

**COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ
HALLA NA CATHRACH
CORCAIGH**



**CORK CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
CORK**

Bíodh a fhios agat go dtionólfar cruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí ar an dáta thíosluaite, ar a **5.30 A CHLOG I.N., I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, HALLA NA CATHRACH, CORCAIGH** chun na gnóthaí seo a leanas a dhéanamh:-

Take notice that a Meeting of Cork City Council will be held on the undermentioned date, at the hour of **5.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, CORK** for the transaction of the following business:-

GNATHCHRUINNIU – DÉ LUAIN 22 MÉAN FÓMHAIR 2014

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2014

1. Votes of Sympathy.
- 1.2 Votes of Congratulations/ Best Wishes.
- 1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**
 - 1.3.1 To consider any item the Lord Mayor may wish to raise.
- 1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**
 - 1.4.1 An Chomhairle to note the report of Mr. Patrick Ledwidge, Chairperson Event Centre, Steering Group dated the 16th September 2014, attached for information.
2. **MINUTES**

To consider, and if so decided to approve as correct record and sign Minutes of:-

 - Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 8th September 2014.
3. Question time – Questions submitted enclosed.

4. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 15th SEPTEMBER 2014**

To consider the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 15th September 2014.

4.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st AUGUST 2014**

T. Healy, Head of Finance set out the position for the Members, addressed queries and the report was noted.

Decision of Group

It was agreed to refer the Financial Statement to 31st August 2014 to An Chomhairle for consideration

4.2 **AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

T. Healy, Head of Finance outlined the rules pertaining to Audit Committee membership as presented.

Decision of Group

The CPG agreed to recommend to Council that the following be appointed as external members of the Audit Committee of Cork City Council:

Mr. Aidan Horan
Mr. Sean Angland
Ms. Gillian Keating
Ms. Margaret Lane

5. **PARTY WHIPS & LEADERS – 17TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

To note the minutes of the Party Whips & Leaders from its meeting held on the 17th September 2014.

6. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 15th SEPTEMBER 2014**

To consider the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 30th June 2014.

6.1 **MOTIONS**

Members considered the Director of Services Reports dated 15th September on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

6.1.1 **REINSTATE MOBILE LIBRARY AT MAHON AND BLACKROCK**

‘I propose the motion that Cork City Council reinstates the mobile library service for Mahon and Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/308)

Decision of Committee

Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the report and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.1.2 **UPCOMING CENTENARIES OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS**

‘That Cork City Council formulate plans to celebrate the upcoming centenaries over the next ten years:-

1. Outbreak of World War 1
2. Sinking of Lusitania
3. 1916 Rising
4. War of Independence
5. Treaty
6. Civil War’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 11/185a)

Decision of Committee

Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the report and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

6.1.3 **ANNIVERSARY OF CORK’S EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE AWARD**

‘That the Council mark the tenth anniversary in 2015 since the city’s European Capital of Culture award via a festival or lecture series etc.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 13/435)

Decision of Committee

Following discussion, it was agreed to accept the report and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

7. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 15th SEPTEMBER 2014**

To consider the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 15th September 2014.

7.1 **MOTIONS**

To consider the report of Tim Healy, Head of Finance, dated the 11th September 2014 on following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

7.1.1 **15% CUT IN PROPERTY TAX**

‘That Cork City Council introduce a 15% cut in property tax for homeowners across the city & calls on the Fine Gael/Labour administration not to penalise Cork City on the introduction of the relief for homeowners.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. O’Flynn, Cllr M. Shields, Cllr T. Brosnan,
Cllr T. Fitzgerald, Cllr F. Dennehy, Cllr N. O’Keeffe 14/287)

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the report of the Head of Finance and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.1.2 **RATE FREEZE**

‘That Cork City Council introduce a rate freeze across the city to owners to allow community social groups, short term activity in vacant sites or short term lets in the Arts, Crafts and Artisan Food Sector.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/242)

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the report of the Head of Finance and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

7.1.3 **CARERS & THE HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY TAX**

‘That Cork City Council give a commitment that we will extend local property tax exemptions to include household where a high level of care is provided. Local Authorities will have power to control local property rates after 2015, make a household where a high level of care is provided exempt from property tax and at the

very minimum commit to maintaining the local property tax at current rates for all other houses where care is provided.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/258)

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the report of the Head of Finance and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To note correspondence, if any.

9. **MOTIONS**

To approve the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

9.1 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘ That Cork City Council include:-

1. O’Connell Crescent
2. Friar’s Road
3. Father Mathew Road
4. Douglas Road
5. Derrynane Road
6. Upper Derrynane Road
7. St. Ann’s Park and Beaufort Park.

in a programme of entire resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/248)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.2 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include:-

1. Green Street
2. Bonaventure Place
3. Townsend Place
4. Presentation Place
5. Mount Carmel Road

6. Friars Walk.

in a programme of entire resurfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/249)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.3 **SAFETY RAILINGS BETWEEN THE HOUSES AND ROADWAY ON ST STEPHEN ST AND BLUE COAT MEWS**

‘That Cork City Council installs safety railings between the houses and roadway on St Stephen St and Blue Coat Mews as there are no footpaths in this area and the houses (some of which houses young families on RAS) open straight onto the road; as part of this process, the old basketball court - now unused - be provided as a play area for children with access only from the rear of houses in Blue Coat Mews and adjoining properties (as already discussed with Recreation & Amenity).’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/264)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

9.4 **COUNCIL ESTABLISH A HOUSING TRUST**

‘That Cork City Council establish a housing trust, an arms-length company, in Cork City Council.

This company would then be able to borrow money from the Housing Finance Authority (HFA). The money would then be used to secure mortgages on which Cork City Council could build houses, which would then be rented to those on the housing lists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/273)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

9.5 **COMPLETE THE RENOVATION OF NANO NAGLE BRIDGE**

‘That the City Council honours a commitment to complete the renovation of Nano Nagle Bridge which is one of the most used, yet grubbiest, access points into the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M, Finn 14/284)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.6 **WEEKLY “NIGHT MARKET” IN THE CITY CENTRE AREA**

‘As part of an initiative to bring people back into Cork City and enjoy the shopping experience that Cork has to offer ; that Cork City Council introduce a weekly “Night Market” in the city centre area that would commence in June and finish in August.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/288)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

9.7 **BUILD 1,300 HOUSES ON THE LAND BANKS THAT THE COUNCIL OWNS**

‘That Cork City Council would build 1,300 houses on the land banks that the Council owns (information supplied by the City Manager following a question from me earlier this year). That Cork City Council would explore establishing a housing Trust which would have the ability to access funding from the Housing Finance Authority, the European Investment Bank or any other financial institution to fund this social housing building project. There are 8,540 families and individuals on the Cork City Housing waiting list while Cork City Council is currently paying 2 million Euros a year for these land banks to lie idle during the worse housing crisis in the City’s history.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/313)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

9.8 **INSTALL A WELL LIT WEIGHT RESTRICTION SIGN AT THE JUNCTION OF SHANAKIEL ROAD AND BLARNEY ROAD**

‘Can a large well lit sign be installed at the junction of Shanakiel Road and Blarney Road to notify HGV & Tour buses that Blarney Street is unsuitable & a weight restriction is in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 14/315)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT PARKLAND DRIVE, FAIRHILL**

‘Can traffic calming measures be installed on Parkland Drive Fair Hill to reduce the speed of vehicles using the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 14/316)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.10 **THAT CORK CITY COUNCIL ENFORCE A NO DOGS ALLOWED IN CEMETERIES POLICY**

‘That Cork City Council enforce a No Dogs Allowed (except for Guide Dogs) policy in respect of Cemeteries under the care of City Council similar to the policy of Cork County Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/319)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

9.11 **REPORT TO COUNCIL ON ACCESS TO PARKING IN THE CITY FOR SHOPPERS FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF CYCLE LANES**

‘That following the installation of cycle lanes with the consequent disruption to City traffic, City Council officials would prepare a Report to Council on how they propose to advise and encourage shoppers from the Munster region to come shop in Cork and how they may access whatever Parking remains available. This Report should be available quickly so that a pro active shopping campaign can be got underway before min October.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/320)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.12 **REPAIR THE HONAN MAUSOLEUM IN ST. FINBARR’S CEMETERY**

‘That the Honan Mausoleum in St Finbarr’s Cemetery be repaired; it is in a dreadful condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/321)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

9.13 **RESURFACE DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL CARPARK AND ROAD**

‘That Douglas Swimming Pool Carpark and Road be resurfaced as per the capital money put aside for it at last December’s budget.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/322)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.14 **ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AT THE LOUGH**

‘I propose that Cork City Council put adult exercise equipment strategically placed around the Lough. The Lough is an area used by everyone around the whole city, and

with the placement of adult exercise equipment around it, it would encourage other users to this area as well as encouraging present users to get more active.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/323)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

9.15 **JUNCTION AT SKEHARD ROAD BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council immediately assesses the urgent need for improvements at the Junction of Skehard Road, the CSO office & Eden & implements appropriate measures. This is a significant safety concern for drivers who are unable to make the turn into Eden safely because of approaching traffic. The lack of a filter lane and/or appropriate traffic light sequencing also creates significant traffic congestion in the area. Also that these improvements would involve the upgrading/painting of road markings; particularly pedestrian markings; as this junction has become treacherous for both pedestrians & vehicle users.

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’ Keffe 14/328)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.16 **METHODS OF PAYMENT FOR ON-STREET PAID PARKING**

‘That Cork City Council would develop new methods of payment for on-street paid parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/331)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.17 **FORMER COUNCIL DEPOT ON KNOCKNAHEENY AVENUE IS CLEANED UP**

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that the former council depot on Knocknaheeny Avenue is cleaned up and will also have weeds cleared and the grass cut at an adjacent green area which is behind the Ascension Heights Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent14/333)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

9.18 **OFFICIAL RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENTS OF RENT TO CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED FROM THE TRAVELLERS WHO RESIDE IN OUR OFFICIAL HALTING SITES ACROSS THE CITY**

‘That City Council would provide official receipts for payments of rent to City Council received from the Travellers who reside in our official halting sites across the city. This would help in some way to alleviate a lot of problems that travellers are experiencing presently when trying to prove their place of residency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/334)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

9.19 **LAMP NO. 42 IN KENLEY AVENUE MODEL FARM ROADS NOT FUNCTIONING**

‘That City Council would inquire from Airtricity why Lamp No. 42 in Kenley Avenue Model Farm Road is not functioning since last December, this particular public light has been reported numerous times to all the relevant bodies by residents of this area but they are still awaiting a successful result.

These residents would like to have this problem sorted immediately for security and safety reasons.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/335)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.20 **TREE PRUNING IN THE BALLYPHEHANE AREA**

‘That Cork City Council would conduct a tree pruning programme in the Ballyphehane area as branches from many of the blossom trees in the area are unsightly and are becoming a safety hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/337)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

9.21 **PUBLISH A LIST OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN LIGHT OF THE COLLIERS REPORT ON THE CITY CENTRE STRATEGY**

‘That Cork City Council would publish a list of actions taken in light of the Colliers report on the City Centre Strategy, the costs associated with these actions, the expected benefit, outcome and effect of these actions and would also publish a schedule of work for the coming twelve, twenty four and thirty six months so as to keep a focus on the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/339)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise

10. **MOTIONS**

To consider the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

10.1 **WATER METRES**

‘Considering the known risks, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_mr16JtDTk) watch this to see the danger, water meters are not safe and can be contaminated from anyone outside your property. I call on Cork City Council to imminently call on the government to direct Irish Water to stop the insulation of the water meters, postpone the impending charges for water and review the whole operation. This is a step too far & there is a high level of risk & danger to the general public.

This would give the government an opportunity to take a complete review of how Irish Water was set up, the role they have and the charging of the Irish people for a resource that is a human right. Indeed, the Irish public are already paying for water through general taxation.

When the last government abolished the domestic water rates they added 5% onto car tax and 2% onto VAT to cover the cost of supplying water to the nation. These increases have never been removed from our general taxation system, and are totalling €1.2 billion per annum.

If they want to set up a company to take the costs off the Irish Government books then use the already €1.2 billion being paid into water charges but not to charge the Irish people again.

It is ok to admit when you make a mistake & people will accept that, what they will not accept is constant mistruths. Stop it now.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/317)

10.2 **ABOLITION OF DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES**

‘Cork City Council supports the abolition of unjust domestic water charges and supports attempts by the people of this city to resist their imposition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 14/324)

10.3 **RELOCATION OF COUNTRY CLEAN TO A NON- RESIDENTIAL AREA**

‘The elected members of Cork City Council fully support the community call for the Country Clean waste facility and other waste facilities at Churchfield to be relocated to a non-residential area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 14/325)

10.4 **CHURCHFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS NOT A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR WASTE COLLECTION COMPANIES**

‘That Cork City Council supports the view of residents campaign groups that Churchfield Industrial Estate is not a suitable location for Waste Collection companies particularly those engaged in operations such as black bag and food waste collections. Council believes such services should be relocated to an alternative location. The Chief Executive will write to Cork County Council seeking a high level meeting to examine the potential of the Bottlehill site to receive waste in the short term. Cork City Council acknowledges the discomfort and disruption endured by residents across the Northside due to the operations of Waste Collection companies in their community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent, K. Collins, T. Gould 14/332)

10.5 **TOURISM MARKETING FUND**

‘That the Council calls for a dedicated Tourism Marketing fund to be put in place for the Cork Region.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/338)

11. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014.**

11.1 **TRADE UNION FEES**

‘That the large Trade Unions cut their affiliation fees by at least 50% for a period of 5 years for employees on salaries less than the average industrial wage and by 25% for employees on salaries above that level in order to help those employees from an economic perspective.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/261)

TADHG KEATING
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí.

18 MÉAN FÓMHAIR