

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí Stephen Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. J. Hayes, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Directorate. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Smiddy Family on the death of Michael Smiddy
- The Crowley Family on the death of Daniel Crowley.
- The Owens Family on the death of Daniel Owens.
- The Cambridge Family on the death of Mary Cambridge.
- The Foley-McGinn Family on the death of Gemma Foley McGinn.
- The Lyons Family on the death of Liam Lyons.
- The Harris Family on the death of Donal Harris.
- The Daly Family on the death of Michael Daly.
- The Kelliher and Whooley family on the death of Ciara Kelliher Whooley.

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

- Nemo Rangers on winning the Junior A City Division Hurling League.
- Cllr. Nicolas and Lisa O’Keeffe on the birth of their daughter.
- Mayfield GAA Club on winning the ‘Junior A’ County Hurling Championship.
- Management and staff of Togher Family Centre on hosting a 3 day seminar for delegates from the European Agency for Special Needs and inclusion in early year’s childhood education.
- Northside Drugs and Alcohol Initiative/Shine A Light for putting on the play, ‘Bring Me Back Alive’ at the Firkin Crane for Suicide Awareness.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of An Leas Árd-Mhéara An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss at the end of the meeting, the city centre traffic issues that arose in the previous week.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **FRIENDLY CITIES AWARD**

An tÁrd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that Cork had been nominated for a Friendly Cities Award in China. An Chomhairle approved his travel to China from the 8th to 12th November.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVES MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for September 2016.

4.2 **PROPOSED HOLDING OF AN EVENT FOR THE SWITCH ON OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2016**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive for the proposed holding of an event by Cork City Council under Part XVI (Licensing of Outdoor Events) Planning and Development Act, 2000.

4.3 **OVERDRAFT FACILITY PROPOSAL**

The Chief Executive raised the issue of an Overdraft Facility Proposal by the Head of Finance. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and adopted the following Resolution:-

“It is hereby Resolved that Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €12m (twelve million euro) for the twelve month period to 31st December 2017.”

4.4 **BUDGET MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed that the Budget Meeting would commence at 5.30 p.m. on 16th November 2016.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 10th October 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **NUMBER OF CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ST. PATRICK’S STREET, GRAND PARADE/DAUNTS SQUARE, AND OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET**

In relation to Public Liability claims can the Chief Executive please advise Council the number of claims made, the average cost per claim and the total cost in respect of St. Patrick’s Street, Grand Parade/ Daunts Square, and Oliver Plunkett Street for each year from 2008 to 2015 and can the CE list reasons for the claims.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)
(Deferred from meeting
of 26th September)

REPLY

Patrick Street

Year	No. of claims 2008 - 2015	Claims still open	Total cost of claims	Avg. Cost per claim	Manhole covers	Potholes	Structures	Footpaths	Steps	Drains	Slippery Surface
2008	3	-	87,614	29,205	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
2009	5	-	63,309	12,661	1	2	1	1	-	-	-
2010	4	-	152,330	38,083	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
2011	1	-	51,658	51,658	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
2012	1	-	-	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
2013	1	-	24,721	24,721	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

2014	2	2	-	0	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
2015	5	3	-	0	-	-	2	2	1	-	-
Total	22	5	379,63			3	3	6	8	1	1
			2								0

Grand Parade/Daunt Square

Year	No. of claims 2008 - 2015	Claims still open	Total cost of claims	Avg. Cost per claim	Manhole covers	Potholes	Structures	Footpath	Steps	Drains	Slippery Surface
2008	1	-	1,300	1,300	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
2009	5	-	15,214	3,043	-	-	1	1	1	-	2
2010	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
2011	2	-	23,146	11,573	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
2012	2	-	97,611	48,805	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
2013	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2015	3	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Total	16	3	137,271		1	3	5	3	1	0	3

Oliver Plunkett St.

Year	No. of claims 2008 - 2015	Claims still open	Total cost of claims	Avg. Cost per claim	Manhole covers	Potholes	Structures	Footpath	Steps	Drains	Slippery Surface
2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2009	2	-	3,601	1,800	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2014	6	1	56,626	11,325	-	2	1	1	-	-	2
2015	1	-	0	0	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total	9	1	60,227		1	2	1	3	0	0	2

JOHN HALLAHAN
HEAD OF FINANCE

6.2 **BREAKDOWN OF PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIMES**

Can the CE please advise Council of the breakdown of Public Liability claims against Cork City Council over the 5 years ending 31 Dec 2015 **showing for each year**

- 1.Number of Compensation CLAIMS PER LED
- 2.The average Compensation paid per LED
- 3.The total Compensation paid per LED
- 4.The average legal Expenses per claim in each year.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)
(Deferred from meeting
of 10th October)

REPLY

The City Council does not record claims per LED, so we are unable to provide the information in this format. However, the City Council is able to provide the following breakdown of Public Liability claims over the 5 years ending 31/12/15 as follows:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of claims paid	213	178	162	165	163
Value of claims paid	3,632,921	3,339,778	3,102,259	2,898,700	4,048,370
Avrg. Claim paid	17,056	18,763	19,150	17,568	24,837
Avrg. Legal expenses paid	8,316	7,648	8,556	9,716	11,226

John Hallahan,
Head of Finance.

6.3 **REMOVE HEDGE AND GRASS CUTTINGS**

Has Cork City Council any obligation to remove hedge and grass cuttings from public walkways and streams as part of the maintenance programme?

(Cllr. Marion O’Sullivan)

REPLY

Hedge and grass cuttings (following mowing operations) deposited on public walkways are either removed or brushed/blown onto adjacent grass areas depending on the quantity of cuttings involved.

Grass cuttings on stream embankments are allowed to decompose naturally.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.4 **UNOFFICIAL TRAVELLER SITE IN BLACKPOOL**

Can Cork City Council advise regarding information provided to local media on July 14th 2016 relating to the unofficial traveller site in Blackpool where Cork City Council advised that the residents were not on the housing waiting list and where this information was sourced? Both families have subsequently provided documentary evidence that they are both on the waiting list over 6 years? Have safeguards subsequently been put in place to ensure that information provided to the media is accurate given potential ramifications?

(Cllr. Fiona Ryan)

REPLY

We had a difficulty initially establishing the correct identities of the illegal occupants of the site in Blackpool and this led to a delay in establishing that they were on the Housing waiting list.

As there is an upcoming court case regarding this matter I am precluded from commenting further.

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

6.5 **DERELICT SITES IN BARRACK STREET/SOUTH MAIN STREET**

What action has Cork City Council taken in relation to the Derelict Sites in Barrack Street/South Main Street areas?

Have the owners of these properties been contacted with a view to remedying the situation?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The City Council has been in contact with all owners of derelict sites in the South Main Street/ Barrack Street areas. One site on South Main Street is on the Derelict Sites Register; other sites are currently under review. The most significant derelict sites on Barrack Street are currently being addressed (see detailed status below). Once these are fully addressed, focus will shift to other sites in poor visual condition. In this regard, six painting grants were taken up in the Barrack Street area in recent months.

Most Significant Derelict Sites on Barrack Street

118/119	Currently on the Derelict Sites Register. Owner has not engaged to remove dereliction or carry out visual improvements.
120-122	Processes to place sites on the Register are underway. The owner has commenced works on one building and is engaging with the Council to find solutions.

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Processes to place this site on the Derelict Sites Register is underway. The owner has painted the facade as a temporary measure while more permanent solutions are worked out.

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

6.6 **WORKS COMMENCE IN THE KILBARRY RAILWAY STATION**

Can the CE confirm that Cork City Council has contacted Iarnród Éireann to update the Council on when works will commence in the Kilbarry Railway Station?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

REPLY

Iarnród Eireann have advised as follows:

The viability of transport nodes such as Kilbarry station has to be assessed in the context of the region’s transport strategy taking account of demands, economic and financial returns and all potential transport solutions. The NTA in association with DTTaS and Local Authorities are responsible for establishing the regional strategy for the area and for providing funding for any required investments.

The station is included in the Cork Commuter Rail Project Section 49 Levy Scheme, however, the levy funding available to Iarnród Éireann are insufficient for developing a station at Kilbarry.

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

6.7 **ISSUES IN GLENFIELDS ESTATE**

Due to ongoing issues in Glenfields Estate, Springlane Halting Site and other areas in Ballyvolane, it is urgent that the issues raised in this question submitted previously are answered and acted upon.

Who is responsible for the management and maintenance of Springlane halting site ?
Does the manager believe that the site is being maintained and managed to the appropriate standard ?

Who is responsible for the maintenance of the fence between Springlane halting site and Glenfields Estate ?

Will the repair works to fix the damaged section of the fence be carried out and if so when will the fence repair work be completed ?

What measures will Cork City Council put in place to ensure that the fence is not damaged in the future ?

How many times has Cork City Council repaired the fence in the recent past ?

Why is the official pathway not being maintained to the appropriate standard ?

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

REPLY

Cork City Council is responsible for the management and maintenance of Spring Lane Halting Site.

The Site is being managed to as high a standard as possible.

Cork City Council is responsible for the maintenance of the fence.

Any attempts to repair or replace the fence have been criminally damaged within 48 hours.

No simple measures will work. The only way to secure this boundary is to build a massed concrete wall of 250m at an estimated cost of €120,000.

The fence has been repaired 3 times in the last 5 years.

There is continuous criminal damage to the pathway.

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

6.8 **NO. 1 PARKGATE VILLAS, BISHOPSTOWN ROAD**

No. 1 Parkgate Villas, Bishopstown Road.

In view of the ongoing deterioration and dangerous condition of the above structure, what measures is Cork City Council proposing in the interest of health and safety, for the urgent demolition of this declared derelict property?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

Since 2009 the Building Control Department have engaged with the owners of this property under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 in order for them to carry out works following complaint, to remove the immediate danger to the public as they have arisen at that time. Building Control are currently dealing with the owners to address some further issues, that have come to our attention in the recent past.

We are aware the property is on the Planning Department's Derelict Sites Register and that a Planning Application was submitted in the past by the owners to develop the site.

Building Control will of course continue to investigate, and follow up on any future complaints this department receives from the public of any potential danger, that this property presents.

Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services,
Human Resource Management
& Organisational Reform.

6.9 **OVERDUE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan.

Can the Chief Executive please advise the total amount outstanding to City Council in respect of overdue Development Charges and further can the Chief Executive please breakdown the total overdue to advise the 5 highest individual component amounts, the projects they represent, the party responsible to pay City Council? Due to the serious shortfall in funding from Central Government for 2017 can the Chief Executive act now to ensure all outstanding Development Charges are paid asap in 2017?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

6.10 **FUNDCING FROM FÁILTE IRELAND**

Can the CE outline the progress or otherwise of ongoing attempts to secure funding from Fáilte Ireland for an interpretative facility at Elizabeth Fort which would enhance its status as a must-see site in the city?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

A multi-annual Capital Investment Fund was launched by Fáilte Ireland in June of this year. The City Council has been actively engaged with Fáilte Ireland regarding the need for investment in significant tourist assets along the City's Historic Spine, including Elizabeth Fort for which preliminary plans have been developed to include an interpretative centre.

However, in our discussions with Fáilte Ireland it has been indicated that, in terms of capital investment, attention will be focused in the first instance on bringing forward an investment proposal on the Butter Exchange, Shandon and that major capital funding for Elizabeth Fort will not be forthcoming in the short term.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.

6.11 **REPORT ON DOWNVIEW FARRANLEA ROAD**

Can the C.E. give an updated report on Downview Farranlea Road.

Why is there such a delay in the units not being ready for allocation?

When will these units be ready for allocation to our applicants on the housing waiting list?

Will these units be advertised for bidding on our C.B.L. Scheme?

Are these 30 units still available to City Council housing waiting list?

Has N.A.R.P.S. [National Asset Residential Property Services] signed the lease with N.A.B.C.O. who will manage the properties?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

The units in Downview, Farranlea Road were identified by NAMA in 2015 and the Council confirmed a demand for this accommodation to the Housing Agency. Based on this confirmation, NAMA entered into negotiations with the receiver appointed over these units and subsequently reached agreement to purchase them from the receiver.

Co-operative Housing Munster (formerly NABCO) was selected through a process managed by the Housing Agency, in consultation with the Council. Completion and commissioning works are underway by the receiver along with the legal conveyancing process between NARPS and the receiver. These processes have taken longer than originally notified. Once these steps are completed, the Payment & Availability agreement will be signed between the Council and the Approved Housing Body (AHB). The AHB will allocate the units to applicants on Cork City Council's Social Housing Support waiting list. As the units are being allocated by an Approved Housing Body, the CBL system will not be used. These units will be available for occupation in late November, 2016.

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

6.12 **REFURBISHMENT OF CURRAHEEN BRIDGE**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update of plans for the refurbishment of Curraheen Bridge and if the response can outline:

What volume of traffic enters Bishopstown via this location on a monthly basis and the end destination of this traffic, When is it proposed to carry out the works, What is the cost of the works, Is a full closure necessary or can a partial closure be considered, What measures are in place to ensure that the works will be flood proofed, What traffic diversion plans will be put in place and how will public transport links to Marymount Hospital be maintained, and if, A commitment can be given that the works will be undertaken during the quietest traffic months.

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

Pursuant to the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations (Part 8), Council has approved the proposed development to proceed subject to one modification, i.e. to retain the existing No. 208 outbound bus stop in its current location opposite the entrance to the University Technology Centre. A Section 85 Agreement has also been completed between Cork City Council and Cork County Council as the proposed replacement structure lies within the jurisdiction of both authorities.

Discussions are still ongoing with the various utility companies on requirements relating to the diversion of their infrastructure to facilitate the works. Given difficulties encountered and associated risk, it is now considered prudent to divide the contract into 2 parts. Part 1, circa. January/March 2017, will involve the permanent diversion of services. This will be accomplished with some restrictions to off-peak traffic flow, e.g. the use of temporary traffic lights. Part 2, circa. late May to early September 2017, will involve the replacement of the existing structure. This will be accomplished under a full road closure to allow the safe and expeditious programming of the works. A comprehensive temporary traffic management system will be installed in advance with a shuttle bus service operating from west of the works to coincide with the normal 208 bus service serving Marymount Hospital and Curraheen Village. Average inbound daily traffic levels are of the order of 5,000 units.

The above will ensure that there will be no restrictions to traffic in or around the Christmas period with the main works carried out in the period of lowest traffic flow and least risk. Estimated cost of the works: €925,000, grant aided by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The proposed structure has been designed in accordance with current best practice, taking into account historical data and future rainfall predictions. Proposed design has subsequently been reviewed by the Office of Public Works who have indicated their consent in accordance with the European Communities (Assessment and Management of Flood risk) Regulations SI 122 of 2010 and the Arterial Drainage Act 1945, including Section 50.

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

6.13 **BLACKROCK VILLAGE REFENERATION PROJECT**

To ask the CE on the up to date progress on Blackrock Village Regeneration Project as well as an update on funding for phase 2?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Construction of the Blackrock Village Regeneration Project (Phase 1) is scheduled to be complete in December. A further funding application has been made to the NTA in relation to the scheme and it is expected that a decision on same will be made around the end of November. If the funding application is successful the current Contractor will commence construction on Phase 2 in January.

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

6.14 **CORK CITY MISSING PERSONS, SEARCH & RECOVERY GROUP**

That the CE will report on efforts by the City Council to facilitate the Cork City Missing Persons, Search & Recovery Group and the Atlantic Divers Organisation with a base in proximity to the River Lee to enable them to continue to carry out their essential work?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

An initial meeting with Cork Missing Persons Search and Recovery and Tumadoiiri Atlantaigh has taken place , with further meeting arranged next week to explore possibilities in relation to accommodating the needs of both organizations .

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.15 **LEGAL FEES INCURRED TO DATE ARISING FROM THE JUDICIAL REVIEW AND SECTION 160**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the legal fees incurred to date arising from the judicial review and Section 160 actions taken against Cork City Council for allowing an unauthorised car park on Council owned lands on St. Michael's drive, Mahon?

(Cllr. Laura McGonigle)

REPLY

Ascertained expenditure (which is ongoing) incurred by Cork City Council in defending both sets of proceedings to date is:

Town Agents' - fees up to 27/07/2016€ 373.42

Junior Counsel (Cork) - fees up to 29/07/2016:€9,623.52

Junior Counsel (Dublin) - fees No Fee Note has been received to date

These proceedings have not been concluded. The matter is back before the High Court again on next Monday the 24th October 2016.

Deborah Hegarty,
Law Agent.

6.16 **REMEDIAL WORKS BETWEEN NUMBERS 35-40 CLOVER LAWN, SKEHARD ROAD**

Can the Roads Director please confirm when the remedial works to the extremely dangerous stretch of road (on the bend of the road) between numbers 35-40 Clover Lawn, Skehard Road will be undertaken. From previous questions & motions I understand this was assessed and is awaiting works. The road is very dangerous- and the problem is exacerbated in bad weather.

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

REPLY

Clover Lawn is not included in the 2016 Roads Programme. It will be re-assessed and considered for treatment in next year's programme. In the interim, temporary repairs will be carried out if necessary.

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

7. CORK CITY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN 2016-2021

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services and the Chief Officer and agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

Having considered the report of the Director of Services and the Chief Officer of the Cork City Local Community Development Committee, the Members of Cork City Council hereby RESOLVE to MAKE the Cork City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 in accordance with Section 66C 4(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

8. CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 17th OCTOBER 2016

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 17th October 2016.

8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2016

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30th September 2016.

8.2 UPCOMING BUDGET

An Chomhairle considered and agreed that a meeting of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee be held on the 9th November 2016, at 5.30 p.m. to discuss upcoming Budget.

9. PARTY WHIPS SPECIAL MEETING – 10th OCTOBER 2016

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips Special Meeting held 10th October 2016.

10. TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17th OCTOBER 2016

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee from its meeting held 17th October 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to defer the erection of a Christmas Tree in Emmett Place, until after the Guinness Jazz Weekend.

10.1 **ARTS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Arts Committee from their meeting held on 17th October, 2016, that Cork City Council would lead the commemorative period of 1918 – 1923 and secure access to funding required for this important period in Cork’s History.

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that in the event of Pope Francis visiting Ireland for the “World Meeting of Families” in 2018, the Lord Mayor would write to Bishop John Buckley requesting that he would seek to have Pope Francis include a visit to Cork City in his itinerary during his stay.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed that the Lord Mayor would write to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government seeking funding related to the City Council 2017 Commemoration Plans.

10.2 **ST. PETER’S CHURCH**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 17th October 2016.

10.3 **UPDATE ON CAPITAL FUNDING FÁILTE IRELAND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated 13th October 2016 on Update on Capital Funding Fáilte Ireland.

10.4 **LEE SESSIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated 13th October 2016 on Lee Sessions.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 8 p.m.

10.5 **MOTIONS**

10.5.1 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AT SOUTH MALL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the amended report of the Director of Services dated 13th October 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the business community of the South Mall be encouraged to light up this important street with Christmas Lighting (as it did previously) to maximise the atmosphere in the city at Christmas time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/263)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council, through its Roads & Transportation Directorate, provide grant aid to a number of trader groups throughout the City Centre towards their festival lighting costs, apart from the extensive festival lighting which Cork City Council installs. A number of new streets are currently availing of this through our City Centre development process. Cork City Council will encourage businesses of the South Mall that wish to initiate Christmas lighting. (Businesses to be encouraged rather than supported.)

11. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17th OCTOBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 17th October 2016.

11.1 **FINANCIAL RELATED REPORTS**

11.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF SEPTEMBER 2016**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of September 2016.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

15. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None Received

16. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance at the following conferences/seminars:-

- Comhairleoir T. Shannon, Rebuilding Ireland – Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness, 18th to 20th November 2016, Carlingford Lough, Co. Louth.

17. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance at the following training:-

- Comhairleoir M. Shields, AILG Module 5 – National and Local Authority Emergency Planning, 27th October 2016, Spring Hill Court Hotel, Kilkenny.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin, AILG Module 5 – National and Local Authority Emergency Planning, 27th October 2016, Spring Hill Court Hotel, Kilkenny.

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **LOCAL AREA TRANSPORT PLAN**

‘That a Local Area Transport Plan be carried out by Cork City Council for the South Parish, Evergreen, Greenmount Road network. The plan to look at one way system pedestrian crossing and junctions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/228)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.2 **PLAQUE ON KEMP STREET**

‘That Cork City Council put a plaque on Kemp Street, i.e., the unmarked street between Sawmill Street and South Terrace.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/229)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.3 **PAINTING AND REPAIRS TO THE BOUNDARY WALLS AT COPPINGERS ACRE**

‘That Cork City Council undertake the Painting and repairs to the boundary walls at Coppingers Acre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/268)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.4 **SECURE VITA CORTEX SITE ON CURRAGH ROAD/PEARSE ROAD**

‘That in an effort to address serious anti-social behaviour at the location, the owners of the former Vita Cortex site on Curragh Road/Pearse Road be asked to secure it and announce intentions for its use in the medium to long term.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/282)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

18.5 **BIODEGRADABLE ITEMS AT CORK CITY COUNCIL EVENTS**

‘That at all Cork City Council events would only use biodegradable cutlery, plates, container, cartons, and cups and cup lids including all City council sponsored events must not have plastic disposables, but paper, timber and vegetable based plastics which degrade within 12 months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/283)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

18.6 **DRAINS AT FAIRFIELD COURT, FARRANREE**

‘That Cork City Council clear all of the drains at Fairfield Court Farranree.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/288)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.7 **FOOTPATH OUTSIDE NO. 28 SILVERHEIGHTS DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate repairs to the footpath outside No. 28 Silverheights Drive as the ecoflex surface laid by council has deteriorated seriously and has left serious flaws to the footpath such as to be a danger to pedestrians , young and elderly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/291)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.8 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE CLASHDUV ROAD AT THE PLAYGROUND**

‘As we face into the budget 2017 I am again requesting that Cork City Council would put a provision in the budget to put a pedestrian crossing on the Clashdುವ road at the Playground.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/293)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.9 **TAKE IN CHARGE ST. JOHN’S MEWS, DOUGLAS STREET**

‘That St John's Mews, Douglas Street, be taken in charge by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/294)

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

18.10 **RESURFACE CARPARK OF PEARSE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE**

That the Carpark at the Northern end of Pearse Square Shopping Centre in Ballyphehane be resurfaced as parts of it are in very poor condition.

(Proposer: Cllr. T O'Driscoll 16/303)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.11 **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR BALLYVOLANE**

'That Cork City council expedite the proposed road improvements already agreed under a previous Part 8 for Ballyvolane as the roads and footpaths from Gordons Hill to its junction with the so called north ring road are in such a bad condition as to lead to road accidents likely to cause death or serious injury.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T Brosnan 16/304)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.12 **OVERNIGHT STOPOVER AREA FOR MOTOR HOMES AT BLACK ASH PARK AND RIDE**

'That City Council would investigate the possibility of setting up an overnight stopover area for motorhomes within our park and ride car park at Black Ash in conjunction with the proposed installation of the power points parking spaces for electric vehicles. [even if its on a trial basis at first]'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/306)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.13 **DISABLED CAR PARKING SPACE ON AVENUE DE RENNES**

'Can the roads department assess the possibility of painting a disabled car parking space on Avenue de Rennes.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 16/307)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.14 **PROPERTIES AT VICARS RD/VICARS COURT**

'That City Council would provide a full report to the Housing Functional Committee on the present condition of the roofs on our properties at Vicars Rd. / Vicars Court. Residents are very concerned about the present conditions of these roofs as these are only painted corrugated sheeting that were put in place back in the 80's. Some of these residents

in our properties are now seeing that the paintwork is now deteriorating thus leaving this corrugated sheeting exposed to the elements which is resulting in signs of rusting near the fascit soffit boards. A maintenance programme will have to be put in place to rectify this to prevent it escalating to something more serious.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/309)

Housing & Transportation Functional Committee

18.15 **ASSESSMENT OF THE JUNCTION OF COMMONS ROAD AND POPHAM’S ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a traffic and roads assessment of the junction of the Commons Road and Popham’s Road by Dino’s Restaurant to install an additional road lane off Brother Delany Road on to Popham’s Road. This would allow more cars leave Dunne Stores and reduce traffic congestion. Also to install a slip road at the bottom of Fairfield Avenue on to the Commons Road above the Topaz Garage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/310)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.16 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR THE STONERIDGE ESTATE, BLARNEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council report on progress on commencing works for a pedestrian crossing and associated traffic-calming measures for the Stoneridge est, Blarney rd and timeline for same?’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/311)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.17 **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KILMORE PARK, KNOCKNAHEENY**

That Cork City Council report on the temporary closure of Kilmore Park, Knocknaheeny, including timeline for the re-opening of the park, measures to safeguard the area from vandalism and the proposed provision of a controlled access gate to the park from Ardmore Heights.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/312)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.18 **SIGNS ON THE N40 – BOTHAR CUMANN NA MBAN**

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to erect signs informing road users entering the N40 South Ring Road that the name of this road has been changed to N40- Bothar Cumann Na mBan, as agreed by this Council at a Council meeting in early 2015, to commemorate the vital role of women in the struggle for independence. This omission is another example of women being treated as 2nd class citizens. The Council has shown further disrespect by

making no effort to correct the media such as Cork 96 FM, Cork Red FM etc when they refer to the road by its former name.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 16/313)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.19 **OVERFLOW OF WATER FROM A GREEN AREA IN BRIDEVALLEY PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would address a significant overflow of water from a green area in Bridevalley Park on to Hazelville est, Onslow Gardens, there is some local concern that the leak will weaken a boundary wall while it is also quite a waste of water.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/314)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.20 **ENTRANCE TO THE NORTH MONASTERY ON NORTH MONASTERY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would widen the entrance to the North Monastery on North Monastery Road and install pedestrian gates and footpaths for use by the pupils of the three North Monastery Schools. At the moment the current entrance is dangerous for students and motorist alike. Also for Cork City Council to install traffic calming measures outside the North Monastery entrance on Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/315)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19. **MOTIONS**

19.1 **CITY CORONER’S TOXICOLOGY EXAMINATIONS**

An Chomhairle agreed to treat this Motion as withdrawn:-

‘That Cork City Council requisitions all City Coroner’s Toxicology examinations to include testing for the presence of, but not limited to, the following: anxiolytics and hypnotics, drugs used in psychosis and related disorders, antidepressant drugs and CNS (Central Nervous System) stimulants. Coroners should also be required to keep a database, of the incidents and the drugs they find.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/192)

19.2 **SERVICES TO NORTHSIDE COMMUNITIES**

An Chomhairle agreed to treat this Motion as withdrawn:-

‘That Cork City Council would engage with LocalLink, Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority regarding the provision of services to the Northside Communities. The LocalLink fleet consists of minibuses, which would be ideal for travelling in and around housing estates. They provide an invaluable service to the rural communities throughout the country and it may be more cost effective for Bus Éireann to allow LocalLink to provide services instead of them trying to justify the cost of providing a single decker bus.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/256)

19.3 **CONTRAFLOW BUS LANE ON THE N8**

An Chomhairle agreed to treat this Motion as withdrawn:-

‘That Cork City Council engages with TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) to facilitate the introduction of a contraflow bus lane on the N8 between the junction of Water Street/Lower Glanmire Road and the Junction of Brian Boru Street/Lower Glanmire Road. This would benefit up to 17 bus services an hour belonging to both Bus Éireann and private sector. Considering that in the morning, it would aid the ability of over 800 people per hour to get into the city centre up between 10/15 minutes earlier. If this was introduced, Bus Éireann could make a viable case to the National Transport Authority for more buses to be allocated to the city as demand rises. This combined with the expansion of the Leap Card services, could encourage more people to leave their car behind, easing the gridlock in the city centre at peak times. It would also free up parking spaces previously taken up and encourage people to come into the city centre during off-peak hours due to higher availability of parking spaces. It would mean a reduction in the cost of taxis from Kent Station to the city centre. This would be of benefit to the tourism/services sector and reduce overheads to business. It would also benefit the emergency services with reduced travel time to Mercy University Hospital and CUH. There is very little use of the right hand lane on the Lower Glanmire Road and a filter light to facilitate traffic wanting to travel onto Horgans Quay would address any issue for residents and businesses down there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/257)

19.4 **USE OF CHAIRS AND TABLES OUTSIDE BARS, RESTAURANTS AND CAFES**

An Chomhairle agreed to postpone by consent the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 14th November 2016:-

‘That Cork City Council rejects the governments implementation and extreme charge hike on the use of chairs and tables outside bars, restaurants and cafes, and request that each local authority regulate its own fixed charge in tandem with local economy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/265)

19.5 **POST BOX WITHIN EDEN ESTATE AND BLACKROCK HALL**

An Chomhairle agreed to postpone by consent the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 14th November 2016:-

‘Cork City Council calls on An Post to assess the feasibility of providing a post box within the Eden Estate & Blackrock Hall that would benefit many residents & businesses in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/308)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An Chomhairle discussed the city centre traffic issues that arose in the previous week.

An Chomhairle considered and noted the update on the issue which was provided by the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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