

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th MARCH 2017

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, Lil, O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate and External Affairs. Ms. N. Sheehan, Administrative Officer, Corporate and External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment and Recreation. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise. Ms. A. Bogan, Senior Planner, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. J. Sheehan, GVA Consultants, Cork 2050. Mr. R. McLoughlin, GVA Consultants, Cork 2050.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of Jeremiah O'Sullivan.
- The Rodgers Family on the death of Betty Rodgers.
- The Mooney Family on the death of John Mooney.
- The O'Mahony Family on the death of Pat O'Mahony.
- The O'Brien Family on the death of Anne-Marie, Paris, Holly, Jordan O'Brien.

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

- Dinny Murray on his retirement from Cork City Hall.
- UCC Students Union on the successful campaign with regards to the Referendum on Irish Unity.

- Nicky Kelly, Mayfield GAA Club on being awarded the February Winner of the Northside and District Sports Awards for February 2017.
- Garda Enda O'Dwyer and Garda Séan O'Dwyer, Mayfield Community Gardaí on transporting the Cork Special Olympics Team to Dublin in the Community Bus.
- Lord Mayor Councillor Des Cahill on representing Cork in Washington.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **INVITATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE**

Following invitation to the Presidents Reception in honour of St. Patrick's Day, An Chomhairle approved the visit of An tArd-Mhéara to the White House in Washington.

Comhairleoir F. Ryan, on behalf of the Solidarity Party requested their objection to the visit be noted.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **PROPOSED HOLDING OF AN EVENT – CORK ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2017**

An Chomhairle approved the Chief Executive report on the proposed holding of an event by Cork City Council – Cork, St. Patrick's Day Parade.

4.2 **CORK 2050 – JOINT CITY/COUNTY SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK ISSUES PAPER**

A presentation was given by GVA Consultants on the Joint City/County Submission on Cork 2050 National Planning Framework Issues Paper. An Chomhairle raised a number of queries to which the Consultants responded.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 27th February 2017 subject to the following amendment:-

5.1 **ITEM 15.3 RESURFACE ROADS LEADING INTO MURPHY'S FARM**

Comhairleoir T. Moloney proposed and An Chomhairle agreed to refer this motion to both the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee and the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT**

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

Can the CE report on the number of Cork City Council applicants, receiving the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), who have been allocated standard social housing since the introduction of the payment?

(Cllr Mick Nugent)
(Deferred from meeting of 27th
February)

REPLY

Cork City Council has offered social housing support under the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme since mid 2015. Applicants approved for accommodation under the HAP scheme are considered to have their housing needs met, but may choose to remain on the City Council's housing transfer list. Such applicants may bid on available properties through the Choice Based Letting (CBL) System in the same manner as other qualified households, with no less favourable terms than if they had remained on the waiting list. A total of 16 HAP tenants have been housed by Cork City Council to date.

The adopted Allocations Scheme remains the means for determining the order of priority to be employed in the allocation of dwellings among households whose eligibility and need for accommodation has been established. Where a number of applicants fall within the same priority category, the decision on the allocation of a property will have regard to the length of time each applicant has been on the record of qualified households. Of the 1,074 households who have current HAP tenancies, 60% have five years or less on the list.

It is ultimately a decision for each household to choose if they wish to be placed on the City Council's transfer list and to engage in bidding on available properties advertised through the Choice Based Letting system. Of the 1,074 active HAP tenancies mentioned above, 569 (53%) have not engaged in any activity on the CBL system and are therefore not actively seeking to be allocated standard social housing by Cork City Council.

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

6.2 **NOTIFICATION BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ABOUT THE MONIES AVAILABLE**

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

How many housing projects or programmes were unable to be started because of the late notification by various Departments of the monies available?

How much money was not drawn down by Cork City Council because of the rigorous appraisal process by the Department?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

No housing projects or programmes were unable to start because of notification by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (DHPCLG). I am also satisfied that the City Council is drawing down the total financial resources available to meet housing need.

The DHPCLG carried out a significant internal review of the stages, through which social housing funding applications from local authorities were previously required to advance through the system and this has reduced the number of stages from seven to four. These stages are appropriately aligned and consistent with the requirements of the Public Spending Code, the Capital Works Management Framework, Public Financial Procedures and EU and National Procurement requirements.

The technical team from the DHPCLG meet with the Housing Directorate and the City Architects Department on a quarterly basis to reinforce a shared approach, promote design quality, disseminate information and provide feedback on the housing projects being developed by the City Council.

A Social Housing Delivery Group was also established in Cork in June 2015 to provide enhanced co-ordination of activity across both local authorities and ensure that the DHPCLG provide adequate focus and support levels to Cork to assist in the delivery of social housing targets.

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

6.3. **DOG FOULING LICENCES AND CAMPAIGN**

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

- (A) How many dog fouling fines have been issued annually between 2010 and 2017?
- (B) How many dog licenses have been issued annually between 2010 and 2017?
- (C) How much money has been spent on the dog fouling campaign since 2010 to date?
- (D) How many staff were taken on or Re-deployed to tackle the dog fouling issue since 2010 to date?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

Since 2010 there has only been 1 fine issued in respect of dog fouling (Fine LF301441 issued on 08/03/17).

The number of dog licenses issued annually between 2010 and 2017 is as follows:

2010 – 2033.
2011 – 2823.
2012 – 3033.
2013 – 3212.
2014 – 3294.
2015 – 3034.
2016 – 2567.
2017 – 536 (January and February).

In relation to expenditure on dog fouling accurate figures are not available pre 2016 as generalised anti litter advertising would have taken place during this period. In 2016 a Dog Litter subcommittee of Council was established and in 2016 a total of €32, 571 was spent

on dog fouling awareness related activities (school art competition, provision of dog poo bags, radio and cinema advertising). The 2017 budget provides for an expenditure of €20,000 by the Dog Fouling subcommittee.

Since 2010 no additional staff have been employed nor has any redeployment of staff taken place to deal with dog fouling.

DAVID JOYCE,
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES,
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION.

6.4 **SEVERE FLOODING ON CORK ROAD**

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

Many people have contacted me regarding severe flooding on the above road especially in recent times when there has been very heavy rainfall over a long period. The conditions are extremely hazardous when there is no warning signs and some motorists, including myself, experienced skidding which is very frightening and dangerous. What plans have Cork City Council in place to rectify the situation? In the intervening period would it be possible to erect extra signage to alert motorists to the situation when it arises?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

Cork City Council, TII and ARUP Consultants are examining the drainage facilities on one section of the N40. Pending completion of this exercise Cork City Council with support from TII have arranged to install two electronic advance warning signs on the westbound carriageway of the Sarsfield Road Flyover. The warning signs are precautionary in nature and will automatically activate during periods of heavy rain. The signs will remind motorists of their obligation to reduce speeds in line with the conditions associated with periods of heavy rainfall.

If additional drainage measures are deemed necessary, the associated work will be carried out as part of the supplementary works contract, scheduled to commence in mid 2017.

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

6.5 **TRINITY BRIDGE AND SHANDON BRIDGE**

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

In respect of Trinity Bridge and Shandon Bridge can the CE please confirm:

The Year of Construction?
The City Manager at the time?
City Engineer or Engineer in Charge?

City Architect?

Consulting Engineers?

Who approved the design and construction of each of the above pedestrian bridges?.

Are Council engineers aware of any flood risk assessments being carried out at the time due to the design features of each bridge?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The following information applies to Trinity Bridge & Shandon Bridge.

Trinity Bridge:

The Year of Construction: 1977

The City Manager at the time: T.J. McHugh, City Manager & Town Clerk,

City Engineer W.A. Fitzgerald, City Engineer

Shandon Bridge:

The Year of Construction: 2004

The City Manager at the time: Joe Gavin, City Manager

City Engineer Kevin Terry, City Engineer

Consulting Engineers: Muir Associates, Consulting Engineers

Architects: McGarry Ni Eanaigh, Architects

Council Archives will be examined with a view to extracting further information which will be issued, once available.

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

6.6 **HOMELESS FIGURES**

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

In relation to Cork City Council produced homeless figures, can the CEO outline as follows:

- (a) Where do the figures of those bedded down, those not bedded down and no bed available originate from?
- (b) What is the role of the Cork City Council outreach worker, areas covered, basic duties, liaising with other agencies etc?
- (c) How much funding does Cork City Council provide to each of the homeless service providers and how are the results measured?
- (d) Does Cork City Council believe that there is a requirement for a wet shelter in Cork and if so are there any proposals to create one?
- (e) Currently, when persons are refused emergency accommodation due to lack of capacity in the system, they are handed a duvet and left to fend for themselves on the streets. Does Cork City Council acknowledge that this practice is inhumane and are there any alternatives being put forward by either the City Council or the service providers to end this practice?

(Cllr. Fergal Dennehy)

REPLY

- (a) All data is taken for PASS, the national IT system. PASS is a shared homeless client database which was developed in 2010 for national rollout, in conjunction with Government Policy¹. PASS has been live since January 2013.

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner were consulted throughout the design and development phase of PASS and all recommendations supplied by the Commissioner's Office were implemented prior to PASS going live.

PASS is an emergency bed management tool and client support system used by approved housing bodies that provide services to people experiencing homelessness.

All instances of rough sleeping, placements into emergency accommodation, and exits from homelessness, are recorded on PASS.

- (b) The position of Outreach Worker (OW) was established back in 2002 as a direct result of the Homeless Strategy at that time. Since that date the OW has enabled the Local Authority to compile statistics to give a true picture of the number, age and gender of people who are using homeless services in Cork City.

The post is being funded by the Department of the Environment with a proviso that street outreach is undertaken on a regular basis which allows for the monitoring of rough sleepers.

The OW is aware of those who may be sleeping rough and will advocate on their behalf to ensure they can avail of emergency accommodation if they wish. The OW goes on the Soup Run with Cork Simon and during house visits, she can identify those whose tenancies may be at risk and can offer onsite information.

In attending the soup run, now located indoors at the Cork Simon shelter, Andersons Quay, the Outreach Worker can offer advice and information to those presenting who are in private rented tenancies and at risk of losing their tenancy. Clinics are arranged for the day following street work to ensure that she can follow up with individuals she comes in contact with at night to ensure they are linked in with the appropriate services as soon as possible. The OW also provides ongoing assistances on issues such as health, welfare, benefits, housing, training and employment.

The OW is a member of the following teams: Homeless Action Team, Operations Committee and Residents Review Team. The OW meets regularly with hostel managers and team leaders in all homeless services to assess the suitability of service users for the available accommodation options thus ensuring onward referrals for Social Housing Support.

The OW has a good knowledge of the residents in the various hostels and is in a position to make recommendations to the Housing Allocations Officer as to the suitability of people for permanent housing by the Local Authority and links new tenants with tenancy support where required with the appropriate approved housing association.

¹ Priority Action 7.1 - Homeless Strategy National Implementation Plan

The names and numbers of people staying in the hostels are documented by the OW on the PASS system. PASS, Pathways to Accommodation and Support Systems, this is a national homeless IT system which capture all information on clients in homeless services nationally. This facilitates the monitoring of movement of people between each facility, the length of time an individual remains in a service and the number of beds occupied on any given night. This information ensures there is a continuum of care for all clients availing of homeless services.

The OW attends meetings with the pre release team at Cork prison and a pre release procedure is in place which has the OW, the Post Release Officer in the prison and the Community Welfare Officer from the Homeless Persons Unit working closely to ensure prisoners are linked in with all services prior to release thus minimising the length of time an individual might spend in emergency accommodation.

The OW undertakes the housing need assessments of individuals in homeless services and this allows for advice on the most appropriate accommodation options to be given at the first point of contact. Information is given on all social housing supports, the Choice Based Letting Scheme and on securing social welfare benefits, including rent allowance from the Department of Social Protection.

The role of the OW is vital in meeting the needs of the homeless in Cork. A consistent presence on the streets and in the hostels provides support to the homeless and the feedback from the OW enables the Local Authority to deal with homeless issues in an informed manner.

- (c) As the 2017 budget is not allocated, see below a breakdown of 2016 out-turn. It is expected that the 2017 allocation will be in line with the 2016 out-turn.

	Out-turn 2016
St. Vincent de Paul	934,947
Cork Simon Community	922,035
Good Shepherds Cork	€267,350
Sophia Housing Association	€312,058
O'Connell Court	€139,080
Oakdene	89,011
Cork Foyer	127,049
Cara House	133,516
Wellsprings	44,505
Renewal	38,942
Focus Ireland	128,000
Threshold	317,000
Private Emergency B&B	890,000
Rough Sleeper Initiative	153,000
Sec.10 Cork County Council	230,780
Sec.10 Kerry County Council	650,000
	5,377,273

Service Level Agreements are being put in place for 2017.
Quarterly financial and performance reports are published on the Department website and can be viewed at:

<http://www.housing.gov.ie/housing/homelessness/other/homelessness-data>

The following information is contained in each quarterly report:

Number of individuals moved on into independent living
Number of new presentation on a daily basis
Number of placements or unique individuals in emergency accommodation
Number of individuals in emergency for longer than 12 months
Number of clients with a support plan
Number of persons leaving emergency accommodation
Occupancy rate in emergency accommodation
Number of persons moving on into independent living with support
Number of persons moving on into independent living with support
Number of persons sleeping rough
Number of persons recorded as rough sleepers engaging/in contact with Outreach Team

Residents review meetings are held quarterly with the hostel managers to review the status of each resident to ensure they are linked in with appropriate services as identified in their care plan and to agree the most appropriate accommodation option to meet their needs.

All funded Approved Housing Bodies are required to meet with The South West Statutory Management Group to outline the services they provide and to demonstrate how they best meet the needs of their client group.

- (d) A wet shelter was put in place in 2008 but the wider needs of all clients suffering from substance abuse and drug addiction were identified and that specific project has been adapted to meet this wider need.

As part of the Cold Weather Strategy when options were being considered by the sub group, there was an overall consensus from all service providers that a Wet Shelter wasn't a preferable option.

- (e) Neither Cork City Council nor the Homeless Persons Unit which is operated by the Department of Social Protection on behalf of Cork City Council issue sleeping bags.

The HPU refer people to a number of hostel beds in the city for emergency accommodation. When these hostels are full they will then refer people to a number of private institutions where additional services are provided. When both these options are full and only then, they will facilitate payment to a local arrangement for individuals.

However, not all homeless individuals will present during the working day for accommodation and as a result will end up looking for a late bed in the emergency shelter.

Where hostels are operating at capacity, the hostel staff have to make a call on how they can assist persons presenting out of hours.

The following reasons are also noted on PASS as to why people sleep rough and avail of sleeping bags:

- Barred from services
- Evicted from services
- Mental Health
- Didn't return for a bed in another service
- No bed available

A number of other voluntary organisations have been known to supply sleeping bags but these organizations are outside the remit of Cork City Council and there is no information available on the individuals they encounter and the reasons sleeping bags are issued.

Cork City Council is currently looking at additional options to ensure no one has to sleep rough as no bed is available to them.

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

The Chief Executive advised that V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing and Community Directorate would revert to Comhairleoir F. Dennehy regarding the supplementary question raised.

6.7 **SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive, how many of the City Council social housing units are specifically designed to meet the needs of or are allocated to an elderly population and if there are any plans to meet the needs of an ageing population through a programme of downsizing or purpose built communities for elderly populations?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

A total of 1,021 housing units of the City Council's total housing stock are designated for use by older persons.

The City Council has a construction programme in place to significantly increase the level of social housing supply in the City. There are a number of unit types in the various developments that are being planned that will cater for the needs of older persons. The City Council are also progressing with plans for a thirty unit sheltered housing scheme in the City which will be solely used for the purpose of downsizing and other options are being explored to further increase the supply of purpose built complexes for older persons.

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

6.8 **GATES UNDERNEATH THE SKEHARD ROAD**

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

To ask the CE what arrangements are in place for the opening & closing of the gates underneath the Skehard Road along the old railway line in Blackrock. (Near Ballinsheen Bridge & the Mace Garage) At what times do these gates open & close, who is responsible for same?

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

REPLY

The gates at both ends of the underpass at Skehard Road along the amenity walk (old railway line) between The Marina and Rochestown are permanently open and secured in that position.

The underpass is cleaned as and when required including scheduled cleaning at weekends and Bank Holidays. Closing the gates in line with the times for enclosed parks would cause inconvenience to the many pedestrians and cyclists who use the walkway outside these times.

The opening and closing of Council amenity facilities is generally outside standard working hours and therefore costly in terms of staff costs. There is no provision in the Parks Revenue Budget to finance the cost of opening and closing these gates.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.9 **PENROSE QUAY HOARDING**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the Penrose Quay hoarding? Whilst acknowledging, the creation of a smaller hoarding space, it is now eight years since my initial asking of when this remnant of the Cork Main Drainage Project will be completed and the site levelled off?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

It had been envisaged that the siphon venting works could be carried out in conjunction with the public realm works. This has not proved possible. It is now intended that siphon will be advanced in the current year with the co-operation of Irish Water and Port of Cork.

David Joyce
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.10 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT**

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

To ask the CE if the City Council's conservation office is reviewing the proposed development at the former Good Shepherd Convent in Sundays Well to determine if there are any implications pertaining to the heritage of the site?

(Cllr. Mick Nugent)

REPLY

The proposed development (TP 17/37279) is 'for partial demolition, redevelopment and extension of the former Good Sheppard Convent, Orphanage and Magdalene Home' for residential use (234 apartments). The site is of significant heritage value, is located within the Sundays Well Architectural Conservation Area and includes a number of protected structures. The planning report on the application will include an assessment of these issues by the Conservation Officer.

Patrick Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise.

7 **PARTY WHIPS – 6th MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips held 6th March 2017.

At this juncture An tArd-Mhéara vacated the Chair and An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh assumed the duties of the Chair from this point on.

8. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 6th MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee held 6th March 2017 subject to the following amendment:-

8.1 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS ITEM 2 ENGLISH MARKET**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to keep this item In Committee.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

9. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND FUNCTIONAL MEETING – 6th MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee and Environment & Recreation Functional Committee held 6th March 2017.

An Leas Ard-Mhéara reminded An Chomhairle, to advise Corporate and External Affairs as to their attendance at the St. Patrick's Day Ceremonies.

10. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 6th MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee held 6th March 2017.

11 **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee held 6th March 2017.

11.1 **LOCAL COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT SCHEME & HERITAGE PUBLICATION GRANT SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd March, 2017 on the Local Community Heritage Grant Scheme & Heritage Publication Grant Scheme.

12 **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 6th March 2017.

12.1 **MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR TERENCE MACSWINEY SPORTS HALL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report stated the James Kenneally Sports Hall located on the grounds of Terence McSwiney College is owned by Cork City Council and has been managed by Cork ETB on our behalf.

Following the recent major refurbishment of the facility, the City Council has been exploring ways to maximise the full potential of the facility.

Since the start of the year, and in agreement with the ETB, the Glen Resource & Sports Centre are managing the hall from 5pm each weekday and on Saturdays and Sundays. The Glen Resource and Sports Centre have a proven track record of managing a successful sports centre at Glen Avenue on behalf of the Council, growing it to become one of the best outdoor adventure centre's in the country. Since January usage of the hall has trebled and in particular now the facility is in use on Saturdays and Sundays.

The change in management will lead to cost savings, as well as ensuring that the hall is fully utilised as a valuable resource in the Knocknaheeny area. Monthly management reports will be submitted to this Directorate for review, with regular liaison with the Operator to monitor progress over time.

12.2 **SCRAMBLER MOTOR BIKES AT TINKERS CROSS SPORTS FIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council take such measures as required to prevent the use of the scrambler motor bikes on the Sports Field at Tinkers Cross as the open access at present is an invitation motorcyclists engaged in scrambling. The illegal activity has been reported to Gardai on numerous occasions but the open access is the root cause of the problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/009)

The report stated that the 2.5 hectare Sports Field at Tinker's Cross is bounded by Barnavara Crescent, North Ring Road and Old Youghal Road. The boundaries are defined by a 1.2 metre high concrete post and rail fence, bollards at access points and mature trees. There is no provision in the 2017 budgets to provide security railings and gates along the 600 metre boundary.

The Parks Area Foreman is monitoring the activity and liaising with the local Gardaí to control same.

12.3 **REPLACE TREES ON THE MARINA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘For each of the trees that have been cut down on the Marina for different reasons, that they be replaced by younger trees.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/029)

The report stated that the replacement tree planting along The Marina will form part of the Marina Park Landscape Works, these works are scheduled to commence in Q4 2017.

12.4 **PRUNE TREES WITHIN MARIAN PARK, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council prunes the trees within Marian Park, Blackrock. The increasing height of the trees is interfering with the wiring in the park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/032)

The report stated that an inspection of the above trees is underway and any remedial pruning will be scheduled for early summer.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following summaries by members of Conferences/Seminars attended:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin – AILG Training Seminar National Planning Framework – Waterford – 11/02/17.

15. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following attendance to Conferences/Seminars:-

- Comhairleoir T. Brosnan - Data Protection – FOI and the Councillor Conference - Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Donegal - 24th – 26th March 2017.

16. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following attendances to Training:-

- Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and S. Martin at the AILG Annual Conference – 6th-7th April 2017.
- Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, T. O’Driscoll and S. Martin at the LAMA Spring Seminar – City North Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath – 28th-29th April 2017.
- Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the AILG – Border and Western Region – Westport – 13th May 2017.
- Comhairleoir. S. Martin at the AILG – Southern Region – Nenagh – 18th May 2017.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG – Dublin, Easter and Midlands Region – Dundalk – 10th June 2017.

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 **DOG FOULING SIGNS ON MILITARY HILL**

‘That "Dog Fouling Signs" be erected on Military Hill and Surrounding areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/036)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.2 **USED NEEDLE BIN AT WELLINGTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council immediately remove the used Needle Bin from the Steps area from Wellington Road to Sidney Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/037)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.3 **STREET NAMES AT COURTOWN PARK & COURTOWN DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council erect street names at Courtown Park & Courtown Drive Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/079)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.4 **REPAINT ROAD SIGNS IN BALLYPHEHANE**

‘That Cork City Council, in conjunction with the Ballyphehane 1916-2016 Commemoration Committee, undertakes to repaint all the relevant road signs in Ballyphehane that honour the 1916 Rising patriots as one of the final legacy projects of a hugely successful collaborative year which has won local, national and indeed international admiration. The process/funding etc to be discussed at an early meeting between the council and the committee.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. P. Dineen 17/080)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.5 **USE OF ROUNDUP IN WEED CONTROL**

‘I would like to propose a motion calling on the Council to reconsider the use of Roundup (containing the toxic chemical glyphosate) in weed control measures. The use of the Roundup herbicide from Monsanto has been linked to a number of diseases (including cancer and autism). This motion proposes that a more environmentally friendly method be

adopted that does not pose health risks. The Council calls on the EPA to investigate the use of Roundup and other harmful chemicals with a view to finding safer alternatives.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/081)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.6 **BREXIT SUMMIT**

‘As Cork City is to become the second largest English speaking city in the EU shortly, I call on Cork City Council would hold a Brexit Summit, with a focus on

1. How can we attract major financial services, technology and communications companies, and associated businesses to relocate from the UK
2. The existing infrastructure in the city to bear that extra weight that might arise from any relocations
3. A study of required increased investment with regard to housing, transport, and hotel and office space.

and compile and publish its Cork Brexit Summit Outcome Report that would focus on the potential challenges and opportunities facing Cork City following the decision of the UK to leave the European Union.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/082)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

17.7 **TRAFFIC SURVEY OF GOLDSMITH AVENUE AND RICHMOND HILL**

‘That Cork City Council carries out a full traffic survey of Goldsmith Avenue, Richmond Hill and surrounding areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/083)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.8 **PROTOCOLS IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC ENTRY TO THE ENGLISH MARKET**

‘That Cork City Council suspend "the Protocols" which officials agreed in respect of public entry to the English Market as there is widespread concern as to who actually requires these and why and also in line with previous commitments from City Management it is also appropriate the such protocols be reviewed by the elected Council in order to assess if they are in the public interest.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/088)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

17.9 **HISTORIC CITY CENTRE ACTION PLAN FOR NORTH MAIN STREET**

‘That the City Council create a new historic city centre action plan for North Main Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/090)

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

17.10 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON EVERGREEN ROAD**

‘Following a recent near miss with an motor vehicle and a young child I ask that the Roads & Transport Directorate would consider installing traffic calming measures on Evergreen road between the junction known locally as Timber Cross and Murphy's Gardens. The said calming measure should be situated on the outbound lane as you travel toward the Murphy's gardens, Summerhill South junction. It has being noted on numerous occasions that traffic heading outbound increase their speed as they approach the junction when the traffic lights are indicating a green light.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/091)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **INSPECTION PROGRAMME ON THE PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING SECTOR**

‘That Cork City Council report on the inspection programme carried out by Cork City Council on the private rented housing sector in 2016.

The report to contain

- a) The number of inspections carried out.
 - b) The number of dwellings inspected.
 - c) The number of dwellings inspected that failed to meet standards on first inspection.
 - d) The number of HAP units inspected.
 - e) The number of HAP units inspected within 8 months of start of tenancy.
 - f) The number of HAP units that failed to meet standards.
- The report to also contain the amount of Government Payments made to Cork City Council for carrying out inspections in 2016.’

(Proposer Cllr. M. Nugent 17/093)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.12 **FLOOD WATER LODGING OUTSIDE THE TECHNOLOGY PARK, MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That City Council would once again examine the drainage system for flood water lodging on the roadway outside the Technology Park on the Model Farm Road. The City bound lane was once again blocked for 3days at the start of March due to floodwater not escaping

into the drains. This is happening all the time after a heavy rainfall and very dangerous for traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/094)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.13 **WALL AT MARKET GARDENS, TOGHER**

‘That Cork City Council would complete the wall by placing Capping's on the cavity block walls dividing the private property and the green area at Market Gardens Togher. This wall is located between properties No. 56 and 57 and is a huge cause of concern for residents here as youths are climbing this wall and getting into residents back gardens. By putting these capping's in place it would drastically reduce this type of behaviour and give residents in this area some peace of mind.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/096)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.14 **INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS**

‘That Cork City Council devise and produce an information booklet for Residents Associations, including all the relevant criteria required for the establishment, management and operation of same; and that this can then be distributed in order to empower local estates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/097)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.15 **ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRING OUT OF ORDER PUBLIC LIGHTS**

‘Considering there are 421 public lights out of order for a period of over 10 days and as many of these lights require significant capital funding can the roads directorate provide an estimate of total costs for repairing all of these lights with a view to then calling on the Minister for a one off grant to clear the backlog.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/098)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **SUPPORT THE CORK EARLY YEARS ALLIANCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the Cork Early Years Alliance and calls on the Government to A) Double the child care funding to €9.20 per hour. B) provide additional

staff grant for services affected by Childcare regulations change. C) Acknowledge that community early years is Early intervention and should be funded as such.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/070)

18.2 **ROAD SURFACE ON BALLYVOLANE ROAD AND PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE TIVOLI DUAL CARRIAGEWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That the Road Safety Authority note the failure of Transport Infrastructure Ireland to maintain a safe and properly light road surface on Ballyvolane Road and its failure to maintain public lighting on the Tivoli Dual carriageway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/089)

18.3 **FREE PARKING FOR CANCER PATIENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this council writes to management of South Infirmary Victoria to ask that efforts are made to ensure free car parking for cancer patients or a designated family member or carer during their treatment.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Nugent 17/092)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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