

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2020

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M. R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. T. Keating, Interim Director of Services, Housing. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Ms. E. Roberts, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development. Mr. N. Carroll, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

1.1 **COVID 19 GUIDELINES**

An tArdmhéara urged An Chomhairle, in their role as Public Representatives to encourage their constituents to strictly adhere to Public Health guidance in an effort to combat Covid 19.

1.2 **POSTERING PROTOCOL**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that his concerns about postering protocol will be forwarded to the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee for comment and clarification.

An tArdmhéara further proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that up to date postering protocol be sent to all clubs and community organisations in the city.

1.3 **HONORARY CITIZENSHIP**

On the proposal of An tArdmhéara, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle approved the addition of the names of Tomás MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney to the roll of honorary citizens of Cork city.

In that regard Comhairleoir K. Collins agreed that motion 20/287 on the Council Agenda of 14th September 2020, and referred to the Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee, be withdrawn.

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

3. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 14th September 2020.

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 25th September 2020.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **SUMMARY OF COMMERCIAL RATES TO BE DEFERRED DUE TO COVID 19**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a summary of commercial rates that Cork City Council has agreed to defer due to COVID19, broken into bands of rates payers delineated by the annual rates normally owed by rates payers in each band, showing the number of rates payers for whom payments have been deferred in each band.

REPLY

To support both the local Government sector and the impacted ratepayers, the Government is to fund the cost of a waiver of commercial rates for six months for eligible businesses impacted by the COVID19 pandemic. The waiver will take the form of a credit in lieu of rates. The current rates waiver estimate for Cork City Council is €32m and is categorised in the table below.

Categories	Total No of Accounts	Total Rates	Total Waiver
FUEL/DEPOT	136	1,549,565	733,762
GLOBALS	32	8,170,133	0
HEALTH	302	1,798,043	968,651
HOSPITALITY	485	8,575,803	4,493,136
INDUSTRIAL USES	2,194	32,233,322	9,190,734
LEISURE	183	2,513,376	1,313,986
MISCELLANEOUS	218	4,567,830	725,717
OFFICE	104	438,921	242,038
RETAIL (SHOPS)	2,196	32,129,765	11,287,056
RETAIL (WAREHOUSES)	197	3,109,762	1,633,934
UTILITY	23	2,904,980	1,377,805
TOTAL	6,070	997,991,501	31,966,758

**John Hallihan,
Chief Financial Officer.**

4.2 OUTSTANDING DPG'S

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

How many outstanding DPG's do Cork City Council have approved, waiting on more information, waiting on OT reports, pending approval etc.?

1. On their own properties?
2. On Private owned houses?

What is the priority level on each of these DPG's?

How much money does Cork City Council need to carry out or give approval for all these necessary works to be done?

REPLY

Public DPGs

On 9th September the Council received notification of its € 1.444m approved allocation for 2020.

€568k was spent to end September 2020.

The position as of the end of September 2020 is as follows:

Cases not fully processed - Majority awaiting outstanding documentation and/or in rent arrears.	88
Cases awaiting Occupational Therapist Report	20
Cases being reviewed to determine the most suitable course of action for required works	9
Cases being finalised approval	13
Total	130

15 new applications have been received since 1st September 2020.
The cost of carrying out all works identified is approximately €3m.

Private DPGs

In early September the Council received notification of its € 2.185m approved allocation for 2020.

As at the end of September € 654k of Private DPGs had been paid and a further 30 cases, with an estimated value of € 300k, were at Final Inspection stage.

Approved and awaiting notification that works have been undertaken are as follows:

Type of Grant	Number	Value	Priority
Housing Adaptation Grant	104	€1m+	1 = 60 files 2 = 41 files
Housing Aid for Elderly People Grant	65	€300k+	N/A
Mobility Aid Grant	13	€60k+	1 = 2 files 2 = 6 files
Total	182	€1.36m+	

Unapproved

Grant Type	Number
Housing Adaptation	210
Housing Aid for Elderly	99
Mobility Aid	58
Total	367

Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.

4.3 **INSPECTIONS FOR HAP PROPERTIES**

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

I write to ask what the Councils current policy is with regard to Inspections for HAP properties prior to them been offered to Council clients who are currently availing of Emergency Accommodation. In recent months it has come to my attention that the current condition of a number of HAP Properties been offered by the Homeless Section are such that they fall well below the guidelines that we are obliged to work with. While I fully appreciate the need for housing and the shortfall of same I feel that we (the Council) are exacerbating the housing problem as by accepting and allowing substandard properties to be viewed by those who find themselves in Emergency Accommodation are such that they are indeed worthy of a refusal.

This refusal in turn can result in Emergency Accommodation/Assistance been withdrawn.

REPLY

The Place Finder Service within the Homeless Services Section assists households in emergency accommodation by providing access to deposits and advance rental payments. In addition, the Place Finder seeks out potential suitable rental properties for clients from the open market by establishing relationships with local property agents and landlords.

When a Place Finder identifies a property, the client is contacted and an appointment for a viewing of the property is arranged. The Place Finder will inspect the property before offering it to a client. On most occasions the Place Finder will also attend the viewing with the client. While the Place Finder is not qualified to technically assess the property, they would not expect a client to accept a property that did not appear to be in good condition. If there are any repairs required, or issues with the property, the Place Finder will deal with the landlord on behalf of the client in requesting that any remedial works are carried out, before the client accepts the tenancy.

As with all HAP properties, landlords are advised as part of the terms and conditions of the HAP Scheme, that the property they are letting must meet the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2017, as well as all future regulations and standards. The landlord is also required, as part of the HAP Application process, to sign a declaration confirming that the property is in a lettable condition and that it meets the statutory requirements under these regulations. The Local Authority is required to arrange to inspect properties within 8 months of the commencement of the HAP payment to ensure that the standards are met. If an inspection highlights poor standards, the HAP payment may be stopped if the landlord does not carry out the necessary repairs, within a reasonable timeframe.

When a client is assessed for emergency accommodation, they are advised that a refusal of any form of Social Housing Supports provided by Cork City Council, including private rented accommodation, will result in the withdrawal of homeless services and accommodation. However, when a client refuses an offer of property

either through HAP, RAS or Local Authority Housing the APS Office do take account of the basis of the refusal and the circumstances of the client. It is very rare that services would be withdrawn from a client on the basis of the first refusal of an offer of accommodation.

**Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.**

4.4 **BALLINTEMPLE/ BLACKROCK AND THE BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

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

Regarding Ballintemple/ Blackrock and The Ballinlough road, continuous motions have been submitted to and passed by council for many years looking for a road safety design / controlled crossing. As of yet no design has come to council for consideration. The recent part 8 is irrelevant to the needs for the area it is merely an upgrade of an existing controlled crossing.

What work if any has been done to bring these proposals to council.?

I fully appreciate that funding is a separate issue.

REPLY

Currently there is no planned improvement scheme for the overall traffic management of the Ballinlough/Ballintemple/Blackrock area. The area was listed for consideration to apply for a Road Safety Improvement Scheme Grant, however an overall scheme for the area does not meet the criteria for the grant. Individual areas such as junctions, potential areas for pedestrian crossings etc, may meet the criteria and can be put forward for assessment for a Road Safety Improvement Grant.

Individual areas can also be put forward for consideration for a traffic management project. Traffic management projects are minor works contracts that would involve a variety of engineering solutions to address issues/ concerns raised by Members i.e. a project might include pedestrianisation of an area, the creation of chicanes to slow traffic, the build out of footpaths to reduce turning radius etc. Before being able to identify a solution a significant quantum of work may be required i.e. traffic counts, speed surveys, topographical surveys, traffic assessment, and an assessment of the impact of any proposed traffic diversions on surrounding area etc. Each year, the list of potential traffic management projects on file will be circulated for consideration by the Members with a view to prioritising these projects. However, there is no funding available for traffic management projects in 2020 or 2021. Any projects selected will be added for consideration in future roads programme and undertaken subject to available resources.

Plans identified in CMATs for the area include upgrading the pedestrian route along both sides of Blackrock Road to serve the communities on traffic calming, local

junction treatment and footpath widening at Ballintemple village, however there is no timeline for the implementation of this work.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.**

4.5 **BUILDINGS OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE**

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

In light of the demolition of the O’ Rahilly home at 40, Herbert Park, Dublin.

- A. Can the C.E. please confirm that there is an up –to-date list of all buildings of historical importance, relating to; both the 1916 rising and War of Independence; and also, is there a full list of properties of historical significance relating to prominent Cork figures?
- B. If so, can a list be provided?
- C. And what is Cork City Council doing at this current time to ensure that these buildings of Historical importance are noted and Respected in recognition of those prominent historical figures?

REPLY

- (a) The list of buildings encompassing structures of architectural, historical, archaeological, social, cultural, artistic and technical special interest is the Cork City Council Record of Protected Structures (RPS) contained in Volume 3 of the City Development Plan 2015-2021. However the RPS is a not a list which deals specifically or only with structures associated with historically-important figures from the 1916 - 1922 period.
- (b) The RPS is available on the Cork City Council website, contained in Volume 3 of the City Development Plan.
- (c) Cork City Council would be happy to engage with relatives and property owners of structures associated with such figures where appropriate where the relevant structures are not already protected.

**Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic & Economic Development.**

4.6 **INCREMENTAL TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

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

To ask the Chief Executive why, at a time when the Council is experiencing a major shortfall in revenue and is being forced to make cuts to various services, the Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme has not been expanded to include the purchase of Council owned apartments and 4 bedroom houses.

REPLY

The incremental tenant purchase scheme came into operation on 1st January 2016 and is open to eligible tenants of local authority houses that are available for sale under the scheme. The Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) Regulations 2015 governing the scheme provide for a number of specified classes of properties to be excluded from sale, and also provide for local authorities to exclude houses for reasons of proper management of housing stock. Each local authority administers the Scheme in line with the overarching provisions of the Regulations and in a manner appropriate to their individual housing requirements.

It is currently Cork City Council's policy to only sell 3-bedroom houses, based on the profile of our social housing stock when compared to current/future demand based on the housing need of our record of qualified households.

Retaining ownership of the relatively scarce supply of smaller and larger housing units also provides scope for a more 'lifecycle' based model for social housing tenants, whereby stock is available to facilitate the transfer of growing families in overcrowded properties, and opportunities for downsizing for older tenants.

The disposal of property gives rise to a once-off capital receipt. Whilst such a policy will generate cash, it is not a sustainable practice that can be used to compensate for the loss of regular and recurring revenue income. Furthermore, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage restricts the application of such capital receipts.

Accordingly, it is not intended that the current operation of the scheme should be amended due to the factors outlined above.

**Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.**

4.7 FUNDING – JULY JOBS STIMULUS

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

To ask the Chief Executive to outline funding applied for in 2020 and 2021 under the July Jobs Stimulus, an overview of projects being undertaken and the expected completion date of each project receiving funding?

REPLY

The City Council has been successful in securing funding under the 2020 July Jobs Stimulus Scheme. The total amount allocated to the City Council for 2020 is €4m. Details of the various projects and their monetary allocation are given in the table below.

All project will be delivered by the end of 2020 with the majority delivered by the end of November.

No funding has been applied for 2021. Indicative figures were provided during the 2020 application process, but this was not a funding request.

Stimulus: 2020 Allocations			
No.	Project Name	Description	Est. 2020 Funding
<u>Cork City Council</u>			
1	Various Across the entire City	Type B: Footpath improvement worked. Cork City Council has surveyed footpaths in the City and identified ones which are deficient and not up to standard. Their condition is a barrier to pedestrian movement and walking in the City.	€840,000
2	Various Across the entire City	Type K: Electronic Driver Speed Information Signs. Cork City Council is proposing, subject to funding, to roll out a City wide initiative to install 50 radar controlled electronic speed signs across the City in 2020	€150,000
3	Various Across the entire City	Type G: Rising Automated Bollards. The installation of automated rising bollards to permanently restrict vehicular access to streets across the City Centre	€250,000
4	Various Across the entire City	Type D: New bike parking at 50 locations across the City	€100,000
5	Various Across the entire City	Type K: Installation of Urban Parklets. Cork City Council trialed an urban parklet on Douglas Street in the City. This trial has been amazingly successful. It replaced some on-street parking and transformed the street around it.	€250,000
6	Various Across the entire City	Type K: Greening the City. In addition to the Parklets project Cork City Council believes that greening the City is critical to a successful winter economy and tourist trade this Winter. Cork will need to make the City centre an attractive place to be and use our greening initiatives to help market the City, differentiating it from other destinations	€100,000

7	Melbourne road to CIT Melbourne road/Rossa Ave to CIT	Type C and K: Provision of new or widened cycle lanes to include new toucan crossing to facilitate cyclists and pedestrians alighting from PT on Rossa Avenue as well as the residential areas east of the road.	€150,000
8	Donovan Road to CUH Western suburbs	Type C: Provision of new or widened footpaths or cycle tracks to connect existing facilities on Western Road to UCC/ Bons and on to CUH	€100,000
9	Various Across the entire City	Type K: Moss Walls. Moss walls or City Trees can be deployed to clean the air of pollutants in urban environments	€380,000
10	Various Across the entire City	Type C: Provision of new Footpaths, particularly in the Transition Area which joined the City from the County in May 2019	€300,000
11	Various Across the entire City	Type A: Road Resurfacing. The condition of a road surface is a key determinate with regards to bike usage of same. Bike riders and disproportionately impacted by poor quality road surfaces.	€100,000
12	N22 Western Road Western Road	Type B & F: Renewal of existing defective footpaths and renew imprinted asphalt. Associated drainage and service ducts (400m ducting) including raising / lowering 103 No. covers on footpath	€350,000
13	Blarney Waterloo Walkway Existing Blarney Waterloo Walkway & adjacent lands recently purchased by Cork City Council	Type C: Upgrade, widen and extend walkway paths and install lighting along the existing public walkway	€20,000
14	Various Across the entire City	Type K: Cork City has very successfully launched a reimagination of the City with increased on street dining and street furniture. In order to "winter proof" these locations	€150,000
15	Tobin & Harley Streets City Centre	Type K: There are two key streets in the City that are in need of a public lighting upgrade.	€60,000
16	Grattan Street Park City Centre	Type K: The provision of a Quiet Zone is critical to young families and older persons if they access Cities on foot. Having a quiet place to rest and recharge makes walking around the city more enticing	€50,000
17	Various Across the entire City	Type C: Public Realm projects. As a follow on from the very successful street closures and on street dining/tables and chairs reimagination of Cork City making these permanent attractive placed in the longer term must now be a priority	€50,000
18	Various Across the entire City	Type B: Retaining Walls	€10,000

19	Various Across the entire City	Type K: Traffic Management Projects. These projects involve improving the road layout from the perspective of the pedestrian or cyclist.	€50,000
20	Various Across the entire City	Type K: Low Cost Safety Schemes. There are various small schemes which if delivered would improve the safety of road users at key locations across the City	€100,000
21	Harbour View Road North east of city	Type C: Provision of new or widened footpaths or cycle tracks.	€300,000
22	Carrigrohane Rd to Ballincollig Ballincollig through to the City Centre	Type C: Upgrade existing facilities on Carrigrohane Road and provide linkages to Ballincollig by connecting existing facilities to Poulavoine roundabout	€20,000
23	Glen cycle/ footpath North east city	Type C: Provision of new off road cycle tracks along the route or an existing pathway and to connect to existing residential estates along the route.	€20,000
24	Togher cyclepath Sarsfield road to Togher to Old Kinsale Road	Type C: Provision of widened footpath/ cycle tracks along existing off road route	€30,000
25	Pedestrian improvements 2021 Various	Type F: Improved crossing facilities for pedestrians/cyclists including raised surfaces, zebra crossings and signalised crossings.	€20,000
26	Various Across the entire City	Type K: Provision of adequate Street Lighting and footpath rehabilitation works	€50,000
Total			€4,000,000

**John Hallihan,
Chief Financial Officer.**

4.8 **NUMBER OF TREES REMOVED AND PLANTED**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the number of trees removed by the City Council this year, during the period January 1st to September 30th, along with the figure for the number of trees the Council has planted during the same period?

REPLY

The total number of trees removed from open space areas during the period January 1st to September 30th amounted to 203. Of these over 70 were dead regenerated hedgerow elm, these trees died as a result of contracting Dutch Elm Disease following the extremely dry hot summer of 2018. The stumps of these elms will regenerate and form a sizeable coppice within five years.

The remaining trees were removed in the interest of public safety because they were either dead or seriously diseased. It is important to note that the decision to remove any tree is only carried out following an inspection and recommendation from a qualified arborist.

A further 189 trees were either removed or heavily pruned following storm damage arising from Storm Ellen in August.

A total of 345 semi-mature trees (20 years old & 7 metres high) were planted between January and March 2020. It is anticipated that a further 500 trees will be planted before year end.

In addition, Cork Chamber have generously offered to sponsor the planting of 200 trees in parks and open space areas each year for the next five years and work to identify suitable locations for these trees is now underway.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.**

4.9 **COST RENTAL MODEL OF ACCOMMODATION PROVISION**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if there has been any progress made by the Council in implementing the cost rental model of accommodation provision?

REPLY

By way of background, Cost Rental is defined as housing where the rents charged cover the cost of delivering, managing, and maintaining the homes only. The Programme for Government entitled Our Shared Future, commits to improving security and affordability for renters. To achieve that, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is developing a Cost Rental model for delivery of housing that creates affordability for tenants as well as a sustainable model for construction and management of homes. The Council is informed that progress towards the sustainable delivery of Cost Rental at scale is underway through an inter-departmental, multi-agency Cost Rental Working Group, assisted by a research project sponsored by the European Investment Bank (EIB) on behalf of the Department.

The Council understands that Cost Rental is not intended to overlap with or replace traditional social housing for low-income families, which remains a priority for the Council. Cost Rental is a fundamentally different proposal and represents a new tenure option. The target cohort for Cost Rental has been defined as moderate-income households above the income limits for social housing supports, who may be facing inflated private sector rents without any State assistance.

Cost Rental generally lacks the profit margins seen in the private rental sector and rents are not set by the market according to supply and demand. Cost Rental represents a new form of rental tenure for Ireland and a new State intervention into the rental market. Proposed rents for Cost Rental homes will obviously depend upon the overall cost of each development and will vary according to the site and design specifics.

Cork City Council has been to the forefront nationally in facilitating delivery of homes across all tenures and sectors. It welcomes the ongoing work in this area and looks forward to enabling this new housing tenure proposition at the first viable opportunity in Cork City.

**Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.**

4.10 **HOW MANY PRIVATE HOUSES BOUGHT FOR SOCIAL HOUSING SINCE 2014**

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

How many private houses have Cork City Council bought for social housing stock since 2014 and if I could get a breakdown of the numbers in each LEA?

REPLY

Cork City Council Housing Directorate acquired 284 single dwelling units for provision of social housing stock between 2014 & October 2020.

The recording of the geographical location of purchased houses within the City Council functional area is currently being addressed with the intention of being able to represent the breakdown of single dwelling acquisitions per Local Electoral Area.

**Tadhg Keating,
Interim Director of Services,
Housing.**

4.11 **MARINA PARK**

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

To ask the CE for a progress report on Marina Park?

REPLY

Marina Park Phase 1 contract commenced in early March 2020 with a scheduled completion date of May 2021.

Works were suspended on March 30th due to the COVID – 19 lock-down in accordance with Government guidelines, works resumed on site on May 18th following the lifting of restrictions for construction works.

The contractor is making excellent progress on the works and is confident of achieving the scheduled completion date of May 2021.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.**

5. STATUTORY ITEMS

5.1 DISPOSALS

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated, 1st October 2020 on the following property disposals:-

- (a) Disposal of the freehold interest in the property situated at “Clifdon House”, Clifton Road, Montenotte, Cork to Kenneth & Sabina Nagle, c/o Patrick Buckley & Co., Solicitors, 5/6 Washington Street West, Cork for the sum of €550.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (b) Disposal of Stall No’s 1 & 2, Princes Street Market, Cork, by way of lease to “My Goodness Ltd” c/o De Búrca Solicitors, 16 South Bank, Crosses Green, Cork, for a period of 4 years and 9 months subject to a rent of €4,294.28 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (c) Disposal of No. 94, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Monica Butler, c/o Patrick Buckley & Co. Solicitors, 6, Washington Street West, Cork by way of exchange for the property owned by the said Monica Butler at No. 4, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

5.2 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

5.2.1 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 191, AN CAISLEAN VIEW, BALLINCOLLIG, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 24th September, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one, 3 bed unit of accommodation at 191, An Caislean View, Ballincollig, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €276,255 (previously €264,000) be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 191 An Caislean View, Ballincollig, Cork”.

5.2.2 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 75, TIFFANY DOWNS, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 24th September, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one three bed unit of accommodation at 75, Tiffany Downs, Bishopstown, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €319,963 (previously €297,275) be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one three bed unit of accommodation at 75, Tiffany Downs, Bishopstown Cork”.

5.2.3 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 2, ABBOTSWOOD MEWS, MONASTERY ROAD, ROCHESTOWN, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 24th September, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1, three bed unit of accommodation at 2, Abbotswood Mews, Monastery Road, Rochestown, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €305,515 (previously €296,700) be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1, three bed unit of accommodation at 2, Abbotswood Mews, Monastery Road, Rochestown, Cork”.

5.2.4 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 7, CLONLEA, MOUNT OVAL VILLAGE, ROCHESTOWN, CORK – FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 24th September, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1, one bed apartment at 7, Clonlea, Mount Oval Village, Rochestown, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €219,995 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1, one bed apartment at 7, Clonlea, Mount Oval Village, Rochestown, Cork”.

5.2.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 8 ANGLESEA MEWS, ANGLESEA STREET, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 24th September, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1, four bed unit of accommodation at 8 Anglesea Mews, Anglesea Street, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €338,544 (previously €325,000) be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1, four bed unit of accommodation at 8 Anglesea Mews, Anglesea Street, Cork”.

5.2.6 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: APARTMENT 7 BLOCK B, SOUTH TERRACE COURT, SOUTH TERRACE, CORK – FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 24th September, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1, one bed unit at Apartment 7 Block B, South Terrace Court, South Terrace, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €189,865 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1, one bed unit at Apartment 7 Block B, South Terrace Court, South Terrace, Cork”.

5.2.7 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 7 IVY CRESCENT, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 24th September, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1, three bed unit of accommodation at 7 Ivy Crescent, South Douglas Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Forde, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €337,091 (previously €326,225) be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1, three bed unit of accommodation at 7 Ivy Crescent, South Douglas Road, Cork”.

5.2.8 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 13 THE MOORINGS, MILLERD STREET, CORK – FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 24th September, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1, one bed unit at 13 The Moorings, Millerd Street, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €148,465 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1, one bed unit at 13 The Moorings, Millerd Street, Cork”.

5.3 **PART 8 PLANNING PROPOSAL MACCURTAIN STREET PUBLIC TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

In accordance with the provision of Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme and the report of the Director of Infrastructure Development thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the MacCurtain Street Public Transport Improvement Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 12th October 2020.”

5.4 **PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT BLACKROCK ROAD/PARK AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 24th September 2020, following public consultation, on the proposed Road Safety Improvement Scheme at Blackrock Road/Park Avenue, pursuant to the requirements of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 600/2001) (as amended).

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

“In the matter of the proposed Road Safety Improvement Scheme at Blackrock Road/Park Avenue, having given notice to the elected Members of Cork City Council and the public and having complied with the requirements of Sections 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 600/2001) (as amended) and having considered the proposed development and the Chief Executive report as prepared by the Director of Services, Roads and Environment Operations Directorate, dated the 24th day of September 2020, it is hereby resolved under section 179(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended by Section 6 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2018) that the proposed development may be carried out as recommended in the said report. This is in accordance with the recommendation for approval made by the South East Local Area Committee at its meeting on the 28th day of September 2020.”

5.5 **PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT LINDEN AVENUE, UPPER BEAUMONT DRIVE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 21st September 2020, following public consultation, on the proposed Road Safety Improvement Scheme at Linden Avenue, Upper Beaumont Drive pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

5.6 **PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT ASSUMPTION ROAD, BLACKPOOL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 21st September 2020, following public consultation, together with the amendment below, on the proposed Road Safety Improvement Scheme at Assumption Road, Blackpool pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

In accordance with the Traffic Management Guidelines, speed ramps should only be chosen if no other suitable traffic calming measures can be used. Advanced warning signage, road markings, and high friction surfacing have been included as part of this scheme to warn vehicles in advance that they are approaching a pedestrian crossing. As a result of a request from the Members to include a speed ramp a review of the scheme was undertaken. Following this review the design consultant feels it is appropriate to include a ramp in the scheme at a suitable location recommended by the consultant given the specific characteristics of the location i.e. gradient, radii etc.

5.7 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT POULAVONE, CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Poulavone, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) dated 25th September 2020.

5.8 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT DENROCHES CROSS, CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir H. Cremin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cauty, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Denroches Cross, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) dated 25th September 2020.

6. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD, 14th SEPTEMBER 2020**

6.1 **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 7th SEPTEMBER 2020**

6.1.1 **MOTIONS**

6.1.1.1 **COMMEMORATE PEDESTRIANISATION OF PRINCES STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That with the impending 50th anniversary of the pedestrianisation of the Patrick’s Street end of Princes Street, the first pedestrianisation of any such street in Ireland, this Council consider suitable ways to commemorate this event while also committing to further pedestrianisation of the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/237)

6.2 **ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 27th JULY 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 27th July 2020.

6.2.1 **MOTIONS**

6.2.1.1 **ANNUAL SPRAYING OF GLYPHOSATE WEEDKILLER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 21st July 2020 on the following motion:-

‘Following on from my 2017 Motion 17/081, I call on Cork City Council to not to proceed with the annual spraying of Glyphosate based weedkiller on civic amenities such as footpaths, parks, sports grounds and public walkways. In light of the Council’s signing up to the National Biodiversity Plan, I propose that the indiscriminate use of Glyphosate on our city’s pollinators and natural plant life is not in accordance with our stated interest in promoting biodiversity, and should be discontinued.

In addition, recent studies have brought into question the safety of Glyphosate in relation to human health.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 20/143)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Glyphosate is the active chemical in the herbicide used by Parks, Cemeteries and Roads for the control of weed growth. It is selectively used in parks, open space areas, road and pavement edges to control weeds adjacent to paths, boundary walls, park fixtures and fittings.

The herbicide is not used in playgrounds and sports grounds. It is considered the safest chemical for use in areas accessible by the public and is non residual.

Glyphosate is also presently considered the most effective chemical for the control of Japanese Knotweed.

Glyphosate is applied in a very controlled manner and strictly in accordance with the Parks and Cemeteries Ancillary Safety Statement and Dept. of Agriculture Regulations. Staff applying the herbicides are appropriately trained and certified. There is no indiscriminate use of Glyphosate on any Council land or property.

The Council has trialled non herbicide alternatives during the last twelve months (steam and pressure jet) and while they remove the visible part of the weed, the root remains intact and the weed recovers extremely quickly. Both methods are very labour intensive, time consuming in terms of man hours, expensive and the weed eradication results are poor.

The City Council will continue to research other alternatives to Glyphosate including consulting with other local authorities in Ireland and overseas to learn from their experiences and to implement best practices in Cork.

Members will be aware that the Council policy for many years has been to minimise the use of herbicides in the interest of facilitating and developing nature areas and biodiversity. The Council is now using Glyphosate to the absolute minimum and has progressed the creation of nature and wildflower meadows at the following locations:

1. Gerry O'Sullivan Park
2. Nash's Boreen
3. Sun Valley Drive
4. Lee Fields
5. Curragheen Walk/Cycleway
6. Bishopstown Park
7. Clashduv Park
8. Ballybrack Valley Douglas
9. Harbour Greenway Rochestown
10. Joe McHugh Park
11. The Marina
12. Estuary Walk/Cycleway
13. Cloghmilcon Walk Blarney
14. Waterloo Walk Blarney
15. Glen River Park
16. Tinkers Cross Green
17. John O'Callaghan Park Glanmire
18. Tramore Valley Park
19. Ballincollig Regional Park

In addition to the above, areas of wildflower meadow have been provided in many open space areas within residential estates by allowing perimeter and areas around groups of trees to remain unmown. Additional areas will be added during 2021.

Glyphosate is licensed by the European Commission and, the regulatory bodies including the World Health Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN and the European Food Safety Authority share the view that Glyphosate poses no risk to human health when correctly applied. The European Chemicals Agency's (ECHA's) recent decision, which says the scientific evidence *'did not meet the criteria to classify Glyphosate as a carcinogen, as a mutagen or as a toxic for reproduction.'*

As mentioned previously, the Council will continue to research non herbicide methods of weed control and will report its findings to this committee for consideration.

6.2.1.2 **TREE FELLING LICENCE SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 21st July 2020 on the following motion:-

‘Given the need to increase the number of trees in the city, a tree felling licence system be introduced in urban areas (similar to that existing in rural areas) in order to ensure existing trees are not randomly destroyed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/160)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a new Forestry Act was signed into law by the President on the 26th October 2014, which replaced the provisions of the Forestry Act 1946. This Act prescribes the functions of the Minister and details the requirements, rights and obligations in relation to tree felling licences. The provisions of the Act and the regulations (SI No 191 of 2017) came into force from 24th May 2017. A felling licence is granted by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine provides authority under the Forestry Act 2014 to fell or otherwise remove a tree or trees and to thin a forest for management reasons.

However, the Forestry Act 2014 makes no provision of the need to obtain a tree felling licence to fell trees in an urban area (the act describes an urban area as an area that comprises a city, town or borough) or to create a tree felling licence system.

In that regard there is no primary legislation to enable the City Council develop a tree felling licence system for its administrative area.

6.2.1.3 **ASSESS ALL PARKS AND WALKWAYS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 21st July 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will assess all parks and walkways for more park access points and for hours to be managed for mobility of workers who require these facilities outside currently existing park hours. Once this assessment is completed Cork City Council will publish a report on mobility strategy and permeability through publicly owned land.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 19/496)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Amenity walk/cycleways re open for use 24/7 and can be accessed by workers to commute to their place of employment at any time. These include:

1. The Curragheen walk/cycleway
2. Lee Fields and Lyons Land to the Mardyke
3. Marina to Rochestown walk/cycleway
4. Estuary walk/cycleway from Rochestown to Blackrock
5. Glen River Park from Blackpool to Ballyvolane
6. Ballybrack walk/cycleway from Douglas to Donnybrook.

Enclosed parks are opened from 8.30am (Monday – Sunday) to dusk which can range from 5pm mid-winter to 10pm mid-summer. The enclosed parks are:

1. Pophams Park
2. Gerry O’Sullivan Park
3. Meelick Park
4. Fitzgerald’s Park
5. Clashduv Park
6. Tory Top Park
7. Lough Mahon Park

Parks that not enclosed and open for use 24/7 are:

1. The Fairfield
2. The Tank Field
3. Bishopstown Park
4. The Lough
5. Beaumont Park
6. Ballinlough Park
7. Gus Healy Park.

As can be seen from the data above 100% of amenity walk/cycleways are open for use 24/7 with a further 50% of public parks also being available 24/7. The 50% of parks which are enclosed and opened at 8.30am offer little in the way of commuter cycling benefits.

There is no provision in the 2020 Park Budget to open the gates of enclosed parks earlier than 8.30am, opening earlier than 8.30am would involve overtime payments and this is not feasible during the current financial constraints.

Access points/gates at enclosed parks are considered at the design stage for individual parks in consultation with the local communities and, confirm that all parks are well provided with access points/gates.

If there is a specific request for an additional access point at one of the parks, this will be considered and provision made to install a gate if considered appropriate.

6.2.1.4 **DESIGNATED AREA FOR DOG WALKERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 21st July 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council identify and designate an area for dog walkers within the city where they can leave their dogs off lead but still be in an enclosed safe area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/200)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Council will explore the feasibility of providing a designated area for a dog run to establish if this can be

accommodated within one of its existing parks without compromising other uses and activities.

Issues to be considered in the provision of a dog run are the size of area required, suitable fencing, segregation of large and small dogs, supervision, cleaning and maintenance, capital and revenue costs.

The findings from this exercise will be reported back to this committee for consideration.

6.2.1.5 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN GLEN RIVER VALLEY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 21st July 2020 on the following motion:-

‘I call on Cork City Council to implement a policy of environmental protection in relation to the Glen River Valley, and to designate this entire region (stretching from Banduff on the eastern high ground between Mayfield and Ballyvolane to the Glen Park) as an area of high ecological importance. This should be part of the Council's commitment to protecting local biodiversity and sustainable development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 20/210)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the stretch of Glen River Valley (Glen Park) from Blackpool to Ballyvolane is zoned an area of High Landscape Value and, the portion of it immediately adjacent to Ballyvolane is zoned a Landscape Preservation Zone in the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021.

The stretch of the Valley from Ballyvolane to Tinkers Cross (Old City) is also zoned an area of High Landscape Value in the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021.

Objective 10.4 of the City Development Plan states that Areas of High Landscape Value are zoned to conserve and enhance the character and visual amenity of these areas through appropriate management in order to retain the existing characteristics of the landscape, and its primary landscape.

These lands are in City Council ownership and the Council has and, will continue to protect and enhance these lands in line with the current zoning.

Two additional individual areas of land in the valley situated north of the Council lands (Transition Area) are in private ownership, one is zoned Town Centre and the second Residential in the County Development Plan 2014.

Implementing a policy of environmental protection for the valley and zoning it an area of ecological importance is a matter for consideration under the City Development Plan Review (2022-2028) which is currently underway.

6.2.1.6 **ECO-GRAVEYARD IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 21st July 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on the possibility of supporting an eco-graveyard in the city, either as a standalone cemetery or within an existing cemetery, where burial occurs without chemicals and unnecessary markings, and where the graveyard itself supports biodiversity through the planting of trees on burial sites.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/235)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council manages 13 cemeteries that range from historic graveyards to the traditional enclosed plot cemetery and the more recent lawn cemeteries.

All cemeteries are maintained to an extremely high standard including setting aside areas in the older graveyards for biodiversity and wildflower areas. Chemical use is kept to an absolute minimum.

Any slippage in maintenance standards is quickly brought to the Council’s attention through complaints, representation through Councillors and through social media. In that context the relatives of those buried place great value on the existing high maintenance standards. Cork City Council has not to date received any representation to change to a less manicured state.

To date, the Council has received no requests for eco plots, however, if such a demand develops, areas within some lawn cemeteries can be set aside to meet that demand.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An tArdmhéara proposed, and An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to consider items 6.7.1 and 8.2, and motions 27 and 44 of Appendix 2 at this point of the meeting.

ITEM 6.7.1 – 31st COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL 2020

An Chomhairle retrospectively approved the attendance of Comhailreoir F. Dennehy at the 31st Colmcille Winter School 2020 “The Contribution of Irish Christianity to Irish, European and World Civilisation” held at the Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal from 28th – 29th February 2020.

ITEM 8.2 – CORK CITY COUNCILS BANK OVERDRAFT FACILITY Y/E DECEMBER 2021

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Head of Finance, dated 1st October 2020, on the Bank Overdraft Facility Y/E December 2021.

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

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €25m (twenty five million euro) for the twelve month period to 31st December 2021”.

APPENDIX 2 – MOTION 27 – PLAN FOR GUS HEALY SWIMMING POOL

‘That Cork City Council would begin the process of developing a master plan for the Gus Healy Swimming pool (Douglas/Ballinlough). The current facility offers an extremely poor service to the public, the many clubs and local schools that use the facility. 15 years ago a motion to Council to relocate the facility and upgrade the complex in the process was defeated by Council. One of the primary reasons for relocation was road access as the vast majority of people were car users. I believe that times have changed. The mix of generations now living in the wider area of Ballinlough/Blackrock/Douglas has changed. Far more younger families now live in the area, more and more people in their 30s, 40s, 50s,60s and 70s are now actively involved in fitness. The site offers a great opportunity to provide the people of the south east area a complex that other districts of the city enjoy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 20/315)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle agreed to redirect the motion to the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee.

APPENDIX 2 – MOTION 44 – STUDENT ACCOMMODATION ON BANDON ROAD

‘That Cork City Council would outline steps to be taken to engage with stakeholders in light of the approval by An Bord Planeala of 554 bed spaces for students on Bandon Road. That they would also be mindful of the proposed development of social housing at Denroche’s Cross with the installation of much needed pedestrian crossings, footpath renewal and public realm improvements.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 20/337)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Finn, An Chomhairle agreed to redirect the motion to the South West Local Area Committee.

6.3 **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 7th SEPTEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development & Planning Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 7th September 2020.

6.3.1 **BUSINESS SUPPORT DURING COVID 19**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development on business support during Covid 19.

6.3.2 **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development on the current progress and future stages of the Cork City Development plan.

6.4 **FINANCE AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 13th JULY 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance and Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 13th July 2020.

6.4.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

6.4.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF MAY 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of May 2020.

6.4.2 **MOTIONS**

6.4.2.1 **€140,000 SAVINGS FROM THE USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council put the 140,000 euro savings per annum into estate road resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 20/152)

An Chomhairle noted that following an update from the Chief Financial Officer the motion was not recommended for approval.

6.5 **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence as follows:-

- Letter to Bus Eireann dated 17th June 2020.
- Letter from Bus Eireann dated 20th July 2020.
- Letter to Michael Creed TD dated 17th June 2020.
- Letter from Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine dated 19th June 2020.
- Letter from Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine dated 18th August 2020.
- Letter to An Taoiseach dated 15th July 2020.
- Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated 23rd July 2020.

- Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated 23rd July 2020.
- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach dated 17th August 2020.
- Letter to Minister Darragh O'Brien TD dated 15th July 2020.
- Letter from Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government dated 30th July 2020.
- Letter to RTB dated 15th July 2020.
- Letter from RTB dated 24th July 2020.
- Letter to Office of Public Works dated 15th July 2020.
- Email from Office of Public Works dated 24th July 2020.
- Email from NTA Oireachtas Liaison dated 21st July 2020.
- Letter from the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation dated 10th August 2020.
- Letter from Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 12th August 2020.
- Letter from Kerry County Council dated 14th August 2020.
- Letter from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council dated 21st August 2020.
- Email from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.
- Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 25th June 2020.
- Letter from Sligo County Council dated 13th July 2020.
- Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 14th July 2020.

6.6 **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted conference/seminar summaries as follows:-

- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher at the AILG Module 3 Training Programme July/August - Moorhead Report A Briefing for Elected Members held at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary on the 6th August 2020.
- Comhairleoir D. Forde at the Colmcille Winter School held in Garten, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal from the 28th - 29th February 2020.

6.7 **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None Received.

6.7.1 **31st COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL 2020**

This item was considered and approved under the suspension of Standing Orders earlier in the meeting.

6.8 **TRAINING**

None received.

6.9 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for May 2020.

6.10 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

6.11 **MOTIONS**

6.11.1 **ONLINE JAZZ FESTIVAL**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to Guinness/Diageo proposing that they task the Cork Jazz Festival Committee with organising an online Jazz Festival for the bank holiday October weekend that would in some way benefit the musicians and performers that would take part.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 20/245)

An Chomhairle noted, given timing, that the motion is no longer relevant.

6.11.2 **REPORT ON REFORM OF THE FAMILY LAW SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call upon the Minister for Health, the Minister for Justice and Equality, and the Minister for Children to implement recommendation 36 of the Houses of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice and Equality’s October 2019 report on Reform of the Family Law System. Recommendation 36 is as follows: “The Committee recommends that consideration be given as to whether laws should be amended to take into account situations where one parent is wrongfully influencing their child or children against the other parent, thereby creating unfair and unwarranted alienation that can be destructive and life lasting.”

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 20/264)

6.11.3 **WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘Recognising the failure of the decision to privatise waste management services, I propose that Cork City Council call on the government and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien, to commence the process to take waste management services back under public ownership and control, using the local government infrastructure such as Cork City Council, and that this is funded from general taxation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 20/272)

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, M. Nugent, K. Collins, L. Bogue, M. Finn, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, T. Moloney, H. Cremin. (12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde, D. Boyle, S. O’Callaghan, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher. (16)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against the motion were greater than those voting for, An tArdmhéara declared the motion defeated.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An tArdmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to consider item 9.2.1 at this point of the meeting.

9.2.1 – SPECIAL MEETING OF CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

An Chomhairle considered the suspension of Standing Orders required to hold a special online public meeting of the Climate Action Committee on Friday, 16th October 2020.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde, M. Finn, D. Boyle, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin. (23)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Kavanagh, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, S. O’Callaghan. (5)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting for the suspension of Standing Orders were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the suspension of Standing Orders approved.

SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING

In accordance with the Public Health guidance the Council Meeting was suspended at 7.25pm when the maximum one hour fifty five minutes duration for Council Meetings was reached.

With exception to items 8.2 and 9.2.1 which were considered under suspensions of Standing Orders earlier in the meeting, all other agenda items between 7 and 27.3 were deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 9th November 2020.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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