

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2019

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

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Falvey Family on the death of Kevin Falvey.
- The Waterman Family on the death of Irene Waterman.
- The Ring Family on the death of Rita Ring.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Jim Murphy.
- The Cremin Family on the death of Ber Cremin.
- The Wall Family on the death of Michael Wall.
- The McCullagh Family on the death of Peter McCullagh.
- The Kelleher Family on the death of Patrick Kelleher.
- The Barrett Family on the death of Frances Barrett.
- The Collins Family on the death of Patricia Collins.
- The Clarke Family on the death of Brian Clarke.

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

- UCC GAA on winning the Fitzgibbon and Sigerson Cups.
- Cork Business Association on their Annual Awards and on promoting business in Cork.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

No Items raised.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **CORK ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL 2019**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 25th February 2019 on the proposed holding of an event by Cork City Council under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Planning and Development Regulations 2001. The event is the Cork St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday 17th March 2019.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 28th January 2019 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 11th February 2019.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **HOUSING ESTATES TAKEN IN CHARGE**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. Martin was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 11th March 2019:-

How many housing estates are being taken in charge and where are they, the full list and what is the projected spend on this programme?

When these estates were being built was a bond sought and, if not, why not? – if a bond was lodged, where is that money now?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

6.2 **INSTALL INFORMATION PANELS**

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

Can the CE update Council on the progress of plans to install internal information panels etc at Elizabeth Fort and any projects earmarked to capitalise and build on increasing visitor numbers?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

Submissions have been made on two pilot intervention projects aimed to enhance the tourism offering at Elizabeth Fort.

Consultants will be appointed shortly who will provide dedicated multi-lingual Audio Guides for visitors.

Consultants will also be engaged shortly who will provide multi-lingual printed information leaflets, develop corporate branding and interpretation spaces at Elizabeth Fort (in 2 rooms of the former Garda Buildings).

Sustainability in terms of these products will be achieved through a nominal charge for use of audio guides and for the printed information guides. The income generated will be managed by the visitor services team at Elizabeth Fort.

In addition, work will shortly commence on the development of a dedicated heritage-tourism Director and Management Plan for Elizabeth Fort, which will also be financed through the MMIAH Project budget.

It is hoped that all pilot interventions outlined above will be completed in the 2nd quarter of 2019, in time for the main summer season at the Fort.

Paul Moynihan
Director of Services
Corporate and External Affairs

6.3 **COMMUNITY FACILITY AT THE NEW DEANROCK DEVELOPMENT**

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

Can the CE inform Council of how many interested parties have submitted an official application for the use of the community unit/facility that will be situated in the new Deanrock Development, the names of the interested parties and also is there a closing date for applicants to submit same?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

The planning approval granted for the residential development at Deanrock by the Members of Cork City Council included a commitment to consulting with local stakeholders with regard to the use of the community facility that is being constructed as part of the scheme. Three community organisations have submitted initial expressions of interest to date and the timeline proposed to receive all expressions of interest is the 31st March, 2019. The local ward members will then be consulted on the matter and the expressions of interest received. It is not appropriate at this stage to publicly disclose information on these expressions of interest before the closing date and consultation with the ward members.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.4 DUMP AT ELLIS'S YARD, BALLYVOLANE

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

To ask the CEO questions regarding the dump on CCC property at Ellis's Yard, Ballyvolane.

- What is the date that the contract was put out to tender and what are the tender details?
- What is the tender reference?
- To whom was the contract to clean up Ellis's Yard awarded.
- What is the commencement date for the clean up?
- What is the value of the contract?
- What are the terms of the contract?

(Cllr. Ted Tynan)

REPLY

The Council sought quotations from appropriate service providers for the environmental clean-up of Ellis Yard in September 2018. The Council is in the process of finalising contract terms for such specialist regulated works with a service provider and expect these works to commence within the next seven days. The commercial nature of this undertaking by the Council is subject at this stage to the normal confidentiality procedures between tendering/contracting parties. However, the Council estimates that the cost of these remedial environmental works at Ellis's Yard will be substantial.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.5 LIGHTING PROGRAMME ON BARRACK STREET

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

What was the outcome of the recent discussions between Cork City Council and the ESB in relation to the installed lighting programme in Barrack Street?

What is the timeline for full closure to these works?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

At a recent meeting between Cork City Council & the ESB the following actions were agreed:

- (1)The results of a detailed ducting network survey were reviewed and areas of concern identified.
- (2)It was agreed that a limited amount of remediation work was required on the ducting prior to the installation of ESB network cables. It was agreed that Staff from both organisations would mark up the required remediation work on site within the next two weeks (approx 80m of ducting to be assessed)
- (3)Cork City Council and the Contractor (McGinty & O'Shea Ltd) will then consider the need for a road closure to facilitate the completion of the remediation work.
- (4)If a road closure is required Cork City Council agreed to process the application in order to facilitate the commencement of work on Tuesday the 19th of March.
- (5)The ESB agreed to avail of the road closure to install their network cables and remove as much of the old overhead network as possible.
- (6)The Contractor (McGinty & O'Shea Ltd) agreed to prioritise the completion of the remediation work as soon as possible however they pointed to the fact that the work is primarily hand work therefore it is likely to take three weeks to complete.
- (7)The ESB agreed to prioritise the removal of the old overhead network cables and poles plus installation of the new underground network. This work will commence as soon as the remediation work is complete. The ESB confirmed that their work will take twelve weeks to complete.
- (8)The ESB agreed to provide a member of staff to advise the Contractor throughout the ducting remediation work.

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

6.6 **RESURFACING NOS. 2-20 CENTRAL AVENUE, WESTGATE ESTATE, BISHOPSTOWN**

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

The above area needs to be prioritized for resurfacing. It has never been resurfaced in over 40 years and from No 2-20 is in a shocking condition. Could this area be put on this year's resurfacing list as a matter of urgency?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

Roads are currently being assessed using the Pavement Surface Condition Index rating system. Central Avenue, Westgate Estate will be included in the assessment for possible inclusion in the 2019 Road Resurfacing Programme.

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

6.7 **MADRAÍ HERITAGE PIECE**

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

Can the Manager please provide Council and the general public with an explanation of how and why the Madraí heritage piece came to be moved from its location on St Patricks Street. Why the Heritage Officer was not consulted in advance and when the piece is going to be returned to its rightful place. I had previously asked for an audit of heritage pieces held in council yards...such audit is now very necessary.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Last Spring the Murphy family, through Cork City Museum, requested that a number of Seamus Murphy sculptures situated in Fitzgerald’s Park be assessed to determine their existing condition and, undertake any necessary maintenance and cleaning as appropriate. Relocation of some pieces within the Museum may be necessary to protect the pieces from the damaging effects of weathering. This process is presently ongoing in association with the National Sculpture Factory.

As part of this process, the Parks Department decided to assess the Madraí sculpture on St Patrick’s Street due to its ongoing exposure to dirt and grime and, temporary lifted the piece for assessment, the piece is scheduled to be reinstated in the coming weeks.

Valerie O’ Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation.

6.8 **FINES ISSUED FOR PARKING IN A CYCLE LANE**

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

Can the CE Please advise on the number of fines that have been issued in 2018 and to date in 2019 by our Parking Enforcement Team for the offence of Parking in a Cycle Lane??

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

In 2018 a total of 120 fines were issued by the Parking Enforcement Team of Cork City Council for the offence of parking a vehicle in a cycle track. In 2019 to mid Feb 26 fines were issued for the same offence.

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

6.9 **CLEAN UP OF ELLIS’S YARD, BALLYVOLANE**

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

Can the CE outline a progress report on the cleaning up of Ellis’s Yard, Ballyvolane and associated works with a timeline for same?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

Cork City Council is in the process of appointing a specialist environmental Contractor for the clean-up of the Ellis Yard site. A separate specialist Contractor has been appointed for Pest Control on the site. The Council is currently finalising contractual arrangements with the proposed service provider for the environmental clean- up and these works are expected to commence within the next seven days.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.10 **OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT AT LOUGHMAHON PARK**

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

What was the cost of providing outdoor exercise equipment in Loughmahon Park?

Are there any plans to roll out similar facilities along the Estuary Walkway or elsewhere in the city?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

Last year, through Healthy Ireland, Cork City Council and HSE funding, the City Council constructed an outdoor gym at the Fairfield, Fairhill, consisting of a cluster of gym equipment items within an enclosed space. Through a similar funding mechanism this year, the Council has constructed outdoor gyms at Loughmahon Park (at a reduced cost of € 15k each as no perimeter railing is required) and at Gerry O Sullivan Park, Churchfield. Another outdoor gym will be constructed shortly at Tramore Valley Park and it is hoped to roll out further gyms in the medium term at suitable locations as resources permit. There are no immediate plans to locate a gym on the Mahon Walkway.

Valerie O Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.11 **LIST OF HOUSING BODIES AND/OR HOMELESS SERVICES**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 11th March 2019:-

To ask the CEO to list all the approved housing bodies and or homeless services that provide services within the service area of Cork City Council outlining the funding they received for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and budgeted for 2019 either through direct payments associated with CAS, CALF or other capital or revenue funding schemes for the same years and to outline the number of beds or units provided by each organisation for each of the years aforementioned.

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

7. **ITEM REFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 28th JANUARY 2019**

PARTY WHIPS – 14th JANUARY 2019

7.1 **NAMING OF BRIDGE BETWEEN MERCHANTS QUAY TO HARLEY STREET**

An Chomhairle considered the following shortlist of names regarding the naming of the bridge between Merchants Quay to Harley Street:-

1. Mary Elmes
2. Mother Jones
3. Leslie Price de Barra
4. Donnchadh de Barra
5. Joan Denise Moriarty

A vote was called for to identify the two preferred nominations where there appeared as follows:-

FOR MARY ELMES:- Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, P. Dineen, J. Buttimer, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (9)

FOR MOTHER JONES:- Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, M. Finn. (8)

FOR LESLIE PRICE DE BARRA:- Comhairleoirí N. O’Keeffe, S. Martin. (2)

FOR DONNCHADH DE BARRA:- Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy. (10)

FOR JOAN DENISE MORIARTY:- (0)

An tArd-Mhéara declared Mary Elmes and Donnchadh de Barra to be the two nominations with the highest number of preferences.

A vote was called for to approve the name of the bridge as Mary Elmes Bridge or Donnchadh de Barra Bridge, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR MARY ELMES:- Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, M. Finn, P. Dineen, J. Buttimer, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (17)

FOR DONNCHADH DE BARRA:- Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy. (12)

As those voting for Mary Elmes were greater than those voting for Donnchadh de Barra An tArd-Mhéara declared that the bridge between Merchants Quay to Harley Street would be named Mary Elmes Bridge.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18th FEBRUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 18th February 2019.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JANUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st January 2019.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th FEBRUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 18th February 2019.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

An tArd-Mhéara vacated the Chair at 7 p.m. and An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Moloney assumed the duties of the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services on Housing for January 2019.

9.2 **SOCIAL HOUSING DELIVERY IN CORK CITY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 14th February 2019 on Social Housing Delivery in Cork City in 2018.

9.3 **HOUSING MAINTENANCE – CATEGORISATION OF REPAIRS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 14th February 2019 on Housing Maintenance – Categorisation of Repairs.

9.4 **CATEGORIES OF HOUSING NEED**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 14th February 2019 on Categories of Housing Need.

9.5 **ELIGIBILITY FOR SOCIAL HOUSING LIST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would consider putting on hold / freezing applicants on our social housing list for a period of two years rather than removing them from our list for those whose income exceeds the income threshold for a limited period of time. Families who try to improve their financial situation find themselves removed from the social housing list despite the precarious nature of their employment and must start the process again from the beginning if they become either unemployed or receive a reduction in income. This measure would prevent poverty traps from forming in regard to eligibility for social housing support.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/014)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the 2011 social housing assessment regulations set the maximum net income threshold to determine eligibility for social housing support for each local authority, with incomes being assessed according to a standard household means policy. Cork City Council therefore does not have discretion to disregard these requirements. The means policy does provide for income which is temporary, short term or one off in nature to be disregarded, so applicants will not be closed if there is a transitory income increase outside the regular pattern of annual income to the household, at the time the application is being reviewed.

In the event that an application is closed as the annual household income exceeds the applicable threshold, and their financial circumstances subsequently change, it is open to applicants to re-apply. They can then apply for a review of their file, to request a restoration of the credit time applicable from their last open application to the date of closure of their file. Cork City Council has granted credit time restoration for applicants in these circumstances in the recent past.

It should also be noted that a review of the income thresholds and means policy is currently underway by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, as part of the broader social housing reform agenda. This review will take into account the impact of other parallel initiatives, including the new local authority Rebuilding Ireland Loan mortgage scheme for first time buyers launched in 2018, and a new affordable housing scheme which is due to be launched in the coming weeks.

9.6 **SITE AT MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council refer this motion to the Housing Functional Committee for consideration prior to writing to the Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy, to request sufficient funding for the construction of a scheme of 100% public mixed income housing on the 4.7 acre site at Model Farm Road which was withheld from sale by decision of the City Council meeting of 10th December 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/027)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the lands at Model Farm Road referred to by Cllr. Tynan are currently within the functional area of Cork County Council and are not zoned for residential development.

In due course, Cork City Council will prepare a masterplan for the development of these lands which will align with its strategic objectives for the sustainable development of this area. The City Council can then move forward to implement the masterplan. The Elected Members will be kept informed at all stages as matters progress.

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th FEBRUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Functional committee from its meeting held 18th February 2019.

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending January 2019.

10.2 **REPORT ON WARD FUNDS PAID IN 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on Ward Funds paid in 2018.

10.3 **REPORT ON SECTION 38 PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING AT BANTRY PARK ROAD**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on Section 38 Public Consultation for proposed Traffic Calming at Bantry Park Road.

10.4 **2019 REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROAD GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 regarding correspondence from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding the 2019 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations.

10.5 **2019 ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Congress Road be included in the 2019 Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/289)

The report of the Director of Services stated that roads are currently being assessed using the Pavement Surface Condition Index rating system. Congress Road will be included in the assessment for possible inclusion in the 2019 Road Resurfacing Programme.

10.6 **PONDING AT POPES HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the ponding at the bottom of Popes Hill on the North Ring Road be looked at as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/356)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the ponding at this location will be investigated and remedial actions will be carried out over the coming months.

10.7 **SIGN ON EVERGREEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I ask the Roads & Transport Directorate to erect a sign (facing Eastward) stating (THIS ROAD IS UNSUITABLE FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLES) on Evergreen Road Westward of the junction with Summerhill South/Murphy's Gardens. All too often articulated vehicles using a Sat Nav/Google Maps, and heading for the Limerick Road or Western suburbs, are directed up through Evergreen Road/Evergreen Street/Barrack Street all of which are totally unsuitable for such large vehicles resulting in major traffic disruption as generally the articulated vehicles have to reverse back down to Summerhill South.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 18/381)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Evergreen Road westward of the junction with Summerhill South/Murphy's Gardens will be assessed to identify potential road signage that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the provision of additional signage will be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

10.8 **CARS PARKING IN CYCLE LANES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council Parking Enforcement Team address as a matter of urgency the growing problem of cars parking in designated cycle lanes around the City. These cycle lanes were installed as a safety measure for cyclists and cars parking in these spaces presents a serious safety hazard to all road users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/017)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the parking of a vehicle in a cycle lane is an offence and parking tickets are issued by Cork City Council Parking Enforcement Team when these offences are detected.

10.9 **OLD LAMPS AT THE NATIONAL MONUMENT ON GRAND PARADE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council reinstate the old lamps at the National Monument on Grand Parade.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/036)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Architects Department carried out restoration work on the National Monument in 2014, the bronze framed historic lamps were refurbished but no light fittings were proposed at that time.

The City Architects Department have requested a costing for supply and installation of the light fittings for the old lamps at the National Monument on Grand Parade.

Once received the reinstatement of the old lamps at the National Monument on Grand Parade can be put forward for consideration and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

10.10 SUSPEND THE CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council suspend the City Centre Movement Strategy as it is not delivering on efficient Public Transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/037)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City is currently experiencing significant jobs and population growth. This growth is expected to continue and expand further in line with the levels set out in the National Development Plan and the Councils own policies. In order for this growth to be sustained the transportation system needs to be modernised with enhanced capacity and improved modal choice. It is not possible for the City to grow and develop on the basis of the existing transportation system with its high levels of car usage and related congestion. Accordingly the Council must discharge its responsibility and adapt the road network to better facilitate other more sustainable options (bus, rail, cycle, walking) and thereby better accommodate the transport needs of a larger number of workers, visitors and residents.

Against this backdrop the Council has been implementing the City Centre Movement Strategy. The Strategy responds to the need for more effective mode choice for those who wish to access and move within the city centre. It also supports better routing for through traffic, improved public transport journey times, improved pedestrian environment and an expanded network of safe cycle routes.

The elements of the Strategy that have been progressed to date include –

- Parnell Place Renewal scheme
- Kent Station to City Centre Improvement scheme
- UCC to City route improvements
- Phase 1 & 2 (Middle Parish, City Centre areas etc)
- New bridge at Harleys St (due for completion mid 2019)

It will be noted that in addition to introducing necessary traffic changes, the various completed projects have also delivered necessary public realm upgrades including road surfacing, footpaths, street crossings, public lighting, road signage, street furniture and planting. The phase 1 & 2 improvements have also been advanced with other changes incl parking arrangements in Middle Parish and North Main St car parks, expansion of Park and Ride service, new free parking set down spaces, bus and parking promotions, marketing campaigns, rerouting of bus services etc

The remaining works to be undertaken under the CCMS will be progressed under two separate tranches. Design work is currently being progressed in relation to the first of these ie phases 3, 4 & 5 encompassing MacCurtain St/ St Patrick’s Quay/ Merchant’s Quay/Anderson’s Quay and surrounding areas. The schedule of works to be proposed in this tranche will be the subject of a public consultation process later in the current year.

The changes arising from CCMS are essential to the development of public transport services in Cork. All of the projects undertaken to date have included measures to improve access to public transport facilities as well as easing the movement of public transport services on the network. The latter includes junction upgrades, dedicated bus lanes and other bus priority measures. These measures were introduced without loss to other road users and the road network has, at the same time, been managed so as to successfully accommodate the demands from other public and private developments as well as the seasonal peaks in flow after the summer break and in the run up to the Christmas season.

Bus Eireann has also effected improvements to its services in conjunction with the ongoing adaptation of the network under CCMS. For example route 203 northbound has been operating on St Patrick St since 9th August and the 215 service to Blarney has been operating via St Patrick St since the 30th September. These changes coupled with the benefit of additional bus priorities have resulted in increased patronage across the network. Bus Eireann have confirmed that passenger numbers on City services operating via St Patrick St have grown by approx **12%** since the introduction of the bus priority in St Patrick St. Bus Eireann have similarly confirmed that the additional priorities have had a positive impact on bus journey times.

Members will be aware that Bus Eireann with NTA support has also invested in new and additional fleet with new double decker buses being added to the fleet each year. In 2018 12 buses were added to the Cork fleet along with related increases in driver numbers. Bus Eireann have also confirmed the recruitment of additional staff to improve the operation the RPTI services. There have also been ongoing service improvements with increased frequency and route improvements, for example on the 202 and 207 routes or the revised timetable on the 208 route which better reflects the travel time between stops. The first 24 hour bus service in Ireland has been recently introduced in Cork providing round the clock connections to Carrigaline and Ballincollig with a 15 minute daytime frequency. One of the most important improvements in the bus service in recent times was the overhaul of the fare system in Cork under which the lower City rates were extended to a wider area including Ballincollig, Carrigaline and Glanmire and there have been further discounts for those using cashless payment options.

It is envisaged that the Bus Service will continue to benefit from ongoing investment and the potential for further improvement from the proposed ***Cork Bus Connects programme*** is very significant. Members will be aware that bus passenger numbers have been growing consistently in Cork in recent years with the annual trip numbers of **approx 14m in 2018 on City services compared to approx 10m in 2013**. It is expected that with continued growth in the City and further service improvements these numbers will continue to expand to the benefit of all road users.

The City Council is currently working with its consultants on the preliminary design for the next tranche of work in the delivery of the Strategy (MacCurtain St/ St Patrick Quay/ Merchants Quay/ Anderson's Quay and surrounding areas). The works will include –

- Public realm improvement works along MacCurtain St and adjoining streets
- Introduction of revised traffic arrangements on MacCurtain St with better routing of through traffic
- Improved pedestrian facilities (new footpaths, crossing points dropped kerbs, tactile paving etc.) and where appropriate improvements for access to local schools

- Upgrading of signals at St Patricks Quay, MacCurtain St, Coburg / Devonshire St, Leitrim St Brian Boru St etc
- Footpath / cycleway improvements along Camden Quay, St Patrick's Quay and junction with Michael Collins bridge
- Improvements to public lighting and resurfacing works across the area
- Provision of additional bus parking private operators

Draft proposals will be available in the coming months to enable the initial engagement with Members and thereafter with businesses, residents, schools etc. The proposals will also be subject to public consultation as with all the schemes progressed to date.

Cork's population is expected to grow significantly over the coming years, making it one of the fastest growing areas in the country. With new developments at Albert Quay, Navigation Square, Horgan's Quay, Sullivans Quay, South Mall etc the City centre is becoming the location for thousands of new jobs and these new jobs will help drive the City centre economy for many years ahead. Cork City Council must continue to implement the measures necessary to ensure that the growth in jobs and economic activity is not curtailed by unsustainable traffic congestion. The City Centre Movement Strategy as approved by Council is a critical part of that response. The CCMS acknowledges the need for an efficient public transport system, while continuing to provide for car based access when needed. It provides for facilities to encourage more people to cycle over shorter distances and allows for the upgrading of pedestrian facilities across the City centre. If Council were not implement these necessary changes to modernise the transport network, as agreed, the potential for continued jobs and population growth and the development of public transport services would be severely restricted.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, a vote was called for on the approval of the report of the Director of Services where there appeared as follows:-

FOR:- Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, M. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, T. Shannon, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (15)

AGAINST:- Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, D. Cahill, P. Dineen. (5)

ABSTAIN:- (0)

As those voting in favour of the report of the Director of Services were greater than those voting against, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote carried, and the report of the Director of Services approved.

10.11 **MURMONT GROVE AND MURMONT COURT IN THE ESTATES ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Can the estate road which is a cul de sac at Murmont Grove and Murmont Court please be included in the estates road resurfacing programme for 2019. Similar to other estate cul de sacs in our area this road has never been resurfaced. Over the years various areas have been dug up for various services and in many cases not properly reinstated. This cul de sac needs to be fully resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/038)

The report of the Director of Services stated that roads are currently being assessed using the Pavement Surface Condition Index rating system. Murmont Grove and Murmont Crescent will be assessed for possible inclusion in the 2019 Road Resurfacing Programme.

10.12 **SPEED MONITOR SIGN ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Can a speed monitor sign that indicates the speed of the passing traffic please be installed on Lower Glanmire Road between Kent Station and the bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/039)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the location for installation of speed display signage is determined in conjunction with An Garda Síochána. The signs are moved from time to time and a number are scheduled to be moved to new locations in the coming months. However further locations will be examined and agreed with An Garda Síochána towards the end of 2019 and the area in question can be considered further as part of the process.

10.13 **SPEED RAMPS IN BISHOPSCOURT DRIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I am proposing that 4 speed ramps would be installed in Bishopscourt Drive. This area has become a ‘rat run’ for huge traffic which exits from Aldi Supermarket (cannot make a u turn there) so turn left into Bishopscourt Drive, Bishopscourt Park and on to main Bishopstown Road again, causing a huge problem for residents. Speeding on this road is a major dangerous issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 19/041)

The report of the Director of Services stated that traffic calming proposals are now being prepared for Bishopscourt Drive. Subject to consultation and approval, the work will be tendered and undertaken later this year.

10.14 **REMOVE GRAVEL AND GRIT IN GLEN AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘The Gravel and grit that has fallen in the shores in Glen Avenue be immediately removed to stop and abate any blockages of water and nuisance of ponding in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/043)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the gullies at Glen Avenue will be cleaned to alleviate any ponding occurring in the area.

10.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ASHMOUNT ESTATE, SILVERSPRINGS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will survey Ashmount Estate, Silversprings for traffic calming measures which could include signage reflecting the 30k speed limit, with the area near the creche a concern for residents, City Council to engage with the County Council on this as part of the estate is currently within the County administrative area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/049)

The report of the Director of Services stated that areas within the Ashmount development were formally taken in charge in 2010. However access to this area of the development is currently via lands within the Cork County Council’s administrative area.

When the Ashmount development is within Cork City Council’s administrative area, the development can be assessed as a whole to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

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

10.16 **TRAFFIC WARDEN AT TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a pedestrian or traffic warden crossing at the Tory Top Road end of Upper Clarkes Road be considered, to facilitate school-going pedestrians, library users and customers of the businesses located there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/359)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has adopted a Walking Strategy which identifies areas for improvement. It is anticipated that the NTA will provide funding for small projects to improve pedestrian safety in 2019. Projects for 2019 have already been selected and agreed with the NTA and preliminary design has commenced. However Tory Top Road will be assessed and if appropriate can be included in the next application for funding.

10.17 **PARKING PROBLEMS AT LOWER FRIARS WALK, BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In an effort to combat chronic parking problems due to location of a medical centre, credit union and church, double yellow lines are painted outside the driveway entrances of Lower Friars Walk, Ballyphehane so residents can access their properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/360)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will assess the road painting request for Lower Friars Walk, Ballyphehane. If deemed appropriate it will be inputted into the roads programme and will be undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions.

The local community and local business owners will need to be consulted on any proposed changes.

10.18 **REDUCE THE CLOSURE OF PATRICK’S STREET**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 14th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In view of the on-going trading issues being experienced by our City Centre indigenous traders and other traders alike I ask that Cork City Council would reduce the closure of Patrick's Street to 5 days per week (Monday to Friday) and reinstate normal traffic flow on Patrick's Street on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays. This would, I believe, be proactive and may help to alleviate the current difficulties that the current Movement Strategy is creating.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 18/379)

The report of the Director of Services stated that bus lanes are operational based on the statutory road marking and accompanying street signage. Bus Lane operate either on a permanent 24 hour basis or for set time periods as outlined on the time plated signage provided on the Street. As approved by Council, the bus lane on St. Patrick Street operates for 3 and a half hours per day, 7 days per week.

The operational period was approved by Council after two public consultation processes and due regard to competing transport requirements and the need to ensure a consistent

approach that road users could become accustomed to with ease. The bus lane has become established over the past 5 months and continues to be monitored with minor changes to traffic signalling in the vicinity being implemented as required. This is normal practice and takes into consideration other construction works that have an impact on traffic flows in the city centre.

On the proposal of An Leas Ard-Mhéara, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, a vote was called for on the approval of the report of the Director of Services where there appeared as follows:-

FOR:- Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (15)

AGAINST:- Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, D. Cahill, P. Dineen. (5)

ABSTAIN:- (0)

As those voting in favour of the report of the Director of Services were greater than those voting against, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote carried, and the report of the Director of Services approved.

10.19 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted that the Director of Services updated members on naming the new pedestrian bridge at Harley Street.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence as follows:-

- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality dated 20th December 2018.
- Letter from the Department of Health dated 6th February 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs dated 6th February 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport dated 6th February 2019.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

14. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved attendance at training as follows:-

- Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy and J. Buttimer at the AILG Annual Spring Conference held in Longford from the 21st to 22nd February 2019.

15. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for January 2019.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL IN CONNAUGHT AVENUE**

‘That extensive footpath renewal be carried out in Connaught Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/294)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.2 **CORK CITY COUNCIL CLEANING REGIME**

‘That the Curragh Road, Kinsale and adjacent park be included in a regular Cork City Council cleaning regime. It is one of the main road networks into town and it should be cleaned on a regular basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/295)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.3 **NEW FESTIVAL FOR CORK CITY**

‘Following on from the Impact 18 Cities of Culture conference in Liverpool I ask that Cork City Council would endeavour to create a new festival for our new enlarged city. The new Festival should focus on many cultures that we have in Cork City and should be known as the (Mixed Culture Festival) or another. How and ever the festival name should promote culture inclusiveness from the outset. This new festival should/would ideally run over a weekend 2/3 days perhaps towards the end of summer. The (Mixed Culture Festival) should/will provide a platform for the many different Diasporas from far and wide that have now made Cork City their home. The festival should promote the various cultures within our city which will allow all of those that share this great city the opportunity to express themselves while at the same time gaining respect for each other.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 19/055)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

16.4 **BUTTER EXCHANGE BAND**

‘That Cork City Council engages with the Butter Exchange Band to explore the possibility of receiving funding from Cork City Council to develop the band room on John Redmond Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 19/057)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

16.5 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT BOHERBOY ROAD, SILVERSPRINGS LANE AND SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

‘That Cork City Council place traffic lights at the following junctions: Boherboy Road and Silversprings Lane and Silversprings Court and Silversprings Lane as they are extremely dangerous junctions and local residents are finding it impossible to access right onto Silversprings Lane and also access left at peak traffic times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/061)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN SILVER HEIGHTS AND BOHERBOY**

‘That Cork City Council Invest in a new public lighting scheme in the Silver Heights and Boherboy areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/069)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.7 **GRASS CUTTING IN COUNCIL AND PRIVATE ESTATES**

‘Can Council give a report on the situation of grass cutting for the green areas in both Council and private estates for 2019. Will they be cut regularly this year as there was a lot of green areas went uncut in 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/074)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.8 **FOOTPATHS ON HAZEL ROAD, TOGHER**

‘That City Council would carry out an inspection of the footpaths on Hazel Rd; Togher particularly around number fourteen with the intention of carrying out immediate repairs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/075)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.9 **VEGETATION IN TRACTON AVENUE AND MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would clean out the overgrowth and vegetation in the ditch bordering Tracton Avenue and Middle Glanmire Road. The unkept nature of this area encourages the dumping of all kinds of rubbish in the overgrown vegetation which needs to be cut back and cleared.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/078)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.10 **TAKE IN CHARGE ORCHARD COURT, BLACKPOOL**

‘That Orchard Court in Blackpool, which was constructed in 1999, be taken in charge by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/079)

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

16.11 **LEVELS OF TRAFFIC ON THE R635, NORTH RING ROAD**

‘In view of the constantly increasing levels of traffic on the R635 North Ring Road in Mayfield, including large volumes of heavy vehicular traffic, and given that the construction of a proper North Ring Road is still some way into the future, that urgent steps would be taken to protect those pedestrians using the narrow footpath between Tinker’s Cross and Ballyhooly Road and in particular the section of footpath between Boyne Crescent and Ballyhooly Road. In addition to the removal of overhanging brambles and loose stones, that remedial measures be undertaken to prevent soil and other debris from falling onto the footpath from the raised embankment on the southern side of the footpath and to replace the disintegrating concrete railings on the northern side.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/083)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.12 **INCLUDE RICHMOND HILL, HARDWICK STREET AND OLD YOUGHAL ROAD IN THE CCMS**

‘That Richmond Hill, Hardwick St and the western side of Old Youghal Road between Landsdowne Court and Fever Hospital Steps be included in the CCMS phases 3, 4 and 5 as they will be impacted by the re routing of local traffic under the plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/089)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.13 **HOUSES ON CHURCHFIELD AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council survey a number of houses on Churchfield Avenue to determine if works are needed to secure the backs of the houses on Churchfield Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/095)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17. **MOTIONS**

17.1 **JUAN GUAIDÓ AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council officially recognizes Juan Guaidó, the leader of the National Assembly, as the interim president of Venezuela.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/063)

On the proposal of An Leas Ard-Mhéara, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR:- Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, P. Dineen. (2)

AGAINST:- Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican. (11)

ABSTAIN:- Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, T. Moloney. (2)

As those voting against the motion were greater than those voting for, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the motion defeated.

17.2 **FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPOMENT OF A VETERANS/PERSONNEL SUPPORT CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘I ask that Cork City Council would write to the Minister for Defence Mr Leo Varadkar to ask him to secure funding (€200k) for the development of a combined veterans/ personnel support centre in the Camp Field, Collins Barracks, Cork. The funding would be used to renovate two properties (defunct married quarters) in the Camp Field. The support centre will be used to provide advice and assistance to both serving and ex service men and women of the Defence Forces. With the second largest number of veterans in the country many of the Defence Forces veterans in the Cork region finds themselves in difficult financial situations and a number have become homeless. The centre would provide essential support for both serving and retired personnel and would help to address homelessness for Defence Forces veterans.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 19/082)

17.3 TITLE 3 OF THE HELMS BURTON ACT

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade his views on the fact that the Government of the United States of America may implement Title 3 of the Helms Burton Act; and if he will raise the matter with his US counterpart. This Act reinforces the illegal economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the US government against Cuba. Title 3 of the Act has a deep extraterritorial content and it seeks to impede Cuba's trade relations with other States and discourage foreign investment in Cuba. Successive US Governments have systematically approved every six months a suspension of application of Title 3. On 16 January 2019 President Donald Trump announced he will only approve a suspension for just 45 days and there is strong evidence of the intention to begin the application of the norm. If Title 3 of the Act is imposed, it will violate international law and norms and make a mockery of the 27 UN General Assembly motions that have passed with substantial majorities calling for the USA to end its blockade of Cuba. The application of Title 3 would severely affect the interests of Irish citizens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/084)

On the proposal of An Leas Ard-Mhéara, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR:- Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (7)

AGAINST:- Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, P. Dineen, P.J. Hourican. (7)

ABSTAIN:- Comhairleoir T. Moloney. (1)

As those voting for the motion were equal to those voting against, An Leas Ard-Mhéara used his casting vote to vote for the motion, where there then appeared as follows:-

FOR:- Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (8)

AGAINST:- Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, P. Dineen, P.J. Hourican. (7)

ABSTAIN:- (0)

As those voting for the motion were greater than those voting against, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

17.4 **SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF GAELSCOIL PHEIG SAYERS AND ST. PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, GARDINER'S HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would offer its support and assistance to the parents of Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers, Farranferris in their appeal for suitable Special Needs Assistant coverage for children with special educational needs in the school. Furthermore, City Council also offers similar support to the parents in St Patrick's National School, Gardiner's Hill as they seek the development of an ASD unit on the school grounds.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 19/091)

17.5 **IRISH DEFENCE FORCES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council recognises the selfless commitment of the Irish Defence Forces (Navy, Army and Air Corps) to the people of Ireland in defence of the nation and in the protection of the internal security of the State. In particular it acknowledges the role played by the Defence Forces in multinational peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, maritime security and fishery protection. This council in its support for the campaign for Respect and Loyalty calls on the Government to immediately take action to resolve the issues relating to the pay and conditions of service of Defence Forces Members as they are seriously impacting retention and recruitment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 19/094)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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