500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

20.2.9 On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the disposal of:-

Disposal by way of lease of property known as No. 67, Lus Na Meala, Banduff, Cork to Angel Guardian Community Preschool Limited, c/o JRAP O' Meara Solicitors, No. 89/90, South Mall, Cork subject to a rent of €52.00 per annum (plus VAT if applicable).

21. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence as follows:-

- Letter from the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport dated 25th February 2020.
- Letter to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport dated 3rd February 2020.
- Letter from Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 20th February 2020.
- Letter to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 14th February 2020.
- Letter from An Garda Síochána dated 20th February 2020.
- Letter to Garda Commissioner, Drew Harris dated 14th February 2020.
- Letter from the Office of An Tánaiste dated 19th February 2020.

- Letter to Tánaiste Simon Coveney dated 14th February 2020.
- Letter from the Office of An Taoiseach dated 18th February 2020.
- Letter to An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar dated 14th February 2020.
- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection dated 18th February 2020.
- Letter to the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection dated 14th February 2020.
- Letter from Donegal County Council dated 14th February 2020.

22. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Conferences/Seminars Summaries as follows:-

- Comhairleoirí S. Martin, D. Boyle, T. Shannon at the AILG Planning Module 2 – Development Plan Making Process held at Dooley’s Hotel, The Quay, Waterford on the 15th February 2020.
- Comhairleoir D. Canty at the Ireland and Plastic Waste – Celtic Conferences held at The Clonakilty Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork on the 25th -27th October 2019.

23. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

24. **TRAINING**

None received.

25. **CHIEF EXECUTIVES MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for January 2020.

26. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle noted the motions on Appendix 1 attached, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

27. **MOTIONS**

27.1 **TIVOLI DUAL CARRIAGEWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the NRA to restore the Tivoli dual carriageway from Silversprings to the Glanmire roundabout.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/342)

27.2 **UPDATE WATER MAINS AT OLD MALLOW ROAD, MONARD, WHITESCROSS AND RATHPEACON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls upon Irish Water to update the old water mains in the Old Mallow Road, Monard, Whitescross, Rathpeacon due to the continuous burst water mains, averaging 3 – 4 times per month in the area and the shortage of water to our citizens on a regular basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/351)

27.3 **RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council support disabled people to have the right to Personal Assistance Service allowing disabled people to have freedom, choice and control over all aspects of their lives and can fully participate in an inclusive society as equals.

Considering the unanimous motion passed in Dáil Eireann on the 19th November 2019, and in March 2018 Ireland formally ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD), which under Article 19 states that disabled people have the right to live in the community and have access to a range of in-home and other supports including Personal Assistance Services (PAS) to support this.

Cork City Council recognises its obligation to consult closely with disabled people and their representative organisations in policy development as enshrined in Article 4.3 of the UNCRPD which states that “in the development and implementation of legislation and policies states parties shall closely consult with and actively involve persons with disabilities, including children with disabilities, through their representative organisations”, specifically in relation to services provided by this Local Authority which impact on disabled people’s lives, such as planning, housing, transport, social inclusion and enterprise.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/119)

27.4 **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION RENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council stands with UCC Student Union in their fight against plans by to hike student accommodation rents and calls on UCC President, Patrick O’ Shea to abandon the plan. Rents have been hiked by 19% in 3 years across five student centers and affordability must be the basis of student accommodation, not profit.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 20/122)

27.5 **HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS OF STRYKER WORKERS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to Senior Stryker Management requesting that they engage with the workers representatives SIPTU in line with Labour Court recommendations LCR22112 and LCR22113 and to specifically and urgently resolve the health and safety concerns of Stryker workers at Tullagreen and Springhill, Carrigtwohill without delay. Council commends the 'Union Made is Stronger' campaign which is advocating on behalf of the workers.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. H. Cremin 20/135)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: - Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald M. Nugent, Ardmhéara J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan, L. Bogue, D. Boyle, S. O’Callaghan, C. Finn, T. Moloney, H. Cremin. (13)

AGAINST: - Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, D. Cahill, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon. (4)

ABSTAIN: - Comhairleoirí D. Forde, leas Ard-Mhéara S. Martin, D. Canty. (3)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

27.6 **SECURITY AT ST. MARY’S HEALTH CAMPUS, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to the management of St. Mary’s Health Campus, Gurrabraher requesting that security on the campus be reviewed in light of several incidents of anti-social behaviour affecting residents on Harbour View Road, Monastery Hill and other areas occurring following access from campus grounds. Council would encourage a representative from the HSE to attend the upcoming North West Community Safety Forum on the 23rd March to address this issue.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 20/136)

27.7 **HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council refutes any effort to introduce legislation that would restrict information on historical institutional abuse that has occurred in this country, and further calls for land and property of religious orders implicated in such abuse to be

made immediately available for the purpose of public infrastructure, as per already existing agreements.’

(Proposers: Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. L. Bogue 20/140)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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