

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. T. Keating, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Hurley Family on the death of Bart Hurley.
- The Cody Family on the death of Sean Cody.

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

- Lady Mayoress, Georgina Fitzgerald on hosting a very successful Coffee Morning raising vital funds for Marymount.
- Cork Film Festival on the special screening of the Maze as part of Cork Culture Night at Cork Concert Hall.
- Organisers of Cork Culture Night on the success of Culture Night.
- People and Local Authorities and Municipalities of Catalonia.
- Thomas McCarthy of Mayfield Boxing Club on representing Ireland versus Poland.
- David O'Brien and Mayfield CDP on organising the hugely successful first Mayfield Expo at Mayfield Community Centre.

- Chief Executive and staff for facilitating the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities Conference, and the WHO European Cities Network meeting of the Political Vision Group.
- Isabelle Terry on her successful heart and lung transplant in Scotland after a wait of 16 years.
- Organisers of the Ladies Mini Marathon on the success of the event raising thousands for charity.
- Famine Commemoration Group on their annual event at St. Joseph's Cemetery.
- Eoin English of the Irish Examiner for his excellent reporting of the 2015 Cork Local Government Review Process carried in the Irish Examiner of the 25th September 2017.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **LORD MAYORS VISIT TO CHINA**

An Chomhairle approved the visit of An tArd-Mhéara to Hangzhou and Shanghai, China from 15th to 21st October 2017.

3.2 **COMMEMORATIVE MASS FOR JACK LYNCH**

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle of an invitation received from North Monastery Past Pupils Union to a commemorative Mass for Jack Lynch, to be held Sunday, 1st October 2017 at 11.30 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne.

An tArd-Mhéara also advised that an Avenue on the grounds of North Monastery would be called Jack Lynch Avenue.

3.3 **CULTURE NIGHT**

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that visits to the Lord Mayors Chambers as part of Culture Night, 22nd September 2017, were fully booked and hugely successful, and he thanked former Lords Mayor involved for their help.

3.4 **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 10th JULY 2017**

An tArd-Mhéara called on the Meetings Administrator to address the meeting on this item. The Meetings Administrator advised An Chomhairle that an amendment was required to the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 10th July 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved the amendment of items 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 10th July 2017 to read as follows:-

4.3.1 DEVELOPMENT AT BALLINSHEEN ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive in accordance with the proposed residential development at Ballinsheen Road as required

under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended dated the 6th July, 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Having considered the proposed development and the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council thereon, **RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended that the developments of 30 units at Ballinsheen Road, Cork be carried out as recommended in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council dated the 6th July, 2017.”

4.3.2 DEVELOPMENT AT TRAMORE ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the proposed residential development at Tramore Road as required under 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended dated the 6th July, 2017.

Comhairleoir S. Martin proposed and An Chomhairle approved to substitute the word “agreed” for “recommended” in Item 2: Relocation of Footpath; Responses to issues raised: Items 1 and 2; final sentence.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Having considered the proposed development and the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council thereon, **RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended that the development of 4 units at Tramore Road, Cork be carried out as recommended in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council dated the 6th July, 2017.”

4. CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS

4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Reports for June, July and August 2017.

4.2 UPDATES ON THE MACKINNON REPORT

The Chief Executive updated An Chomhairle regarding the MacKinnon Report and advised that the next meeting of the Implementation Oversight Group would be held on Friday 29th September 2017.

4.3 CORK CITY EXPANSION THE FACTS ON ONE PAGE

The Chief Executive referred to the advertisement entitled Cork City Expansion The Facts On One Page, published in the Irish Examiner on Saturday 16th September 2017, a copy of which was tabled to members for information.

4.4 **SECTION 29 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1991**

The Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle of Section 29 correspondence received from the Chief Executive of Cork County Council. The Chief Executive also advised, and An Chomhairle agreed, that Boundary issues would be addressed through meetings of the Corporate Policy Group, Party Whips and Party Leaders grouping.

Comhairleoir C. O'Leary was congratulated on his efforts over the last two years to obtain documentation relating to the 2015 Cork Local Government Review Process under the Freedom of Information procedure.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 11th September 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **PROCUREMENT OF EXTERNAL LEGAL SERVICES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the process for procurement of external legal services by Cork City Council since 2014 and to report on an annual basis, the firms and/or individuals who have been retained by Cork City Council, the amounts paid to each firm and or individual, the nature of work undertaken and when the next procurement competition will open?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)
(Deferred from meeting of 11th
September)

REPLY

Cork City Council legal department headed by the Law Agent provides legal services to support the Council's operations and this is supplemented by specialist legal services as required. In addition legal services which support the management of public liability claims taken against the Council are outsourced, on the basis of a long standing contract.

Towards the end of 2016 the Office of Government Procurement put in place a Multi Supplier Framework Agreements for the Provision of Legal Services. We are assessing this framework to see if it meets the specific requirements we have in the area of public liability claims. Given the unique situation that Cork City Council is in within the local authority sector regarding its management of claims using such a framework poses significant risks to our self insured model. It looks like we will have to change the structure of how we currently engage with a legal services provider to avail of the framework. At present we are working on the complexities and risks that this entails with a view to using the framework if possible.

John Hallahan
Head of Finance

6.2 **REJECTED PROPERTIES BETWEEN 2016 AND SEPTEMBER 2017**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir F. Ryan was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 9th October 2017.

Can Cork City Council confirm how many properties between 2016 and September 2017 were rejected or turned down due to “estate management” or “mixed tenureship” purposes?

(Cllr. Fiona Ryan)

6.3 **FOOTPATH ON MAGAZINE ROAD**

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

Would it be possible to have the footpath on Magazine Road from Highfield Avenue for about 50 yards to past O’Connell’s Chemist Shop assessed and reinstated?

At the moment it is very damaged and pedestrians, as well as wheelchair users, are finding it difficult to use it. I am sending in photographs to Roads’s Department to illustrate the condition of this footpath.

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

It is intended that this section of footpath will be upgraded as part of the proposed footpath renewal contract in 2018.

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

6.4 **PARKING REQUIREMENTS UNDER CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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

Why did Cork City Council Planners choose to implement the parking requirements under the City Development Plan 2015/2021 when refusing planning permission for development on Endsleigh Lodge in Douglas Planning no REF 1737474 16th Aug 2017 and why did the planner emphasized when making their decision that under-provision of parking spaces by the applicant was a contributory factor. There were no submissions from the public objecting to this application.

Why when in the submissions for planning no Ref 1637178 December 5th 2016 did Cork City Council Planners choose not to implement the parking requirements under the City Development Plan after people provided documentary evidence of safety concerns yet Cork City Council Planners granted in favour of that application.

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

REPLY

It is not possible to respond to this question as these are live planning applications.

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

6.5 **WORKS CARRIED OUT IN DEERMOUNT AND DEERPARK**

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

What works were carried out by Cork City Council in Deermount, Deerpark prior, during and after Christmas 2016?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The following works have been carried out in Deermount:

- (1) Access holes have been sealed around drainage pipework in houses.
- (2) Access holes have been sealed in ESB meter boxes and debris removed from ESB Meter boxes.
- (3) A number of small gardens at the front of houses have been concreted over.
- (4) Rodent control measures have been placed in the sewers by the drainage department.
- (5) The drains have been surveyed and there have are no damaged drains identified.
- (6) Rat Flaps have been fitted to manholes where drains from houses discharge to the public sewer.

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

6.6 **FUNDING TO FAIRFIELD MEADOWS AND FIARFIELD LAWN**

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

Can the CE give a timeline on when Cork City Council Financial Directorate and Housing Directorate will release funding as promised by the CE on her personal visit to Fairfield Meadows and Fairfield Lawn back in 2015?

(Cllr. Kenneth Collins)

REPLY

The Housing & Community Directorate has prepared a scope of works to carry out remedial measures at both Fairfield Meadows & Fairfield Lawn. The cost of these works are currently being estimated and the necessary funding to deliver the programme will need to be sourced as no funding stream is currently in place.

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

6.7 HOUSING APPLICANTS IN EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

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

Can the CE outline how those housing applicants in emergency accommodation are prioritized in terms of social housing allocations? Has the Housing Minister, Eoghan Murphy, T.D. indicated any new supports in terms of moving families and individuals out of emergency accommodation?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

Section 22 of Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 places an obligation on all local authorities to adopt an allocation scheme which specifies, inter alia, the means to determine the order of priority to be given in the allocation of dwellings to households assessed by Cork City Council as being qualified for social housing support. Cork City Council's current Allocations Scheme gives the highest order of priority to applicants where their current accommodation is an institution, emergency accommodation or a hostel.

As at the end of August 2017, 259 (5.6%) of the 4,606 eligible applicants on the housing waiting list were eligible in this category. In the period from January to August 2017, 301 properties were allocated to eligible applicants. This included 16 offers (5.3%) to applicants who were in homeless, emergency or transitional accommodation, of which 12 proceeded to tenancy.

We are awaiting the review of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan document to see if it contains details of new supports for homeless families.

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

6.8 **REPORT ON DRUG PARAPHENALIA COLLECTED**

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

Can the CE report on the number of incidents and the approximate locations where drug paraphernalia was collected from areas in the city over the past 3 months?

Can the CE also outline what actions the Council is taking to address such anti-social behaviour particularly in the Old Blackrock Road/Albert Road areas?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

Number of Incidents and Locations of Drug Paraphernalia:

Public Open Spaces:

Very Infrequently (1/2 incidents per year)

Shalom Park

Kennedy Park

Not uncommon (1/2 incidents per week)

City Hall & Fire Station Grounds

South Mall Plaza

St Peter’s Park

Mardyke Skate Park

Grattan Hill Playground

Security personnel are deployed to the above areas as appropriate to minimize anti-social activity. Assistance is sought from An Garda Síochána as required.

Public Streets:

Very Infrequently (1/2 incidents per quarter)

Albert Quay/ Road

Alfred Street

Anderson Street/Quay

Cathedral Road

Copley Street

Cotter's Street

Dead Man's Lane

Dominic St.

Fair Street

Francis St

George's Quay

Grafton Street

Grand Parade

Infirmery Road

John Redmond Street

Liberty Street

Lower Barrack View
Lower Glanmire Road
Lower Grattan Hill
McCurtain Street
Stable Lane
Summer Hill North
Bishop Lucey Park
Clontarf Street
Hibernian Road
Lapp's Quay
Anglesea Street/Terrace
Infrequently (once per month)
Carroll's Hill
Gasworks Lane
Eglinton St
Keyser's Hill
Skiddies Lane/Henry Street
St Mary's Road
Lower Oliver Plunkett Street
South Terrace
Not uncommon (More than once per month)
White St
Lower /Upper John Street

Anti-social behaviour (Old Blackrock Road/Albert Road areas)

This area was recently inspected a number of times during the week 4-8 September from early morning to evening time by the Roads Directorate following a request to close access to the footbridge. Evidence of alcohol being consumed at the locations was found but there was no evidence of drug use having taken place.

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

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.**

6.9 **DOWNVIEW COMPLEX, FARRANLEA ROAD**

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

Can the CE supply the following information to Council:

How many applicants to date from Cork City Council's housing waiting list have been allocated a unit and housed in the Downview Complex on Farranlea Road through the approved housing society?

Was No. 37 Downview one of those units allocated to City Council for social housing through an approved housing society?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

Co-operative Housing Munster (formerly known as NABCO) is the nominated approved housing body with responsibility for the leasing and management of the housing units at Downview, Farranlea Road. Twenty three units were made available to Cork City Council to nominate approved applicants from the social housing list. This process was completed in early 2017. Number 37 Downview is not among these twenty three units.

V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,

6.10 **PARTNERSHIP WITH EXTERNAL AGENCIES TO CLEAN GRAFFITI**

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

To ask the CE on the response to the increase to serious graffiti on dwellings and businesses across the city? What is the existing partnership with the external agencies especially the Probation Service to clean graffiti through the community service programme?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Cork City Council is aware of the recent spate of graffiti which has occurred across the city. The Council acknowledges that this type of anti social behavior is very distressing and upsetting for both residents and business owners.

Graffiti is not a victimless crime as under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 it is the property owners who are responsible for the removal of the graffiti from their premises and this can be both costly and time consuming.

The Probation Service does provide a graffiti removal service to the Cork City Council but as they have limited resources this service is focused on public/unoccupied or problematic buildings.

Cork City Council has also in the past worked with other groups, e.g. Reimagine Cork, in relation to the removal of graffiti particularly in the City Centre area.

A provision has been made in the 2017 Anti- Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Scheme Grant for further projects run in conjunction with key stakeholders. The trust of these projects will be that once an area has been cleared of graffiti that the local communities, both businesses and residents, would come together and actively maintain a graffiti free zone by tackling instances of graffiti as and when they arise.

Defacement of property is a criminal act but the City Council has no role in the apprehension or prosecution of those involved in such activity.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

7 **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 18th September 2017.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st AUGUST 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st August 2017.

7.2 **MOTIONS**

7.2.1 **BAN THE SALE OF SPRAY CANS BY WAY OF BYE LAW**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That due to the recent and very obvious rise in the defacing of private and public property with Graffiti I call on Cork City Council to (1) Ban the sale of spray paint by way of a bye law within the City Boundary unless the sale is to a legitimate business that would use spray paint in the work place. (2) That a log would be kept of the cost incurred by private businesses and the local authority in the removal of tags from their property and that this cost would be added to any fine/penalty imposed on the perpetrators when they are apprehended this cost would then be repaid back to the said businesses. (3) That Cork City Council would endeavour to create a space within Cork City that could be used legitimately by Graffiti artists to express themselves, this space could then in time become a tourist attraction similar to that in other cities around the globe.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. M. Finn 17/252)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee.

7.2.2 **RECORDING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will follow suit with other Local Authorities and introduce recording of Council and Committee Meetings in the interest of increasing public trust and confidence and provide clear transparency in its dealings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/271)

An Chomhairle agreed that this motion would be reconsidered once a detailed Report on the motion has been submitted by the Chief Executive.

8. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 11th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 11th September 2017.

8.1 **REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED**

8.1.1 **BUS SERVICE 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services on Bus Surveys 2016 dated 30th August 2017.

8.2 **CORK METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services on Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy dated 30th August 2017.

9. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 12th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 12th September 2017.

10. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 13th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 13th September 2017.

11. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 18th September 2017.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

The Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald vacated the Chair at 7.45 p.m. and the Deputy Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir F. Dennehy assumed the duties of the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney Standing Orders were suspended to continue the meeting past 8 p.m.

11.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 14th September, 2017 in relation to the following property disposal:

- a. Disposal of Cork City Council's interest in an area of ground to the rear of No. 1 st. Gerard Majella Terrace, Ballintemple, Cork to Maria & Paul Griffin, c/o Eoin C. Daly Mallon Solicitors, No. 13, Sheares Street, Fenns Quay, Cork for the sum of €1,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable), plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, the disposal was approved.

11.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for June – August, 2017.

11.3 **CARBERY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September 2017 in relation to loan facility for Carbery Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 11, Larchfield, Commons Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, 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 €60,900 be granted to Carbery Housing Association CLG for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 11, Larchfield, Commons Road, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

11.4 **CARBERY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Carbery Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 18, St. Andrews, Cahergal Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, 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 €79,750 be granted to Carbery Housing Association CLG for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 18, St. Andrews, Cahergal Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

11.5 **TUATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Tuath Housing Association in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 31, Mervue Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, 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 €70,000 be granted to Tuath Housing Association for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 31, Mervue Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme.”

11.6 **CORK MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE – ACCOMMODATION AT BALLINLOUGH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Cork Mental Health Association Company Limited by Guarantee in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at a site at Ceanncora Lawn, Ballinlough, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, 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 €187,083 be granted to Cork Mental Health Association Company Limited by Guarantee, for the provisions of 1 no. unit of accommodation at a site at Ceanncora Lawn, Ballinlough, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme.”

11.7 **PHASE 2B CITY NORTH WEST QUARTER REGENERATION PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 in relation to Phase 2B of the Cork City North West Quarter Regeneration Plan at Harbour View Road, Glandore Park & Ardmore Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

11.8 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME – INCLUSION OF APPROVED HOUSING BODIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 in relation to the inclusion of Approved Housing Bodies in Choice Based Letting Scheme.

11.9 **LIST OF APPROVED HOUSING BODIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 which provided a list of Approved Housing Bodies operating in Cork.

11.10 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME – MONTHLY UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

11.11 **PLACE FINDER SERVICE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 in relation to the Cork City Council's Place Finder Service.

11.12 **MAYFIELD REJUVENATION PLAN REQUEST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council produce a comprehensive rejuvenation plan for the local authority estate in Mayfield which is now almost 50 years old. Such a plan should not only involve refurbishment of housing units but should also include assessment and rejuvenation of the built environment. Such a plan should address mistakes of the past including the passageway known as the Tarry Path which runs between the blocks of houses. Unfortunately a minority continue to use this area as a focus for anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping. This is a reasonably large area which could be used for infill housing, especially 1 or 2 bedroom units which are so badly needed.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/177)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Mayfield is not included in the National Regeneration Programme. However, the City Architects Department is currently examining the feasibility of providing infill housing at the location outlined above. The Housing & Community Directorate will also facilitate a meeting with local ward councillors to agree a plan to deal with anti-social behaviour at the Tarry Path.

11.13 **WALL BORDERING HOLLYWOOD ESTATE AND BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council consider lowering the wall bordering Hollywood Estate and Blarney Road in the interest of community safety in the area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/205)

The report of the Director of Services stated that as Hollywood Estate is a private estate, ownership of the wall in question would have to be ascertained. Even if the council owns the wall, no works could be done to it without the prior approval of the estate property owners and until the necessary resources could be found.

11.14 **FLATS ON CHERRY TREE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That city council would at the very least contact the residents in the flats on cherry tree road Togher and give them some idea of when the work will be carried out on their back gardens in order that they can safely without fear have access to them again.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/219)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Housing Maintenance Department is currently endeavouring to identify the source of the problem and the options to resolve same. Residents will be updated as soon as is reasonably possible.

11.15 **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS – REQUEST FOR PERSONAL DETAILS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That in the interests of transparency in the expenditure of public money and to ensure the continuing dexterity of the housing allocations process, details of who receives an allocation of a public house - including names, number of adults/children and reasons for allocation (including time on list etc) be given to elected members one month after the allocation is made.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/225)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a monthly report on Housing Allocations is currently compiled and circulated to the Members which includes the following information:

- The address of each allocated property;
- The house type;
- The date of vacancy or purchase of each property as applicable;
- The date of application or transfer application of the successful applicant as applicable; and
- The composition of the applicant household to whom it was allocated.

The report also includes aggregated totals for the basis of need of the successful applicants.

The format of the report was amended in 2013, on foot of guidance receive from the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner. The report to the Members at the Housing Functional Committee Meeting on 2nd April 2013 advised that the advice stated, inter alia:

“You will note that the advice concluded that there was insufficient basis for the circulation of personal data concerning housing applicants to Councillors. Obviously the same advice applies in relation to the listing which is the subject of this investigation. The provision of data relating to properties only (i.e. confirming whether a particular property in an estate has been allocated or not without reference to the successful applicants or in an anonymised form) would not be a matter of concern under the Data Protection Acts as no personal data is processed in the provision of data in that manner.”

The report further referenced the Annual Report of the Data Protection Commissioner 2004, which stated:

“The Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 provide at section 2(1)(c)(ii) that personal data “shall not be further processed in a manner incompatible with that purpose or those purposes” for which it was collected. Compatibility is determined by the connection and foreseen ability of the additional purpose to be compatible, the new purpose should be a linked purpose which would not cause surprise to a reasonable data subject. From the information supplied, it would be difficult to see how disclosure to elected members of the names and addresses of all applicants for housing in the county is compatible with the purpose for which applicants gave their details. I accept that members have a democratic function but their oversight of the housing process may be capable of being discharged by the supply of anonymised and aggregate data.”

Members have been briefed on this matter on several occasions since receipt of the correspondence from the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner. Accordingly, the Housing Allocations report will remain in the current format.

11.16 **RECRUITMENT OF EXECUTIVE HOUSING OFFICERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Human Resource Management & Organisational Reform dated 14th September, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would immediately recruit a minimum of 9 extra Executive Housing Officers, enough to reduce the ratio of staff to tenants to the maximum figure of 1 to 500 and not the 1 to 1000 that Cork City Council currently operates. Also that Cork City Council must ensure that this maximum figure of 1 Executive Housing Officers to 500 tenants is not breeched going forward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/230)

The report of the Acting Director of Services, Human Resource Management & Organisational Reform stated that the HR perspective on this motion is that there is an establishment of 9 No. Executive Housing Officers (EHOs) on the staff of Cork City Council at the present time. The number of EHOs reduced during the period of the moratorium. The overall number of EHOs cannot be increased without prior approval of the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. If this is a course of action that the Housing & Community Directorate wish to consider they should initially forward a draft business case to the Chief Executive for consideration.

Additional to the H.R. considerations, there is also a significant financial element to be considered in relation to such a proposal and the availability or otherwise of funding in the budgetary process to cover the cost of employing these additional resources is a matter for the Finance Directorate.

11.17 **IRON FENCE BETWEEN HOUSES IN COURTTOWN DRIVE & FOYLE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will replace a corrugated iron fence between houses in Courtown Drive & Foyle ave, Knocknaheeny with a more appropriate structure, the current fencing is inconveniencing residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/232)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the existing fence dates back to the 2001 Regeneration Master Plan. Cork City Council is planning to carry out some public realm works in Foyle Avenue that would include replacement of the fence with a wall as soon as funding is secured from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. It should, however, be noted that the City Council has made a number of attempts to secure the funding from them already and such funding may not be made available until 2019.

11.18 **FUNDING FOR TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 14th September, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will report on the announcement of extra capital funding in 2017 for Traveller accommodation. Council will seek to avail of such funding that could assist in providing solutions for families on existing sites on Spring Lane & Nashs Boreen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/233)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government announced a capital provision of €9 million for the delivery of Traveller accommodation in 2017. This is a €5.5 million increase on 2016 funding.

Cork City Council has made an application for funding for 2 projects in Spring Lane. This includes a proposal to make safe the earthen embankment and a proposal for the general refurbishment of the site.

No submission has been made for funding for the unauthorised site at Nash’s Boreen. Cork City Council, in conjunction with a number of other parties, is involved in discussions to resolve the situation at Nash’s Boreen. Cork City Council believes that the best solution to Nash’s Boreen is the provision of social housing for those currently residing on the unauthorised site.

12. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 18th September 2017.

12.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork’s Programme for the months ending June and August 2017.

12.2 **INCENTIVISED PARKING 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on Incentivised Parking 2017.

12.3 **PART 8 PLANNING REPORT UNDER THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED FOR PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE AT HARLEY STREET**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the Part 8 Planning report under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended for proposed new bridge at Harley Street.

12.4 **RESURFACE MEADOW PARK GROVE AND MEADOW PARK AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include in the programme for works of 2017 the resurfacing of Meadow Park Grove and Meadow Park Avenue, as the Road has decayed to a significant state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/172)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Meadow Park Grove and Meadow Park Avenue have been resurfaced as part of the 2017 Road Resurfacing Programme.

12.5 **REPAINT RAMPS IN MEADOW PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Ramps be repainted at the entrance to Meadow Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/173)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the speed ramps at the entrance to Meadow Park will be assessed to determine the extent of painting works required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

12.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR FR. RODGERS PARK, GARVEYS BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would assess Fr. Rodgers Park, Garvey’s Bridge for traffic calming measures (speed ramps).’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/179)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Transportation Division advises that Fr. Rodgers Park, Garvey's Bridge will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

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

12.7 **INSTALL A YELLOW BASE IN CURRAGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a yellow base be installed on the Curragh Road with its junction at O’Connell Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/182)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will assess the road painting and signage requests for the Curragh Road with its junction at O’Connell Avenue.

If deemed appropriate it will be inputted into the roads programme and will be undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

12.8 **RESURFACE REEDS SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Reeds Square be immediately resurfaced given its horrendous conditions and its proximity to Barrack Street and Elizabeth Fort.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/183)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the resurfacing Contractor is carrying out night works on traffic sensitive areas for the next five weeks. Reeds Square is programmed to be resurfaced in seven weeks (early October). The Contractor has been asked to prioritise Reeds Square once the night work is complete.

12.9 **RE-PAINT SPEED RAMPS ON ST JOSEPHS DRIVE IN MONTENOTTE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the speed ramps on St Josephs Drive in Montenotte be re-painted. Also, as per my recent motion the speed ramps on Murmont Road and Murmont Avenue be re-painted. These need to be done as a matter of urgency in the interest of public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/195)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the speed ramps on St. Josephs Drive, Murmont Road and Murmont Avenue will be assessed to determine the extent of painting works required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

12.10 **REPAIR ROAD SURFACE AT HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council undertake immediate works to repair the road surface at Hollymount Estate and Include the estate in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/206)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Hollymount Estate was not included in the 2017 Roads Resurfacing Programme but will be reassessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

12.11 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN AND RISK ASSESSMENT ON BAKERS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would do a traffic management plan and risk assessment on Bakers Road Gurrabraher from Templeacre Avenue to Where Bakers Road meets Cathedral Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/208)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Bakers Road, Gurrabraher from Templeacre Avenue to where Bakers Road meets Cathedral Road can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

12.12 **DETER MOTORISTS FROM PARKING AT THE CORNER OF TRAMORE LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would install a yellow hatch box on the Douglas Road at the top of Tramore Lawn, and extend the double yellow lines at the top of Tramore Lawn further down the lawn to deter motorists from parking close to the corner which is happening at present and poses a public safety issue to motorists and local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/213)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the area in the vicinity of the Douglas Road at the top of Tramore Lawn will be examined to see if a yellow hatch box should be

provided and the extent double yellow lines at the top of Tramore Lawn will also be assessed.

If deemed appropriate, it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Painting Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

12.13 **DIRECTIONAL SIGNS TO MAYFIELD WITHIN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council Roads department officials would note that I have not been able to locate any directional signs to Mayfield within the city and as a Councillor for the area I insist that this failure by officialdom needs to be rectified immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/229)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplate and directional signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs. The appropriateness of the directional signs to Mayfield will be assessed. If deemed suitable, it will be added to the list of requests for directional signs that will be put forward for consideration, subject to funding being available.

12.14 **RESIDENTS PARKING ZONE IN RICHMOND HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘The area between Gordon’s Terrace and St Mary’s Villas be cleared and turned into residents parking zone in Richmond Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/226)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the proposal can be examined further to establish the potential cost of feasibility, however it is to be noted that there is currently no funding available for carrying out green areas to parking works.

12.15 **ROAD SURFACE ON FATHER MATTHEW ROAD, TURNERS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I call on the Roads & Transport dept. Cork City Council to re assess the road surface on Father Matthew Road, Turners Cross. In recent weeks and months the road surface has been progressively deteriorating. I ask that Father Matthew Road would be added to the resurfacing programme for 2017 and that a commitment be given to ensure that the required resurfacing would be completed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/253)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Father Matthew Road was not included in the 2017 Roads Resurfacing Programme but will reassessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

12.16 **STUDY OF ALL DISHED FOOTPATHS ACROSS THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out a study on all the dished footpaths across the city with the intentions of bringing them up to the proper standards that would enable wheelchair users to negotiate these footpaths safely without fear of toppling out of their wheelchairs. I would also request for future reference that when new footpaths are being put in place that wheelchair users would be taken into consideration particularly with the sloped footpaths as these are a huge obstacle for wheelchair users as it causes huge strain on one side to prevent the wheelchair from rolling off the footpath.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/267)

The report of the Director of Services stated that new footpaths are constructed to the appropriate standards to allow full accessibility for wheel chair users. Where there is an issue with a particular footpath from wheelchair users, the Roads Maintenance section endeavours to carry out improvement works within the limited funding available. There are ongoing inspections of footpaths across the city to identify these issues.

12.17 **RESURFACE ROAD AT MARIEVILLE ESTATE, OFF LOWER POULADUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the road at Marieville Estate off Lower Pouladuff Road be resurfaced as the present surface is almost 50 years old.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/268)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Marieville Estate was not included in the 2017 Roads Resurfacing Programme but will reassessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

12.18 **STREET NAME PLATES FOR BROGUEMAKERS HILL & CHURCH STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would erect street name plates for Broguemakers Hill & Church Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/279)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplate signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs.

The appropriateness of the sign for Broguemakers Hill and Church Street will be assessed. If deemed suitable, it will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for consideration, subject to funding being available.

12.19 **OPENING HOURS OF NORTH MAIN STREET CAR PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will extend the opening hours of North Main Street car park until midnight, this would facilitate local businesses and the public following recent changes to the parking regime in the Middle Parish area, this would also bring North Main Street in line with Paul Street car park.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 17/282)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the changes to the parking arrangements within the Middle Parish area arose following engagement with the Middle Parish Residents Association during the consultation for the City Centre Public Transport Improvement Scheme and were agreed by Council as part of the Planning process.

The changes are to ensure that residents and those who visit the area with short term needs for parking can be accommodated by ensuring turnover of on street spaces during the day and early evening whilst those working or with longer term requirements are encouraged to use off street parking. The hours of the North Main Street car park have therefore been extended to facilitate this.

It was agreed that the scheme would be reviewed following full implementation and the opening hours of the North Main Street car park will form part of that review.

12.20 **ROAD AND FOOTPATH INFRASTRUCTURE IN GLENDALE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake an assessment of the road and footpath infrastructure in Glendale and would undertake remedial works as required.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/285)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road and footpath infrastructure in the Glendale area will be assessed for possible remedial works within available budgets.

12.21 **RESURFACE THE BLACKROCK ROAD FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BALLINTEMPLE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council resurface the Blackrock Road from Victoria Road to Ballintemple. Many parts of the road are in an appalling state & it is a main traffic route to and from the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/286)

The report of the Director of Services stated that sections of Blackrock Road in Ballintemple have been resurfaced as part of the 2017 Road Resurfacing Programme. It is anticipated that further localised repairs will be carried out in the coming months and the road will be reassessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

12.22 **RESURFACE PROSPERITY SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Prosperity Square be immediately resurfaced given its proximity to Barrack Street and Elizabeth Fort.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/184)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Prosperity Square was not included in the 2017 Roads Resurfacing Programme but will be reassessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

12.23 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT BROWNINGSTOWN WEST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a traffic survey/count at Browningstown West to establish the extent of speeding traffic and the volume of traffic at this location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/215)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a speed survey was carried out in the adjoining Browningstown East in 2015 and it indicated that traffic volumes were low and speeds were under the current 50kph zone.

Browningstown West and East can be assessed for possible inclusion in next round of 30kph slow zones to be implemented in 2018. This assessment includes the carrying out of a speed survey and traffic count as requested.

12.24 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE PRIMARY CARE UNIT AT ST. MARY'S CAMPUS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council implement short term measures discussed with an Garda Síochána and the residents association relating to traffic management, positioning of pedestrian crossing and alert council to the long term plans of traffic management in advance of the opening of the Primary Care unit at St. Mary's Campus. Bearing in mind the concerns of local residents regarding noise pollution during delivery times and the frequent parking in front of residents homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/220)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council are assessing the short term measures discussed with an Garda Síochána and the residents association relating to traffic management, positioning of pedestrian crossing etc.

Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the roads programme and undertaken as soon as resources are available.

The long term plans of traffic management at St. Mary's Campus will be made available to Council once finalised.

12.25 **RESURFACE THE REMAINING SECTION OF LIAM HEALY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include the remaining section of Liam Healy Road for resurfacing and in the short term repair the potholes in the necessary areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/221)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Liam Healy Road was not included in the 2017 Roads Resurfacing Programme but will be reassessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes. The area however will be inspected for possible localised remedial works within available budgets.

12.26 **INSTALL ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING IN GLENFIELDS PARK, BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City would install additional car parking spaces in Glenfields Park Ballyvolane. Also to install a drop off point area where parents who have children attending the Glenfields Community Childcare can use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/231)

The report of the Director of Services stated that following receipt of details of the specific changes sought and confirmation of residents agreement to same, the proposal can be assessed for cost and feasibility purposes. It has been noted however that there is currently no funding available for carrying out green areas to parking works.

12.27 **ASSESSMENT OF PARKING SITUATION IN GREEHILLS COURT, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council undertakes an assessment of the current parking situation within Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road. The findings of such an assessment should subsequently be actioned to alleviate the ongoing problems being experienced by residents within the estate in regards car parking as not only is there insufficient spaces, potential health and safety issues may arise owing to potential inability of emergency service vehicles accessing estates at certain times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 17/239)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will assess the current parking situation and the volume of traffic at Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road. Any mitigation measures within the control of Cork City Council will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

12.28 **ROAD SURFACE AT COLLEGE SQUARE ADDED TO RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘At a recent meeting of the Cork South Central Safety Fora, residents concerns were raised with regard to the road surface at College Square, College Road and I ask for the roads & Transport dept. To add College Square to its road resurfacing programme for 2017.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/251)

The report of the Director of Services stated that College Square was not included in the 2017 Roads Resurfacing Programme but will be reassessed for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes. The area however will be inspected for possible localised remedial works within available budgets.

12.29 **REALIGNMENT OR RESTRUCTURING OF WILTON ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake to consult with the resident Associations of Wilton Rd, Wilton Gardens and Liam Lynch Park/Roger Casement Park, Summerstown in

advance of any realignment or restructuring of the Wilton Road, Dennehy's Cross and Wilton Roundabout so as to minimise the impact of such works on local communities and local residents.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/257)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will be happy to consult with residents as part of the implementation process for the approved enhancement of the Wilton Corridor so as to minimise the impact of works on local communities and residents.

12.30 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN PRIMARY SCHOOL VICINITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council roads & transportation SPC would look at implementing traffic management plans & guidelines; as a matter of policy; in areas in and around the vicinity of primary schools.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 17/262)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council Roads & Transportation Division is involved in assisting a number of primary schools with implementing traffic management plans. It also provides advice and support to schools in the development of improvement proposals. Signing and lining improvements are carried out on an ongoing basis for the Council and traffic calming measures are implemented as requested in accordance with current policy and budgetary allocations. Any specific measures proposed by Members in respect of a primary school can be examined and responded to as appropriate.

12.31 **MOTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN COMMITTEE**

12.31.1 **CITY COUNCIL MOVEMENT STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council given the implementation of the City Centre Movement Strategy would re-open Princes St, Marlboro St and Cook St on the South Mall side for parking during the life time of this scheme. The additional funding accruing to Council to be ring fenced for estate resurfacing.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/137)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the restriction on parking between 11am and 5pm on Prince's Street, Marlboro Street and Cook Street was introduced so as to enable the pedestrianisation of Oliver Plunkett Street. If it were to be removed a large section of Oliver Plunkett St would have to be reopened for traffic on a full time basis. Any such changes would require extensive consultation with the traders on Oliver Plunkett

Street and their accompanying side streets as well as the completion of a formal Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 process.

Having considered the pros and cons of the change it is not recommended that the traffic arrangements be altered. The pedestrianisation of Oliver Plunkett St has been critical to its ongoing success. This is reflected in the high levels of activity on the street and this was recognised in its 2016 Academy of Urbanism's Great Street Award when it was chosen ahead of many other entrants from across Ireland, UK and Europe.

While the change would increase the availability of parking on side streets it will be noted that the gains are somewhat limited in light of the number of spaces in question (max of 36 spaces in total) and the fact that parking is already permitted outside the hours of 11am to 5pm. The potential additional income arising would not be of the scale to deliver an expanded surfacing programme.

Overall, it is considered that the pedestrianisation of Oliver Plunkett Street should be retained as it has been a very unique and positive initiative for the city centre. It has improved the attractiveness of the area and supported its success as a primary shopping area.

12.31.2 **SURFACE WATER POOLING AND LODGING ON THE N40**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14th September 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would present a report on the reasons for significant surface water pooling and lodging on the N40 particularly the section of road between and including the two flyovers at Sarsfield Road and Bandon Road and what remedial measures can and will be taken to reduce and eliminate this serious hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/052)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council, TII and our respective consultants concluded an investigation into this matter. The investigation confirmed that the layout as constructed was compliant with the relevant design standards. It furthermore confirmed that the gully units and outlet pipes were operating normally. Notwithstanding the above, TII have agreed to make a number of layout alterations (pavement reshaping) to further improve the drainage system. This work will be undertaken by TII's maintenance contractor Egis Lagan within the next four weeks. Confirmation of same will be advised to members in due course.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government dated 7th September 2017.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government dated 7th September 2017.
- Letter from the Department of Health dated 21st August 2017.

14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

15. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Housing Conference 2017 to be held in the Gibson Hotel, Dublin on the 22nd November 2017.

15.1 **WORD HEALTH ORGANISATION FORUM – BAD GASTEIN, AUSTRIA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cahill as a speaker at the World Health Organisation Forum in Bad Gastein, Austria from 4th to 6th October 2017.

16. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the AILG Autumn Seminar to be held in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo on the 12th and 13th October 2017.

17. **MOTIONS**

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

17.1 **LIVING OVER THE SHOP SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council re-introduce the living over the shop scheme with changed rules thus allowing it to be more flexible and bringing more living space back on line and maintaining the old street scape of an area. If government funding or approval necessary then call on the government to implement same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/190)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise
Functional Committee**

17.2 **PROGRAMME OF PLAQUES DEPICTING LIFE OF THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council institute a programme of plaques depicting the academic, sporting, artistic and historical life of the city. The City could be divided into sections depicting the different strands of Cork’s past; example, Emmett Square and surrounding area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/191)

Party Whips

17.3 **VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH**

‘That every year, Cork City Council will engage in a "Voter Registration Month" where all council staff who have interaction with the public will encourage application and hand out registration forms as a part of their activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/272)

Corporate Policy Group

17.4 **REVIEW OF HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS**

‘In light of the fact that the vast majority of the House Purchase Loans applied for to this Local Authority are refused - and given the fact that the scheme is supposed to be designed for those who are refused mortgages by financial institutions and are required to earn under certain amounts - Cork City Council should initiate a review of this scheme to include a call on the Housing Agency to use greater flexibility when assessing applications from exasperated applicants and to urge an alternative scheme to central government if the stringent rules are strangling the potential of the scheme which should otherwise be scrapped in its current form.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/276)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.5 **FOOTPATH ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF DOUGLAS ST**

‘That the stretch of footpath on the northern side of Douglas St from Dunbar St to White St currently, comprising a series of major trip hazards, is replaced immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/281)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.6 **REMOVE SHARPS NEEDLE BIN FROM THE STEPS OFF WELLINGTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the HSE immediately remove the sharps needles bin which has been located on the steps off Wellington Road for the past year. Local Residents are becoming increasingly concerned at the location of this bin and are adamant that it be moved immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/308)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.7 **NON IRISH STONE IN PUBLIC FUNDED SCHEMES**

‘That Cork City Council ensure that no less than 30% of non irish stone is used in public funded schemes in the public realm including flagstones, curbstones etc from this point onwards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/315)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.8 **CCTV IN SHANDON AND DOMINIC STREET**

That Cork City Council would apply for funding from the Department Of Justice to have CCTV installed in Shandon & Dominic Street and Surrounding areas.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/316)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.9 **PUBLIC STEPS BETWEEN LOWER AND MIDDLE TIVOLI ESTATE**

‘That the public steps between Lower Tivoli Estate and Middle Tivoli Estate be cleaned up in terms of weeding and cutting back overhanging bushes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/317)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.10 **VEGETATION ON THE MCCARTHY MONUMENT**

‘That the City Council work with the owners of the McCarthy Monument in an effort to get rid of the vegetation on and growing out of the stonework.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/321)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.11 **SIGNS ON THE OLD RAILWAY LINE WALK AT THE MARINA AND SKEHARD ROAD**

‘To erect signs on the old railway line walk at the Marina and at Skehard Road to alert users that pedestrians and cyclists need to be mindful of each other's use of the line.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/322)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.12 **PARK BENCH IN KEMPTON PARK**

‘In view of the many elderly that walk in Kempton Park, that Cork City Council would consider putting another park bench to facilitate park walkers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/323)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.13 **PRUNE TREES AT VALEBROOK, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council would assess and prune the overgrown trees at Valebrook, Ballyvolane’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/324)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.14 **PROGRAMME TO WEATHER PROOF CORK CITY COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK**

‘As we know there was a programme over the past number of years to use a % of the rents collected from the house brought back into stock to go back into the VOIDS programme to bring houses back into productive use.

I propose we now use that money to begin a programme for making all 9,000 of Cork City Council’s housing stock weather proof by bringing in a programme of fixing and replacing where necessary all fascia & soffit, guttering and all necessary works that might be associated to that.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/325)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.15 **EXPANSION OF APPLE, HOLLYHILL**

‘That Cork City Council will work with Apple, Hollyhill on measures to alleviate the affects of its ongoing expansion on residents in nearby housing estates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/329)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN LIMA LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council would address the serious issue of traffic using Lima Lawn as a ‘rat run’ by introducing traffic management measures including four traffic calming ramps by the green area, children at play signs, including Lima Lawn in 30kmph zones and by undertaking an assessment of junctions to determine if yield and stop signs are required.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/331)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.17 **REVIEW OF FOOTPATHS AND LIGHTING IN WILTON COURT**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of the footpaths and public lighting in Wilton Court and would undertake remedial measures as appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/332)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.18 **DOG FOULING SIGNAGE NEAR BISHOPSTOWN PITCH AND PUTT**

‘That City Council would erect more dog fouling signage along the walkway that runs parallel with the Bishopstown Pitch and Putt course to deter dog owners from leaving THEIR dog dirt on the pitch and putt course.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/334)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.19 **EXTRA SIGNAGE, RAILINGS, BOLLARDS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS NEAR BEAUMONT SCHOOLS**

‘That Cork City Council roads department assess the need for extra signage, railings, bollards, pedestrian crossings and line painting in the vicinity of Beaumont Boys & Girls Schools to ensure the safety of the students and pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/336)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.20 **SMART CITY INITIATIVE**

‘That Cork City Council report on the current status of the Smart City Initiative.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/337)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

17.21 **REMOVE SEATS AT SOUTH GATE BRIDGE**

‘I ask that Cork City Council would see to it that the seats situated near the bike stand at the South Gate Bridge be removed as quickly as possible as they are an attraction for anti social behaviour and promote on street drinking of alcoholic beverages. This area is steeped in history with many tourist attractions close by and the area has become an eyesore on this particular tourist trail. The seating is also causing difficulties for local rate payers who's trade is effected and tarnished through no fault of their own.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/340)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **HALT THE ONGOING VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ROHINGYA IN MYANMAR**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the Government and the international community to do more to halt the ongoing violence against the Rohingya in Myanmar, carried out by the military and associated militias.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/326)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the motion, revised to read as follows:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the Government, the United Nations and the European Union to do more to halt the ongoing violence against the Rohingya in Myanmar, carried out by the military and associated militias.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/326)

18.2 **LEGISLATION TO ALLOW FOR A DEMOCRATIC REFERENDUM**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the Spanish Government to respect the legislation recently passed by the Catalan Parliament to allow for a democratic and legally binding referendum on independence to take place on 1 October 2017.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 17/333)

A vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, M. O’Sullivan, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney (10)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, D. Cahill (3)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí J. Sheehan, K. McCarthy, F. Dennehy (3)

As those voting in favour was greater than those voting against the Deputy Lord Mayor declared the vote carried and the motion was approved.

18.3 **EXAMINATION OF FOOTPATHS ACROSS THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That City Council would instruct Bord Gais to carry out a thorough examination of all the footpaths across the city where they have carried out work to install gas connections to

properties. A large percentage of these footpaths are in a dire state due to subsidence in the materials that was used to cover over this piping and are a real danger to pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/335)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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