

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2015

PRESENT	An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. N. Carroll, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance, Finance. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager, Housing & Community Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. Hallahan, Management Accountant, Finance.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.1 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to:-

- The O'Leary Family on the death of Kevin O'Leary.
- The Metcalfe Family on the death of Maureen Metcalfe.
- The O'Mahony Family on the death of Frank Gilligan.
- The Lynch Family on the death of Nora Lynch.
- The O'Regan Family on the death of Sean O'Regan.
- The O'Connor Family on the death of Lil O'Connor.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Mrs. Murphy.
- Mary Cremin on the death of John Downy.
- The Coffey Family on the death of Orla Coffey.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

- An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-
- Share and Presentation Brothers on their annual Christmas collection.
- Cork Opera House on their Christmas Pantomime.

- Everyman Theatre on their Christmas Pantomime.
- Ian O’Sullivan and Eimer Murphy of Scoil Treasa, Kanturk, winners of the 51st BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition.
- Team Montenotte Hotel Basketball Team on winning the National Cup Semi-Final.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

1.3.1 An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to hold a Civic Reception in honor of Marymount Hospice.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

The Chief Executive had no items to raise.

2. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttiner, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 22nd December 2014.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **SHLI SCHEME**

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

In relation to the SHLI scheme to ask the Chief Executive.

- . How many unsold affordable housing units are there in stock throughout the City.
- . How many have been re-designated as social under the above scheme to date.
- . Please list their addresses.
- . Of the remaining if any how many are being considered by City Council or the Dept of ECLG for the above scheme.
- . Please list their addresses.
- . How much did these affordable schemes cost City Council to develop.
- . How much interest as accrued on these schemes to date.
- . How much did the City Council receive by way of grant from the Dept for any and all of the units re-designated under the above scheme.
- . Does the grant received clear all the debts including the interest accrued.
- . If not why, and what impact does it have on the City budget.
- . How will any out standing debt be cleared.
- . What is the current market value of the remaining affordable housing units.
Please give individual unit values.

REPLY

1. There are 107 units
2. All 107 properties are unsold affordable units and are therefore eligible under the SHLI scheme – to date 56 properties have been leased under the scheme

3. The units are 23 in Coppingers acre and 33 units in The Meadows, Knocknacullen,
4. The Council are considering a further 32 units for the SHLI Scheme.
5. The units being considered are in Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Ard na Ri, Banduff, Hollyhill Heights, Caseys Land & Market Gardens. Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road is no longer being considered in accordance with the members wishes.
6. The loans drawn down to fund these schemes are as follows:
 - The Meadows, Knocknacullen - €9,887,368
 - Ard na Ri, Banduff - €12,800,000
 - Hollyhill Heights - €5,016,000
 - Caseys Land - €9,300,000
 - Skehard Road - €6,640,000
 - Coppingers Acre - €13,072,000
 - Susies Field - €6,067,228
 - Market Gardens - €8,334,379
7. Coppingers Acre € 851,766
 Hollyhill Heights €894,604
 Skehard Road €498,981
 Ard na Ri €1,163,566
 Casey's land €1,389,422
 The Meadows. Knocknacullen €1,344,745
 There is no interest on Market Gardens or Susies Field as there was no HFA loan for these schemes.
8. City Council received €1,025,000 from the Department for the acquisition of 6 units at Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road in December 2013.
 In December 2014 the Council received €660,000 for 3 units at Kilbrack Grove and €877,360 for 5 units at Caseys Land, Blackrock.
 The Council have received in 2014 €279,107 for the 56 unsold affordable units which are currently leased under SHLI. These monies are used to fund the current interest on the HFA loans for these schemes.
9. The monies received for the acquisitions at Caseys Land & Skehard Road covered the outstanding loan and interest for those schemes.
 The leasing monies for the 56 units at Coppingers Acre and The Meadows pays the ongoing interest on the HFA loan for the scheme.
10. Under the terms of the SHLI scheme for unsold affordable units the Council can only claim ongoing HFA loan interest.
11. It is likely that there will be further funding made available for unsold affordable units to clear the outstanding debt, similar to what was received for the units at Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road and Caseys Land, Blackrock.
12. This information is considered commercially sensitive.

**Dan Buggy,
 Asst. Chief Executive,
 Housing & Community.**

3.2

HOUSING CAPITAL DEBT

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

Can the CE list the developments which have added 40 million to the housing capital debt? In listing them confirm whether we have to service the debt going forward or will central funding be available to clear these debts?

REPLY

The City Council has categorised the nature of balances on schemes showing amounts unfunded within its housing capital account. The total of the balances identified to date amount to €37m. The balances fall into cases where claims are to be made, claims awaiting decision, claims decided and historical balances. Progress in formulating decisions as to whether further funds can be obtained from central government or categorising schemes to be funded by the City Council is on-going. The nature of the debt outstanding is of considerable concern to the Council.

Dan Buggy
Assistant Chief Executive
Housing & Community Services

3.3

SHANDON CRAFT CENTRE/ 6& 6A JOHN REDMOND STREET

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

Could the CE please inform the Council of the plans and updates regarding the:

Shandon Craft Centre
Returning the Butter Exchange Band back to their original building?

REPLY

The TEAM Unit are currently exploring a number of proposals for the Butter Exchange Building at Shandon. It is hoped that a sustainable use will be found for the building in the near future. Council will be kept updated on progress.

The refurbishment of Nos. 6 & 6A John Redmond Street have been costed. Unfortunately, the Council has not been in a position to make provision for this work to be carried out in 2015.

Ms. Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs

3.4 **HEATING SYSTEM AT GLENAMOY LAWN / ÁRDBHAILE, MAYFIELD**

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

“To ask the Chief Executive to give a detailed report on all works done on the district heating system at Glenamoy Lawn / Árdbhaile, Mayfield since April 2013, including the cost of such works and the names of the contractors involved”.

REPLY

Water losses were observed from the heating system at Glenamoy Lawn / Árdbhaile in May 2012. The problem deteriorated and in May 2013 significant works were undertaken by a contractor appointed by the City Council to include replacing of faulty isolation valves, strainers and other pipe works in the system. The work was completed in August 2013 at a cost of €145,000 including VAT. The contract was completed by Charles McCarthy Services Limited.

The City Council staff rebalanced the heating system ensuring that each property had an adequate supply of heating available to it. In November 2014 reports were received from tenants indicating problems with heat distribution within individual properties. Metering valves are being replaced along with water circulating pumps in the properties affected. To date 15 properties have had this work carried out and the contractor involved is Michael Kelleher Limited, T/A Absolute Plumbing.

Dan Buggy
Assistant Chief Executive
Housing & Community Services

3.5 **COMPENSATION CLAIMS**

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

Can the CE tell me approximately how much does Cork City Council pay out every year in compensation from people making claims from falls and accidents on broken footpaths, roads, potholes etc?

REPLY

Numbers of Personal Injury Claims registered against Cork City Council for years 2012 – 2014 as follows;

2012	2013	2014
169	168	203

Total payments, inclusive of costs, in respect of Personal Injury Claims by Cork City Council during the years 2012 – 2014 as follows;

2012	2013	2014
€2,915,447	€2,788,020	€2,807,325

3.6

CORK CITY COUNCIL RATE PAYERS

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

In relation to Cork City Councils ratepayers can the manager please provide the following information:

Rate Band	No. of Ratepayers	% age of Total Rates	% age fully paid in			
			2011	2012	2013	2014
- 5,000						
5001 - 10000						
10001- 20000						
20001- 30000						
30001- 50000						
50001- 100,000						
100,001- 200,000						
200.001- 300,000						
>300,001						

REPLY

I set out below the number of rate accounts in each of the specified bands and the percentage of the annual rate applicable to each band.

In relation to the percentage fully paid, I confirm the overall percentage collection, as per the Key Performance Indicators as follows:

2013: 72.5%
 2012: 75.5%
 2011: 79.2%
 2010: 81.5%

Annual Rate Bands		No. of accounts	% of Total Annual Rate
From	To		
€0.00	€4,999.99	4,230	13%
€5,000.00	€9,999.99	1,043	11%
€10,000.00	€19,999.99	690	15%
€20,000.00	€29,999.99	231	8%
€30,000.00	€49,999.99	181	10%
€50,000.00	€99,999.99	110	11%
€100,000.00	€199,999.99	48	10%
€200,000.00	€299,999.99	17	6%
€300,000.00	€1,631,000.00	19	15%

**TIM HEALY
 HEAD OF FINANCE**

LITTERING

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

Can the CE please advise:

- A. How many incidents of illegal littering were reported during 2014?
- B. What were the costs of the associated clean ups in (A) above?
- C. How many litter fines were issued and what was the level of compliance with these fines?
- D. What measures are in place to monitor illegal littering?

REPLY

- A. A total of 1,300 complaints were received by the Street Cleaning and Litter Management Section during 2014. Of these, 1,134 related specifically to littering and illegal dumping excluding service requests relating to leaves , provision of signage etc.
- B. No separate costings are maintained for street debris, litter, dumping, dog fouling, leaves etc. Some of the littering complaints would be addressed by the manual and mechanical street cleaning beat operations. The majority would be dealt with by the litter wardens and 6 dedicated trucks each with a two man crew. The cost of disposal of rubbish from this operation is €390,000. The overall budget for street cleaning and litter management for 2015 is €7,437,200. Of this approximately €1,500,000 relates to specific litter collection including collections from litter and dumping blackspots.
- C. 494 on the spot fines issued in 2014. 237 on the spot fines were paid in 2014. 47 prosecutions for non payment were pursued, with 42 convictions. Of the balance a number are ongoing , a number are cancelled on appeal and the majority are unenforceable due to change of address etc.
- D. Regular cleaning of litter blackspots is carried out, with investigation of collected material to support prosecution. The following activities are carried out on an ongoing basis : Litter Warden patrols. CCTV installation at locations where vehicles are suspected of being involved in dumping, investigation of complaints received from public representatives and members of the public, engagement with schools and community groups to encourage support for litter control and regular publicity to raise civic awareness.

Jim o Donovan
Director of Services

3.8 **DERELICT SITES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to report to City Council on

- 1/ The number of buildings/sites on the derelict sites register in Cork City.
- 2/ The amount of each year since 2009 that the derelict sites levy has raised.

REPLY

1. There are 27 no. derelict sites on the Derelict Sites Register as of 1st January 2015.
2. The Derelict Sites levies income received to date from 2009 is as follows:
 - a. 2009: € 27,813.00
 - b. 2010: € 533.29
 - c. 2011: € 24,058.34
 - d. 2012: € 4,171.12
 - e. 2013: € 2,699.87
 - f. 2014: € 2,133.16

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

3.9 **REGENERATION OF THE CITY CENTRE IN 2015**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what resources will be allocated to the regeneration of the city centre in 2015, what is the time schedule and process for the development of an economic plan to drive business in the city centre and what specific KPI’s (Key Performance Indicators) will be assessed and measured?

REPLY

The City Centre Strategy prepared in 2014 by Colliers International aims to revitalise the City Centre as the ‘healthy heart’ of the region. An Action Plan is being prepared for implementation of the City Centre Strategy and this will include detailed actions and timelines for 2015, as well as medium and long term actions for the following years. Actions will include implementation of the three core elements of the strategy: Improvement and Development; Marketing; and Management. It will include development of delivery mechanisms to work in partnership with other City Centre Stakeholders, as well as measures to support development of strong retail, office, visitor economy and residential sectors in the city centre. The Action Plan will include KPIs to measure progress on an on-going basis.

The adoption of the new City Development Plan in March/April 2015 will put in place key elements of the policy framework advocated in the City Centre Strategy, such as

identification of a new office district at the eastern end of the city centre which will boost employment and support increased activity in other sectors such as shops and entertainment.

A fund of €250,000 has been specifically allocated in the Revenue Budget to implement the recommendations of the City Centre Strategy in 2015. This will supplement funding which is already in place under other programmes. For example, the Economic Development Fund will be used to support a number of city centre actions including initiating the development of flexible office space in Parnell Place and measures to improve access around the city centre will take place in 2015 via the implementation of the City Centre Movement Strategy will be funded by the National Transport Authority.

Actions already underway

The preparation of the Action Plan has not delayed commencement of action on the city centre and a number of initiatives commenced in 2014, many of which are ongoing. These include:

- **Painting Grant Scheme** - Close to 50 buildings were painted along the historic spine from Barrack Street to Blackpool and a number of other city centre streets via a grant fund of €15,000 and it is hoped to replicate the scheme in selected parts of the city centre for 2015.
- **Conservation Area Grant Scheme** - €45,000 was allocated for upgrading buildings in Architectural Conservation Areas in the City Centre and it is intended to replicate this scheme in 2015.
- **Buildings At Risk** - A fund of €20,000 has been allocated to target protected structures at serious risk of dereliction.
- **Funding from the City Centre Strategy Fund** was used in 2014 to address issues the Oliver Plunkett Street block as a pilot scheme through a range of measures including building repair and painting grants and support for the Traders Group to examine branding and marketing of the area. The Action Plan will look at expanding this to other parts of the city centre in the future.
- **South Mall** – a study is underway to examine how historic properties on the street can be upgraded and used for a variety of purposes
- **Public Area Enhancement Scheme** – a number of projects were carried out under this Government funded scheme carried including Cork Corners (painting of focal buildings) Tourism ‘postcards’ in vacant shop windows; small public realm upgrades, and an art project on the ‘Singer’ building on Washington Street.
- **Derelict Sites** – actions are continuing to be taken under the Derelict Sites legislation
- **National Monument** Grand Parade is being refurbished.
- **Tourism Development Initiatives** are being progressed including those relating to Elizabeth Fort and the National Diaspora Centre.
- **Food Innovation Hub** – a feasibility study is underway.
- **Tech Hubs** – project to develop office space for new and expanding companies in Parnell Place is progressing.

3.10 **CORK MAIN DRAINAGE HOARDING**

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

To ask the CE about why the Cork Main Drainage hoarding on Penrose Quay, opposite the old Steam Packet Office is still present? This hoarding and dug out space has been unresolved for the length of the last Council. It is ugly; inside is untidy and does not lend itself to any future plans for that area. Can management finally bring this issue to a successful conclusion?

REPLY

The hoarding has remained in place because the issue of repair of the siphon has not been finalised.

Some works were carried out before Christmas. More extensive works are required. It is now envisaged that this will be co-ordinated with the public realm improvement works at this location, programmed to be carried out this year.

In the interim the hoarding extent will be reduced and efforts made to reduce the negative visual impact. It is hoped to have this carried out by mid February.

Jim O Donovan
Director of Services

3.11 **STAGE 4 AUDIT OF THE PUBLIC BIKE SCHEME**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to include the following areas and related traffic problems, a. The Filter lane onto Christy Ring Bridge from Camden Quay b. Entry into Popes Quay from Camden Quay, c. Back log of traffic from the North Gate Bridge to St. Mary's Church in the Stage 4 Audit of the Public Bike Scheme and will the necessary changes be made that are identified and necessary in the audit.

REPLY

A filter lane from Camden Quay onto Christy Ring Bridge cannot be considered as part of the UCC to City Centre Stage 4 Road Safety Audit as this area falls outside of the scope of works. The matter will be considered as part of the City Centre Movement Strategy.

The entry from Camden Quay onto Popes Quay will be assessed as part of the UCC to City Centre Stage 4 Road Safety Audit. Measures aimed at reducing the backlog of traffic on Popes Quay will also be considered as part of the UCC to City Centre Stage 4 Road Safety Audit.

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

3.12 **BOXING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON KNOCKNAHEENY AVENUE**

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

Can the Chief Executive provide a progress report on the proposed Boxing Centre of Excellence on Knocknaheeny Avenue? Can she clarify if there are any issues on the City Council side that may be delaying the project?

REPLY

Members will be aware of the plans of Cork County Boxing Board to build a Boxing Centre of Excellence on the site of the former North West Area Housing Office at Knocknaheeny Avenue. By its nature the project is complex, but the City Council is very supportive of the proposal and is working closely with the Board to help finalise the details. There are no issues on the Council side which are delaying the project.

Jim O Donovan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

4. **PARTY WHIPS – 5th JANUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Party Whips Meeting held on the 5th January 2015.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle agreed to defer Item No. 6 to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle.

5. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th JANUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 5th January 2015.

5.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 31st December, 2014 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended December, 2014.

5.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT DUNDANION COURT, BLACKROCK ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 regarding the taking in charge of Housing Development at Dundanion Court, Blackrock Road, Cork.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir Terry Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, to adopt the following resolution to Council;

Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation Directorate, dated 31st December 2014, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Dundanion Court, Blackrock Road, Cork are public roads.”

5.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT EVERGREEN COURT, EVERGREEN ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 regarding taking in Charge of Housing development at Evergreen Court, Evergreen Road, Cork.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir Mick Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, to adopt the following resolution to Council;

Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation Directorate, dated 31st December 2014, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Evergreen Court, Evergreen Road, Cork, are public roads.”

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

5.4.1 **CHANGE START/FINISH TIMES BY 30 MINUTES OF SCHOOLS SITUATED WITHIN THE REMIT OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would approach schools situated within the remit of Cork City Council with a view to changing start/finish times by 30 minutes (from 9am to 9.30am and from 2,30pm to 3pm) so as to facilitate an improvement in traffic flow and traffic congestion during the morning rush hour. The reduction in traffic flow/congestion should help in reducing the number of traffic accidents during the morning rush hour and therefore permit safer travel for school going children and the general public alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 14/408)

The Report stated that, altering the start/ finish times of schools located within the Cork City Council administrative area is a matter for the Department of Education, rather than Cork City Council. School opening times already vary across the administrative area with some schools starting as early as 8.30am. Many parents drop their children to school en route to their place of work. Therefore, for parents with a 9am start at work, a proposal to make the school start time 9.30am will create further logistical difficulties.

Our peak morning traffic flows occur in the period between 7.30am and 9.30am. During times of congested flow, traffic is slow moving and consequently, the severity of any collision thankfully, is usually low. More severe collisions often occur during off peak times when traffic is at free flow.

5.4.2 **INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF ROAD CLOSURE THROUGH TWITTER AND OR FACEBOOK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will commit to creating a system of informing the public and business community of impending road closures for any reason via social media, i.e Twitter and or Facebook.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 14/410)

The Report stated that, information on planned road closures for the week ahead are uploaded to the Cork City Council website every Friday. This information is freely available to anybody with access to the internet.

5.4.3 **REPAIR THE FOOTPATHS FROM RATHMORE LAWN TO THE ENTRANCE AT DOSCO AND FROM THE TOP OF CAPWELL ROAD TO TURNERS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Council repair the footpaths from Rathmore Lawn to the entrance at Dosco and from the top of Capwell Road to Turners Cross. They are in a dangerous and poor state of repair. They are particularly hazardous for the elderly. While other footpaths in the area have been upgraded these sections have remained untouched. Much of the road area on the same stretch of the South Douglas Road is experiencing erosion of the surface leaving many dangerous pot holes. The entrance to Rathmore Lawn from the South Douglas Road also needs to have a widened footpath to slow traffic entering at speed and facilitate pedestrians crossing at the junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/421)

The Report stated that, the footpaths and road surface at these locations will be inspected and any essential repairs will be carried in early 2015. The section of South Douglas Road from Turners Cross to Capwell Road was resurfaced in 2014 and any further resurfacing in this area will be subject to funding becoming available. The issue of traffic calming measures at the entrance to Rathmore Lawn will be considered as part of the South East Strategic Corridor programme of works.

5.4.4

EXAMINE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF SKEHARD ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Council examine the pedestrian crossing lights at the junction of Skehard Road and Church Road; they are either set wrong or the junction is too wide to have pedestrian lights on it. If the sequence was changed so that the green man goes green after the red light from the Church road and Supervalu sides this might solve the issue of cars speeding though a red light as they rush to Mahon.’

(Proposer: Cllr Kieran McCarthy 14/422)

The Report stated that, the traffic signal installation at the junction of Skehard Road and Church Road has been inspected and observed. The signal timings have been reviewed and are correctly configured. The issue is that some drivers are driving through the Amber & Red period. The issue for pedestrians would only be exacerbated by changing the traffic light sequence. However, we will endeavour to locate an additional Red/Amber/Green signal head facing the Skehard Road approach to create greater visibility.

It is envisaged that the geometric layout of the entire junction will be modified as part of a complete refurbishment of the junction. The detailed design being managed by the Roads & Transportation Directorate will incorporate an improved traffic layout with reduced radii and thereby conditions will improve for pedestrians.

5.4.5

REPAIR PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE CHURCH RD, BLACKROCK, CORK

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repairs public lighting (poles 1 & 3) on the Church Rd., Blackrock, Cork. These lights have been out for some time & faults have been logged by public reps and a number of residents in the area. This is a popular walking route and the absence of lighting causes a significant health & safety hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/425)

The Report stated that, the lighting on Church Road required the removal of degraded brackets & lanterns following on site inspections by the maintenance contractor. Approval has been issued to the contractor to undertake the replacement of the lighting with new energy efficient equipment which has been scheduled to be completed early in the New Year.

5.4.6

REPORT ON THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH, MAHON

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reports on the Traffic Lights at the junction of the Holy Cross Church, Mahon, including when they will begin operating and that Cork City Council repairs the traffic lights on Avenue de Rennes, which are in the direct vicinity of two schools and are essential for safe crossing of students.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/426)

The Report stated that, an application for a new electrical supply has been submitted to ESB Networks on behalf of Cork City Council and we are awaiting details of when the works to cater for the Pedestrian Crossing will be scheduled for completion. The pedestrian traffic lights on Avenue de Rennes have been listed for inspection and any necessary repairs will be undertaken by the Transportation Division.

5.4.7

SIGNAGE ON DEANROCK AVENUE TOGHER

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would finish a fantastic job done in relation to signage on Deanrock Avenue Togher by replacing/erecting two remaining signs at the entrances to Leamlara Close and Blackwater Grove.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/427)

The Report stated that, this request has been completed.

5.4.8

REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF 'LOLLYPOP LADIES'

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will report on the current status of 'Lollypop Ladies', that Council will ensure that the 'Lollypop Lady' at Scoil Íosagain NS, Farranree is replaced following retirement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/428)

The Report stated that, the post of School Warden at Scoil Íosagain NS, Farranree has now been filled following approval from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

5.4.9 **OAK PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Estate Road in Oak Park Estate on Ballyhooley Road be resurfaced. This estate road is in terrible condition and has deteriorated beyond repair in many areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/437)

The Report stated that, Oak Park Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Road Resurfacing Programme subject to sufficient funding being available.

5.4.10 **LANEWAY AT BYEFIELD COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Laneway linking Byefield Court and Springfield Road be permanently closed off. This is fast becoming an area of serious anti social behaviour and was the scene of a very serious assault recently.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/438)

The Report stated that, the location will be assessed to determine suitability for extinguishment and put forward to the 2015 ward meeting for further consideration by the members.

5.4.11 **BOUNDARY WALL OF HONAN HOME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Boundary wall of The Honan Home on Lovers Walk, Montenotte, be surveyed by City Council Engineers in the interest of Public Safety. This wall appears to be gradually subsiding at a particular point beyond the entrance and is leaning dangerously at a significant angle over the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/439)

The Report stated that, this private wall has been referred to the Building Control Section to assess and to follow up with the owners.

5.4.12 **MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Middle Glanmire Road be resurfaced from St Lukes Cross up to the entrance of Farleigh Place. This stretch of busy road has deteriorated to a condition beyond repair and is in urgent need of re-surfacing.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/440).

The Report stated that, Middle Glanmire Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Road Resurfacing Programme subject to sufficient funding being available.

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

5.5.1 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE MARDYKE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would develop and implement a traffic management plan for the Mardyke.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/237)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that the Mardyke Walk area will be assessed as part of the 2014 NTA funded South West Strategic Travel Corridor study.

Any identified traffic management measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available. NTA funding may also be possible, where appropriate.

5.5.2 **CAR PARKING SPACES IN MARKET GARDENS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That car parking spaces and individual driveways would be provided for numbers 23-28 in Market Gardens.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/236)

The Report stated that, this Estate is not in the charge of Cork City Council.

No’s 23 to 28 inclusive are Social Housing Units and are occupied under Tenancy Agreements. With reference to the provision of car parking spaces and individual driveways, the occupants of 23-28 Market Gardens will need to contact their Housing Liaison Officer on the matter.

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

5.5.3

SAFETY MEASURES AT THE JUNCTION OF BUXTON'S HILL & SUNDAY'S WELL ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in an effort to ensure the safety of the junction of Buxton's Hill & Sunday's Well Road introduce the following measures:

- a) Install a convex mirror on the lamppost opposite the bottom of Buxton Hill, as used in other locations both in and outside the city, to enable drivers to be fully aware of traffic and to be able to exit and enter Buxton Hill with safety, and
- b) Erect clear signs and paint road markings on the Sunday's Well Road to warn road users of a hidden junction when approaching Buxton Hill both from the east and the west.
- c) Council to survey the junction to determine if any other measures are needed to ensure the safety of the junction for pedestrians & motorists alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/234)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that whilst convex mirrors can help to eliminate safety hazards in areas where visibility is limited, it is essential, that the mirror is sized, installed and used correctly in order to judge how near or far away an approaching person or vehicle is. If the convex mirror is too small or the car is not within the maximum observation distance from the mirror, it may in fact hinder traffic safety. For that reason, Cork City Council does not support the provision or installation of convex mirrors as a means of improving road safety in places with limited visibility.

The Transportation Division recognises the difficulty posed by all road users trying to gain access to/from Buxton Hill. The area will be assessed to identify possible mitigation measures that can be provided there to increase the safety at the junction of Buxton's Hill and Sunday's Well Road, e.g., signage, road markings or other. Identified solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

6. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th JANUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer this Item to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle.

6.1 **DISPOSALS**

Members considered the report of the Chief Executive dated 31st December, 2014 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 34, McSwiney Villas, Gurrabraher, Cork to Marcella Murphy, c/o Barry C. Galvin & Sons Solicitors, No. 91, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €6.35 plus costs of €460.00 plus VAT.
- b. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 59, Loretto Park, Ballyphehane, Cork to Carol Hennessy, c/o Kieran Riordan & Co., Solicitors, No. 14, Princes Street, Cork, for the sum of €6.35 plus costs of €460.00 plus VAT.

- c. Disposal of property known as No. 3, Heather Walk, Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel, Cork to Patrick Casey and Catherina Dunne, c/o Finbarr Murphy Solicitors, Lee White House, No. 8, Washington Street, Cork in exchange for the property owned by Patrick Casey and Catherina Dunne at No. 21, Glandore Park, Knocknaheeny, Cork.
- d. Disposal of property known as No. 30, Mount St. Josephs Heights, Gurranabraher, Cork to Pauline Walsh, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey, Solicitors, No. 54, North Main Street, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Pauline Walsh at No. 66, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork.
- e. Disposal of property known as No. 47, Glencurrig, South Douglas Road, Cork, to Mary Harvey, c/o Joyce & Co., Solicitors, No. 9, Washington Street West, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Mary Harvey at No. 22, Glandore Park, Knocknaheeny, Cork.
- f. Disposal of property known as No. 59, Spriggs Road, Gurranabraher, Cork to Denis and Paula McSweeney, c/o Hannon Solicitors, No. 70, Shandon Street, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Denis and Paula McSweeney at No. 96, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork.
- g. Disposal of property known as No. 60, Spriggs Road, Gurranabraher, Cork to Alan and Noreen Good, c/o Barry O'Meara & Sons, Solicitors, No. 18, South Mall, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Alan and Noreen Good at No. 16, Glandore Park, Knocknaheeny, Cork.
- h. Disposal of property known as No. 58, Templeacre Avenue, Gurranabraher, Cork to Christopher and Christine Coleman, c/o Timothy Hegarty & Sons, Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Christopher and Christine Coleman at No. 17, Glandore Park, Knocknaheeny, Cork.
- i. Disposal of premises known as No. 13, North Main Street, Cork by way of lease to Cork Volunteer Centre Limited c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, No. 54, North Main Street, Cork at an initial rent of €7,500.00 per annum.
- j. Disposal of an area of land situated at No. 6, St. Mary's Road to Sheila Wolfe, c/o Dunlea Mulpeter & Company Solicitors, No. 6, Strand Street, Passage West, Co. Cork for the sum of €1.00.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to recommend the above disposals to An Chomhairle. It was further recommended that, in relation to Item 2 (i), the commemorative plaque in the front of the building at 13 North Main Street relating to 1750s Cork be removed and placed at/near the railings of the Cork Vision Centre.

6.2

MONTHLY REPORT

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services on Housing for December 2014.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.3 **ANNUAL REPORT**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services on Housing for the year ended 31st December 2014.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.4 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval. It was agreed to nominate two members of the Housing Functional Committee to sit on the Choice Based Letting Focus Group as follows:

1. Comhairleoir M. Nugent - proposed by An Cathaoirleach Comhairleoir T. Gould
- Seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins
2. Comhairleoir K. McCarthy - Proposed by Comhairleoir P. J. Hourican
- Seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan

6.5 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADE SCHEME - FLATS**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee An Chomhairle:

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

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

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.6 **DATABASE OF MAINTENANCE WORKS**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

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

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/396)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.7 **GARAGES ON FARRANFERRIS AVENUE**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

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

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

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.8 **FLATS/APARTMENTS ON TOGHER ROAD**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

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

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

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.9 **CORRESPONDENCE WITH IRISH WATER**

Members considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

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

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

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

Letter from Carlow County Council dated the 5th January 2015 regarding the following Motion:-

“That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Justice and Equality to bring forward much need legislation in order to regulate shops that give cash for gold.”

8. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

No Conference/Seminar summaries to note.

9. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

10. **TRAINING**

None received.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **INSTALL DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT BALLINLOUGH.**

‘That Cork City Council would install double yellow lines and bollards on the corners of Pic Du Jer Park & Knockrea Lawn, Ballinlough.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/419)

11.2 **REPAIR THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION AT THE TOP OF FAIR HILL AND MOUNT AGNES ROAD.**

‘To ask Council to repair the traffic lights at the junction at the top of Fair Hill and Mount Agnes Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/459)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.3 **EVENT CENTRE**

That Cork City Council in consultation with the Gardai prepare an appropriate Traffic Management plan for the South Parish, Greenmount, Gillabbey and other areas that are in close proximity to the proposed Event Centre, so as to ensure that disruption to local residents during concerts and conferences will be kept to a minimum.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/461)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.4 **DEELISH, WESTERN END OF BOHERBOY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council immediately demolish the derelict remains of Deelish located at the western end of Boherboy Road as it is a dangerous structure and a health hazard. The cost of demolition should then be levied on the property owner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/001)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

11.5 **ST. ANNE’S DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council paint double yellow lines on the northern side of roadway near the Post Office on St Anne’s Drive.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/002)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 **CORK CITY LIBRARY**

‘That the roof of local studies in Cork City Library be fixed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/003)

Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee

11.7 **REVAMP AT FITZGERALD'S PARK**

‘To get a report on the next steps of revamp at Fitzgerald’s Park, especially on the proposed kitchen garden and the new playground.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/004)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

11.8 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT TOGHER RD/LOUGH ROAD/PEARSE ROAD**

‘That beeping traffic lights be installed at the major junction of Togher Rd/Lough Rd/Pearse Rd at the Lough and that line painting (lines are currently invisible) be completed as a matter of urgency at this high traffic volume junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/005)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.9 **JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

‘That Cork City Council request in writing a commitment from the government that they will not put a TOLL on the Jack Lynch Tunnel’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/006)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.10 **PRUNE THE PUBLIC TREES ADJACENT TO 88 WILLOWBANK, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council prune the public trees adjacent to 88 Willowbank, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keefe 15/007)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

11.11 **OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ALONG THE BLACKROCK CASTLE WALKWAY**

‘That Cork City Council explores the possibility of placing outdoor exercise equipment along the Blackrock Castle Walkway and that Cork City Council provide picnic facilities for the enhancement of this great local amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keefe 15/008)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

11.12 **RECREATION AND AMENITY PROJECTS**

‘That Cork City Council would publish a list of all recreation and amenity projects commenced since 2011 in the South West, South Central and South East wards, the level of funding committed to the projects and the current status of the project.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/009)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

11.13 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS**

‘That Cork City Council would publish a report on the number of disabled persons grants which have been approved since 2011, the type of works approved, the average grant approval the total expenditure on these grants on an annual basis and if there are any plans to change or modify the scheme with regard to eligibility or criteria.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/010)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.14 **EXTRA RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO DEAL WITH ANY LITTERING ISSUES IN THE FARRANREE AREA AS THEY ARISE**

‘Following the publication of a number of Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) reports, Cork City Council will ensure extra resources are available to deal with any littering issues in the Farranree area as they arise.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/011)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

11.15 **REVIEW OF THE PARKING SITUATION IN THE VICINITY OF U.C.C**

‘That City Council would undertake a review of the parking situation in the vicinity of U.C.C. particularly on Highfield Avenue as residents are having huge problems trying to enter / exit their driveways due to reckless parking by inconsiderate drivers and that in the meantime that Council would begin remedial work by replacing / repainting the double yellow lines outside peoples properties on this Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/013)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.16 **RESURFACE ALL THE PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS IN LEESDALE ESTATE**

‘That City Council would resurface all the pedestrian pathways in Leesdale Estate particularly the ones that need urgent attention. Such as the pathway that runs parallel with

the Bishopstown Community School perimeter wall near Melbourn Road, also the pathway that runs from Leesdale to Greenfield's is another one that's in a terrible condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/014)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.17 **UPGRADE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake to upgrade its existing housing stock to comply with current fire safety regulations!’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/015)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.18 **EMPLOYS DIRECT TRADESMEN AND TRADES APPRENTICES**

That Cork Council, in anticipation of the lifting of the current staffing embargo, employs Direct tradesmen and especially trades apprentices. This is in recognition of the key role the Council will have in future housing projects and in recognition of the essential role apprentices play in a functioning construction industry.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 15/016)

Corporate Policy Group

11.19 **REPORT ON THE FLOODING PROBLEMS ON THE LOUGH ROAD**

‘That a report is issued on flooding problems on Lough Road to determine whether or not road resurfacing near Valentine Villas/Lough Park has exacerbated the problem and what measures are required (a French drain etc) to remedy the situation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/017)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motions:-

12.1 **TELEVISION SERIES- WHAT IN THE WORLD**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘In the light of the recent RTÉ television series *What in the World?* – see <http://www.rte.ie/player/ie/show/10352978/>

and the recent shocking revelations regarding the CIA’s use of extreme forms of torture, Cork City Council supports

(1) the people of the Korean fishing village of Gangjeong who are opposed to the construction of yet another US-backed naval base on their island home and on the UNESCO World Heritage site on Jeju in South Korea.

and further calls on the Irish government

to prevent the further use of Shannon and Irish air space for torture-related flights and to hold an investigation into nature of all military flights to date and to publish and disseminate the findings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/452)

12.2 **CORK HEATHROW SLOTS**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

That Cork City Council calls on the Government to make the protection of the Cork Heathrow slots a condition of any future sale of its shares in Aer Lingus in the interests of balanced regional development.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/460)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, the following amendment was proposed.

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to protect and secure the future of Cork/Heathrow slots as operated by Aer Lingus.’

An Chomhairle approved the amended Motion.

13. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 22nd DECEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motions:-

13.1 **ARTICLE 9.4 OF THE EU WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE**

The following Motion submitted by Comhairleoir T. Moloney was withdrawn.

‘This Council calls on The Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Minister Alan Kelly, to act in accordance with Article 9.4 of the EU Water Framework Directive which provides a specific exemption to Ireland from domestic water charging and which is embedded in Ireland’s 2008 River Basin Management Plan. This plan is due for its 7 year renewal on the 1st January 2015 and we are calling on the Minister, as is within his power and responsibility, to retain the exemption when he submits Irelands River Basin Management Plan and strategy. Further, we ask that the contents of this motion be forwarded to the Minister as a matter of urgency and that it be copied to all other County and City Councils.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/447)

13.2 **VOIDS HOUSING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council requests that the Government fund the Voids housing programme 100% for 2015, and this is signed off on in January 2015 so as to have the greatest impact on the housing voids in Cork City.

This would have the effect of having 500 Void homes (approx) finished by Easter to be given back to families in Cork and would also free up 500 rented homes having a net effect of 1000 homes coming available in the city by Easter 2015 if the government funds this programme 100%.

It is in the government’s interest that Cork City Council complete all void houses in the Cork City area as quick as possible as it will mean they are paying less direct monies in rent allowance where landlords gain, government loses.

The money that Cork City Council saves if the government does pay 100% of the cost of the voids could be ring fenced for housing maintenance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/448)

13.3 **SCOIL ÍOSAGAIN NS, FARRANREE**

The following Motion submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent was withdrawn.

‘That Cork City Council supports the campaign of parents, pupils and staff of Scoil Íosagain NS, Farranree seeking the replacement of their School Warden when the current warden retires shortly, Council will continue to engage with the Department of Environment stressing the urgency of filling the position in January.’

(Proposer: Cllr Mick Nugent 14/458)

14. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 29TH NOVEMBER & 8TH DECEMBER 2014 AND 22ND DECEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

14.1 **NATIONAL REVIEW BE UNDERTAKEN TO ASCERTAIN IF SEGREGATION ON GENDER GROUNDS AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM CAN BE SUSTAINED**

‘That a National Review be undertaken to ascertain if segregation on gender grounds at Primary and Secondary level in our Education system can be sustained or justified as it does sponsor gender based discrimination in our society.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/423)

14.2 **IRISH WATER**

‘That Irish Water be wound up. It is an ill conceived FG / Lab super quango set up without a proper national debate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/424)

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