

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10th JULY 2017

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. B. Geaney, Programme Manager, Housing & Community Directorate.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Roche Family on the death of David Roche.
- The O’Brien Family on the death of Ellen O’Brien.
- The Swards Family on the death of Captain David Swards.
- The Cody Family on the death of Mary Cody.
- The Dorgan Family on the death of Sheila Dorgan.

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

- Cork Senior Hurling Team on winning the Senior Munster Hurling Championship.
- Cork Minor Hurling Team on winning the Minor Hurling Championship.
- Cork City Football Club on winning the Europa League First Round against Levadia Tallin.

- Cork Comogie under 16 A and B Teams on winning their recent Camogie Championship Fixtures/games.
- Scott Masterson, Paul Murphy, Michael Murphy, Kieran Mahon, Frank Dennehy and Michael Banks on their acquittal in the recent Jobstown Trials. Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Shannon, M. Shields and J. Buttimer wished to be disassociated with this vote of congratulations.
- Fianna Fáil on holding a very successful conference/seminar in honour of the 100th anniversary of the birth of former Taoiseach Jack Lynch BL.
- Michael Duignan on outlining his opposition on the GAA's decision to sell rights to GAA Championship to Sky Sports.
- Ballyphehane 2016 Commemoration Committee on their wonderful year of Commemorations in 2016 and the Closing ceremony with the unveiling of monument to the signatories of the proclamation.

Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn proposed and An Chomhairle approved that a Health & Safety Fire Related Report would be made available relating to the Council Chambers.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **VISIT OF SHANGHAI DELEGATION**

The Lord Mayor thanked the Deputy Chief Executive, Pat Ledwidge and his Team on the hosting of the delegation from Shanghai, headed by the Mayor of Shanghai and former Lords Mayor, Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, J. Buttimer, S. Martin and D. Cahill who were also in attendance.

3.2 **EU-WIDE CULTURAL AND CREATIVE CITIES MONITOR**

In the first edition of the Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor, Cork was ranked 1st for "cultural vibrancy" ahead of Paris, Florence, Lisbon and Copenhagen and was 4th in the top five Creative Cities within the small to medium population group. The Lord Mayor congratulated all involved.

3.3 **BEST WISHES TO THE CORK FOOTBALLERS**

The Lord Mayor on behalf of An Chomhairle wished the Cork Football Team well in their next match.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **OIREACHTAS COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported that he and the Director of Services for Housing and Community and her staff would be attending the Oireachtas Committee on Housing that week.

4.2 **CORK ETB VACANCIES**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported that correspondence has been received from Cork ETB stating Cork City Council's nominees do not comply with Statutory Instrument No.

271 of 2014, of the ETB Act 2013. In accordance with Statutory Instrument (Section 7 (a) and (b) the ETB requires that Cork City Council nominate two female members to the Board.

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this matter back to Party Whips.

4.3 **SECTION 179 (4) (A) OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 AS AMENDED**

4.3.1 **DEVELOPMENT AT BALLINSHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive in accordance with the proposed residential development at Ballinsheen Road as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended dated the 6th July, 2017. Comhairleoir S. Martin proposed and An Chomhairle approved to substitute the word “agreed” for “recommended” in Item 2: Relocation of Footpath; Responses to issues raised; Items 1 and 2; final sentence.

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

“Having considered the proposed development and the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council thereon, **RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended that the development of 30 units at Ballinsheehn Road, Cork be carried out as recommended in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council dated the 6th July, 2017.”

4.3.2 **DEVELOPMENT AT TRAMORE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the proposed residential development at Tramore Road as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended dated the 6th July, 2017. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Having considered the proposed development and the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council thereon, **RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended that the development of 4 units at Tramore Road, Cork be carried out as recommended in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council dated the 6th July, 2017.”

4.3.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT WOODS STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the proposed residential development at Woods Street as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended dated the 6th July, 2017. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Having considered the proposed development and the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council thereon, **RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of

Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended that the development of 16 units at Woods Street, Cork be carried out as recommended in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council dated the 6th July, 2017.”

4.3.4 **DEVELOPMENT AT FARRANFERRIS CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the proposed residential development at Farranferris Crescent as required under Section 17 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 dated the 6th July, 2017. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Having considered the proposed development and the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council thereon, **RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended that the development of 5 units at Farranferris Crescent, Farranree, Cork be carried out as recommended in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive of Cork City Council dated the 6th July, 2017.”

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle held 16th June 2017

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 26th June 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **INVENTORY OF ITEMS POSSESSED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

Please supply a full list of all items of inventory that Cork City Council possesses in relation to fountains, statues and other items of similar nature used as a public amenity in 2017.

I also require a similar list of these items that have been disposed of previously as well in the last 35 years?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)
**Deferred from Meeting
held on 26th July 2017**

REPLY

I wish to advise that currently no such inventory exists.

I am happy to give consideration to the initiation of a process to create the appropriate Inventory.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate and External Affairs**

The Deputy Chief Executive undertook to have the matter investigated further.

6.2 **TENANTS WITH DISABILITIES**

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

Are tenants living in houses which have had an extension to the house because of a disability (Adaptation Extension) barred from purchasing the house, or have they the same right as every other tenants?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Under the Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016, the exclusion of properties for sale is an executive function.

The Housing Directorate reported on the terms and implementation of the Scheme at its functional committee meetings.

Properties which have been specially adapted for disabled access purposes are excluded as are:

- Apartments, flats, mainsonettes and duplexes
- Houses designated for occupation by elderly persons
- Group traveller housing
- Properties with 4 or more bedrooms
- Caravans, mobile homes, etc.
- Houses provided for persons with disabilities making the transition from congregated settings to community-based living under the National Deinstitutionalisation Programme.

Cork City Council may at its discretion exclude houses for reason of good estate management, structural condition or if it proposes to carry out remedial works to them.

Cork City Council may also exclude houses for reasons of proper management of the local authority's stock of housing accommodation.

Sale of units is not prudent given the on-going demands from eligible tenants and applicants into the future. Such stock must be retained to accommodate the needs for which they were adapted. Similar criteria for exclusion of properties for sale is applicable in other Housing Authorities.

V. O'Sullivan,

**Director of Services,
Housing & Community**

6.3 **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF STAFF FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS**

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

‘Will the C.E. provide an up-to-date telephone directory of staff for all departments including mobile numbers and email address, to assist the Elected Members in communicating with staff?’

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

REPLY

I have responded to a similar request from Party Whips recently to state that once the current interview competitions have concluded, a Directory will be made available to the Elected Members.

I should also point out that Members have access to the Internal Telephone Directory for all staff at <http://extranet.corkcity.ie>

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate and External Affairs**

6.4 **PRIVATE PAY PARKING FACILITY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

What are the criteria for operating a private pay parking facility in the city?

(Cllr. Tom O’Driscoll)

REPLY

Planning Permission must be complied with in the operation of a Private Car Park.

Development which causes a traffic hazard, in the opinion of the Planning Authority, is not exempted development and thus must be subject to Planning.

**Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise**

6.5 **LIAM LYNCH PARK, ROGER CASEMENT PARK AND SHEARS PARK**

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

In relation to the South West Strategic Corridor Plans and their implementation, the residents of the above area are extremely worried that their areas will be compromised by becoming closed to accept **only access traffic** during the implementation period?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

The South West Strategic Corridor study recommends the implementation of twelve road improvement projects over a number of years. These projects will significantly enhance movement along the main routes and through the critical junctions in the area. They will also further support sustainable modes of transport. It is hoped that funding will be provided to the Council to progress the design and implementation of improvements from 2018 onwards.

The traffic management arrangements for the construction phase of each of the recommended projects have yet to be defined. This includes arrangements for schemes in the vicinity of the above mentioned residential areas. The construction phase traffic arrangements will vary from project to project and can only be determined following the completion of detail design work and with the benefit of the relevant scheme project plan. However it will be noted that the Council always seeks to limit the negative impacts arising during the construction phase and is happy to engage with local residents, business and commuters in this regard. As a general rule the Council seeks to ensure that during construction traffic continues to be accommodated on the main traffic routes to the maximum extent possible.

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

6.6 **WATER METERS**

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

Are water meters still being installed in council properties across the city?

(Cllr. Fiona Kerins)

REPLY

Irish water is responsible for the provision of water infrastructure in Cork City. The City Council acts as an agent of Irish Water for certain aspects of service delivery e.g. water network maintenance but is neither directly involved in the planning nor engaged in the roll out of the domestic water metering programme.

On foot of this question the City Council contacted Irish Water and they have confirmed that the domestic metering programme has been suspended and that they are not aware of any non domestic metering works currently being undertaken in Cork City.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment and Recreation**

6.7 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ON ST. PATRICK'S BRIDGE**

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

Can the Chief Executive please update Council in relation to the very poor state of public lighting on St Patrick's Bridge. There are sizeable plaques crediting Bord Gáis with supplying Gas Lights but from what I can see there are more lights missing than working and I would like a comprehensive statement on the number of lamps that should be on the bridge, why they are gone, are they lost, stolen or in possession of City Council. When are they going to be fixed as their absence is a public safety issue?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Saint Patrick's Bridge is included in the Record of Protected Structures and is listed in the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage. Cork City Council is currently in discussions with Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to a brief for the repair and rehabilitation of the structure. Subject to funding and procurement, it is anticipated that works could commence in April 2018. From archival photographs, it appears that 12 lanterns were originally located on the bridge parapets to illuminate the footways. Part of the brief includes for the restoration of these existing heritage lanterns and their augmentation to provide 12 lanterns as per the original layout.

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

6.8 **GREEN AREA BETWEEN TRAMORE RD / SHERIDAN PARK / WOODLAWN / DEANWOOD**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir H. Cremin was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle held 11th September 2017.

Does City Council own the green area that's land locked between Tramore Rd. / Sheridan Park / Woodlawn / Deanwood or is this site privately owned?

Has there ever being any interest in developing this site or has planning permission ever being sought for this site?

Are there any short / medium / long term plans for this site by either the City Council or the Legal site owner?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

6.9 **ZONING ON THE HAWKES ROAD SITE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive, having regard to the large development site on Hawkes Road currently for sale, what is the current zoning designation on the site, what density of

planning is permissible on the site, what control does City Council have with regard to the development of the site to ensure density consistency with existing residential areas and if the Council can set out objectives for the site with regard to affordable housing and down-sized housing units?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

The site in question is located between Bishopstown Road to the south, Hawkes Road to the east and Curraheen Road to the north, with frontage onto these three roads. The predominant land use in the surrounding area is residential. In response to the above question, the following current planning and housing objectives are of relevance:

Current Land Use Zoning Designation:

The site is situated within an area zoned ‘Residential, Local Services and Institutional Uses’, under the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021, with the primary objective being ‘to protect and provide for residential uses, local services, institutional uses, and civic uses, having regard to employment policies outlined in Chapter 3’ (refer to Ch. 15 for full details). The Bishopstown and Wilton Action Area Plan 2007 includes the proposed development site within its scope.

Density

Objectives relating to density and urban form are set out in a number of chapters in the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021; Chapter 6 relates to the Residential Strategy, Chapter 14 relates to suburban policies and Chapter 16 relates to Development Management. These chapters set out specific objectives and standards relevant to the development densities and form for all future developments that require planning permission within the city. Some of the key policies which would be taken into consideration in assessing any development proposals for the area are listed below:

Chapter 16 Development Management Urban Design

Density

16.12 Density is a measure of the relationship between buildings and their surrounding space. Density is expressed as units per hectare. The attainment of higher densities is not a stand-alone objective; rather higher densities must be delivered in tandem with quality to ensure the creation of good urban places and attractive neighbourhoods. The appropriate density for any site will be determined by a wide range of factors.

Plot Ratio

16.13 Plot ratio expresses the amount of floor space (proportionally) in relation to the site area. Plot ratio provides a useful indicator when considering the capacity of a development site and ascribing building volumes to be placed on a site and in determining the necessary infrastructure that will be required to service a development.

16.16 Plot ratio is secondary to other built form and planning considerations and should not be used to justify a particular built form, as qualitative standards will be over-riding considerations.

Building Height

16.25 Within the context of Cork City the following building height categories can be identified

Low-rise buildings (1-3 storeys in height).

Building Height in Suburban Areas

16.27 Within the suburban areas of the city low rise buildings will be considered appropriate except in the following areas:

Major development areas indentified in this development plan for which a local area plan or Development Brief will be prepared;

Larger development sites – sites of greater than 0.5 hectares which are capable of accommodating their own intrinsic character without having an adverse impact on their neighbours.

Residential Density

16.41 Within the city minimum residential density in Suburban areas should be 35-50-dwellings per hectare.

Objectives for the site with regard to affordable housing and down-sized housing units

Following significant changes to the previous affordable housing legislation set out under Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), a range of localised actions to increase affordability in the housing market have recently been set out under “Rebuilding Ireland” (July 2016).

Some of these actions are underway with more to follow. In relation to down-sizing, Cork City Council’s Housing Department also has a current mechanism in place to help encourage downsizing within the city. The City Council’s Downsizing Scheme allows persons aged 60 years or over who own their private dwelling within the administrative area of Cork City or are existing Cork City Council tenants to apply to the City Council for a tenancy in a dwelling under this scheme subject to eligibility criteria. This scheme may be open to any relevant applicants following the delivery of any properties through Part V.

It should be noted that any future development proposals put forward for the site, will be subject to a full and proper assessment through the planning application process set out in the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) within the context of the Cork City Development Plan policies.

**Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise**

6.10 **PROCESS FOR TENANTS LEAVING PRIVATE PROPERTY**

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

Can the CE clarify the process involved after residents have to leave private rental properties, including apartment blocks and houses, due to a fire, the responsibilities of the relevant agencies and property owner(s) particularly around finding temporary accommodation for those residents displaced.

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

As in all circumstances where a person finds themselves homeless, particularly as a result of unforeseen events, the Homeless Persons Unit and relevant services work to secure emergency accommodation.

**V. O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community**

6.11 **POLICY FOR THE USE OF IRISH LANGUAGE**

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

Can the CE please outline what the policy is for the use of the Irish Language on Cork City Council notifications, signage throughout the city and branding e.g. uniforms.

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

In relation to signage throughout the city, Cork City Council complies with the Official Languages Act 2003 (Section 9) regulations 2008.

Regarding notifications, the Council undertook in its Scéim Teanga 2007-2010, which is still in force, to send all invitations from the Lord Mayor’s office fully bilingually and encourages those conducting Council meetings to use Irish to the best of their ability. It provided Irish language training to elected members in 2016 to this end. It is also committed to sending 20% of its Press Releases through Irish to Irish language media.

Regarding branding, all uses of the City Council Coat of Arms must ensure that the Irish language version of the wording, Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí must appear in equal size to its English language counterpart.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate and External Affairs**

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 3rd JULY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips held 3rd July 2017.

7.1 **MEETING JIM MACKINNON CHAIR OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government briefing to An Chomhairle and the Executive on Wednesday 19th July at 5.00 p.m.

8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd JULY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee held 3rd July 2017.

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

An tArd-Mhéara proposed that a Local Area Plan be prepared for the Shandon area and for vulnerable building in a co-ordinated way.

When the Building Control Report is available the Lord Mayor will make it available to members.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

The Lord Mayor proposed and An Chomhairle approved that a Master Plan should be prepared for the North West Quarter. The Deputy Chief Executive agreed to have the matter investigated, and report back to An Chomhairle

NORWEGIAN AIR PROVIDENCE ROUTE

Comhairleoir F. Dennehy congratulated everyone involved on the very successful optimising of the new route. The positive comments of the Rhode Island Democratic Governor Gina Raimondo were noted. He paid tribute to Ms. Ruth Buckley, Head of ICT & Business Services for her management of the delegation and programme organisation.

ATLANTIC POND

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that a Report would be prepared on the Atlantic Pond.

8.1.2 **TAKE IN CHARGE RIVERVIEW RISE, RIVERVIEW ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd July 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would take steps to either take in charge Riverview Rise, Riverview Estate, Ballyvolane or if not in a position to do so to ensure that the Development Bond is applied in order to carry out essential light repairs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/047)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 3rd July 2017 stated that following a number of queries from residents with regard to taking in charge of Riverview Rise, the SPED Directorate has re-engaged with the developer to resolve the remaining issues. It is currently liaising with the Property Section and with Irish Water in relation to obtaining

the necessary wayleaves required for foul and storm drains. Riverview Rise has been added to the Directorates Taking in Charge programme for 2017.

8.1.3 **MEETING WITH RESIDENTS AND WARD COUNCILLORS IN RESPECT OF PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd July 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council Planners resume the policy of meeting residents and ward councillors in respect of planning developments occurring in their ward as was practice and custom in recent years.’

(Proposers: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. T. Shannon, Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/192)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 3rd July 2017 stated that Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended specifically provides for consultations between a person who has interest in land and who intends to make a planning application and the Planning Authority concerned. There is no provision in the Act for either the applicant or third-parties to meet with the planning authority following the making of a planning application and prior to the making of a decision on the planning application. In addition section 34 of the Act states that all submissions have to be made in writing. Given the quasi judicial nature of the planning function it is important that the planning authority follows the requirements of the Planning Acts.

8.1.4 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION GRANTS SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Shea, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3rd July 2017 on the Architectural Conservation Grants Scheme.

9. **ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd JULY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 3rd July 2017.

9.1 **MAJOR UPGRADE WORKS AT LEISUREWORLD BISHOPSTOWN**

Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, H. Cremin and L. McGonigle absented themselves from the meeting for this debate and Resolution, having declared their interest in Leisureworld.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 29th June 2017 on the Refurbishment Works at Leisureworld Bishopstown.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Shea, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

‘Now Council Hereby RESOLVES THAT

Authorisation is approved for the City Council to provide a guarantee underwriting the taking out of a loan by Leisureworld in the amount of €1.6m to undertake capital refurbishment/upgrade works at the Bishopstown Leisureworld facility owned by Cork City Council.”

9.2 **REPORT ON BONFIRE NIGHT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on Bonfire Night.

9.3 **REPORT REFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE DATED THE 26th OF JUNE 2017 (REF. 10.2)**

EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT THE FOOTPATH AT TRAMORE ROAD/HILLVIEW ESTATE CORK

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at the Footpath at Tramore Road/Hillview Estate, Cork following relevant confirmation received from the Housing and Community Directorate.

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

“Now Council Hereby RESOLVES THAT

One written objection having been received and considered within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way which runs from the Tramore Road for a distance of approximately 6.5 metres in a north-easterly direction be extinguished forthwith.”

9.4 **YOUTH CAFE IN CORK CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will invest in a youth cafe in Cork City Centre with free internet access in Bishop Lucey Park that will facilitate young teenagers in evenings, after school and weekends that will provide free space, computers and entertainment options that will appeal to a variety of interests in light of recent criticism targeting youth in the Winthrop St, Paul St. and Bishop Lucey Park area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/134)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that Youth Cafes in the City are currently provided in suburban areas such as Ballyphehane, Togher, Douglas and Knocknaheeny. All use existing community buildings where a mixture of activities take place during the week with a high ratio of trained youth workers/volunteers to those availing of the services. The key essentials are the building, the level of trained staff whether paid or volunteer, a proper and appropriate access registration process and linkages to existing youth programming in the area.

A City Centre location for a youth cafe would represent an enormous challenge in terms of identifying a suitable building providing trained staff, and would not have a linkages to existing community youth services.

Any financial support given by the Department of Children & Youth Affairs should be used to strengthen the existing youth cafes and look to provide additional cafes in local suburban settings.

9.5 **INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR RESIDENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 27th April 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle amended to include the provision links on the City Council's website to community resource documentation and to undertake appropriate PR around related community events:-

‘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)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 27th April 2017 stated that there is a lot of online information available to assist in the setting up of a Residents Association including guidance on organising public meetings, election of Committee Members, drafting of a basic constitution, role of Committee members etc.

In addition, for local authority estates within the City, the Area Housing Offices can facilitate the establishment of a resident's association.

An Chomhairle further agreed to include the provision links on the City Council's website to community resource documentation and to undertake appropriate PR around related community events.

9.6 **USE OF ROUNDUP IN WEED CONTROL (referred back to Committee)**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 27th April 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

Following a debate Comhairleoir T. Tynan agreed to withdraw the word ‘Autism’ from the motion An Chomhairle approved the amended motion to read as follows:-

‘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).

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)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 27th April 2017 stated that Glyphosate is the active chemical in two herbicides used by Parks and Cemeteries for the control of weeds. It is considered the safest chemical for use in areas accessible by the public and non residual.

The herbicides are not used in playgrounds and sports grounds. They are boundary walls, park fixtures and fittings. Glyphosate is presently considered the most effective chemical for the control of Japanese Knotweed.

Council policy for many years has been to minimise the use of herbicides in the interest of facilitating and developing nature areas and biodiversity.

The objective is to reduce the use of herbicides to the absolute minimum, however, this has manpower and financial resource implications for the Council at a time when there are severe financial constraints.

Herbicides are applied in accordance with the Parks and Cemeteries Ancillary Safety Statement and, Dept. of Agriculture Regulations. Staff applying the herbicides are appropriately trained and certified.

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

The Council will continue to monitor any review of Glyphosate by the European Commission, European Food Safety Agency, European Chemicals Agency, Food & Agriculture Organisation – United Nations, World Health Organisation and the Dept of Agriculture and, implement the recommendations of same as appropriate.

9.7 **TRIMMING AND PRUNING OF THE TREES AT BROGUEMAKERS HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will include on the program of works trimming and pruning of the trees at Broguemakers Hill Shandon Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/115)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 29th June 2017 stated that trees at the above location will be added to the schedule of tree works for remedial pruning as appropriate.

9.8 **BUSHES OVERHANGING THE FOOTPATH ON MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the bushes overhanging the footpath on Middle Glanmire Road on the approach to St Luke’s Cross be cut back as it is impeding pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/148)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that the above overgrowth is scheduled to cut back within the next seven to ten days.

9.9 **CLEANING OF PORTABLE BATHROOM IN FITZGERALD PARKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would ensure that the portable bathroom toilet by the playground area of Fitzgerald’s Park would be cleaned hourly or as frequently as needed to maintain it to an acceptable standard because currently it is in an unhygienic condition. Also that Cork City Council would install two additional bathroom facilities in that area of Fitzgerald’s Park to cater for the large number of people especially children using the park and the playground daily.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/156)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 29th June 2017 stated that maintenance of the above automatic toilet unit involves the following:-

- Automatic flush and wash bowl after each use.
- Automatic wash basin after each use.
- Automatic floor wipe after each use.
- Daily visit to replenish stocks of paper and appropriate detergents.
- Remote reporting of faults which are responded to within four hours.

This maintenance schedule is applied nationally to all automatic toilet units as is deemed satisfactory.

There is no provision in the 2017 estimates to provide an hourly visit.

There is no provision in the 2017 Estimates to provide additional units.

Increased visits and additional units will be included in the 2018 Draft Estimates for consideration.

9.10 **RESURFACE DOUGLAS POOL CAR PARK AND HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Council pursue the resurfacing of Douglas Pool car park and hill as a matter of priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/158)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that the resurfacing of Douglas Pool car park and access road is scheduled to commence in early September.

9.11 **BANNING THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE IN PUBLIC PARKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 27th April 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council calls for the banning of any use of glyphosate in or close to public parks, public playgrounds and public gardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/168)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 27th April 2017 stated that Glyphosate is the active chemical in two herbicides used by Parks and Cemeteries for the control of weeds. It is considered the safest chemical for use in areas accessible by the public and is non residual.

The herbicides are not used in playgrounds and sports grounds. They are selectively used in all parks and open space areas to control weeds adjacent to paths, boundary walls, park fixtures and fittings. Glyphosate is presently considered the most effective chemical for the control of Japanese Knotweed.

Council policy for many years has been to minimise the use of herbicides in the interest of facilitating and developing nature areas and biodiversity.

The objective is to reduce the use of herbicides to the absolute minimum, however, this has manpower and financial resource implications for the Council at a time when there are severe financial constraints.

Herbicides are applied in accordance with the Parks and Cemeteries Ancillary Safety Statement and Dept. of Agriculture Regulations. Staff applying the herbicides are appropriately trained and certified.

Glyphosate is licensed by the European Commission and, the regulatory bodies including the World Health Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN and the European Food Safety Authority share the view that Glyphosate poses no risk to human health when correctly applied. The European Chemicals Agency’s (ECHA’s) recent

decision, which says the scientific evidence *'did not meet the criteria to classify Glyphosate as a carcinogen, as a mutogen or as a toxic for reproduction'*.

The Council will continue to monitor any reviews of Glyphosate by the European Commission, European Food Safety Agency, European Chemicals Agency, Food & Agriculture Organisation – United Nations, World Health Organisation and the Dept of Agriculture and, implement the recommendations of same as appropriate.

9.12 **HEDGING/SHRUBS AT GLENTHORN PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council would cut back the Hedging/Shrubs at the Dublin Hill entrance to Glenthorn Park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/162)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that vegetation at the entrance to Glenthorn Park was cut back in recent weeks.

9.13 **GREEN PALISADE FENCING IN PARK COURT, BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council should continue the Green palisade fencing in Park Court, Ballyvolane to the junction of Meelick Park and the back of Meadow Park, Ballyvolane, Cork allowing access to the areas through a turn-style gate that can be close dand opened during the day.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 17/171)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that following an inspection of the above, there is no provision in the 2017 Estimates to undertake the above works.

9.14 **TREES IN LIAM LYNCH PARK, GLASHEEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That City Council would carry out an inspection of all the trees in Liam Lynch Park Glasheen with the intentions of pruning / trimming them as they are getting out of hand with the size of some of the overhanging branches.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/204)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that an inspection of trees at the above location will be undertaken in the next four to six weeks, any remedial works identified will be added to the schedule of tree works for attention.

9.15 **DOG LITTER BINS FAIRFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will install dog fouling bins at the Fairfiled amenity, Fairhill on a pilot basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/058)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that a litter/dog bin will be installed at the Fairfield in the coming weeks, the situation will be monitored in the context of its effectiveness and whether it becomes a location for deposit domestic refuse as is the case in some other locations throughout the City.

9.16 **REPLACE MISSING PANELS ON CORK CITY COUNCIL FENCE AT TRAMORE ROADU**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the missing panels on the City Council fence at the Green, Tramore Road be replaced as soon as possible in the interest of safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/198)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that quotations are presently being invited to replace the missing panels. The works will be carried out within four to six weeks.

9.17 **CLEAN ST. PETERS AVENUE, OFF GRATTAN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That St. Peters Avenue, off Gratten Street be cleaned on a regular basis as it is a public street that is used by many pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/207)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that a major cleaning of this area was completed two weeks ago. The area will be included on a regular maintenance schedule.

9.18 **REMEDIAL WORK AT LAKE LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would carry out remedial work on the green area at Lake Lawn and the public park between Lake Lawn and Ardmahon Estate, Well Road.

These works should include:-

1. Renewal of the curbing at Lake Lawn
2. Pruning of trees and cleaning out over grown vegetation under the trees.
3. Renewal of the footpath in the park and install curbing.
4. Remove the hedging in the park and install new seating in the park.
5. Install a dog fouling bin at this location.
6. Removal of cherry blossom tree at the corner of Lake Lawn and the Well Road, and clean the Lake Lawn name plate at this location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/214)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that Items 2 and 6 will be carried out in the coming week.

Items 1, 3 and 5 will be included in the 2018 Draft Estimates for consideration.

9.19 **EXAMINATION OF TREES ALONG THE RIVERBANK OF GLENDALE AND CLASHDUV ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out a detailed examination of the trees along the riverbank that runs parallel with the rear gardens of both Glendale and Clashduv Rd. Residents have asked for these trees to be trimmed / removed back in 2014 and these same residents are now looking for at the very least that they be examined. This riverbank is dangerously eroding which leaves these trees in danger of toppling onto peoples properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/218)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that self-seeded trees are growing on both banks of the Glasheen River between the rear gardens of houses on Glendale Grove and Clashduv Road, the banks are only accessible from the rear gardens of the individual properties. A detailed inspection of the trees will be undertaken in four to six weeks to determine the extent of remedial pruning, if any, to be undertaken.

9.20 **RUBBISH BIN ON WOLFE TONE STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would place a rubbish bin in Wolfe Tone Street Area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/227)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that the bin at this location was removed as a result of damage to same, and was the subject previously of recurring domestic waste dumping. Littering is not an issue at this location at the moment hence we do not recommend replace same presently, however we will keep the situation under review.

9.21 **ENCOURAGE GROWTH OF A MEADOW IN SPORTS FIELD AT TINKERS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council having failed to properly secure the sports field at Tinkers Cross from motor bike scramblers would facilitate the Parks Department to encourage growth of a meadow with planting various indigenous grasses and wild flowers. Such a development would enhance the area and any monies arising under the percent for Art scheme from future roadworks at Tinkers Cross could also be directed towards further enhancing the space for the benefit of local residents and the wider community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/228)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that Wild Flower meadows have been created in a number of amenity areas throughout the City in recent years including the sowing of wild flower mixes in some locations. The amenity area at Tinkers Cross will be added to the areas set aside for Wild Flower Meadows in 2018. It is proposed to enhance this area as part of the planned road works should the necessary resources be available.

9.22 **ASSESS TREES ON PUBLIC AREAS IN BENOIRLICH ESTATE, HALLDENE ESTAE AND EARLWOOD ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would assess the trees on the public green and public areas in Benvoirlich Estate, Halldene Estate and Earlwood Estate for size and appropriateness to their location and undertake remedial action as required.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/234)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that an inspection of the trees at the above locations will be undertaken in four to six weeks and any remedial works identified will be added to the schedule of tree works for attention.

9.23 **INSTALL A PONTOON AT BLACKROCK VILLAGE END OF THE MARINA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would install a pontoon at the Blackrock Village end of the marina to coincide and enhance access to the newly re-developed Blackrock Harbour area that would also increase boating & leisure activities in the area of this wonderful amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/236)

The Report of the Director of Services dated the 29th June 2017 stated that the City Council has recently provided a new floating pontoon at the Marina at a cost of €600,000, which is

available for use by all Cork boat clubs and maritime organisations. There is no funding available to provide another nearby facility. The existing pier and slipway does allow for access to the water by slipway at high tide.

The Council is in discussions with a number of maritime groups who in time may provide additional pontoon facilities along the Marina.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

11. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Conference/Seminar Summaries received.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields to McGill Summer School on Glenties Co. Donegal on Sunday 16th July to 22nd July.

Correspondence from Kerry County Council regarding a Tourism Conference ‘Working as One on the Wild Atlantic Way – Building Sustainable Communities’ to be held in Listowel, County Kerry on Wednesday, September 6th and Thursday, September 7th was noted.

13. **TRAINING**

None received.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **VACANT GREEN SPACE ADJACENT TO BALLYPHEHANE GAA CLUB**

‘That Cork City Council give the vacant green space adjacent to Ballyphehane GAA Club on licence or by lease agreement to the Club.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/186)

Environment and Recreational Functional Committee

14.2 **FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council apply for funding from the Structure at Fund under the Department of Heritage Scheme and include:

- a. The Church of the Ascension Gurrabraher
- b. St. Mary's Church Popes Quay

as they are in need of urgent repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/222)

Finance and Estimates Functional Committee

14.3 **RESIDENTS PARKING ZONE IN RICHMOND HILL**

‘The area between Gordon’s Terrace and St Mary’s Villas be cleared and turned into residents parking zone in Richmond Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/226)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **ROAD SURFACE ON FATHER MATTHEW ROAD, TURNERS CROSS**

‘I call on the Roads & Transport dept. Cork City Council to re assess the road surface on Father Matthew Road, Turners Cross. In recent weeks and months the road surface has been progressively deteriorating. I ask that Father Matthew Road would be added to the resurfacing programme for 2017 and that a commitment be given to ensure that the required resurfacing would be completed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/253)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **REVIEW OF 3/4 STOREY VICTORIAN HOUSES**

‘That Cork City Council officials through the Fire Officer carry out a comprehensive review of all 3/4 storey Victorian houses converted to flats and bedsits in the 1960's and 1970's in the Wellington Road, Summerhill, Grattan Hill and Lower Glanmire Road areas to ensure they are fully compliant with current Fire Safety regulations. Such a review has been requested by Local Councillors since 1987 and officials have been making excuses for not doing so.

A comprehensive report to the elected members is now warranted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/264)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

14.6 **PLANS FOR MACCURTAIN STREET / BRIDGE STREET / COBURG STREET**

‘That Cork city Council officials would present their plans for MacCurtain Street / Bridge Street / Coburg Street to local businesses and local Councillors for review prior to publishing any Part 8 proposals.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/265)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development and
Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee**

14.7 **SAFETY FEATURES IN HORGANS BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council review safety features in the houses in Horgans Buildings for the residents such as door viewers in doors which don't have any, door chains with locks and so, any houses not having these security features installed, CCC should install them as a matter of urgency for the residences.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/266)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

14.8 **STUDY OF ALL DISHED FOOTPATHS ACROSS THE CITY**

‘That City Council would carry out a study on all the dished footpaths across the city with the intentions of bringing them up to the proper standards that would enable wheelchair users to negotiate these footpaths safely without fear of toppling out of their wheelchairs. I would also request for future reference that when new footpaths are being put in place that wheelchair users would be taken into consideration particularly with the sloped footpaths as these are a huge obstacle for wheelchair users as it causes huge strain on one side to prevent the wheelchair from rolling off the footpath.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/267)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **RESURFACE ROAD AT MARIEVILLE ESTATE, OFF LOWER POULADUFF ROAD**

‘That the road at Marieville Estate off Lower Pouladuff Road be resurfaced as the present surface is almost 50 years old.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/268)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE HOUSING COUNTER**

‘That Cork City Council will have voter registration forms available and visible at the housing counters in the public areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/269)

Tourism, Arts and Culture Functional Committee

14.11 **ELIZABETH FORT**

‘That Council welcomes the increase in visitors to Elizabeth Fort and calls for a Visitors centre and other appropriate facilities to be made available in order to enhance its attractiveness to tourists.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, Cllr. M. Finn 17/275)

Tourism, Arts and Culture Functional Committee

14.12 **REMOVE CORK CITY NORTH FROM IBAL LITTER SURVEY**

‘That Cork City Council will write to Ibal requesting them to remove Cork City North from their litter survey.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/278)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

14.13 **STREET NAME PLATES FOR BROGUEMAKERS HILL & CHURCH STREET**

‘That Cork City Council would erect street name plates for Broguemakers Hill & Church Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/279)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.14 **BROCHURE ON THE CITY’S BRIDGES**

‘That the successful brochure of top ten Cork tourist attractions be followed up by a brochure inviting tourists to walk and discover the city's bridges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/280)

Tourism, Arts and Culture Functional Committee

14.15 **OPENING HOURS OF NORTH MAIN STREET CAR PARK**

‘That Cork City Council will extend the opening hours of North Main Street car park until midnight, this would facilitate local businesses and the public following recent changes to the parking regime in the Middle Parish area, this would also bring North Main Street in line with Paul Street car park.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 17/282)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.16 **REPORT OUTLINING THE PROCESS OF PURCHASE OF LANDS AT CARRIGROHANE**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a report outlining the process of purchase of lands at Carrigrohane, the various proposed plans for their use and the process of consultation and determination of the current proposed usage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/284)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

14.17 **ROAD AND FOOTPATH INFRASTRUCTURE IN GLENDALE**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake an assessment of the road and footpath infrastructure in Glendale and would undertake remedial works as required.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/285)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.18 **RESURFACE THE BLACKROCK ROAD FROM VICTORIA ROAD TO BALLINTEMPLE**

‘That Cork City Council resurface the Blackrock Road from Victoria Road to Ballintemple. Many parts of the road are in an appalling state & it is a main traffic route to and from the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/286)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

14.19 **INSTALL A COLUMBARIUM WALL FOR CREMATED REMAINS IN ST. MICHAEL’S CEMETERY, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council install a columbarium wall for cremated remains in St. Michael's Cemetery, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/287)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **FUNDING AVAILABLE TO CORK CITY OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Department and Minister to give clear direction as to what funding will be made available to Cork City over the next three years and the various categories so that effective planning and implementation of the various housing programmes can take place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/187)

15.2 **AMEND SECTION 247 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council requests the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to amend section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, or any other part of the legislation as required, to allow for recognised community and residents organisations and elected representatives to make representations including verbal representations to the planning authority in a similar fashion that planning applicants are afforded pre planning meetings under the legislation. This would allow residents and community organisations to express concerns about a particular development in their area in addition to making written objections and observations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 17/274)

15.3 **GOVERNMENTS NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

Cork City Council is deeply concerned with the Government's new waste management proposals. Council will write to Minister Naughten asking that he stops these new charges, study the feasibility of greater public ownership and the possible remunicipalisation and increased regulatory control of household waste collection, introduces more measures to reduce, reuse and recycle waste, introduce supports for low income families and those with medical conditions.’

(Proposers: Cllr. S. O’Shea, Cllr. S. Cunningham 17/277)

15.4 **FUTURE FUNDING OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That this council calls on the Government when considering the future funding of the Higher Education sector, to choose Option1 as identified in the Cassell’s Expert Report that is: ‘Publicly funded Education paid from general taxation’. We believe this is the most

equitable method to ensure that as many students as possible can have access to Higher Education in the state and is for the benefit and prosperity of the state as a whole.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. H. Cremin 17/283)

15.5 **REFERENDUM TO REPEAL THE 8TH AMENDMENT**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

“That Cork City Council urge for a referendum to repeal the 8th amendment be put forward to the people of Ireland as a matter of urgency, no later than Spring 2018.”

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/288)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, a vote was called for An Chomhairle to approve Motion 17/288 where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (10)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney. (4)

ABSTENTION: (0)

As those voting in favour of the Motion was greater than those voting against, An Chomhairle agreed to approve the Motion and forward it onto the relevant parties.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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