

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 23rd APRIL 2018

PRESENT	Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, N. O'Keeffe.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing & Community Services. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. T. Watt, Senior Executive Planner, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise.

An Leas Ard-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Murphy Family on the death of Sheena Murphy.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Minnie Murphy.
- The O'Connor Family on the death of John Joe O'Connor.
- The Flaherty Family on the death of Mary Flaherty.
- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of Lizzie O'Sullivan.
- The McAuliffe Family on the death of Dan McAuliffe.
- The Matley Family on the death of Timmy Matley.
- The Forde Family on the death of Richard Forde.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Emma McCarthy.
- The Danaher Family on the death of Sarah Danaher-Green.

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

- Cork Youth League Team on winning the FAI Youth Inter League.
- Cork Choral Festival on the organising the 65th Choral Festival.
- Neptune Basketball Club on winning the National Under 16's Basketball Championship.
- Kelly O'Brien on her positive reporting of events in the Mayfield area.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **ATTENDANCE AT TRAINING AND CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Members at the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) and Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) training and conferences for the remainder of the 2018 calendar year.

3.2 **LORD MAYOR'S CIVIC AWARDS**

An Leas Ard-Mhéara advised members of An tArd-Mhéara's nomination of Senator Dianne Feinstein for a Lord Mayor's Civic Award.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An Chomhairle considered the Material Contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 in relation to the construction of 30 residential units at the site Westside, Model Farm Road, Cork under Planning Reference No. 17/37469.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin a vote was called for on the approval of the Material Contravention and the associated Resolution where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, N. O'Keeffe, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney. (23)

AGAINST: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour was the required 23 in accordance with Section 34 (6) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle approved the Material Contravention and agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning and Economic Development, it is hereby RESOLVED under Section 34 (6) (iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to approve the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning and Economic Development that Permission for the construction of 30 residential units at Westside, Model Farm Road, Cork.”

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 9th April 2018.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANTS 2014 - 2017**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 14th May 2018.

Could the Chief Executive please give details per service division as to how much Cork City Council paid consultants during the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (Anyone who was paid directly or indirectly by the Council to carry out work on their behalf).

- a) Give a breakdown on the services and purpose of the consultants work and/or published and unpublished reports.
- b) In each of consultancies engaged, was the oversight policy and procedure applied to all purchased goods, services and/or works, as outlined and in accordance with Planned Procurement approach and guidelines. If not why not and how many did this involve?

(Cllr. Chris O’Leary)

6.2 **EMERGENCY SERVICES CALLS TO THE HALTING SITE IN SPRING LANE**

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

How many times have emergency services been called to the Halting Site in Spring Lane in 2016, 2017 and 2018?

Please inform the Council of how an estimated clean up of the illegal dump adjacent to the Halting Site would cost?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

REPLY

Details of call outs to Spring Lane Halting Site by Cork City Fire Brigade are as follows:

2018 (to date) – 15
2017 – 29
2016 – 16

The estimated cost of clearing Ellis Yard of illegal dumped materials would need to be assessed and quotations sought from various companies.

The Traveller Accommodation Unit has no available funds to consider any clean up of Ellis Yard in 2018.

Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services,
H.R. Management
& Organisational Reform.

Brian Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community.

6.3 **RENEWAL WORKS ON PETER CHURCH AVENUE, GRATTAN STREET**

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

When will the renewal works be carried out on 7 – 14 Peter Church Avenue, Grattan Street? 1 – 6 were done and nothing has been done since.

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

There is currently no plan to carry out a programme of renewal works at Peter’s Street off Grattan Street. However, any specific requests submitted to Housing Maintenance for the maintenance of council owned properties in this area will be inspected, assessed and prioritized according to the severity of the issues identified by the Housing Maintenance staff.

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

6.4 **PART 8 PLANNING PROCESS**

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

Can the Manager please provide a detailed explanation of the Part 8 Planning Process being used by City Council officials to forward their City Centre Movement Strategy and the Morrison’s Island Project. Please also explain the “Consultation process” under the current Part 8 process. Furthermore can the Manager please explain why officials used Morrison’s Island proposal to forward CCMS 6 objective re “removal of parking”. Should

the project have properly been referred to as “Morrison’s Island & CCMS 6” Part 8 proposal in the interest of “proper” planning and “transparency”.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The overall City Centre Movement Strategy was adopted by Cork City Council in March 2013. Its adoption followed a period of extensive engagement with key stakeholders and public consultation over a period of six months. The stakeholder meetings were commenced at concept stage and repeated as the Strategy developed. Public consultation and stakeholder consultation involved workshops, presentations and information sessions at various locations including City Hall and local hotels.

Phases 1 and 2 of the City Centre Movement Strategy were also the subject of separate public consultation in 2015 and again in 2016 in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts. Again consultation included a number of presentations and information sessions in City Hall, in City centre hotels and in the Middle Parish. The proposals set out for Phases 1 and 2 were approved to proceed by members subject to the inclusion of a range of amendments to better balance the competing needs of various stakeholders including residents, businesses and commuters across all modes.

The groups and organizations with which engagement took place in the consultation processes included Bus Éireann, Taxi representative groups, Cork Business Association, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Garda Síochána, Middle Parish Residents Association, English Market Traders, Cork County Council, Cork Cycling Campaign, Mercy Hospital, Cork Access Group, Cork City Partnership, Iarnród Éireann, National Council for the Blind, North Main St Traders, Port of Cork, Vintners Association, Tyndall Institute, Edel House, Franciscan Friary, TII/National Roads Authority, National Transport Authority, Cork Educate Together, Court Service etc.

Phase 6 of the City Centre Movement Strategy includes provision for improvement works at South Mall/Terence McSwiney Quay. It does include provision for works at Father Matthew Quay or Morrisons Quay.

Part 8 of the 2001 Planning & Development Regulations (as amended) required a Local Authority to follow a prescribed set of actions in certain circumstances. The Public Realm Project (incorporating Flood Defence Infrastructure) falls within the scope of development prescribed in Part 8 of the 2001 Planning & Development Regulations and as such the sequence of actions prescribed in the legislation must be followed.

With respect to the Morrison’s Island Project extensive public consultation exercises were undertaken, including:

- 1) Extensive advertisement of the process including not only the statutory advert in the newspaper but also extensive promotion on the City Council’s Social Media (Facebook and Twitter) Platforms, the City Council’s website and through the City Council’s online Consultation Portal.
- 2) A 6 week period during which the scheme drawings, a 3D video and a full scale prototype could be viewed by the public in the City Hall. Based on feedback received the full scale prototype in particular was highlighted as being very useful in assisting citizens and businesses to understand what the finished public realm infrastructure would look like in “reality”.

- 3) Approx. 150 invitations were hand delivered to citizens, businesses and other institutions in the area adjacent to Morrison's Island inviting them to a briefing meeting to discuss the project.
- 4) Businesses representative organisations were invited to a briefing meeting.
- 5) The Public Participation Network (PPN) was also invited to attend a dedicated briefing meeting and to invite along their constituent members to same.
- 6) Two public briefing sessions were also held on the 26th of February and on the 9th of March. These briefing sessions were widely advertised and were held from 3.00pm until 7.00pm to maximise the ability of members of the public and businesses to attend.

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

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Transition Directorate.

6.5 **CITY CENTRE PARKING INITIATIVES**

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

Can the CE outline current City Centre parking initiatives and report if other proposals are being looked at in the context of the City Centre Movement Strategy and Morrison's Island Flood Defence Scheme? Will the Council undertake a review after 3 months of the exclusion of private motor vehicles from Patrick Street during the hours of 3.30pm-6.30pm daily?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The current parking incentives were announced on 12th April and comprise of the following:-

1. Black Ash Park and Ride: Free use of the service (car park and bus) after 12pm.
2. Paul St & North Main St Car Parks: Pay for 2 hours parking and get 2 hours free. Applicable to vehicles that enter the car parks between 12pm – 6pm.

The incentives were introduced promptly in response to the concerns raised following the introduction of bus priority measures on St. Patrick St. They are designed to promote evening activity and also promote awareness of the availability of easy and affordable access to City centre by both car and by bus.

The net cost of the parking incentives will be dependent on a number of factors. These include the actual change in the level of parking occurring, the extent to which drivers change the start time of their visit, the level of customer transfer from other parking facilities etc. Council is assessing the response to the incentives on an ongoing basis and Members will be advised of the trends arising in due course. As confirmed at the recent Council meeting the incentives will continue to apply in the period to August 9th while the introduction of the bus priority measures are paused.

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

6.6 **COST OF NEW PARKING INCENTIVES**

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

Can the CE provide the total projected cost of the new parking incentives announced recently in relation to Paul Street & North Main Street Car Parks and the Park & Ride at Black Ash.

Are there any further parking incentives planned?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

The current parking incentives were introduced to assist businesses in the City centre during the transition period following the introduction of the bus priority measures on St. Patrick St. They apply to the Park and Ride, North Main St car park and Paul St car park as follows:

1. Black Ash Park and Ride: Free use of the services (car park and bus) after 12pm.
2. Paul St & North Main St Car Parks: Pay for 2 hours parking and get 2 hours free. Applicable to vehicles that enter the car parks between 12pm – 6pm.

The incentives were introduced in response to the concerns raised and are designed to promote evening activity and also promote awareness of the availability of easy and affordable access to City centre by both car and by bus.

The actual net cost of the parking incentives is dependent on a number of factors including the actual change in the level of parking occurring, the extent to which drivers change the start time and duration of their visits, the level of customer transfer from other parking facilities etc. The response to the incentives is being monitored and Members will be advised of the trends and net cost arising in due course. As confirmed at the recent Council meeting the incentives will continue to apply in the period to August 9th while the introduction of the bus priority measures are paused.

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

6.7 **ISSUES REGARDING THE TOURIST TRAIN**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Dineen was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 14th May 2018.

Can the CEO explain why the Director of Corporate & External Affairs and or his department refuses to engage with the Chairman of the TAC SPC in relation to his attempts to have a TAC SPC special meeting to discuss and resolve the current issues regarding the Tourist Train. The City is in danger of losing this much needed tourist offering simply because the chosen location (Georges Quay) is void of Tourists and Tourist activity which in turn will most definitely ensure that the much needed Tourist

Train is not in a position to trade in a manner that would deem it a viable business and or Tourist asset for our City.

(Cllr. Paudie Dineen)

6.8 **PROBATION SERVICE ACCESS TO NICHOLAS CHURCH LANE**

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

Can the CE clarify the status of the Probation Service access to Nicholas Church Lane? Currently residents of this quiet residential area are concerned at the level of traffic on the lane and potential risk to safety and property.

(Cllr. Fiona Kerins)

REPLY

The current access to the Probation Service via Nicholas Church Lane is a temporary measure to accommodation staff during the demolition works at the old tax office. In order to protect public health and safety, Meade Street and Cove Street have and will be closed (at different stages) to facilitate the demolition work and the rerouting of ESB cables underground. It is expected that the road closures will be in place until the middle of May 2018. They will be monitored closely in line with progress of the demolition works.

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

6.9 **CLAIMS AGAINST CORK CITY COUNCIL**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 14th May 2018.

To ask the Chief Executive:

Details concerning claims against Cork City Council (in terms of public liability, employer’s liability, motor liability and property liability), in terms of the following:

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total numbers of claims received				
Total numbers of court proceedings lodged against CCC				
Of those court proceedings, please break those down in terms of status, by way of:				
(a) how many				

went to a full court hearing?				
(b) how many went to a full court hearing?				
(b) how many did CCC attempt to defend?				
(c) how many did CCC settle before going to a full court hearing?				
(d) how many were decided by a judge in court in favour of CCC? (ie with an award made)?				
(e) how many were decided by a judge in favour of the plaintiff (ie struck out with no admission of liability and no compensation payment made by CCC)				
For those years, how much money in legal fees was CCC owed , at the end of the calendar year?				
How many court proceedings did CCC lodge to try recover legal fees?				
How many judgments AND judgment				

mortgages did CCC secure, arising out of unpaid legal fees owed to it?				
How much monies did CCC write off arising out of unpaid legal fees?				

(Cllr. Chris O’Leary)

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 16th APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 16th April 2018.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MARCH 2018**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st March 2018.

7.2 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Annual Financial Statement 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“**RESOLVED**, That the Annual Financial Statement for 2017 and, pursuant to Section 104 of Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 16 are hereby approved.”

7.3 **CONSIDERATION BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2016 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS REPORT ON THOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (SECTION 121 REPORT)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Local Government Auditor’s Statutory Report on the Annual Financial Statement 2016 & The Audit Committee’s Report under section 121.

7.4 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Audit Committee Annual Report 2017.

7.5 **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Audit Committee Charter.

7.6 **AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Audit Committee Work Programme for 2018.

7.7 **MOTIONS**

7.7.1 **PLANNING FOR PART 8 PROPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That in the interests of proper planning and sustainable Development Cork City Council officials would exercise a duty of care in accepting Part 8 Proposals from a third party and would not assume that such proposals are actually workable in fact as was the case with the Part 8 Proposal for the Tank Field.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/123)

The report stated that the carrying out of development by, on behalf of, or in partnership with a local authority is governed by the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and the regulations made pursuant to same.

These legal requirements are followed in applying the process provided for in Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 – 2015.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion would be referred back to the Corporate Policy Group.

8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 16th APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Planning Committee from its meeting held 16th April 2018.

8.1 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS – DECEMBER 2017 AND MARCH 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the CASP Policy Committee reports of December 2017 and March 2018.

8.2 **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY – PROPOSED VARIATION NO.5 (STUDENT ACCOMMODATION) TO THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An Chomhairle considered Proposed Variation No.5 (Student Accommodation) to the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 and, on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin agreed that the Proposed Variation, on completion of the Strategic Environment Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, would be released for public consultation.

8.3 **REVIEW OF THE SOUTH PARISH LOCAL AREA ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report on the South Parish Local Area Plan.

8.4 **SHANDON AND SOUTH PARISH PAINTING GRANTS SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report on the proposed Shandon and South Parish Painting Grants Scheme.

8.5 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA (ACA) GRANT SCHEME 2018**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report on the proposed Architectural conservation Area (ACA) Grant scheme.

8.6 **REVISED GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEMES – INCORPORATION OF WAIVERS AND MINOR AMENDMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered the revised General and Supplementary Development Contribution Schemes – Incorporation of Waivers and Minor Amendments and agreed that the proposed revised General and Supplementary Development Contribution Schemes would be released for public consultation.

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

8.7.1 **COAL QUAY STAKEHOLDERS FORUM**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 29th November 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Council creates a Coal Quay Stakeholders forum bringing together the various traders and residents on this historic street. It is clear that some plans by different stakeholders are similar but others are not aligned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/352)

The report stated that in 2014 the City Council published the City Centre Strategy and subsequent yearly action plans. A key part of this has been the division of the City Centre

into Quarter Areas and the assignment of a Quarter Champion and Area Planner to each area. The Coal Quay/Cornmarket Street is part of the North Main Street and the March character area/quarter. Over the past 12 months the Quarter Champion, Area Planner and City Centre Co-ordinator have met on numerous occasions with representatives of the residents and businesses on the street. Part of this process has been to gather together all of the various needs of these stakeholders with a view to building up key networks on the street which will inform and facilitate the future development of the street. This process has worked well to date and will be continued going forward. It would be appropriate to allow this process to move towards a logical conclusion prior to engaging in any other local initiatives. As such it is recommended that the setting up of a Coal Quay Stakeholders Forum be postponed for the short term and be reviewed again when the present initiatives have concluded.

8.7.2 **THE QUARRY, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 10th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would expedite completion and publication of Plans for the Quarry, Ballyhooley Road as I do not see any signs of progress being made.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/084)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has been exploring various options to address issues at the Quarry for the past two years. The options include some land disposal to local residents, community/allotment gardens and, if feasible, some housing. At present there are no resources to advance these options or finances to implement same.

In development these proposals, Cork City Council has engaged with local stakeholders. This engagement continues.

Treatment to eradicate a large infestation of Japanese Knotweed commenced last August and will continue during 2018 and 2019.

8.7.3 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA, CORKSCREW HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 10th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council officials expedite Architectural Conservation Area designation as discussed with residents of Corkscrew Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/085)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a proposed *Montenotte Architectural Conservation Area (ACA)*, including Corkscrew Hill, will be identified and assessed as part of the preparation of the next *Cork City Development Plan 2021-2027*.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 9th APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Services Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 9th April 2018.

9.1 **MONTHLY UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REBUILDING IRELAND ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Service, Housing and Community Services dated 27th March 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Given the National crisis in housing provision it is agreed that Cork City Council will receive a monthly update on the implementation of ‘Rebuilding Ireland the Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness’ and how it is being delivered in our Council area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/216)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services submits a monthly report to the Housing Functional Committee and to full Council detailing the activity across the Housing Directorate. An update on Rebuilding Ireland is also a recurring item on the Housing Strategic Policy Committee agenda. The council also receives regular updates on new initiatives under Rebuilding Ireland such as the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan. The Members of Council will continue to be updated during the course of the Council’s implementation of the plan in Cork City.

9.2 **RECRUITMENT OF SPECIALISED STAFF TO IMPLEMENT REBUILDING IRELAND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 27th march 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Given the National crisis in housing provision it is agreed that Cork City Council will ensure that it has the specialist and technical posts and where there are vacancies urgent priority will be given to employ and recruit these specialised staff to give the critical attention required to deliver and implement ‘Rebuilding Ireland the Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness’ in our Council’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/217)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the delivery of the Housing Programme and the targets under Rebuilding Ireland is a key priority for Cork City Council.

A number of staffing requests have been made to, and granted by the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government, thereby ensuring that the Council has the required HR capacity and capability to achieve its targets in the Housing area.

Staffing resources assigned to this programme are under constant review to ensure targeted delivery of objectives.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16th APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Functional committee from its meeting held 16th April 2018.

10.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for March 2018.

10.2 **GALTAN CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD & OLD BLACKROCK ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th April 2018 in relation to loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of 6 units of accommodation at Lower Glanmire Road and Old Blackrock Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €63,273 (previous loan being €25,946) be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

10.3 **OLD WHITECHURCH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises that 4,500 people are on the City Council waiting list, rents are at historically high levels and that many working people are unable to afford to buy at market rates. Given that the Old Whitechurch Road is the only significant land bank in the city in council hands, we are opposed to any plans for this land to be used for a private development, with the majority of the homes sold on the open market for profit. We call for:

- 50% of the homes on the Old Whitechurch Road to be social housing
- 50% to be sold by the council on the basis of a genuine affordable mortgage scheme.
- The site to be developed on the basis of 800 units
- That appropriate community facilities be provided for, including plans for a community Centre with a dedicated youth Centre/cafe; green open space including football grounds; and a re-opening of the train stop at Kilbarry.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 18/067)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Kilnap landbank comprising some 22 hectares stretching between the Old Whitechurch Road and the Old Mallow Road and owned by Cork City Council is targeted for the development of new residential communities in order to satisfy an increased demand for homes, particularly in the northern environs of the City. These lands and their development comprise only part of a place making and housing programme in and around the City where the emphasis will be on achieving sustainable and diverse communities based on mixed tenure with comprehensive community and neighbourhood centres and schools, and a quality living environment for citizens.

The subject Kilnap landbank requires substantial and complex planning and enabling works including development and augmentation of local transportation and other necessary infrastructure and services such as water, drainage, and telecoms to facilitate such a large development. The Council is currently designing these enabling works which includes the provision of a central spine route through the lands to access and enable development as well as the undergrounding and rerouting of existing overhead power grid linear infrastructure. These initial works are being funded by the City Council by way of a 75% grant under the LIHAF infrastructure funding element of a Rebuilding Ireland Government initiative. A pre-condition of the LIHAF funding is the requirement that a substantial number of homes delivered on the lands are affordable.

Sustainable development of these lands will require effective and meaningful consultation with all stakeholders and compliance with Government policies and best practise in planning and urban design together with delivering the scheme in line with all statutory planning and environmental requirements; these will guide the density and community infrastructure for the development and due process will have to be followed.

Over the coming months and years, the Council will be undertaking various planning and procurement processes and related viability studies including competitive dialogue and engagement with the construction and property sector as it is already doing on other schemes in order to deliver the timely value and housing outcomes for citizens. As the development of these lands progresses, Council Members will be appraised of progress and indeed Council approval, sanction and support will be required at various stages on the journey.

This project off the Old Whitechurch Road is a major undertaking for the Council together with its other plans and it will require to effectively engage and collaborate with many key stakeholders including the Members in order to provide new homes and communities sustainably.

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16th APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Roads and Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 16th April 2018.

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork's Programme for the month ending March 2018.

11.2 **PART 8 PLANNING REPORT, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED ON THE N8 SILVERSPRINGS JUNCTION UPGRADE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the Part 8 Planning Report, Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended on the N8 Silversprings Junction Upgrade.

11.3 **PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF ONEWAY SYSTEM ON DOUGLAS STREET AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the proposed introduction of oneway system on Douglas Street area. An Chomhairle further agreed that a meeting of the South Central Ward would be held to consider the matter in further detail.

11.4 **CITY CENTRE PUBLIC TRANSPORT (UNDER CCMS)**

An Chomhairle noted that at the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on Friday, 20th April 2018, a Resolution had been adopted by An Chomhairle in relation to this matter.

11.5 **RESURFACE PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Pearse Road from the junction of Kent Road to the Church be immediately resurfaced. This is a busy road and the surface is badly eroded.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin18/023)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the section of Pearse Road between the junctions with Kent Road and Connolly Road will be resurfaced as part of the 2018 Road Resurfacing programme. The remaining section will be considered for possible inclusion in future resurfacing programmes.

11.6 **RESURFACE TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Togher Road outside the Supervalu Shop be immediately resurfaced. This is a very busy location and the surface is in an appalling condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/024)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Togher Road is not included in the current surfacing programme. However it is anticipated that localised repairs will be carried out at this location in the coming months.

11.7 **UPGRADE PUBLIC LIGHTING AT WOODHILL PARK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Now that Woodhill Park is being taken in charge can the substandard public lighting be upgraded in this estate. Also, can the footpaths that have never been maintained be upgraded and new footpaths put in place and the estate road be resurfaced.’

(Proposed: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/060)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Woodhill Park is currently not in charge. The condition of footpaths would be inspected as part of any taking in charge process.

The Transportation Division will review the standard of lighting following the necessary provision of details of the Taking-in-Charge details by the Planning Department and any upgrades for public lighting can be considered on the Roads Programme.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be referred back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee.

11.8 **SPEED RAMPS IN AVONMORE PARK, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would put speed ramps in Avonmore Park in Mayfield. The area in question is the stretch of the estate road just inside the entrance to the park and running parallel to the main road. This is being used by small motor cycles and cars speeding and is very dangerous for the many young children playing on the adjacent green area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/062)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Avonmore Park, Mayfield will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

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

11.9 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN ROSELAWN ESTATE, TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would examine the public lighting in Roselawn Estate Togher Rd. There are a lot of elderly residents living here and they would love to see a big improvement here with either extra lamps or more modern street lighting [LED’s].’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/077)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the public lighting in Roselawn Estate Togher Road has been upgraded in part to a white light source following the replacement of a number of obsolete lanterns. The remaining street lighting will be listed with a view to upgrading to white lamp replacements in the existing HID SON lanterns to provide the improvement proposed.

11.10 **PARKING AT GATELODGE, CASTLE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council roads directorate assess the issue of dangerous parking at the entrance to gatelodge on Castle Road, particularly at weekends, with a view to providing double yellow lines to make the junction safe for residents entering and exiting the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/081)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the issue of dangerous parking at the entrance to Gate Lodge, Castle Road, particularly at weekends, will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

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

In addition, the Traffic Warden Service will be requested to pay additional attention to the Gate Lodge, Castle Road area in order to deter any illegal parking incidents.

11.11 **TRAFFIC SURVEY ON ROAD LEADING TO NEMO RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council Traffic Department could carry out a comprehensive traffic survey on the main road, and in all parks off it leading down to Nemo Rangers Football Club grounds on the South Douglas Road. This survey should also include a review of the timing of the green light to exit from here on the South Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/091)

The report of the Director of Services stated that access to Nemo Rangers Football Club grounds from the South Douglas Road via Glencurrig can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in the area in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the roads programme and undertaken as soon as resources area available.

11.12 **ARD MAHON ESTATE, WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That double yellow lines and plastic bollards be installed at the top of Ard Mahon Estate, Well Road, where indiscriminate and dangerous parking is taking place daily, causing a real public safety issue for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/092)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Ard Mahon Estate, Well Road can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

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

In addition, the Traffic Warden Service will be requested to pay additional attention to the Ard Mahon Estate, Well Road area in order to deter any illegal parking incidents.

11.13 **RESURFACE PEARSE ROAD/POULADUFF ROAD JUNCTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Pearse Road/Pouladuff Road Junction be immediately resurfaced. It is in an appalling condition for a very busy junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/025)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this junction is not included in the current surfacing programme but patch repairs were carried out in 2017. However the location will be inspected again and any further essential repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

11.14 **INCLUDE CONNOLLY ROAD IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Connolly Road from Pearse Road to Friars Walk be included in the 2018 Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/026)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Connolly Road is not including in the current surfacing programme. However the location will be inspected again and any essential repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

11.15 **RESURFACE ARD BHAILE ESTATE, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the estate road in Ard Bhaile in Mayfield be repaired in the short term and be added to the estate resurfacing list for 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/064)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Ard Bhaile is not included in the current surfacing programme. However the location will be inspected again and any essential repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

11.16 **PARKING AT BLACKWATER GROVE, DEANROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would look again at the Blackwater Grove area of Deanrock with the intention of providing more parking with the removal of some green area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/078)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there was no specific budget allocation for green areas to parking works in 2018. The matter can be considered further in the context of future programmes subject to the availability of funding.

11.17 **FOOTPATH ON DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would install a footpath on the Douglas Road between Rose Bank and the Cross Douglas Road in order to improve the public safety of local residents. I have requested this work for many years now but it still has not been done. The yellow hatch box on the Douglas Road at the Cross Douglas Road needs to be repainted urgently and a new yellow hatch box is required at the Cross Douglas Road and South Douglas Road junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/093)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the requested Douglas Road footpath forms part of a larger project recommended by the South East Strategic Corridor Study. The project is estimated to cost in the order of €3.5 million with significant land acquisition required. The project is ranked number 8 on the list of recommended projects in the South East; hence the funding for same it is likely to be approved in the coming years.

The status of the higher ranked projects is as follows:
Ranked 1 (Mahon Point Bus Gate) is complete
Ranked 2 (Church Rd Junction) is under construction

Ranked 3 (Parkhill to Bessboro Junct) is under construction

Ranked 4 Victoria Ave is at design stage as part of the Docklands LIHAF funded Project

Ranked 5 Bessboro Rd to St Michaels Drive is partially under construction with the remainder at design stage

Ranked 6 Passage Greenway is at prelim design stage with Part 8 due to be published later this year.

The condition of the yellow hatch box on the Douglas Road at the Cross Douglas Road will be assessed. The new for a yellow hatch box at the Cross Douglas Road and South Douglas Road junction will also be assessed. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

11.18 **BALLINTEMPLE VILLAGE ON THE 30KPH SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Ballintemple Village be included in the next phase of the 30KPH Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/094)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the feasibility of reducing the speed limit through Ballintemple Village will be explored. It should be noted that the reduced speed limit of 30km/h can only be introduced through the making of a Special Speed Limit Bye-Law.

In addition to the bye-law, physical or ‘hard’ measures may also be needed so that the lower speed limit is self enforcing. Whilst a speed limit is a maximum speed at which vehicles may legally drive on a road, it is the responsibility of the driver to obey a speed limit at all times and to ensure that the speed at which their vehicle is being driven is appropriate for the conditions, even if that speed is lower than the signed speed limit.

11.19 **FULL CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the City Council calls for a full North Ring Road to be constructed as part of the Ireland 2040 plan in order to ensure that traffic continues to move around the city in an efficient manner.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 18/100)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Councils submission on the National Planning Framework/National Development Plan, Cork 2020, identified and recommended the proposed Northern Ring Road as one of a small number of critical strategic road infrastructure projects of national importance. The scheme would, inter alia, provide improved access to the Northern City Environs and relieve growing pressure on the N40 and Dunkettle Interchange.

The recently published *National Development Plan 2018 – 2027* includes provision for the M20 Cork to Limerick Motorway. The Plan also confirms that the appraisal process

associated with the M20 scheme will examine the inclusion of the Cork North Ring Road linking the N20 to Dunkettle. In this regard the Plan states that the Cork North Ring Road is a complimentary scheme to the M20 and consideration of the North Ring Road could best be assessed as part of an overall transport strategy for the metropolitan Cork area which would include the examination of public transport and demand management options.

11.20 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON BANTRY PARK ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council installs traffic calming measures on Bantry Park Road from Mt Agnes Road to Knockfree Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/106)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Bantry Park Road from Mt. Agnes Road to Knockfree Avenue is on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received.

The installation of traffic calming ramps at this location could be considered if selected by the Ward as part of its programme.

11.21 **PLANS FOR PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE WAY TO RUN FROM TINKERS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council make plans for a dedicated pedestrian and cycle way to run from Tinkers Cross, along the contour of the glacial valley through Glen River Park to Blackpool where it will meet a similar route from Dublin Hill and run through to Camden Quay and Popes Quay. Pedestrians and cyclists can then disperse to work places and cyclists may further travel along to Mercy University Hospital, UCC, CUMH and CIT. Such a cycle way would be safe and direct and not put pedestrians or cram cyclists onto dangerous and narrowed heavy traffic routes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/111)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a request is sought to defer Motion 3.19 from Cllr. Tim Brosnan re pedestrian and cycle facilities along the Glen River as further investigations need to be carried out.

11.22 **CHARGING POINTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council prepare a report to Council in relation to the charging points for electric vehicles. The report should identify current long charge and fast charge outlets while distinguishing between both. It should also report on the frequency and

responsibility for checking that charge points are in working order. Future needs should also be reviewed as the general public cannot expect to buy such cars in advance of the adequate supply of charging points.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/112)

The report of the Director of Services stated that ESB ecars undertook the role for the provision of the national rollout of the Charge Points for Electric Vehicles as specified by the Commission for Energy Regulation, CER now renamed as the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities, CRU. ESB ecars are the responsible authority in relation to the provision of current infrastructure of standard charge points, fast charge outlets, ongoing maintenance and checking that charge points are in working order subject to further decisions by the CRU.

Local Authorities have facilitated the installation of on-street charging being installed by ESB ecars and by way of agreement have allocated a number of parking spaces for the purpose. The parking spaces are marked out as designated for EV charging only in line with national legislation. The duration of stay is determined on the basis Cork City Council Bye-Laws 2016 and controlled by time plate which at present caters for a maximum period of 4 hours but only while charging the EV.

EV Charge Points which cater for 2 Nr EVs at each Charge Point are available at the following on-street locations: South Mall, 2 Nr locations on Copley St, Lower Glanmire Road and on the access road to CIT & Leisure World.

The costs associated with the maintenance and operation of EV Charge Points is a matter for ESB ecars at present and Cork City Council does not incur any costs for the provision of these facilities.

Cork City Council supports and promotes the use of Electric Vehicles as reflected in the Development Plan the provision of EV charging facilities can be conditioned in relation to new developments and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for New Developments in Cork – A Guide for Developers 2017.

Cork City Council participated in the Green eMotion EU Project 2011 to 2015 which provide significant part funding to support the purchase of 4 Nr EVs & 3 Nr Pedelecs that continue to be used on the Council fleet.

Roads & Transportation has recently upgraded the EV Charge Points in the North Main St & Paul St car parks to support the Drive4Zero initiative in Cork and options to provide additional charging facilities at the Black Ash P+R will be considered. The provision of any additional Charge Points will be considered on the basis that equipment installed will cater for drivers who wish to pay fees on the basis of the actual kWh energy consumption.

11.23 **REDUCE GREEN AREA IN TIFFANY DOWNS, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I am requesting that Cork City Council consider the reduction of the large green open space in Tiffany Downs, Bishopstown by about three feet and incorporate it into the roadway to facilitate safe parking of cars. At present if cars are parked on both sides of the narrow roadways in the estate, it would be impossible for emergency services to gain access. In many cases car owners have no choice but to park on footpaths which in turn make it difficult for residents to access and egress their driveways.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 17/386)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there was no budgeting allocation for carrying out green areas to parking works in 2018. The matter can be considered further in the context of future programmes subject to the availability of funding.

11.24 **LOLLIPOP LADY AT ST. LUKE’S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘In the interest of public safety, that the position of Lollipop Lady be re-instated at St. Luke’s Cross during the School term. This unregulated junction has become extremely busy and with so many school children using this junction the introduction of a Lollipop Lady at St. Luke’s Cross would be most welcome in the interest of the safety of the many children who use this junction every day during the school term.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/453)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Transportation Division is unable to deploy a School Warden to St. Luke’s National School as there are insufficient resources available currently to support the recruitment of additional School Wardens.

Notwithstanding this the junction layout does not lend itself to a suitable, safe, location for a School Warden other than at the existing signalised pedestrian crossings on Ballyhooley Road and Middle Glanmire Road.

It is recommended that parents/guardians utilise these pedestrian crossings as the safest route through the junction and create the habit for the children, many of whom, when older may be walking without a parent/guardian to/from school.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be referred back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee.

11.25 **REMOVE SEATS AT SOUTH GATE BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I ask that Cork City Council would see to it that the seats situated near the bike stand at the South Gate Bridge be removed as quickly as possible as they are an attraction for anti social behaviour and promote on street drinking of alcoholic beverages. This area is steeped in history with many tourist attractions close by and the area has become an eyesore on this particular tourist trail. The seating is also causing difficulties for local rate payers who’s trade is effected and tarnished through no fault of their own.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/340)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of seating in front of Forde’s Bar forms part of the approved 2006 Barrack Street/South Gate Bridge Layout. The seating provides a convenience for passersby similar to all other seating along the river and throughout the city. This particular seating also restricts parking which was a persistent problem before the current layout was constructed.

11.26 **RAILINGS OF BELGRAVE TERRACE, WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council restore the railings of Belgrave Terrace, Wellington Road along with properly pruning Roadside Trees and making negligent landlords cut back overgrown vegetation where it is hazardous to pedestrians and unsightly in general.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/009)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a number of property owners at Belgrave Place have sought Council support for the abandonment of a road/extinguishment of public right of way at Belgrave Place together with the restoration of some of the original railings. As Members will be aware, the area in question is located to the front of the terrace at Belgrave Place and originally formed part of the cartilage of this terrace of properties. It is understood that the area was held in common by the property owners and had been difficult to maintain. It is also understood that the area was taken in charge some years ago by the local authority and has since been operated as a public car park.

A number of property owners would like to see the area formally abandoned and the public rights of way extinguished so that it would revert to the original position and become the responsibility of the property owners and be used as originally intended in conjunction with the properties. Subject to Members approval and an appropriate agreement, it would be possible to consider the matter and to commence the necessary statutory processes. Ward Members may wish to further consider the matter at the forthcoming Ward meeting.

11.27 **RIGHT OF WAY TO BELGRAVE PLACE OFF WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, dated 12th April 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council commence the process of extinguishing the right of way to Belgrave Place off Wellington Road. The property owners have consented to refurbish the car park, repair and install new perimeter railings which have been damaged over time, install wheelchair access to the properties and oversee the security of this area which has been an area of increased levels of serious anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/444)

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On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be referred back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

13. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following summaries:-

- Comhairleoir T. Shannon on the LAMA Spring Seminar – New National Planning Framework held in Donegal Town on the 6th and 7th April 2018.
- Comhairleoir D. Cahill on the Capacity Building Mission to Brussels on the 19th to 21st February 2018.

14. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

15. **TRAINING**

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

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at Seminar 2 Southern Region to be held in Ennis on the 24th May 2018.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at Seminar 3 Dublin, Eastern and Midlands Region to be held in Dundalk on the 23rd June 2018.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the I.P.B. Annual Meeting to be held at the Ashleigh Hotel, Dublin on the 27th April 2018.
- Comhairleoir M. Shields at Seminar 3 Southern Region to be held in Killarney on the 19th June 2018.

16. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for March 2018.

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 **2018 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

'That Congress Road and Friars Road be included in the 2018 Road Resurfacing Programme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/029)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.2 **TIDAL BARRIER AT BLACKROCK HARBOUR**

'That Cork City Council would install a dwarf wall tidal barrier at Blackrock Harbour which would trap water at low tide and enhance the amenity look of the harbour at low tide'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/097)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.3 **LITTER PROBLEMS ON MAGAZINE ROAD**

'That City Council would take on board the serious concerns of the Magazine Road and surrounding areas Residents Assoc. in relation to the street litter problems that exist in Magazine Road and surrounding roads & parks. This entire area is becoming a litter blackspot with broken bottles, empty cans and general litter strewn across the streets. There are now over 22,000 students attending UCC and the vast majority of these pass through this area throughout the day and cast aside their litter. In addition, because of the serious antisocial issues after hours, there is a resultant increase of litter especially empty

alcohol bottles/cans being left along the streets and parks. Another issue related to the antisocial behaviour is the tipping over of residents refuse bins with the resultant litter being scattered around the footpaths & roads. These residents request that you give serious consideration to intermittent use of one of your road sweepers trucks. At present one of your sweeper trucks cleans Bandon Road up as far as Denroches Cross (Centra store) they request that occasionally (maybe once a month) this truck route to be extended to cover Magazine Road as far as the Kilcrea Park junction and also to include Highfield Avenue which is a regular bad black spot. If City Council are seen to be attending to the area then the general population especially students will react positively and they urge City Council to give this serious consideration. This area is still classed as an Architectural Conservation Area (latest Cork City Development Plan) but it is now deteriorating at an alarming rate with street dirt/litter a major issue and gives no incentive to new potential permanent residents to move into the area.'

(Proposers: Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. T. Moloney 18/120)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.4 BUDGET FOR COMMEMORATION OF THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

'That Cork City Council put in place a significant budget of 150k plus in order to commemorate and celebrate the men and women who fought and died during the war of independence in Cork (Cultural and Military).'

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. Brosnan, N. O'Keeffe, T. O'Driscoll 18/128)

Finance & Estimates Functional Committee

17.5 ANNUAL LITERARY FESTIVAL

'That the City Council would enter discussions with interested parties with a view to organising an annual literary festival.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 18/131)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

17.6 SUSPEND ST. PATRICK'S STREET CAR BAN

'That Cork City Council suspend the St. Patrick Street Car ban immediately and that any future Part 8 proposals will include individual consultation with persons / business's along the route.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/133)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan An Chomhairle approved that this motion be withdrawn.

17.7 **BACK AND GABLE END WALLS AT ILEN GARDENS, DEANROCK ESTATE**

‘That city council would do up a full report for ward Cllrs on the condition of the back and gable end walls at Ilen Gardens Deanrock Estate and what actions will be taken to rectify this ongoing deteriorating of the outside plasterwork.’

(Proposers: Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. T. Moloney 18/134)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.8 **ANNUAL LITERARY FESTIVAL**

‘That the City Council would enter discussions with interested parties with a view to organising an annual literary festival.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 18/131)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

17.9 **REVERSE CHANGES TO PATRICK STREET**

‘In light of the very serious loss of business for all city retailers since the changes in traffic in the afternoons along Patrick Street and the subsequent lack of confidence in people coming into the city in the afternoons, that Council listen to the overwhelming voice of our city businesses and do the following in the immediate interests of jobs, confidence and the national image of Cork.

Immediately reverse the Patrick Street changes as waiting up to 3 months will cost the city jobs and businesses and cost the Council lost rates income.

Implement a review of the marketing policies for Cork City and implement a comprehensive and effective strategic marketing plan for Cork City.

Ensure that all future plans for Cork City that affect the trading income of businesses will only be implemented after proper consultation has taken place with all parties that could be affected by such changes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/138)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.10 **AMNESTY FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**

‘That Cork City Council put in place an amnesty to those that have library books which are long overdue so as to encourage persons to return these books and re engage with the library services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 18/139)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

17.11 **ALLEVIATE FLOODING ON TOGHER ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council take whatever measures required to alleviate flooding during bad weather on Togher Road in close proximity to the junction with Clashduv Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 18/140)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.12 **REMOVE FENCING AT ARDCULLEN ESTATE, HOLLYHILL**

‘That Cork City Council remove the remaining fencing at ArdculLEN Est, Hollyhill that is serving no practical use, the fencing, located near the houses facing the reservoir, is providing cover for dumping while the area is overgrown compared to the rest of the green which is generally well maintained, the green area is protected by bollards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/143)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.13 **DESIGNATED PARK AND RIDE FACILITIES FOR BUSINESSES**

‘That in light of difficulties being experienced on St Patrick’s St with CCMS changes, the concept of designated park and ride facilities for businesses – i.e. for employees working in the city - be trialled as part of a review process which would take that traffic out of the city and facilitate customer traffic and access to the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/144)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.14 **PRUNE TREES IN AVONLEA COURT, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council prune the trees in Avonlea Court, Church Road, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/146)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.15 **PARK AND RIDE THROUGH PATRICK STREET**

‘That the park and ride bus travels through Patrick Street from 1 pm to facilitate shoppers in the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 18/148)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.16 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES FROM CLOVER LAWN TO SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That in order to facilitate traffic flow double yellow lines are added to, clover lawn to Skehard Road (opposite the credit union).’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 18/149)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **AIRSTRIKES BY THE US, BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN SYRIA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Irish Government to make known its opposition to the recent airstrikes by the US, Britain & France in Syria and to any further military interventionism in the country, the Government should also call for an end to the ongoing offensive by the Turkish military on Kurdish majority areas in Northern Syria, and that the international community press for a peaceful, political solution to the Syrian conflict.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/145)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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