

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 25th MAY 2015

PRESENT	An Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, 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, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Acting Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs & Housing & Community Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

An Leas-Ardmhéara welcomed Comhairle Na Nóg and a Czech Student on work experience to the public gallery.

1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- Mrs. Mary Archer on the death of Tim Kearney.
- The Murphy family on the death of Pauline Murphy.
- The O' Herlihy Family on the death of Bill O' Herlihy.
- The Murphy family on the death of Elizabeth Murphy.
- The Harrington Family on the death of Christine Harrington.
- Suzanne Dineen on the death of Aisling Dineen.

1.2 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES

- The Cork Camogie Team on winning the Munster Championships.
- The Cork Ladies football team on winning the Senior Ladies Football National League title.
- St. Mary's on the Hill School on receiving the Amber Award Flag for Mental Health issues.
- Gary Spike O'Sullivan on winning the North American Middle Weight Championship.
- 96fm on their Radiothon.

- Mr. Dan Buggy on his retirement.
- Beaumont Boys National School on the Sciath Na Scoil Hurling and Football double.
- Joe Noonan, Jerry Buttimer T.D. and Minister Simon Coveny on the Yes Equality Vote.
- The Lord Mayor and Cork City Council Staff on organising Freedom of the City.
- Brian Dillons Camogie Club on winning the Intermediate County Camogie Final.
- Mayfield United F.C. on winning the U15 School Boys League 3.
- Alan Browne former Ringmahon Ranger and Cork City Player who starred for Preston North End and winning the League Play Off Final at Wembley against Swindon Town.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

No items under this heading.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

- 1.4.1 The Acting Chief Executive informed members that Mr. Dan Buggy had retired as Assistant Chief Executive with effect from 15th May.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 11th May 2015.

Comhairleoir J. Sheehan asked that the minute be corrected to show that he had proposed the motion on the Living Cities Initiative. This was agreed.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **LAND BANKS**

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

- a) Are the seven land bank suitable for housing
- b) How much as paid for the land banks initially
- c) Are all seven land banks zoned for housing
- d) Did the land aggregation scheme reject our application for funding for these land banks because they are deemed unsuitable for purpose
- e) How much of the debt is rolled up interest and how much is capital
- f) Can we have maps of the seven sites

REPLY

- a) Yes
- b) €31,639,594
- c) The land banks have a relevant zoning to permit residential development.
- d) The City Council made applications for all of the seven land banks under the Land Aggregation Scheme. This Scheme was discontinued in December 2013. The

Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government advised all Local Authorities by Circular letter at that time that any submissions under consideration were not to be accepted into the scheme.

- e) Total value of loans is €37,458,684 and of that €5,819,090 is rolled up interest.
- f) Maps are attached for the seven sites.

**Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community.**

3.2 **LIVING CITY SCHEME**

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

Could the CE please outline the criteria that was used for deciding the areas that are included Living City Scheme and explained why nearly all Blackpool was not included in this scheme. What measures will City Council put in place to include Blackpool in this Scheme.

REPLY

The Living City Initiative, which was launched recently by the Minister for Finance, will run for 5 years and provides tax incentives for the regeneration of city centre residential /commercial districts. The residential benefits are available to owner occupiers for refurbishment of houses constructed prior to 1915, while the commercial incentives provide for accelerated capital allowances for refurbishment of commercial properties.

The criteria for selection were set by the Minter for Finance and they state that the initiative is aimed ‘at run-down city centre areas which are in need of regeneration’. The main criteria were that the area should be:

- In an inner city/central city area
- Be largely made up of dwellings built before 1915
- Area should be in need of regeneration
- There should be evidence of neglect/ dereliction/deprivation

Cork’s selected areas are largely focus on the areas zoned ‘Inner City residential neighbourhood’ in the City Development Plan, and take in many of the Architectural Conservation Areas in the inner city.

The northern boundary takes in Shandon and extends along the Blackpool Valley as far as O’Connell Street, but does not extend all the way to Blackpool Village as it was not considered part of the city centre. However, it is accepted that much of the Blackpool area fulfils other criteria of the scheme, in particular that it is an area in need of regeneration, and it would be included if this was the sole criteria.

A meeting was held Tuesday May 19 last between the North Central Elected Members and the Chief Executive with officials of the Strategic Planning and Development Directorate in attendance. It was noted that any extension to the Special Regeneration Area in Cork

City would be a matter for the Minister for Finance. Members requested that a submission be made to the Minister requesting a revision to the boundary to take in Blackpool and it was agreed such a submission would be made.

Patrick Ledwidge

Director of Services – Strategic Planning and Economic Development

3.3 **COMHAIRLE NA NÓG**

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 the role of Comhairle na nÓg in Cork City Council, including existing supports City Council provide to Comhairle na nÓg?

Can the CE suggest ways the links between Comhairle na nÓg and City Council can be enhanced?

REPLY

1) Cork City Comhairle na nÓg is co-ordinated by Cork City Council with funding from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, which oversees the delivery of Comhairle na nÓg nationally. Community and Enterprise section coordinates the Comhairle and two facilitators Joy Cantwell Moore and David Backhouse, both youth workers, facilitate the group directly.

Comhairle na nÓg is a forum for structured input into decision-making by young people in the development of local services and policies affecting young people in the city.

Through this support the Comhairle is facilitated in organising

- Consultations on youth-related policies. .
- Major projects on youth-related issues. e.g. 2013 ‘s *The Missing Link*, an event highlighting the connection between mental health and drugs.

Currently, Cork City Comhairle na nÓg is working on improving employment opportunities for youth. They are doing this through their website *workwonders.ie* which includes articles, videos, interviews, tips and links about how to find work, choose a career, and encourage entrepreneurship.

2) Comhairle groups throughout the country engage with the local authority in different ways. They are consulted on the library plans, development plans of the City/County and the programme to commemorate 1916 next year, for example.

An opportunity exists for Cork City Comhairle na nÓg to be consulted on such programmes and plans being developed by directorates within Cork City Council.

Comhairle na nÓg addresses councillors annually with a view to updating them on their activities and your appointment as council liaison is intended to promote Comhairle na nÓg access the services of City Council. I understand that your role in this regard has been valuable to Comhairle na nÓg.

The coordinator based in the Community and Enterprise section can assist you in developing strategies to improve the awareness of Comhairle na nÓg within the organisation and highlight the availability of Comhairle na nÓg to consult on issues affecting young people in the city.

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

3.4 **DOGS**

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

Question 4

To ask the CE/ Manager for information on the following:

1. Number of dogs taken into CSPCA for 2013 and 2014?
2. Number of dogs reclaimed during this same period?
3. Number of dogs surrendered by members of public?
4. Number of dogs put to sleep?
5. Number of dogs that died of natural causes?
6. Number of dog Licences issued by CSPCA?
7. Number of dogs seized by Dog warden?
8. Number of dogs given to other Dog charities?
9. Number of dogs rehomed during this period?
10. What was the total cost to the public of retaining the dog service for 2013 & 2014, including Wardens van maintenance, wages, amount per dog per night etc.?
11. Details of any other sums of money given to the CSPCA by City Council?

	2013	2014	
1.	620	606	No. of dogs taken in
2.	121	147	No of dogs reclaimed
3.	493	142 *	No of surrendered dogs- change in classification
4.	60	59	No of dogs put to sleep
5.	11	6	No of dogs that died of natural causes
6.	240	250	No of licenses issued by CSPCA
7.	0	201 *	No of dogs seized by the Dog Warden- change in classification
	127	263	No of dogs collected by Dog Warden
8.	14	16	No of dogs given to other charities
9.	420	378	No of dogs rehomed
10.	Total cost	€ 66652	2013
	Less licenses	€ 56100	
	Nett cost	€ 10552	
	No of licenses issued Cork City	2013	3202
		2014	3294
11.	No other funding.		

It should be noted that the above figures are available on the Department of Environment Community and Local Government website.

Jim O Donovan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

3.5 **TIME FRAME FOR THE COMPLETION OF WORKS AT THE MEADOWS KNOCKNACULLEN**

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 give a time frame for the completion of works at the Meadows Knocknacullen in terms of finalising the licensing agreement before contractors can be appointed, and is it possible to make another entrance through the Croppy Boy as the estate is quite isolated.

REPLY

The relevant financial institution is revising the licence agreement through its solicitors which must be agreed by all interested parties prior to the works commencing on site. The City Council has yet to receive the revised licence agreement. A Contractor has been selected to complete works under the Site Resolution Plan and will be appointed once the licence agreement has been agreed and signed by all parties. At that point, a timeframe can be determined for the completion of the works.

There is a connecting road to the Meadows proposed along the “Croppy Boy” from the proposed realigned Kilmore Road Lower, as part of Phase 4 of the Cork Northwest Quarter Regeneration Masterplan.

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

3.6 **'PURPLE FLAG INITIATIVE'**

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

Can the Chief Executive report on the 'Purple Flag Initiative' including City Council's engagement with same so far?

REPLY

The Cork Chamber of Commerce are the lead agency on this application. To date there has been considerable engagement with the Chamber, primarily through our Economic Development, Planning and TEAM Units. The City’s self assessment process will take place in June 2015 and it is expected that the Purple Flag Assessment itself will be conducted in August of this year.

The Members will be appraised of developments as they arise over the coming months.

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

3.7 **OLD LIDO BUILDING, BLACKPOOL**

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

1. Will the Chief Executive provide a report on the acquisition by the City Council of the old Lido building in Blackpool. The report should include the details of the tendering process for the refurbishment contract of the building and all grants/loans contributed by the Council towards costs of the project.
2. Can the Chief Executive clarify if the company awarded the contract are connected to any staff member of Cork City Council and the nature of such connection?

REPLY

1. Cork City Council acquired the former Lido Cinema building at No. 71 Watercourse Road, Blackpool in 2014. A licence agreement and agreement for lease between Cork Community Artlink and the City Council was signed in July 2014 ensuring commitment to the refurbishment project from the outset. In summary:
 - The design team and contractor for the refurbishment of the former Lido have been employed directly by Cork Community Artlink to oversee and facilitate the refurbishment of the former Lido Cinema in Blackpool.
 - Artlink have use of the building under licence from CCC until the building is refurbished and the required lease for their long term occupation is in place.
 - The Property Section of the City Council is overseeing the project but Artlink are responsible for the contracts with the main contractor and design team.
 - CCC has agreed to fund the costs of the refurbishment of the building (which will remain City Council owned) and is ensuring the budget is being maintained.
 - Cork Community Artlink have committed to paying an annual rent over the lease term to cover the costs of the refurbishment.

This refurbishment project will see the establishment of an established arts and community organisation in Blackpool and realise the refurbishment of a significant derelict building in the heart of the village. Works are underway at present and the project is due for completion in July of 2015.

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

2. Community Art Link has confirmed that following a procurement process they awarded the contract to Kumry Limited. I can confirm, to the best of my knowledge, that no staff member of Cork City Council is connected to this company.

I would also like to confirm, as declared in my statutory declaration of interests (a matter of public record), that Mr Jim Vaughan who is a Director of this company is my husband.

**Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.**

3.8 **FUNDING FOR HOUSING**

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

To ask the Chief Executive

- (1) How much funding was allocated to Cork City Council in 2013, 2014, how much was spent, the amount of funding not spent for:

Void houses

Home adaptation grants (public and private)

- (2) To ask the Chief Executive how much was spent on regeneration in 2013, 2014 and 2015 to date

And if the Chief Executive can comment on the process of preparing plans on the above issues if she can outline the works completed as a result of the funding?

REPLY

Voids

2013 – No Allocation

2014 – Allocation €2,871,000. 212 voids refurbished. All of Allocation Spent.

2015: The Council is awaiting the announcement of the 2015 allocation. The Council is finalising details of the consultants and contractors to be appointed to the project.

Home Adaptation Grants

Private.

2013 Allocation: €1,850,000
Claim: €1,850,000

2014 Allocation: €1,941,000
Claim: €1,570,000

Funding approvals were issued in respect of 621 applications in 2013 & 2014 under the Private Home Adaptation Grants Scheme.

Public

2013 Allocation: €714,000
Claim: €714,000

2014 Allocation: €361,000
Claim: €313,000

Works were carried out to 151 properties in 2013 & 2014 under the Public Home Adaptation Grants Scheme.

The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government requests Local Authorities to make annual submissions for funding on both private and public adaptation grant schemes. Works completed as a result of the funding are as follows: Bedroom & Bathroom Extensions, Provision of Stair lifts, Provision of Ramps & Hand rails, Provision of Home Insulation, Heating installation, Window installation, Rewiring and Roofing works.

Regeneration

The total spend on regeneration in Cork City for the following years was as follows:

2013 - €6,600,000
2014 - €3,335,364
2015 - €1,361,361 (to date)

Projects completed as a result of the funding received were as follows :

- Glen Regeneration Phase 2 involving 58 no. Housing Units, Community Centre and District Heating System
- Spriggs Road involving 26 no. Housing Units & Community Centre
- Decant of City Northwest Quarter Regeneration (CNWQR) Phase 1 area including the refurbishment of 62 no. housing units
- Demolition and landscaping of CNWQR Phase 1 area involving 72 no. Housing Units
- Installation of new heating systems in CNWQR Phase 2 – 5 properties involving 30 no. Housing Units
- Commencement of the CNWQR Phase 1A Housing Construction involving 23 no. Housing Units
- Commencement of the design of CNWQR Phase 1B housing and infrastructure
- Commencement of the preparation of the CNWQR “Design Code & Public Realm Strategy”
- Refurbishment of various properties for the decant of CNWQR Phase 2 involving 7 no. Housing Units
- Creation of Community Garden in Knocknaheeny
- Provision of new Community Centre at Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel
- Refurbishment of McSweeney Sports Hall
- Various Projects under the CNWQR Social, Economic & Environmental Plan
- Provision of porches and fencing at Boyces Street
- Commencement of improvement works at Hollyhill Lane

The regeneration programme is a multi-annual programme which consists of rolling funding approvals for projects that are for the most part delivered over more than one year. An annual work programme detailing annual funding requirements is submitted yearly by the Council to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

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

3.9 **BOILER SERVICING PROGRAMME**

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

Can the C.E.O. inform the members of the following:

Since the introduction of the Boiler servicing programme for our tenants have all our tenants had this service carried out to their central heating system.

How many of our tenants are still waiting to have some form of central heating installed in their properties.

REPLY

All of the properties owned by Cork City Council which have a domestic oil or gas central heating system, and who are currently using the facility have had their boiler serviced.

The Council estimates that up to 674 properties may still have no central heating system installed.

The Council's plan is to:

- a. Survey these properties to determine the current method (if any) of heating the property.
- b. Ascertain whether or not the tenant wants a central heating system fitted.
- c. Determine the best method of providing heat to the property (oil/gas/electricity), taking account of tenants needs
- d. Determine the central heating requirements in terms of boiler size, controls, radiators and pipework.
- e. Determine a cost estimate to install central heating in each property.
- f. Install the central heating system.

The estimated cost of installing a central heating system is approximately €5,500 per property.

No funding or other resources exist for this project at present.

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

4. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the meeting of Corporate Policy Group, from its meeting held on 18th May 2015.

4.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th APRIL 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to 30th April 2015.

4.2 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – LEARNING & SKILLS IN THE CITY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the draft Memorandum of Understanding on Learning between Cork City Council, Cork Educational Training Board, UCC & CIT which formulises and builds on Corks position as a city of lifelong learning in partnership.

INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR COMHAIRLEOIRÍ

At the request of An Chomhairle, an information booklet is to be circulated to all Members.

5. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – 11th MAY 2015**

5.1 **TWINNING GRANTS 2015**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Twinning Grant Application Forms 2015 with attached schedule.

6. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th MAY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 18th May 2015.

6.1 **MOTIONS**

Members considered the reports of the Director of Services, on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

6.1.1 **CORK CIVIC TRUST**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated the 14th of May 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘In the event of the withdrawal of the Cork Civic Trust from St. Peter’s Church, North Main Street, that Cork City Council would next year use St. Peter’s Church and the €200,000 budget for the 2016 Easter celebration. That is the 100 anniversary of 1916.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, T. Shannon, T. Fitzgerald, T. Brosnan, F. Dennehy, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, J. Sheehan. 15/100)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

The report of the Director of Services stated that as members are aware, the board of Cork Civic Trust decided to finish their tenancy of the Cork Vision Centre at St. Peter's at the end of 2015.

The City Council executive are finalising the schedule and details of their withdrawal and the retention of the building in Cork City Council's ownership for 2016. The 2016 working group have appointed a coordinator whose brief is to research a venue based year-long programme of exhibitions, talks and events for St Peters church for 2016. The feasibility of this programme is subject to the funds allocated to Cork Vision Centre been retained in the 2016 budget.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, it was agreed that funding should be ring fenced for the 2016 Easter celebrations at budget time, in addition to retaining the building for this purpose.

6.1.2 **INSTALL 3D PAVEMENT ART INSTALLATIONS ON THE PAVEMENTS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated the 14th May 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council would install 3D pavement art installations on the pavements in certain areas of the City. To do so in the City Centre would attract footfall and tourists to well considered areas. It would also be a great way to invite submissions from the many talented artists in the City to demonstrate their work in such a notable way.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 15/131)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

The report of the Director of Services stated that 3D pavement art work is a very specific type of art work and there are a number of artists in Ireland and the UK who undertake this type of work. The Arts office will undertake to make contact with these artists and invite them to Cork. If they are interested and available, the Arts Office will facilitate them to undertake work in an appropriate site in the city.

6.1.3 **REPORT ON THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE OLD LIDO BUILDING IN BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated the 14th May 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council will provide a report on the acquisition by the City Council of the old Lido building in Blackpool of which Cork Community Art Link are now the trustees. The report should include the details of the tendering process for the refurbishment contract of the building and all grants/loans contributed by the Council towards costs of the project.'

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/152)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council acquired the former Lido Cinema building at No. 71 Watercourse Road, Blackpool in 2014. A licence agreement and agreement for lease between Cork Community Artlink and the City Council was signed in July 2014 ensuring commitment to the refurbishment project from the outset. In summary:

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6.1.4 **COMMISSION AN ARTIST TO CREATE A BRANDED 'SKYLINE IMAGE' OF CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated the 14th May 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would commission an artist to create a branded 'skyline image' of Cork City. This could take the form of a minimalist outline drawing of the key buildings and places in Cork City that would become internationally recognisable.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/158)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

The report of the Director of Services stated that the effective branding of a city requires an agreed, strategic, multi agency approach to be successful. Cork City and County Council and Failte Ireland are beginning a process to explore a joined up branding plan for the Cork region. We will explore this option.

7. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th MAY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 18th May 2015.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation date the 14th May 2015.
- Letter from Department of Environment, Community & Local Government dated the 14th May 2015.
- Letter from Chief Executive's Office, Dublin City Council dated the 13th May 2015.
- Letter from Office of An Taoiseach dated the 12th May 2015.
- Letter from Department of Environment, Community & Local Government dated the 12th May 2015.
- Letter from Michael McGrath T.D. dated the 11th May 2015.

9. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following:-

Comhairleoir T. Shannon- AILG Training Seminar – Kilkenny – 7th May 2015.

10. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None tabled on the night.

11. **TRAINING**

None tabled on the night.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

13. **MOTIONS**

13.1 **CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO THE FOOTPATHS ON HARBOUR VIEW ROAD AND KNOCKNAHEENY AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out the necessary repairs to the footpaths on Harbour View Road and Knocknaheeny Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/156)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.2 **REPAIR THE BOUNDARY WALL AT LARCHFIELD CLOSE**

‘That Cork City Council repair the boundary wall at Larchfield Close in the interest of safety for the children playing on the green, as there is significant traffic passing by at Upper Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/160)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

13.3 **TRAMORE VALLEY PARK AND MARINA PARK PROJECTS**

‘That updates and development timelines be given (including expected opening dates) on the Tramore Valley Park and Marina Park projects.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/172)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

13.4 **COUNCIL INCLUDE THE SKIDDY’S LANE IN VICARS ROAD AND POULDAUFF ROAD IN THE FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include the Skiddy’s Lane in Vicars Road and Pouldauff Road in the Fabric Upgrade Programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/174)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.5 **FLEXIBLE PARKING CHARGE SYSTEM**

‘That Cork City Council creates a flexible parking charge system that encourages short term stays, rewards return shoppers and removes disproportionate fines. A new parking charge system must re-balance the advantage that out of town centres currently enjoy without penalising shoppers’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/175)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.6 **INCLUDE HILLVIEW ESTATE IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Hillview Estate be added to estate resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr F. Kerins 15/177)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.7 **FLAG POLES ERECTED ON CITY COUNCIL PROPERTY DURING THE ENSUING YEAR TO MARK THE 1916 RISING**

‘That any flag poles erected on City Council property during the ensuing year to mark the 1916 Rising be for the business of the Council or government commemorating the rising and not for the appropriation of the site by any one political party or group.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/178)

Party Whips

13.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BE INSTALLED ON FARRANFERRIS GREEN FARRANREE**

‘Can traffic calming measures be installed on Farranferris Green Farranree to reduce the speed of vehicles using the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/188)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.9 **FLY THE TRICOLOUR ON CORK CITY COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council would ensure that all public buildings owned or that Cork City Council has an interest in would fly the tricolour everyday of the year in 2016 to commemorate the 1916 anniversary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 15/189)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

13.10 **MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR TERENCE MCSWINEY SPORTS HALL**

‘That Cork City Council will put in place a Management Board to administer the Terence MacSwiney Sports Hall in Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/190)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

13.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT FAIRFIELD GREEN**

‘That Cork City Council will install traffic-calming measures at Fairfield Green, Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/191)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.12 **SPEED LIMIT ON THE CASTLE ROAD, BLACKROCK.**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the safety of the current speed limit along the Castle Road with a view to assessing the feasibility of reducing it, particularly near the corner of Blackrock Castle, as this is a popular walkway for nearby residents & pedestrians. Also that Cork City Council would install an electronic radar speed sign approaching this stretch of the road to alert drivers of their speed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/192)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.13 **PROPERTIES PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED SINCE 2010**

‘That Cork City Council would produce a report on the number of properties purchased or acquired since 2010, the method of acquisition, the acquisition price, agents or parties involved, purpose of acquisition, current market value, loans or associated debts and current status of the properties and associated plans.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/194)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

13.14 **REVISE THE BISHOPSTOWN WILTON AREA ACTION PLAN**

‘That Cork City Council would review and revise the Bishopstown Wilton Area Action Plan by commissioning a Local Area Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/195)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

13.15 **MONIES EARMARKED FOR THE NTA BE REDIRECTED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

‘That Cork City Council request that public monies earmarked for, and channelled by, the National Transport Authority be redirected to local authorities to carry out essential repairs to the battered road network in the city and that NTA schemes be postponed until the essential works are carried out.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 15/196)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14. **MOTIONS**

14.1 **CALL AN AN POST TO PROVIDE NEW POST BOXES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following Motion.

‘That Cork City Council calls on An Post to carry out a full review on the provision of post boxes throughout the City; considering optimum accessibility & convenience. With a view to the provision of new post boxes in identified areas, particularly within newly developed residential areas such as Jacobs Island.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/193)

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