

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 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, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
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. C. Kelly, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & International Relations. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & International Relations. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & International Relations. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Operations. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Housing. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Ms. L. Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Operations. Ms. A. Bogan, Senior Planner, Strategic and Economic Development. Ms. Adrienne Rodgers, Director of Community, Culture and Placemaking.

An Leas Ard-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

THE CHAIR

Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Moloney assumed the duties of the Chair in the absence of An tArd-Mhéara.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Dooley Family on the death of Christy Dooley.
- The Hassett Family on the death of David Hassett.
- The Lynch Family on the death of Cecilia Lynch.
- The Shorten Family on the death of Kathleen Shorten.
- The Hennessy Family on the death of Bernard Hennessy.

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

- Cork Constitution on winning the A.I.L. National League.
- Avondale United on winning the Junior F.A.I. National Cup.
- Harlequins Hockey and Cricket Club on winning the Irish Senior League.
- Ruth Brosnan on the release of your debut single ‘Good Enough’ Maith Thú.
- Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh extended congratulations to each of the Ard Mhéaras who have served over the period of Council, who had performed their duties diplomatically, professionally at a local, national and international level.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of items 3.1 and 7.2.1 until the Lord Mayor would be present.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **PROPOSED HOLDING OF AN EVENT: SEAFEST MARITIME FESTIVAL 2019**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 10th May 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 in question is SeaFest Maritime Festival 2019 to be hosted at the Port of Cork and Cork City Quays on 7th, 8th and 9th June 2019.

4.2 **RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 104 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Chief Executive, dated 9th May 2019 on the requirement under Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001.

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

“**RESOLVED**, That the Annual Financial Statement for 2018 and, Pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 16 are thereby approved.”

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

At this junction An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir M. Finn assumed the duties of the Chair and Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Moloney returned to the Chamber floor.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

An tArd-Mhéara paid tribute to those leaving Council; Comhairleoirí M. Shields, L. O’Donnell, N. O’Keefe, S. O’Shea, L. McGonigle, M. O’Sullivan, T. O’Driscoll, S.

Cunningham and J. Buttimer. He also paid tribute to Leas Ard-Mhéara T. Moloney and all those who had served as leas Ard-Mhéara over the past five years.

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer on behalf of the retirees wished the best of luck to incoming Council and thanked the staff.

An tArd-Mhéara thanked the Chief Executive, Management team and staff for their support over the term.

Comhairleoir T. Gould congratulated An tArd-Mhéara on being the first independent to hold office of An tArd-Mhéara in 47 years.

The Chief Executive echoed the sentiments of An tArd-Mhéara on behalf of herself and on behalf of the staff for their leadership, support and bravery showed by An Chomhairle when important decisions needed to be made e.g. the Tramore Valley, Bishopstown Park, Cork City Centre Movement Strategy, Flood Defences and SeaFest.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

At this junction An Chomhairle agreed to discuss Items 3.1 and 7.2.1 together.

7.2.1 STANDING ORDER GOVERNING REPLACEMENT OF COUNCILLORS

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘Mindful of changes in the way the current council is being run from previous years, with more groupings now involved in the rotation of chairs and outside committees, that the standing orders governing the replacement of councillors following resignation of their seats (for reasons such as election to the Oireachtas or European Parliament, sickness, death etc.) be changed to afford non party members the same rights as the larger parties to nominate their placements in such eventualities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/161)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle agreed to approve the motion subject to the following amendment:-

‘Mindful of changes in the way the current council is being run from previous years, with more groupings now involved in the rotation of chairs and outside committees, that the standing order governing the replacement of councillors following resignation of their seats (for reasons such as election to the Oireachtas of European Parliament, sickness, death etc.) be changed to afford non party members the same rights as the larger parties to nominate their replacements in such eventualities. And that as part of this process, successful non-party candidates provide a list of three replacements (in order of priority) to the Returning Officer between the date of election and the first meeting of the new council from which a casual vacancy can be filled.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/161)

3.1 **REVISED STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle considered the revised Standing Orders for Cork City Council, effective from the Annual Meeting of 7th June 2019, reflecting the new political structures for Cork City Council.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed on the revised Standing Orders subject to amendment of 8A Paragraph 1 subsection 2 to reflect motion 19/161 for this Local Election.

It was further agreed that it was a matter for the new Council to put in place appropriate arrangements for independent candidates to identify such persons to fill a casual vacancy, at nomination stage for the next Local Election.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 23rd April 2019 subject to the following amendment:-

Items 9.10.1 and 9.10.2 to read An Chomhairle rejected the reports of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise and approved the relevant motions.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **DOUGLAS CYCLE ROUTE**

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

Under the South East Strategic Corridor as part of the Douglas Cycle Route – how many junction upgrades are being considered on the Front and South Douglas Roads.
What junctions will be part of the NTA funded scheme?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)
Deferred from meeting
of 23rd April

REPLY

The South East Strategic Corridor Study recommended junction improvements for all the public road junctions on the Douglas Rd and South Douglas Road. The extent of the recommended improvements varies from traffic signal improvements for certain junctions to table top pedestrian crossings at others. These recommendations are likely to be incorporated into the upcoming Draft Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS).

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.2 **INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

As approved by Full Council on Monday September 10th, approving the provision of Independent Legal Advice to me in relation to the clarification of a number of issues relating to the disposal of lands at the Tank Field in Murmont Montenotte.

This is dragging on for some months and I am asking the CE that it be resolved with immediate effect with the immediate provision of this Independent Legal Advice as approved by Full Council nearly seven months ago.

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)
Deferred from meeting
of 23rd April

REPLY

Legal advice pertaining to the above matter is currently being issued from Counsel to the independent briefing Solicitor. The matter took longer than expected due to the circumstances of the situation. Appropriate arrangements to make that advice available to the Members of Council as necessary should accordingly be put in place no later than the 17th May, 2019.

B. Geaney,
Director of Housing.

6.3 **PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SYSTEM**

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

In relation to the Public Representation system and in particular to the formal record of each representation that is emailed following each submission. Can it be explained why I only ever receive a formal record of the representations that I log to the Housing Allocations Department and not the Homeless Department, Maintenance Department, Environment Parks & Recreation etc.

For example I received a formal log for two representations which I logged to the Housing Allocations Department last week and they are CCC/PR/3465 and CCC/PR/3467. However please note that I have not received a formal record for any of the following recent representations sent to other Departments:

CCC/PR/3380 - Homeless Section - 14/03/2019
CCC/PR/3322 - Maintenance Section - 14/02/2019
CCC/PR/3421 - Environment Parks & Recreation - 28/03/2019

The above are just some examples of representations logged where no formal record from these departments were received. I made enquiries about this some months ago but nothing has changed.

(Cllr. Paudie Dineen)

REPLY

Members would not have received automated replies to all representations in certain instances due to a software issue with the Public Representation computer programme. These teething problems with the system are now resolved with the software developers. However, it is important to note that all representations submitted by Members are being received, and reviewed by the appropriate staff. Additionally, the system also maintains an archive of all representations received, to allow both staff and individual users to re-access or reprint the details of a representation and the acknowledgment letter generated at the time it was first received. The majority of representations submitted in fact are for Housing Allocations, and the automatic e-mail has worked correctly for those representations.

B. Geaney,
Director of Housing.

6.4 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTIONS**

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

When will the following Yellow Box junctions be installed or repainted:

- a) Slieve Mish Park
- b) O'Connell Avenue at its intersection with the Curragh Road
- c) Scabey at John Banks Tyres
- d) Deerpark Mews at Murphy's Gardens
- e) Evergreen Road adjacent to the entrance to Christ The King Church
- f) Disabled parking bay at South Presentation Convent.

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The existing yellow box markings at (a) the junction of Slieve Mish Park/ Kinsale Road, (d) the junction of Deerpark Mews/ Murphy's Gardens and (e) the junction of Evergreen Road/ Christ The King Church all have been assessed to determine the extent of the works required. The works to be undertaken have also been included in the current road painting programme and they will be completed by mid year.

The renewal of markings for (f) the disabled bays in the vicinity of South Presentation Convent is also on the current work programme and will similarly be completed by mid year.

The markings at (b) intersection of O'Connell Avenue/ Curragh Road and (c) Scabeg have been listed for assessment and it is expected that any required renewal works will be undertaken in the third quarter of the year.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.5 **PROGRESS ON MARINA PARK**

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

To ask the CE about progress on Marina Park?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The tender documents for the Marina Park project are being amended at present to address issues identified in the documents issued to the shortlisted contractors in 2018. The revised tender documents will be re- issued to the shortlisted contractors in early June. Works are now scheduled to commence in September 2019 with a completion date of May/June 2020.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Operations

6.6 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON TRAMORE ROAD**

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

Can the C.E. inform the council if an assessment to mitigate the dangers at the pedestrian crossing at the Flower Shop on Tramore Road has being carried out and could we Cllr's. be provided with the report from this assessment.

Also has there been a submission received in relation to this danger from the Gardai at Togher Station to support the moving of this pedestrian crossing away from the junction.

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

The pedestrian crossing at the flower shop on Tramore road will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received.

The areas will be assessed 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.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.7 **NORTH-WEST REGIONAL PARK/ACTIVE RECREATION AREA**

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

Can the CE update on progress re the North-West Regional Park/Active Recreation Area off Kilmore Road, Knocknaheeny?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The initial design process for the North-West Regional Park is scheduled to commence in September 2019. Draft proposals will be presented to ward members in December 2019/January 2020 for consideration followed by public consultation with the local community. The Park 8 process will commence in March 2020.

Funding is in place for the design process; however, there is no funding secured to finance the works, current estimated cost is €1.5 million.

Valerie O' Sullivan
Director of Operations.

6.8 **BUS LANE IN WILTON**

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

To ask if the C E is aware of the huge difficulties being experienced in exiting onto the Wilton Road by users of the SMA in Wilton following the installation of a bus lane which is being incorrectly used as a filter lane for the shopping centre and is it possible to install a yellow hatched box at this location to alleviate this serious and dangerous situation.

(Cllr. Fergal Dennehy)

REPLY

The design team for the Sarsfield Road project had been in ongoing communication with representatives from the SMA throughout the upgrade project. The SMA Representatives have requested the installation of a yellow box junction at the front entrance of their property. Unfortunately this cannot be accommodated as yellow box junctions of the type requested are only recommended for the junction of two public roads therefore it is not suitable at this location. The Council has confirmed however that it will reassess the situation and this will be done as part of the upcoming Road Safety confirmed Audit.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development

6.9 **FORMER LAKELANDS PUB, AVENUE DE RENNES**

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

Can the CE confirm that the site of the former Lakelands Pub, Avenue de Rennes, has been placed on the derelict site register & can the CE indicate if and when CPOs will be issued to deal with the increasing dereliction in this area?

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

REPLY

This site was placed on the Derelict Sites Register in October, 2018. The case for acquiring this property is a matter for consideration and a decision will be reached in due course.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Corporate Affairs & International Relations

7. PARTY WHIPS – 7th MAY 2019

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Party Whips from its meeting held 7th May 2019.

7.1 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2019

An Chomhairle considered and approved the draft Meetings Schedule Version 1 which provides for Strategic Policy Committees to meet bi-monthly, with three Strategic Policy Committees alternating on each third Monday.

7.2 MOTION REFERRED FROM ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 23rd APRIL 2019

7.2.1 STANDING ORDER GOVERNING REPLACEMENT OF COUNCILLORS

This item was discussed before Item 5.

8. HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 7th MAY 2019

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 7th May 2019.

8.1 SCHEME OF PRIORITY FOR AFFORDABLE DWELLING PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 26th April 2019 in relation to the Draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements under Section 85 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 (Part 5) Regulations 2019, (S.I. No. 81 of 2019).

9. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 7th MAY 2019

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 7th May 2019.

9.1 **REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED**

9.1.1 **CORK AGGLOMERATION NOISE ACTION PLAN 2018-2023**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Cork Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2018-2023, dated 3rd May 2019.

10. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th MAY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional committee from its meeting held 7th May 2019.

10.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

10.1.1 **TWINNING GRANTS 2019**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Twinning Grant Applications for 2019.

10.2 **REPORT ON VISIT OF CORK DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of Adrienne Rodgers and Liam Casey dated 2nd May 2019 on the visit of the Cork delegation to San Francisco.

10.3 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 7th May 2019 on Housing Estates for Q1 2019.

10.4 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 7th May 2019 on Planning Statistics for Q1 2019.

10.5 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 7th May 2019 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for Q1 2019.

10.6 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 7th May 2019 on significant planning decisions.

10.7 **DERELICT & VACANT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 7th May 2019 on the Derelict & Vacant Sites Quarterly Report.

10.8 **PLANNING CONTRIBUTION WAIVERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 7th May 2019 on planning contributions waivers.

The report recommended that Council revoke the contribution waivers as adopted under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the 19th February 2014 as they are provided for under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

10.9 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE**

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 7th May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has entered into discussions with a representative of the original developer to agree a scope of works and establish an estimated cost of the necessary work to complete the development to taking in charge standard. A recommendation to take the estate in charge cannot be made until the works are completed.

10.9.2 **ESTATES NOT TAKEN IN CHARGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 7th May on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council obtain a list from Cork County Council of estates not yet taken in charge from developers and obtain an undertaking from Cork County Council in relation to Ard Na Coille, Lotamore that all outstanding works will be completed. Cork County Council should not release any developer from their bond from 23rd April 2019.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/169)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in preparation for the boundary extension, Cork City Council and Cork County Council have held many boundary subgroup meetings

including Housing Estates. The City Council obtained a draft list of Estates that have been requested to be taken in charge. The list will be confirmed by transition date.

In relation to Ard Na Coille, Lotamore, the County has prepared a snag list of outstanding works concerning roads, parks, public lighting, drainage and water. A programme has yet to be agreed with the developer to complete these outstanding works to the required taking in charge standard.

We have a list of bonds and securities for relevant estates.

11. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th MAY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 7th May 2019.

11.1 **CORK CITY COUNCIL CLEANING REGIME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Curragh Road/Turners Cross is being serviced every second day by a manual sweeper subject to the availability of same. The manual sweeper takes in from the Turners Cross Tavern to McDonalds including the off roads such as Tory Top Road Pearse Road. From McDonalds to Centra on Kinsale Road is also covered twice a week. On the days when it is not manually swept the area is covered by the flying squad. On weekends when there is a match on the area is then litter picked on Saturday mornings also. Please be advised that this area is also on a suction sweeper route.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that grass mowing in Council Estates and on public open spaces is carried out on a 14 – 16 cycle averaging about 14 cuts per year. Two to three mowing are carried out in private estates to assist residents with maintenance

operations. In addition to grass mowing, the Council attends to fly-tipping and tree maintenance in these estates.

11.3 **VEGETATION IN TRACTION AVENUE AND MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would clean out the overgrowth and vegetation in the ditch bordering Traction 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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that pruning of the shrubbery on the embankment between Tracton Avenue and Middle Glanmire Road is scheduled to be carried out in late May.

11.4 **LITTER BIN AT NEW BISHOPSTOWN PLAYGROUND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would put in place a litter bin in the vicinity of the new Bishopstown Playground at Murphy’s Farm, Bishopstown.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/131)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there are three litter bins situated within the playground, there is no requirement for additional bins.

11.5 **REPAIR GENERAL TOM BARRY’S GRAVESTONE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the gravestone belonging to General Tom Barry and his wife be done up, the writing has faded on the headstone and both these people did the State great service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 19/005)

The report of the Director of Services stated that repairs and cleaning of this gravestone will be undertaken in the next six to eight weeks.

11.6 **GREENERY AND OVERGROWTH ON THE CARRIGROHANE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Can City Council give a full report on what’s happening with the section of greenery and overgrowth / trees that has been cut just inside the railing on the west bound side of Carrigrohane Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/153)

The report of the Director of Services stated that two thirds of the shrubbery adjacent to the railings on the outbound carriageway of the Carrigrohane Road has been pruned, the balance is scheduled to be pruned in the coming weeks.

11.7 **QUARRY WALL GROWTH ON VICTORIA TERRACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the quarry wall growth on Victoria Terrace be moved as soon as practical.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/076)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the vegetation on the above wall is scheduled to be cut back in the coming weeks.

11.8 **PROTECT GREEN AREAS AROUND PÁIRC UÍ RINN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the green areas around Páirc Uí Rinn be protected. Illegal parking upon the greens at match times is ripping up the ground with deep tyre marks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/106)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this is a matter for the Roads Directorate and has been referred for attention.

11.9 **JUNIOR PARK RUNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would develop a series of Junior Park Runs and that it would engage with Cork County Council to explore the options of developing such an initiative in conjunction with the Adult Park Run in Ballincollig.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 19/110)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is in regular contact with Parkowen Ireland in relation to development and support for existing and new park-runs, fully supporting the recently established Glen River Park Park-run and exploring opportunities for Junior Park-runs in the city. The City Council through its Sports Capital Grant Scheme recently approved by Council has given a grant towards the establishment of a new Junior Park-run in the Ballincollig Regional Park.

11.10 **DEVELOPMENT OF TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘1) That Cork City Council formulate a three to five year plan for the development of Tramore Valley Park, work to commence immediately to design and source funding for a cycle come pedestrian foot bridge connecting the park with the Grange/Frankfield areas, thus linking the new south central ward. 2) A study to identify the possible connectivity between the park and ride and the park. There are underground walkways, the cost to make these secure. 3) Develop walkways and cycle ways between Douglas and the park. 4) The feasibility of holding concerts there in the future. 5) Proper interaction between clubs schools and the public in park usage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 19/088)

The report of the Director of Services stated that:-

1. Tramore Valley Park will be opened by the Lord Mayor on Wednesday May 22nd. Extensive works have been ongoing since October 2018 to facilitate opening and include a major upgrade of the access and exit roads, renewed public lighting and increased car parking from 200 spaces to over 400.

Park 8 approval was granted by Cork County in 2018 for a cycle/pedestrian path from Grange Road to Tramore Valley Park including the provision of a bridge over the N40. Details design for the path and bridge is completed.

There is no funding stream presently in place to finance this project. An Application will be made to the Dept of Transport, Tourism and Sport in the Autumn to finance the project to enable works commence in 2020.

2. A study will be undertaken in the Autumn to determine the most feasible link to connect the park to the park and ride.
3. An existing walk/cycleway has been developed between South Douglas Road at Willow Lawn and the walk/cycleway will open with the park.

4. Opportunities to hold concerts and other events will be explored immediately after opening and a programme of events for the remainder of 2019 and 2020 will be prepared.
5. Glen Resource Centre have been appointed to manage bookings, sports, events and other activities in the park and they will liaise with schools, clubs adventure groups and the public in regard to all activities. The Parks Department will undertake grounds maintenance works.

11.11 **POLLINATOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would initiate an education and information scheme under the auspices of the Lord Mayor’s annual visits to primary schools on the importance of bees and other pollinating insects and the dangers posed to them by climate change and insecticides. Such a programme could educate on this issue by encouraging the study of pollinators through fun projects such as the building of ‘bee hotels’ and that the City Council could take a lead on this by not undertaking an insecticide spraying programme this year to give the bees the opportunity to recover from the effects of toxins such as glyphosate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/122)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this matter has been referred to the Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate who have responsibility for the Cork City Heritage Plan which identifies key actions for natural heritage and actions from the Cork City Biodiversity Plan which has been incorporated into the Cork City Heritage Plan 2015-2020.

11.12 **DERELICT OPEN SPACE ON REDEMPTION ROAD/NORTH MONASTERY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would assess the derelict open space at the corner of Redemption Rd. and north Monastery Rd. with a view to bringing the site into the use as a green space (possibly in conjunction with local schools as part of the Green Schools Initiative). This may have the effect of reducing illegal dumping on the site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 19/124)

The report of the Director of Services stated that an assessment of the above area will be undertaken in the coming weeks to determine how best to upgrade the space. The local schools will be consulted in regard to its treatment.

11.13 **CUT GRASS AT KNOCKPOGUE PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would ensure that the grass is cut back on the green by the Marian Shrine on Knockpogue Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 19/127)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the grass area adjacent to the Marian Shrine is mowed on a 14 to 16 day cycle.

11.14 **SITE AT FORMER JOHN BARLEYCORN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation dated 2nd May 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council immediately acquire the site for sale at former John Barleycroen in order to develop a public amenity and with a view to consulting residents of Glanmire in relation to construction of a community facility on the site of the former historic Inn.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/128)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the above site is zoned for Town Centre development with associated development land values. In that context is not feasible for the Council to acquire the land for amenity use at present.

12. **SPORTS COMMITTEE – 7th MAY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Sports Committee from its meeting held 7th May 2019.

12.1 **ALLOCATION OF FINAL GRANTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following recommendations for the allocation of final grants:-

No .	Club	Project Cost	Purpose of Grant	Grant Sought 2019	No. of Members	Grant Recommended 2019
1	Ballinlough Tennis Club	7015	Installation of CCTV	3500	950	4000
2	Leeside Lions	2971	Jerseys goals posts	2971	30	600
3	St Vincents H & F Club		Repairs netting	10,000	600	6000

4	St Vincents Camogie Club	5000			250	1000
5	Ballyphehane Racing Pigeon Club	4000	New container equipment	3000	35	2500
6	Gurranabraher Parocial Hall	46000	Total Refurbishment	5000		
7	Munster Rugby		LED Lighting	8500	19000	3000
8	Eagle AC			1200		500

Further Grant Amounts

No.	Club	Project Cost	Purpose of Grant	Grant Sought 2019	No. of Members	Grant Recommended 2019
	Cork County Cricket Club					1000
	Ballinlough Pitch and Putt Club					1000
	Rockies Bowls Club					500
	Ballyphehane GAA Club					500
	Glen Boxing Club					500
	Brian Dillons Boxing Club					500
	Northside Boxing Club					500
	TOTAL					22100

13. CORRESPONDENCE

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from the Southern Regional Assembly dated 15th April 2019. An Chomhairle agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government seeking an increased number of Elected Members on the Southern Regional Assembly.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 16th April 2019.
- Letter from the Minister with responsibility for Defence dated 16th April 2019.
- Email from Kilkenny County Council dated 30th April 2019.
- Email from Wicklow County Council dated 1st May 2019.
- Letter from Galway County Council dated 1st May 2019.
- Letter from AILG dated 1st May 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 1st May 2019.

- Letter from the Department of Health dated 1st May 2019.
- Letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade dated 3rd May 2019.
- Email from Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District, Co. Monaghan dated 8th May 2019.
- Letter and report from Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Transition to Mr. T. Barry, Oversight Committee, regarding Chief Executive’s Oversight Committee Monthly Report – May 2019.

14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

15. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

16. **TRAINING**

None received.

17. **MOTIONS**

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

17.1 **BIN COLLECTIONS AROUND UCC**

‘That Cork City Council have discussions with the various bin collection utilities and discuss the need to change the collection regimes within the confines of UCC. Mondays and Fridays are not the priority days for college students. To maximise collections and avoid excessive rubbish on our streets the days of collection need to change.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 19/006)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.2 **CUT BACK TREES IN DEERPARK MEWS AND MUSGRAVE PARK**

‘(a) That Cork City Council organise to have trees cut back at Deerpark Mews. (b) The footpath running parallel to the derelict Vita Cortex site. The trees are overgrown and dangerous to the public using the footpath towards Musgrave Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 19/007)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.3 **RESURFACE LANDSDOWNE ESTATE SQUARE**

‘That Cork City Council resurface Lansdowne Estate Square to allow children to play again on the square. This has not been resurfaced in over 43 years and is well overdue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/136)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.4 **YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE RATHMORE TERRACE, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council install yellow lines outside Rathmore Terrace on the Old Youghal Road to avoid a serious accident.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/137)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.5 **NUMBER OF HOUSING ‘VOIDS’**

‘That an update be given on the current number of housing ‘voids’ on the Council books and a comparison drawn with the total number of voids at year end since 2009.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/171)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.6 **RESURFACE LAUREL RIDGE**

‘That Cork City Council prioritises Laurel Ridge for resurfacing as the road is in very bad condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 19/175)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.7 **RESURFACE ROAD AT ST. VINCENT’S PLACE, BLARNEY STREET**

‘That Cork City Council resurface and undertake the necessary repairs to the road at St. Vincent's Place, Blarney Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 19/176)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.8 **ZEBRA CROSSING/PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON GLASHEEN ROAD**

‘To have a zebra crossing / pedestrian crossing installed on the Glasheen Road coming out of Tara Lawn across to the Bus Stop across the road on the Glasheen Road, by Lisieux Park. This is a very busy and dangerous road and the residents are very fearful trying to cross the road to get the bus. As we are trying to get people out of their cars and into public transport we have to make it safe for them to do so. While there is a cross down the road

by School Avenue there is no footpath on that side of the road for people to walk up to the bus stop safely.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 19/177)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.9 **RESURFACE ASHWOOD CLOSE, ONSLOW GARDENS**

'That Ashwood Close, Onslow Gardens be resurfaced.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 19/179)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.10 **30KM SPEED SIGN AT PINEWOOD GROVE**

'That Cork City Council erect a 30KM speed sign at Pinewood Grove.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 19/180)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **LANE BETWEEN MT. AGNES ROAD AND FAIRHILL UPPER**

'That Cork City Council close the lane between Mt. Agnes Road and Fairhill Upper to counteract the antisocial behaviour.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 19/184)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.12 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS AT CARDINAL COURT**

'That the footpaths at Cardinal Court which are in a serious and dangerous state of disrepair be examined and repaired as a matter of urgency.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 19/186)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.13 **TREE POLICY FOR CORK**

'That Cork City Council would adopt a tree policy for Cork similar to the one adopted by Dublin City Council in 2016. This should include the introduction of tree preservation orders to prohibit the felling of trees recognised as having important environmental functions scenic amenity.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/187)

Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee

17.14 **SPOT CHECKS FOR PROOF OF REFUSE COLLECTION**

‘That City Council would carry out spot checks for proof of refuse collection in areas where illegal dumping is taking place on a regular basis in order to stamp out illegal dumping in our estates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/193)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **DESIGNATE STRATEGIC AREAS AS VAT EXEMPT**

An Chomhairle considered following motion:-

‘That in order to instigate new housing and apartment builds in Cork, including social, affordable and private, the City Council calls on the government to designate strategic areas (land at Docklands etc) as VAT exempt, or reduced to five per cent to make it attractive for developers to build and in parallel to increase the proportion of social/affordable units per development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/182)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this motion to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

18.2 **BUS STOP AT THE TOP OF SUMMERSTOWN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following motion:-

‘That City Council would request from Bus Eireann that a bus stop be put in place at the top of Summerstown Road near the junction with Glasheen Road to facilitate the elderly population in Liam Lynch Park, Roger Casement Park and Sheare's Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/188)

18.3 **WITHDRAW IRISH ENTRY FROM THE EUROVISION CONTEST**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls for the Irish entry to withdraw from the Eurovision contest which is taking place in Israel this week following the most recent assault on the Gaza Strip resulting in yet more civilian deaths. There are also concerns that the Eurovision will be a propaganda tool for the Israeli Government at a time when international attention has switched off from efforts to establish peace in the region.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/189)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, a vote was called for the approval of the motion, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, S. O'Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Sheehan, D. Cahill, J. Buttimer. (3)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Fitzgerald, M. Finn, T. O'Driscoll. (4)

As those voting in favour was greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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