

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2016

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. Liam Ronayne, Librarian, Corporate & External Affairs Mr. C. O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Doolan Family on the death of Pat Doolan.
- The O’Leary Family on the death of Cel O’Leary.
- The Talbot Family on the death of Rita Talbot.

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

- Cork Safety Alert & members of the media on the update of Flood Alerts.
- Cork Under 21 Football Team on the winning the Munster Football Championship.
- The Management of Funderland for providing Great Entertainment for people with special needs from all over Cork City & County on Tuesday 5th April Completely free of charge.
- Cliodhna Sargent on achieving 200 hockey caps for Ireland: most capped Cork sports person and Top 3 in Ireland.
- Togher Boxing Club on winning a national title for Togher B.C.
- Cork County Boxing Board on the great success at the National Boxing Championships.

- Blackrock Hockey Club on the Irish Hockey Challenge Cup.
- Dee Forbes on being appointed new Director General of RTE.
- John Jones, Environment Directorate on his Retirement.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **INVITATION TO TRAVEL TO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS**

An Chomhairle approved the visit of An t-Árd Mhéara to the Irish Troops in the Golan Heights in June 2016.

3.2 **SISTER CITY MAYOR'S SUMMIT IN DUBLIN**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of An t-Árd Mhéara at the Sister City's Summit in Dublin on 22nd April.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **CO-OPTION TO REPLACE MICK BARRY TD**

The Chief Executive had tabled the report of Mr. Paul Moynihan, Director of Services of Corporate & External Affairs which addressed the casual vacancy in the membership of the Cork City Council. The report stated:

I refer to the matter of the casual vacancy in the membership of Cork City Council.

At the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 29th March, 2016 I undertook to seek greater clarity in relation to a number of issues, including the status of the registration of the relevant political parties. In this regard, contact was made with the Registrar of Political Parties, and I have discussed the matter with the Law Agent and have received her advices.

The following is the position as regards the registration status of the parties involved:

- *The Anti-Austerity Alliance (AAA) was a registered political party at the time of the Local Elections in 2014.*
- *The registration of the Anti-Austerity Alliance as a registered political party in the Register of Political Parties was cancelled with effect from the 28th August 2015 (pursuant to section 25 (A) of the Electoral Act 1992 as inserted by section 11 of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001).*
- *The Anti-Austerity Alliance ceased to be a registered political party in the Register of Political Parties with effect from the 28th August 2015.*
- *People Before Profit (PBP) was a registered political party at the time of the Local Elections in 2014.*
- *The registration of People Before Profit in the Register of Political Parties was amended with effect from 6th October 2015 (pursuant to section 25 (A) of the Electoral Act 1992 as inserted by section 11 of the Electoral (Amendment) Act 2001), to include a name change to People Before Profit / Anti-Austerity Alliance.*

It has been pointed out to me that People Before Profit / Anti-Austerity Alliance has recently had a co-option nominee approved by Dublin City Council in respect of a casual vacancy which arose as a result of General Election 2016. I understand that the circumstances in that case were materially different to those pertaining in Cork City Council, in that the person causing the casual vacancy had run as a candidate for People Before Profit (which party had subsequently amended its registration).

I wish to set out the position as regards the circumstances pertaining to Cork City Council. Upon the recent election of former Councillor Mick Barry as a member of Dáil Éireann, he was disqualified from being a member of Cork City Council. As a consequence, a casual vacancy in the membership of Cork City Council occurred under and by virtue of section 19 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2001.

In compliance with sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, the membership of Cork City Council were notified in writing by the meetings administrator of the casual vacancy.

The powers of a local authority to fill a casual vacancy by co-option are set out under sub-section (3) of section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 which provides as follows:

- (3) (a) “a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority of a person to fill the vacancy and except where paragraph (c) or (d) or (e) of sub-section (1) apply, subject to such person being nominated by the same registered political party who nominated for election or co-option the member who caused the casual vacancy.”*
- (b) “where the person causing the casual vacancy was a non-party candidate at his or her election to the local authority, the vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority of a person to fill the vacancy (except where paragraph (c) or (d) or (e) of sub-section (1) apply) in accordance with such requirements and procedures as may be set out in its Standing Orders.”*
- (c) a local authority shall in making Standing Orders consider the inclusion of provisions for the purposes of paragraph (b).”*

To address how these legal provisions apply, the Law Agent has advised that “as former Councillor Mick Barry T.D. was not a non-party candidate at his election to Cork City Council in 2014, the casual vacancy caused by his disqualification from membership of Cork City Council may not be filled by co-option of a person to fill the vacancy in accordance with the requirements and procedures as set out in the Standing Orders of Cork City Council as provided for in paragraph (b) of sub-section (3) of section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

By reason of the foregoing, I am of the opinion that Cork City Council has no legal entitlement under section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 or otherwise to fill the casual vacancy in the membership of Cork City Council caused by the disqualification from membership of Mick Barry T.D.

In the circumstances, I am of the view that the present lacuna in section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001 would best be addressed by way of amending primary legislation.”

To conclude, I am of the opinion that there is no legal basis for An Chomhairle to make the co-option in this case.

*Paul Moynihan
Director of Services
Corporate and External Affairs*

4.2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of an Comhairleoir S. Martin and seconded by An t-Árd Mhéara, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders for ten minutes, to allow time to consider the Report.

On resumption two motions were proposed as follows:

4.2.1 **PROPOSAL TO SEEK INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE**

‘That Cork City Council would obtain independent legal advice from a Senior Counsel of standing in relation to the appointment of a successor to Cllr. M. Barry and that such advice is to seek to clarify the options left by the apparent deficiency in the 2001 Local Government legislation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan, Cllr. L. McGonigle 16/108)

4.2.2 **CALLING FOR A DECISION TO BE MADE ON THE FILLING OF THE SEAT VACATED BY MICK BARRY**

‘I’m calling for a decision to be made on the filling of the seat vacated by Mick Barry. I ask that a vote be taken on this issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Sullivan, Cllr. L. O’Donnell 16/109)

An tÁrd Mhéara put Comhairleoir Brosnan’s Motion to the floor. On a vote there appeared:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican. (15)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, T. Moloney (14)

The numbers of those voting in favour of the motion was 15 and those voting against was 14. As the numbers of those voting in favour of the motion exceeded those against An t-Árd Mhéara declared the motion adopted.

An Chomhairle agreed the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council would obtain independent legal advice from a Senior Counsel of standing in relation to the appointment of a successor to Cllr. M. Barry and that such

advice is to seek to clarify the option left by the apparent deficiency in the 2001 Local Government legislation.’

As this motion was adopted the motion of Comhairleoir O’Sullivan was not taken.

4.2 **FLOODING IN CORK ON 10th APRIL**

The Chief Executive tabled a report **Flooding in Cork City Sunday 10th April 2016**, for information.

Flooding was experienced in the City on Sunday 10th April. It was primarily associated with the morning and evening high tides.

The morning event arose from a combination of a spring tide, an extended tidal surge and intense rainfall. Some areas were impacted primarily by the tidal event, but other areas such as South Terrace and Lower Glanmire Road, being low points were affected by pluvial flow brought about by heavy downpours.

The evening event was solely a tidal event but exacerbated to some degree by south easterly winds.

A weather alert was issued by e-mail and by text by the City Council on Saturday at 11:47 following the Met Eireann Code Level Orange Weather warning which predicted 40 to 70 mm of rain expected and high tides. (Valid from 06:01 Sunday 10-April-2016 until 06:00 Monday 11-April-2016).

A flooding alert was issued by email by the City Council on Saturday at 17:15 advising that

“A tidal surge, east to south easterly winds, heavy rainfall in combination with high Spring Tides may give rise to tidal flooding on morning of Sunday 10th April 2016.

Prior to and after High Tide at 08:25, there is a danger of Tidal Flooding in the City. It is possible that flooding may occur in the low lying areas of the City Centre including:

Union Quay, Morrisons Quay, South Terrace, Trinity Bridge, Georges Quay, South Mall, Cotter Street, Stable Lane, Proby’s Quay, French’s Quay, Crosses Green, Sharman Crawford St, Wandersford Quay, Lavitts Quay, Kyrls Street & Kyrls Quay, Coal Quay, with some risk of extending into Oliver Plunkett St and the low lying areas of the City Centre.

It is expected main impact will be on roadways but there is some risk of property impact.”

Householders and businesses were informed that they should take Precautionary Measures to protect property. A text alert in respect of the flood warning also issued at 19:31 on Saturday.

Council crews were active in conducting road closures on Sunday morning and evening. The City Fire Services also provided support and responded to a number of reported flooding incidents in residential properties. Road closure measures were put in place, however some motorists ignored the road closure signs and this caused additional issues due to the backwashing of flood waters.

The City Council is anxious to see progress in the advancement of flood protection works and is actively involved in the process of agreeing specific measures with the OPW. I am hopeful that an announcement in this regard will be made in the near future.

*Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.*

11th April 2016.

An Chomhairle noted the Report.

5. **ITEM DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 29th MARCH 2016**

5.1 **QUESTION TIME**

5.1.1 **AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT BY CITY COUNCIL ON CONSULTANTS 2009-2015**

In response to the following question deferred from the meeting of the 22nd February submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the CE to outline to City Council the amount of money spent on consultants by City Council across the various Departments in the years 2009 to 2015. Please list the consultancy firms engaged and the projects they were engaged to work on.

(Cllr. T. Shannon)

REPLY

Based on my analysis of the financial information available to me, the total amount spent on consultants in the years 2009 to 2015 was €25,276,959.

In the corresponding period, Cork City Council spent a sum of €1.7 billion, meaning that the total spend on consultants equates to 1.32% of the total spend. I am entirely satisfied in the context of the City Council's functions and activities that it is reasonable that specialist skills and services would be contracted in by City Council as and when required.

As requested, a list of the consultancy firms and the projects on which they were engaged is enclosed for the years 2009 to 2015.

Paul Moynihan
Director of Services
Corporate & External Affairs

5.1.2 **HOW MANY SITES ARE AWAITING TREE PRUNING**

In response to the following question deferred from the meeting of the 14th March submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the CE how many sites across the city are awaiting tree pruning; how many sites executed last year?

When will the trees which flank the access road to the Trabeg housing scheme, Ashdene, Riverway, Nemo Rangers GAA Club etc off South Douglas Road be pruned?

(Cllr. K. McCarthy)

REPLY

A total of 217 sites received a range of tree pruning operations (felling, pruning, crown reduction etc) during 2015. The sites included parks, open space areas, streets and individual properties.

A total of 274 logged requests are outstanding to address issues of overhanging branches, shading, leaf litter and disruption to TV and satellite signals, these are prioritized on an ongoing basis and will be attended to as resources allow.

Dangerous trees including trees identified as a hazard to property and the safe use of roads receive priority over all other tree works and receive immediate attention. In many situations this involves the deferral of planned tree works for individual sites.

The avenue of trees along the access road to Trabeg, Ashdene, and Nemo Rangers GAA Club are scheduled for pruning late May early June.

Jim O'Donovan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation

5.1.3 ANNUAL INCOME FROM OFF STREET PARKING IN EARLY 2010-2015

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

What has been the annual income from off street parking in early 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?

(Cllr. S. Marti)

REPLY

Details of the net off street parking income is as follows:

	2010	*2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Paul Street car park	€3,140,641	€2,901,792	€2,834,533	€2,710,960	€2,827,378	€2,886,003
North Main Street car park	€795,260	€700,280	€702,653	€607,490	€623,231	€585,950
Total	€3,935,901	€3,602,072	€3,537,186	€3,318,450	€3,450,609	€3,471,953

*Note: VAT applied from 2010/11

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

5.1.4 **VARIOUS QUESTIONS RELATING TO HOUSING ADAPTATIONS**

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

Last year in response to a question I asked on housing adaptation needed in Cork City within their own housing stock and the cost of clearing all applications; I was told it would cost €4.3 million approximately. I put down a further motion on a FUNDRAISING PROPOSALS

1. *Can I get an up to date number of how many houses are on the council’s waiting list in each category to be done, Priority 1, Priority 2 & Priority 3?*
 2. *How much money would it cost to clear all these houses?*
 3. *How many applications have been made but are yet to be accessed?*
 4. *Any suggestions on how best to meet the challenging issue of housing adaptation for people with a disability Extension works?*
- *Could you also let me know where the fundraising proposal is at?*
 - *This proposal was also in relation to housing adaptations*

(Cllr T. Moloney)

REPLY

I refer to the Report dated 21st March 2016 to the Housing Functional Committee regarding the Capital Allocations for 2016.

1. There are 58 no properties awaiting minor works which were submitted to the Department for funding in 2016. The Council submitted an application for Capital funding for specially adapted extension works to 60 no. Council properties in December 2015.
2. A funding application for €520,000 has been submitted to the Department to undertake minor works to 58 no. properties. €4.3 million has been estimated to undertake extension works to 60 properties.
3. All applications have been assessed by an Occupational Therapist for works.
4. As outlined in the report to the Housing Functional Committee the Department have confirmed that the City Council can undertake works up to a maximum of 65% of their 2015 allocation for minor works and this is valued at €353,600.

Furthermore the Department has confirmed approval in principle for the extension works subject to the Council submitted to the Department a sketch design proposal, feasibility study and Occupational Therapist’s report for each application. The City Architect’s Department is now preparing submissions for the first 24 files on our list to be issue to the Department for consideration.

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

5.1.5 **HAS WORK COMMENCED ON THE EVENT CENTRE**

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

Can the CE confirm that work has started on the Event Centre at the former Beamish Site and outline the projected staged timeframe for development?

(Cllr. M. Finn)

REPLY

Bam Contractors Ltd have announced publically that they are currently beginning site clearance and archeological works on the Event Centre site. It is expected that the design and construction stage will take two years to complete.

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

5.1.6 **VARIOUS QUESTIONS RELATING TO COPPINGERS ACRE.**

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

When Coppinger's Acre housing estate was being constructed why were traffic calming measures and a footpath not installed?

Why were traffic calming measures promised to the residents of Bantry Park Road when Coppinger's Areas was being planned not installed?

Will Cork City Council keep its promise and commitment to the residents of Bantry Park Road and Coppinger's Acre to install the traffic calming measures?

How many areas, streets and estates in Cork North Central (please list them) have had motions or proposals passed for traffic calming measures to be installed but have not been completed because of a lack of funding due of government cut backs?

How much would it cost to install the traffic calming measures in all the areas of Cork City that have been identified as needing them?

Why has Cork City Council management not included funding for traffic calming measures in Cork City Council's Roads Budget for the past four years?

Will funding for traffic calming measures be included in the Council's Roads Budget for 2017?

(Cllr. T. Gould)

REPLY

The Coppinger's Acre development was constructed by John J Supple Limited and Montgomery Kenneally Partnership in partnership with Cork City Council pursuant to a contract with the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

The proposed development was advertised as required by Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended on 23rd November, 2005. No submissions/observations were received within the specified period in relation to the proposal and it was approved and proceeded accordingly.

Bantry Park Road is however included on the list of roads for which traffic calming measures have been requested. The request was submitted for consideration in the context of an anticipated programme of works to be progressed in 2012/13. Some preliminary design was undertaken at the time but it has not been considered by Ward Members or as part of a public consultation process as there has been no funding allocations for such works in the past few years.

Cork City Council receives approx twenty requests each year for traffic calming works within its functional area. The majority of these requests are the subject of motions and included in the minutes of Functional Committee meetings as circulated. The cost of traffic calming work varies from scheme to scheme as it depends on the specific measures necessary as well as the length over which they are to be applied. Detailed plans and scheme costings are only prepared following consultation with Ward Members in the context of an available budget.

A provision for traffic calming work was included for consideration in the budgetary process for the current year. This was related to the possibility for utilizing potential funding from Local Property Tax. The allocation of funding for traffic calming will be listed again for consideration in the 2017 budget. If funding is allocated for traffic calming works Ward meetings will be scheduled so that Members can consider the requests received for each area and select the schemes to be put forward for public consultation and execution following Council approval.

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

5.1.7 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED SITE RESOLUTION PLAN FOR THE MEADOWS ESTATE

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

Can the CE update on the proposed Site Resolution plan for the Meadows Estate, Hollyhill outlining the works involved and timeline for same? Can she also clarify whose responsibility is it to repair the road entrance to the estate which is in an appalling condition?

(Cllr. M. Nugent)

REPLY

The works to be undertaken as part of the Site Resolution plan are due to commence on the 4th of April, 2016. The first priority is the entrance road and the completion of 6 units which Cork City Council are contracted to acquire.

It is the responsibility of Knocknacullen Ltd who is now in receivership to repair the road. The works on the entrance road have been agreed with the Roads Directorate and will be undertaken as part of the Site Resolution Plan.

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

5.1.8 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF WILLOWBANK ESTATE**

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

Can the Chief Executive & the Director of Planning please confirm; in light of my previous question to Council on February 8th 2016; that the investigation into the taking in charge of Willowbank Estate has been completed? Has the process of taking in charge begun? What is the current status of the process? What steps can the residents and public reps take in order to assist the process at this particular point?

(Cllr. N. O'Keeffe)

REPLY

The Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate has requested the relevant inspections of Willowbank Estate to be completed. This process is ongoing and once all inspections reports are returned, analysis of any outstanding issues can be considered in order for the Taking in Charge process to the next stage.

When a residential development is completed in accordance with all the conditions and particulars of the planning permission, the developer may make a written request to the Planning Department to have the public areas of the estate taken in charge (e.g. roads, public open space, car parking areas and services). Alternatively, a majority of residents may also make a written request under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Progress on the taking in charge of Willowbank Estate is listed on Strategic Planning & Economic Development's Housing Estate Report and will be available for the Strategic Planning & Economic Development Functional Committee to consider.

**Patrick Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning and Economic Development.**

5.1.9 **ABOUT THE FUTURE OF TEAM AND THE DATES OF THE COMPILING OF THE SECOND CORK CITY TOURISM STRATEGY**

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

To ask the CE what is her intention about the future of TEAM and continuing its role in the Council and the dates of the compiling of the second Cork City Tourism Strategy this year?

(Cllr. K. McCarthy)

REPLY

The Local Government Act 2014 provides the statutory basis for local authorities to address tourism related issues as part of their overall administrative brief. Consequently, it is the full intention of the Council to build on the work already done by TEAM. The Cork City Council Tourism Strategy operated until the end of last year and a new Strategy will be presented for adoption to the Council as soon as the Visit Cork Structures set out in the collective Tourism Strategy for Cork City and County have been put in place.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.**

5.1.10 **LITTERING ON LANDS AT UNUSED RAILWAY LINE FROM SCOUT HALL SUMMERHILL TO ARCADIA STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**

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

Can the Chief Executive confirm that Cork City Council is the owner of the lands at the former and now unused railway line stretching from the Scout Hall, Summerhill North to the Arcadia Student Accommodation. The area in question is littered to a terrible extent such that it constitutes a blight on the City. It is also the first view terrible extent such that it constitutes a blight on the City. It is also the first view visitors have of the City as they emerge from Kent Station. Measures could be taken at little cost to enhance the area in conjunction with Irish Rail who are responsible for the area around the Tunnel.

(Cllr. T. Brosnan)

REPLY

The area in question is not in City Council ownership. The Council only lease an area of the ground (former railway line) from Irish Rail for use as a playground from the Eastern gable of the Arcadia Student Accommodation to approx. No. 10 Hackett's Terrace off Mahony's Avenue. This area is maintained and not a cause of concern.

The Street Cleaning and Litter Management Section of the Environment and Recreation Directorate has been in contact with Iarnród Éireann on a number of occasions since 2012 in connection with dumping on their property on the former railway line at Lower Glanmire Road which is visible from a public place. Iarnród Éireann has carried out a clearance of the dumped material on a number of occasions. An inspection of the site will be carried out and if dumped material is visible from a public place Iarnród Éireann will be requested to remove the material.

Paul Moynihan
Director of Services
Corporate & External Affairs.

5.2 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 14th MARCH 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee on the 14th March 2016.

5.2.1 **REPORTS CONSIDERED**

5.2.1.1 **CORK CITY COACH PARKING REVIEW 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services on the Cork City Coach Parking Review 2015.

5.2.2 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved reports of the Director of Services dated 29th February and considered the following motion:-

5.2.2.1 **SCHEDULE A BUS SERVICE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ARD SIONNACH, SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion

‘That Cork City Council would write to Bus Eireann requesting that they schedule a busservice for the residents of Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel and nearby areas. Many of the residents were transferred by the City Council as part of the City North-West Regeneration Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 15/157)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Committee was advised at the last meeting that this motion is being dealt with through the North West Regeneration Committee. It was agreed to hold the motion in Committee pending the outcome at the North-West Regeneration Committee.

5.3 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st MARCH 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes from the meeting held on the 21st March 2016 and considered the following recommendations from the meeting.

5.3.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending February 2016.

5.3.2 **MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

5.3.2.1 **SURVEY OF PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Pearse Road be surveyed and have its broken footpath included in a renewal programme, and its broken road surface included in a non-national Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin15/336)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the footpaths and road surface at Pearse Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

5.3.2.2 **ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include the following in the Road Works Programme 2016:-
O’Connell Crescent
Friars Road
Father Matthew Road
Derrynane Road
Upper Derrynane Road
St. Anne’s Park and Beaufort Park’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/337)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that these roads will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

5.3.2.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON APPROACHES TO DEERPARK SCHOOL ON ST. PATRICK'S ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Following a serious accident where a student was knocked down, Cork City Council needs to install traffic calming measures – or speed warning/curtailment signs – on the approaches to Deerpark School on ST Patrick’s Road. Similar measures removed during works near ST Marie’s of the Isle on Bishop St. also need to be replaced immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16026)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the approaches to Deerpark School on St Patrick’s Road as well as St Marie’s of the Isle on Bishop St. can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Currently there is no funding available for a traffic calming programme. However any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

5.3.2.4 **AWARENESS PROGRAMMES FOR SAFER TRAVEL TO SCHOOLS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would engage proactively with all primary and secondary schools in the South West Ward to develop and put in place awareness programmes for safer travel to schools, changes in transport modality and appropriate parking in the vicinity of schools.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. P.J. Hourican 16/027)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has long supported safe sustainable travel to school and it works in a number of ways, on an ongoing basis, in order to secure the above objectives, namely:

- Provision of school wardens at crossing points;
- Road Safety education programme provided by both the Cork City Council Road Safety Officer and the Road Safety Authority’s schools education programme;
- Provision of advice in respect of school travel plans.

An Taisce also provides an awareness raising module for Travel under Theme No. 4 of the Green Schools Programme. A number of schools in the South West Ward have completed the module and more are currently in the process of completing it.

Furthermore, in the recent past the City Council has worked very successfully on the EU co-funded Sustainable Mobility Involving Learning and ExperienceS (SMILES) Project 01/01/10 to 31/12/12 where the City Council worked in tandem with An Taisce to roll out an awareness raising/education programme and also to develop School Travel Plans with 8

no. schools across the city. This project achieved an overall modal shift of 15% from the car to sustainable modes of transport.

5.3.2.5 **TAKE IN CHARGE WILLOW BANK, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council starts the process to ‘take in charge’ Willow Bank, Church Road, Blackrock, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/030)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that this motion has been referred to the Planning & Development Functional Committee.

5.3.2.6 **TRAFFIC MEASURES TAKEN AT ST. LUKES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reverse the traffic measures taken at St Lukes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/034)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the existing single solid white line between the existing pedestrian crossing on Ballyhooley Road and St Luke’s Post office indicates no overtaking is allowed in either direction. However it is accepted that this line is quite faded and so the repainting of same will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical. The issue of the footpath realignment will be reviewed to identify any remedial works necessary.

5.3.2.7 **REPLACE BROKEN SLABS AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can Cork City Council replace all the broken slabs that are very badly damaged due to illegal parking at the front entrance to the Church Of the Ascension Gurrabraher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/035)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that this area will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

5.3.2.8 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CARDINAL WAY, WILTON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would give an update on the status of the request from various Councillors in the South West Ward for a pedestrian crossing at Cardinal Way Wilton. This pedestrian crossing was to facilitate schoolchildren attending Gael Scoil Uí Ríada to cross the road safely from the Church to the Wilton Bar.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/036)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that there is no budgetary allocation in the current year for new pedestrian crossings or traffic calming works. The location at Cardinal Way is however due to be examined with a view to assessing the problems that exist and identify mitigation measures. Any proposed solutions will be retained for consideration in the context of future funded work programmes.

5.3.2.9 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON AVENUE DE RENNES, AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH AND AT FORMER ABODE BUILDING IN MAHON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council roads department reports on the status of the traffic lights on Avenue de Rennes, the traffic lights next to the Holy Cross Church and the traffic lights next to the former Abode building in Mahon. Where maintenance or upgrading is required can the director outline when works will be undertaken.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/037)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Transportation Division is aware of the complaints in relation to the pedestrian crossing locations in Mahon and a site inspection was undertaken. Repair work is in hand in relation to programming processor boards with a view to putting the equipment back in operation without further delay.

5.3.2.10 **FEASIBILITY OF MAKING THE MARINA, BLACKROCK A PEDESTRIANISED AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reports on the feasibility of making the Marina, Blackrock a pedestrianised area on weekends, perhaps as a pilot scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/038)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Marina is a very popular walking, cycling and jogging route and in principle, the Transportation Division is supportive of the proposal to convert the Marina area to a traffic free zone at weekends. However, it needs to be coordinated with works for Páirc Uí Chaoimh as well as the delivery of the Marina Park project. The route serves the various needs of the various rowing clubs located on the Marina, Páirc Uí Chaoimh and also residents of private dwelling houses at the eastern end of the Marina. Any proposals to pedestrianise the area for certain periods would have to consider not alone their needs but also those of An Garda Síochána and the needs of the emergency services such as the City Fire Brigade and the Ambulance Services.

Effectively, this would only allow for the pedestrianisation of the Marina from Church Avenue to the Páirc Uí Chaoimh entrance. To provide a pedestrianised area also requires resources to be provided by City Council on an on-going basis to provide the necessary signage, barriers, etc. The cost of providing the part-pedestrianisation of the Marina can be assessed and put forward for consideration in the next Roads Programme.

5.3.2.11 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include the following in the Roadworks Programme 2016:-

Green Street

Mount Carmel Road

Townsend Place

Bonaventure Place

Presentation Place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/338)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that these roads will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme.

5.3.12 **REFURBISH THE TWO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON THE MELBOURN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would refurbish the two pedestrian crossings on the Melbourn Road and approach road to same to ensure that all road markings are in place, the islands are repainted and public lighting restored.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. P.J. Hourican 16/029)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the pedestrian crossings on Melbourn Road and its approach road will be assessed to determine the extent of painting works required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the painting programme and will be undertaken as soon as is practical.

Records in relation to public lighting in the vicinity of the pedestrian crossings have been checked with their status as follows:

Pedestrian crossing near the Curraheen Road Junction

Street lighting all in operation.

Pedestrian crossing near the Community School

Two columns north of crossing: Lantern due to be replaced.

Two columns south of crossing: Light reported as out of order.

The lighting will be repaired by the contractor as soon as is practical, in line with the terms & conditions of the public lighting maintenance contract.

5.3.13 **FOOTPATHS IN ARD NA LAOI ESTATE, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can the footpaths in Ard na Laoi Estate on Middle Glanmire Road be added to the Estate Footpath Renewal Programme for 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/039)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the footpaths in Ard na Laoi Estate will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

5.3.14 **MARY STREET TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Mary’s Street be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme for 2016, the road surface has deteriorated somewhat in the past few months and is in need of repair, particularly the upper section near Red Abbey.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 16/040)

The Report of the Director of Services states that Mary Street will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme.

5.3.15 **RESURFACING THE ROAD LEADING INTO MURPHY’S FARM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council undertake re surfacing to the road leading into Murphy’s Farm.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. P.J. Hourican, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. M. Shields 16/041)

The Report of the Director of Services states that this motion has been referred to the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee.

5.3.16 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF ARD SIONNACH ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will initiate the process of taking in charge Ard Sionnach Estate, Shanakiel.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/046)

The Report of the Director of Services states that this motion has been referred to the Planning & Development Functional Committee.

5.3.17 **EXTEND THE COCA COLA BIKE SCHEME TO INCLUDE BIKES AND A BIKE STAND IN BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council extend the Coca Cola Bike Scheme to include bikes and a bike stand in a suitable location within Blackrock Village. This would be of great benefit for the many people who wish to use both the Marina and the Mahon Estuary Walkway for recreation & leisure cycling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/048)

The Report of the Director of Services states that the provision will be made for the future installation of a Coke Zero bike station in Blackrock Village as part of the upcoming street renewal works. This work will include the provision of ducting, electrical connections, bike stand foundations etc. This work will include the provision of ducting, electrical connections, bike stand foundations etc. The case for the possible extension of the Cork Zero Bike Scheme to Blackrock and other locations will be discussed with the National Transport Authority as the responsible authority.

5.3.18 **REINSTATE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ADJACENT TO ‘SANDY LANE’ HOUSING ESTATE ON CASTLE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 16th March 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reinstates the double yellow lines that previously ran adjacent to the ‘Sandy Lane’ housing estate on Castle Rd. Residents of the estate are finding it extremely difficult to turn out on the estate due to cars parked along the road as visibility has been reduced considerably.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/049)

The Report of the Director of Services states that the extent of the double yellow lines at the entrance to ‘Sandy Lane’ housing estate off Castle Rd ‘Sandy Lane’ will be re-assessed to determine whether they should be extended to increase visibility for those existing Sandy Lane housing estate. If deemed appropriate it will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be done as soon as is practical.

5.4 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st MARCH 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes from the meeting held on the 21st March 2016 and considered the following recommendations from the meeting.

5.4.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for February 2016.

5.4.2 **HAP – ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLDS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th March, 2016 on HAP – Eligibility Thresholds for Social Housing Applicants.

5.4.3 **CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th March, 2016 on Capital Allocations for 2016.

5.3.4 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th March, 2016 on Choice Based Letting Scheme.

5.3.5 **HORAN REPORT OPN TRAVELLER ISSUES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council report on progress being made implementing the recommendations of former South County Dublin Manager Joe Horan on issues relating to the Traveller Community in Cork, the report has now being subsumed within the Traveller Inter-Agency Group.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/007)

The Report of the Director of Services states that Mr. Joe Horan, former County Manager for South Dublin County Council and then Chairman of the NTMAC was asked by Minister Kathleen Lynch to examine all of the issues in relation to progress on the Traveller Interagency process in Cork City and produced a report containing 23 recommendations which was adopted by the Traveller Inter Agency Committee in October 2014.

Following the approval of the report, an interagency work-plan has been put in place; all of the recommendations from Mr. Horan’s report have been included in the work-plan and are being monitored through the committee.

Overall progress is being made with the implementation of the work-plan, for example: -

- A Traveller Engagement Officer has been appointed by Cork City Council.
- Funding has been secured to extend the Traveller Mentoring Programme; this is delivered in 5 Secondary Schools across the City and is a very successful programme. This also involves an art project and an exhibition of the art work will be held as part of the Lifelong Learning Festival on 11th April in City Hall.
- Funding has been secured to deliver Equine Skills Courses for young Traveller boys and men in a number of centres across the city and these will commence shortly.
- Restorative Practice Training has been delivered; over 50 staff from across various agencies in the City attended the full day restorative practice training delivered by Tallaght CDi.
- Funding has been agreed from Cork City Council, RAPID and the HSE to allocate a Community Development Resource to the new Community Centre in St Anthony's Park and recruitment for this position has commenced.
- RESPOND! Have undertaken a housing needs assessment with residents in Spring Lane and RESPOND! Are continuing to pursue housing options for residents in Spring Lane in partnership with Cork City Council.
- Cork City Council has also completed a range of emergency works in Spring Lane.

At the same time there is a renewed impetus for Traveller Inter Agency Groups at a national level. A new strategic framework has been issued for consultation. A small budget has been approved for TIGs.

5.3.6 **VACANT PROPERTIES AT GEARNEY'S BOREEN & ST. JOHN'S WELL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would seek government funding to repair the existing houses and upgrade vacant properties on Gearney's Boreen and ST. John's Well area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/012)

The Report of the Director of Services states that the City Council has Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government ‘approval in principle’ to develop a scheme of 3 no. infill houses at 66-68 St. John's Well. The design of this is currently being progressed by the City Architect's Department.

Cork City Council has submitted an application to the Department to bring 131 vacant properties and 19 Derelict sites back into productive use. This includes 1 no. property at Gearney's Boreen.

5.3.7 **INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATE RENTAL ACCOMMODATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will report on the rate of inspections of private rental accommodation in 2015 including the level of compliance among inspected properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/032)

The Report of the Director of Services states that I set out hereunder details of inspections carried out by the Building Control Section in 2015:-

Dwellings inspected during 12 months ended 31 December 2015	635
Inspections carried out during 12 months ended 31 December 2015	1007
Dwellings inspected not meeting regulatory requirements during 12 months ended 31 December 2015	269
Of Dwellings inspected not meeting regulatory requirements during 12 months ended 31 December 2015	
<i>1) number where compliance was achieved without requirement for further inspection</i>	50
<i>2) number where compliance was achieved following further inspection or inspections</i>	219

6. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 29th March 2016.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **ANNUAL INCOME FOR STREET PARKING**

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

What has been the annual income from on street parking in Cork for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008?

(Cllr. S. Martin)

REPLY

Please see details below for on street pay parking income for the years 2004 to 2015.

Year	On
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	Street Parking Income
2004	€3,562,5 63
2005	€3,085,9 94
2006	€3,355,9 58
2007	€3,284,9 87
2008	€3,362,8 28
2009	€3,567,9 85
2010	€3,491,0 77
2011	€3,443,0 63
2012	€3,258,6 65
2013	€3,285,2 52
2014	€3,047,2 92
2015	€2,928,3 71

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

7.2 **REPORT ON LANDS OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the lands owned by the Department of Agriculture located near Mount Mercy College on the Model Farm Road, including -

- are the lands still in the ownership of the Department of Agriculture and/or in ongoing use?

- can the CE provide details of an affordable/social housing scheme that was once explored on this site a number of years ago?

- does the Council intend to revisit these plans given the current housing situation?

(Cllr. Laura McGonigle)

REPLY

In 2006/2007, there were initial internal discussions to acquire lands owned by the Dept of Agriculture on Model Farm Road, for the provision of affordable housing, however this wasn't pursued any further.

The Council does not own any lands directly around the Mount Mercy School.

The Council does own lands to the North West bordering the Curraheen River which includes sports grounds adjacent to the Carrigrohane Road which are held by various rugby and soccer clubs under long leases.

The Council does not currently intend to pursue the development of land located near Mount Mercy College.

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

7.3 **PLANS FOR PROPERTY AT 29 PARK OWEN, QUAKER ROAD**

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

*Can the CE let us know plans for property at 29 Park Owen, Quaker Road?
It is idle for approximately 5 years.*

(Cllr. Fiona Kerins)

REPLY

The Council has applied to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government for funding to bring this property back into productive use under the 2016 Derelict Sites Scheme. When funding has been allocated works to bring this property back into productive use will commence.

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

7.4 **INVESTIGATING THE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS IN THE FLATS ON CHERRYTREE ROAD, TOGHER**

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

I have made a number of representations on behalf of the residents of the flats in Cherrytree Road.

Can the CE tell give me a full report into all work carried out in relation to investigating the numerous problems reported in the flats on Cherrytree Road, Togher?

Is there any structural Engineers report into the problems there?

- 1. If so what has the reports stated?*
- 2. What are Cork City Councils plans to address all the different issues with this block of flats?*
- 3. What is the time line for these works?*
- 4. What are the estimated costs to these works?*
- 5. Has anyone been in contact with the residents in relation to all the investigations & findings with the problems in the flats?*
- 6. If not, why not?*
- 7. Has there been any works carried out to date?*
- 8. Who carried out works in the flats?*
- 9. What was the nature of the works carried out?*
- 10. What was the cost of the works carried out?*
- 11. Any other information that is relevant to the flats in Cherrytree Road.*

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

1. If so what has the reports stated?

The report stated the following:

The external first floor concrete landing slabs to the front of the apartments have experienced structural damage and require specialist concrete repair works. Areas of concrete have spalled off due to lack of sufficient concrete cover.

The survey recommends that the storm lines to the front and rear of the property should be replaced. The foul line to the rear should be relined or replaced.

There are some typical hairline cracks throughout the building in stress concentration areas which are normal for a building of this age. The cracks generally appear to be cosmetic and there are no signs of subsidence or undue settlement of the main building arising from the damaged drainage.

2. What are Cork City Councils plans to address all the different issues with this block of flats?

There is a list of recommendations in the report which includes:

- a. Repair of concrete balconies.
- b. New railings to be fitted to all balconies.

- c. Any exposed rebar left in the broken window cills to the rear should be removed. The concrete cills should be cut back to leave a smooth finish.
- d. Chimney inspection and replacement as necessary
- e. Roof inspection and tile replacement as necessary
- f. Inspection of rafters by a timber specialist to report on remedial works required.
- d. Doors and windows should be inspected and repaired as necessary.
- e. The concrete cills should be cut back to leave a smooth finish with no loose concrete.
- g. The masonry sheds and hollow block masonry walls to the rear of the building should be demolished and removed. New separating walls and sheds if required should be constructed in the rear yards.
- h. The storm and foul lines both to the front and the rear of the building should be entirely replaced with new separated storm and foul lines constructed of uPVC pipes, manholes and gulleys.

These works are being costed at present.

3. What is the time line for these works?

We will revert once costings and schedule is finalised.

4. What are the estimated costs to these works?

Negotiations are ongoing at present and costs have not been finalised.

5. Has anyone been in contact with the residents in relation to all the investigations & findings with the problems in the flats?

Yes, in order to gain access to the properties to inform the report.

6. If not, why not?

7. Has there been any works carried out to date?

Yes, number 40 has been brought back into productive use.

8. Who carried out works in the flats?

CandS Construction Ltd.

9. What was the nature of the works carried out?

Bringing 40 Cherrytree road back into productive use.

10. What was the cost of the works carried out?

€20,000

11. Any other information that is relevant to the flats in Cherrytree Road.

The apartment block which includes number 40, is not suffering from subsidence.

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

7.5 **29 PARK OWEN**

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

How long has the above property been vacant and why has it not been allocated?

(Cllr. Tom O'Driscoll)

REPLY

1. The above named property has been vacant since July 2008.
2. This property has not been allocated because:
 - a. There are subsidence issues with the property that must be addressed prior to it being relet.
 - b. The subsidence at number 29 is an extension of subsidence issues in number 30 Parkowen, an occupied property.
 - c. The estimated cost of repinning the foundations in 29 and 30 Parkowen, and refurbishing number 29 Parkowen is estimated at €60,000.
3. The Council has included 29 Parkowen in a list of properties to be returned to productive use as part of a derelict sites project.

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

7.6 **ROAD SURFACE ON SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

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

Can the Chief Executive please note the awfully dangerous condition of the road surface on Silversprings Lane from Our Lady Crowned Credit Union to the Traffic lights at Tinkers Cross. The road was last resurfaced in or about 1994 and has a daily traffic flow of in or about 19000 vehicles. Residents are subjected to incessant noise and pedestrians are endangered as a result of neglect by State authorities. A special grant is needed to upgrade this year and I am asking the Manager to make a special case to the Department of Environment before there is a serious accident in the area.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The Roads and Transportation Directorate is aware that this section of Silversprings Lane has deteriorated over the last year or so and funding is currently being sought for the necessary improvement works. It is anticipated that funding for this work will become available in either 2016 or 2017. In the meantime detailed costings are being obtained and Members will be kept appraised on the progress towards commencement.

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

7.7 **PROGRESS OF ST LUKES'S CHURCH AND CIVIC TRUST HOUSE**

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

To ask the CE on (a) the progress of St Luke's Church and the hand-over to Tigh Fili, and (b) the progress made in the negotiations with securing Civic Trust House going forward for the festival bodies?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

- a) A legal issue was raised and is continuing with respect to the rights of way necessary to bring the venue into full use. The City Council is not in a position to consider entering into a permanent Management Agreement with any grouping. The Council has informed Tigh Fili that they have no plans at the moment to enter into a management agreement with Tigh Fili.
- b) Substantial progress has been made on securing Civic Trust House, and the City Council is in the process of finalising the legal arrangements with the owners. The Council will then work with current tenants to put in place an appropriate management structure.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs

7.8 **CUAN MUIRE 19-BED FACILITY ON THE WESTERN ROAD**

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

“To ask the CEO to provide a full and comprehensive report on City Councils historic involvement in the proposed Cuan Mhuire 19-bed facility on the Western Road. Was funding promised or committed to this facility and is the Council aware of the current status of this facility ?”

(Cllr. Fergal Dennehy)

REPLY

The Western Road building was purchased by Cuan Mhuire in the second half of 2007 for €2.1m.

June 2010 Cuan Mhuire expressed an interest in providing 19-20 beds for homeless men following addiction treatment.

10th July 2010 – proposal received from Cuan Mhuire to provide 13 unit complex to accommodate up to 19 homeless males post addiction treatment

29th July 2010 Cuan Mhuire were notified that funding was not available to allow for the expansion of the services.

2012 proposal re submitted. Funding was not approved in the light of other homeless services which had already been prioritised for funding in the South West Regional Action Plan.

December 2015 a proposal was submitted for a 13 unit complex capable of accommodating up to 19 homeless males, post Addiction Treatment in Cuan Mhuire or any other Treatment Facility and 8 unit complex available at Farnanes, Cork that can accommodate 16 homeless females.

A joint meeting of the South West Regional Forum and the Cork local forum took place and representatives from Cuan Mhuire made a presentation setting out the service they wish to provide in this region.

The members of the fora considered the proposal taking account of the need for the service, how it would fit in with other services in the SW Region and the availability of funding once the 2016 budget has been allocated. The facility proposed by Cuan Mhuire is essentially a step-down facility for persons post-addiction treatment. However, under the Homeless Act, 1988, Local Government must be satisfied that funding is provided for homeless persons, which is a different category of funding.

The approximate revenue funding for the additional 33 beds is in the region of €500,000 per annum, the current proposal is for revenue funding for both the facility in Farnanes, 8unit complex to accommodate 16 females and at Western Road, 13 unit complex to accommodate 19 males.

A meeting took place in February 2016 between Cork city Council on behalf of the SMG, J. O'Brien TD and Michael Guerin, Cuan Mhuire to further discuss the proposal. At that meeting, the process for applying for section 10 funding was set out.

It was agreed that a new proposal would be submitted by May 2016 and this would be referred on to the SMG for their consideration but no guarantee could be given at this stage as to the outcome of any proposal. To note, the Statutory Management Group in each region have the final decision on any funding applications.

The project has also incurred capital costs in the region of €1.9 million for the facility in western road and to date, no application for capital funding has been lodged by Cuan Mhuire.

The premises in Western Road was the subject of a planning application for a change of use and the Planning permission was granted on the 15th December 2015 for a period of 5 years for a change of use from B&B accommodation to supportive transitional accommodation for homeless persons.

To the best of my knowledge no funding has ever been promised or committed to this facility by Cork City Council.

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

7.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR STONERIDGE ESTATE, BLARNEY ROAD**

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

Will the Chief Executive report on progress on commencing works for a pedestrian crossing and associated traffic-calming measures for the Stoneridge Est, Blarney Road and timeline for same?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The proposed improvement scheme has been the subject of consultation in accordance with section 38 of the Road Traffic Acts and has been approved accordingly. It has also been supported by way of a grant funding from TII in the current year. This grant funding will enable the Council to complete the detailed design and tender for the works. It is expected that grant funding will be forthcoming to facilitate the execution of the works in early 2017.

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

7.10 **PROGRESS OF ‘CASHLESS CORK’**

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

Can the CE please provide a comprehensive report on the progress of the 'Cashless Cork' (Cork Cashes Out) initiative?

(Cllr. Nicholas O' Keeffe)

REPLY

Following the success of the Purple Flag and Long Table Dinner initiatives the City Centre Forum launched the Cork Cashes Out project in late 2015. The project, also supported by the Banking and Payments Federation, sought to make Cork City a leader in the adoption of cash-free payment options by consumers and retailers. This pilot scheme was complimentary to other initiatives aimed at promoting Cork as a “Smart City” such as the Cork Smart Gateway. By positioning Cork as Ireland’s first ‘cash-free city’ the project sought to enhance the city’s reputation as a friendly, convenient and safe place to visit and can be a positive differentiator in tourism and trade. Residents and citizens benefit from the reduced risk of theft and from having more flexible purchasing options. Business can benefit from the reduced security costs and increased opportunities for consumer spend.

A significant branding exercise and advertising campaign resulted in the initiative gaining momentum and recognition during the pilot. It was also picked up by national media and has been nominated at the 2016 Contactless and Mobile awards to be held in London.

The results of the pilot were very encouraging with Cork being well ahead of the national average in the number of card transactions, number of contactless transactions and value of contactless transactions.

3mth data	CO RK	NATION AL
No. of card transactions	+18 %	+16%
No. of contactless transactions	+52 0%	+346%
Value of contactless transactions	+59 7%	+450%



Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.

7.11 **EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN CORK CITY**

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

Can the Chief Executive outline what employment positions, if any, are currently available at Cork City Council and the process involved in filling these?

(Cllr. Kenneth Collins)

REPLY

At present the Council is holding open competitions to fill vacancies in two grades; Administrative Officer and Senior Staff Officer. In addition the Public Appointments Service is responsible for competitions which are being held to fill Senior Executive Officer, Senior Engineer and Senior Executive Engineer vacancies. Other vacancies may arise at lower grades following recruitment to the above positions.

Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services,
Human Resource Management
& Organisational Reform.

7.12 **LAND BANKS OWNED BY CORK CITY COUNCI**

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

How many land banks does Cork City Council own and where are they located ?

Are all the land banks suitable for housing development?

How many have plans in place to be developed, how many housing units are planned and what are the projected start and finish dates?

When will Cork City Council have plans in place to develop the remainder of the land banks?

Will Cork City Council achieve the goals that were set out last year?

Of the €126 million that the Government promised to Cork City Council for housing how much has been spent?

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

REPLY

Six significant sites are available for social housing and in the ownership of Cork City Council and the current status of same are as follows:

Site	No. of Units	Status	Estimated Construction Start Date
Deanrock	62	DOECLG Approval Received Part 8 to be advertised in May 2016	October 2016
Gerald Griffin Street	40	DOECLG Approval Received Part 8 to be advertised in May 2016	September 2016
Thomas Davis Street	39	Site to be developed by Approved Housing Body	November 2016
Boherboy Road	146	Scheme in Design. To be considered for Social Housing PPP Bundle	To be confirmed
Nash's Boreen	110	Currently reviewing design options for development of this site post 2017	
Old Whitechurch Road	TBC	Currently reviewing design options for development of this site post 2017	

Cork City Council is on target to achieve the required delivery of units under each category allocated by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government. To date some delays have occurred due to the vacant post of Programme Manager for Capital & Regeneration, the Council has offered this position to the successful candidate.

Target of 1,349 units to 2017 broken down as follows:

- Capital Programme: 643
- SHCEP (Leasing): 493
- RAS: 213

The Housing & Community Directorate are currently progressing with a formal competitive dialogue procurement process including scheme proposals from developers for social housing schemes, some with planning permission and some without.

Of the €124.4 million allocated to Cork City Council under the Social Housing Strategy 2015-2017, the Council has to date drawn down €25,219,406. The balance will be expended in line with the delivery of units as per the foregoing over 2016 and 2017. This is an expected level of expenditure to date as most programmes are only now entering the planning phase. The construction phase itself is when funding drawdown will occur.

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

8. **PARTY WHIPS MEETING – 4th APRIL 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of Party Whips from its meeting held on the 4th April 2016.

8.1 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8.00 pm to complete the Agenda.

9. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21ST MARCH 2016**

9.1 **DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE LIBRARY SERVICE**

An Chomhairle considered the Draft Programme for the Library Service.

10. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th APRIL 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the meeting of Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee dated 4th April 2016.

10.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Schedule of Twinning Grants 2016 and the recommendations from the International Relations Committee thereon.

10.2 **PRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE, CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle noted the presentation from the Local Enterprise Office, Cork City.

10.3 **PRESENTATION ON CORK INNOVATES**

An Chomhairle noted the presentation from Cork Innovates on Cork Innovates.

10.4 **TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE**

10.4.1 **SUSTAINABLE URBAN HOUSING: DESIGN STANDARDS FOR NEW APARTMENTS GUIDELINES FOR PLANNING AUTHORITIES**

An Chomhairle noted the guidelines on Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for new Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

10.4.2 **DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT PLANNING CIRCULAR LETTER PL 3/2016 CHILDCARE FACILITIES OPERATING UNDER THE ECCE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle noted the Dept of Environment Planning Circular Letter PL 3/2016 Childcare Facilities operating under the ECCE Scheme.

10.5 **CITY CENTRE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2016 - 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 31st March, 2016 on the City Centre Implementation Plan 2016 – 2017.

10.6 **RESIDENTIAL DELIVERY STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise on the Residential Delivery Strategy.

10.7 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE**

10.7.1 **PAINTING GRANT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on increased Funding on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

‘That Cork City Council increase the funding from €15,000 to €45,000 in the Painting Grant Scheme. This should be included in the 2015 Budget’.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/186)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that a City Centre Building Façade Improvement Scheme with funds of €45,000 was proposed and approved by Council for 2016. It applies to the McCurtain Street and Douglas Street/South Quays areas of the City and provides grants for painting and repairing building facades. A Regeneration Area Building Improvement Grant Scheme with funds of €80,000 was also approved by Council for 2016 and will apply to the North Main Street, Barrack Street and Blackpool areas. It will provide funds for repairs to the overall building envelope. Applications for these grant schemes will be invited in April.

10.7.2 **EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF INNOVATION PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

‘That the Council engage with the European Capital of Innovation programme with a view to attaining such an accolade. The programme celebrates the European City which is building the best “innovation ecosystem” – connecting citizens, public organisations, academia, and business – with a view to helping the city scale up its efforts in this field – all of which Cork and its region have in abundance’.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/269)

The Report of the Director of Services states that this award is a fantastic opportunity for our city to gain European wide recognition for its efforts in promoting innovation across our communities in order to improve the quality of life of our citizens. Cork has several examples of integrated efforts at creating an innovation eco-system which incorporates public, private, academia and citizen representation. This award provides an opportunity for us to showcase these efforts and to benefit from a financial prize which would help to further develop our work in this area. Significant time and effort will be required on behalf of the city council to co-ordinate all actors and actions in this area and to prepare a competitive and comprehensive application. With this in mind it is recommended that the City Council begin work on preparing an application for this award with a view to submission in 2017.

10.7.3 **PERMANENT HOARDING ON VACANT SITE ON HAWKES ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

‘That Cork City Council calls on NAMA to erect permanent hoarding on the vacant site on Hawkes Road and that Cork City Council develop a development plan for the site before it is sold by NAMA’.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/276)

The Report of the Director of Services states that the vacant site at Hawkes Road and Bishopstown Road remains in receivership with KPMG. However, the security is no longer held by NAMA and has been sold to Cerberus. KPMG has undertaken to erect a better boundary treatment on the site and is currently liaising with the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Directorate to work out details of same.

10.7.4 **TAKE IN CHARGE WILLOW BANK, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motions which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

‘That Cork City Council starts the process to ‘take in charge’ Willow Bank, Church Road, Blackrock, Cork’.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/030)

‘That Cork City Council begin proceedings to take Willow Bank, Church Road, Blackrock into charge. If there are reasons as to why this has not been possible to date, can these reasons be outlined and subsequently resolved so that the estate can benefit from being taken into charge’.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 16/051)

‘That Cork City Council will initiate the process of taking in charge of Ard Sionnach Estate, Shanakiel’.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/046)

The Report of the Director of Services states that Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and provides the basis for “taking in charge”.

When a residential development is completed in accordance with all the conditions and particulars of the planning permission, the developer may make a written request to the Planning Department to have the public areas of the estate taken in charge (e.g. roads, public open space, car parking areas and services). Alternatively, a majority of residents may also make a written request under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

A completion certificate must also be submitted from a Consultant Engineer on behalf of the developer. Constructed drawings and a drainage survey must be submitted and details of any way leaves. On foot of a request to take an estate in charge Cork City Council representatives will visit the site to inspect it in order to establish that:

- All works are completed satisfactorily;
- Development is in accordance with the planning permission granted; and
- The development is completed to the required standards for the City Council to take it in charge

Any defects found will be notified to developers for remedy and subsequent re-inspection. Once an estate is considered satisfactory a recommendation is then made to have the public areas taken in charge. The statutory procedure for taking in charge is then put in place by the Planning and Development Directorate.

Cork City Council’s Taking in Charge Policy for Residential Developments was adopted by An Chomhairle at its meeting of 11th October 2010 and is available on request from the Strategic Planning, Economic Development Directorate and also available at

<http://www.corkcity.ie/services/strategicplanningeconomicdevelopment/planningapplicationsprocess/takinginchargeofpublicareas/> .

The Housing & Community Directorate are actively engaging with a Receiver and his representatives in relation to Ard Siannach Estate. The Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate has requested the relevant inspections of Willowbank Estate to be completed. This process is ongoing and once all inspections reports are returned, analysis of any outstanding issues can be considered in order for the Taking in Charge process to progress to the next stage.

10.7.5 **URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

‘That Cork City Council would use the Urban Development Fund to re-develop the adjoining streetscape and infrastructure in parallel to the re-development of Nano Nagle Place’.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/384).

The Report for the director of Services states that Cork City Council was awarded €5million from ERDF funding through the Designated Urban Centre Grant Scheme in January 2016, to part-fund the delivery of the Marina Park project and the Harley Street Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge. The funding was awarded to these two projects considered to be the two highest priorities for the development of the Cork Gateway in the bid to the Southern Regional Assembly for the purposes of urban revitalization and improving sustainable urban mobility. Mary Street was included in the South Channel Project of the above Scheme and ranked number 5.

The City Council is seeking to identify a fund source to enable the Mary Street Improvement cheme to proceed.

11. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th APRIL 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee held on 4th April 2016 .

11.1 **MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR TERRENCE MCSWINEY SPORTS HALL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

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

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

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork ETB through Terence McSwiney College have responsibility for management of the James Kenneally Sports Hall at

Knocknaheeny. Discussions will be undertaken with Cork ETB regarding reviewing the existing management operation of the facility and a further report brought to the next committee meeting for consideration.

11.2 **RESURFACING THE ROAD LEADING INTO MURPHY'S FARM**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

‘That Cork City Council undertake re surfacing to the road leading into Murphy’s Farm.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. P. J. Hourican, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. M. Shields 16/041)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that there is no provision in the 2016 Revenue or Capital Budgets to resurface the access to road to Murphy’s Farm.

The works will be included in the 2017 Draft Estimates for consideration.

11.3 **PRUNE TREES ON MELBOURN ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

‘That Cork City Council prune trees on Melbourn Road to allow lighting lamps to shine on roadway and paths as the trees are blocking light from lamps and to shape trees after pruning was undertaken on behalf Eirgrid.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. P. J. Hourican, Cllr. T. Moloney 16/042)

The Report for the Director of Services states that trees blocking public lights along Melbourn Road will be pruned within four to six weeks. Remedial pruning of the remaining trees will be undertaken as soon as resources allow.

11.4 **CORK CITY COUNCIL & CORK SPORTS PARTNERSHIP TO CREATE EVENTS TO MARK EUROPEAN WEEK OF SPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

‘That the City Council in partnership with the Cork Sports Partnership create events in early September to mark European Week of Sport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 16/057)

The Report of the Director of Services states that there is no budget provision to arrange specific events to mark the European Week of Sport. However, the Council will raise awareness through schools, colleges and clubs of the Week and encourage further initiatives in its sports facilities such as Leisureworld and Glen Resource Centre. It will

also seek to work with Cork Sports Partnership, Cork ETB, community groups etc., to help promote sport and physical activity during the week.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Sligo County Council dated 6th April 2016
- Letter from The Probation Service dated 15th March 2016

13. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

- Cllr. Sean Martin – IPB Training Programme – Kilkenny – 8th March 2016
- Cllr. Sean Martin – Housing Grants and Schemes Conference – Carlingford, Co. Louth – 18th-19th March 2016
- Cllr. Terry Shannon – LAMA Spring Seminar – Sligo – 1st-2nd April 2016

14. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

14.1 **I.P.B. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir Sean Martin at the I.P.B. Annual General Meeting at the Ashleigh Hotel, Dublin on Friday the 29th of April.

15. **TRAINING**

15.1 **SOUTHERN REGION AUDIT COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir Sean Martin at the Southern Region Audit Committee Workshop at the Visual Arts Centre, Carlow on Monday the 18th April.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION 2009 TO 2015**

‘That City Council would give a full report to Council on all the funding that was allocated in the years 2009 to 2015 for the purpose of Traveller Accommodation and upgrading/redevelopment of our Travellers Halting sites under the remit of this Council. Was all that funding availed of and used for these projects and if not was their funding returned to the D.E.C.L.G. or to the City Council centrally and reasons for this.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/061)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.2 **REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON SOUTH LINK ROAD**

‘That City Council along with the Gardaí would consider reducing the speed limit on the South Link Road approaching the traffic lights at Tramore Valley Park. The speed limit at these lights is 100 k.p.h. and is much too fast as vehicles approaching from either direction are breaking the Red Light constantly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/062)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.3 **REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO HOUSING MAINTENANCE**

‘When a representation is made about a Housing Maintenance issue, the Housing Maintenance Department acknowledge the representation and gives an approximate length of time it will be before someone will call to assess the request. Also that every tenant is given a copy of what is the tenants responsibility & what is the councils responsibility to refer to.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/065)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.4 **CYCLE LANES AMENDED TO ALLOW TWO WAY TRAFFIC**

‘Following a recent situation on French's Quay where a cyclist in the middle of the road was almost knocked off their bike, despite a contra flow bicycle lane being less than two metres away, the following motion should be considered; "that all cycle lanes installed in Cork City be amended to allow two way traffic and the response that the lanes are not wide enough not be tolerated, as cyclists using them can surely exercise due caution as they would have to do on unprotected parts of the already narrowed main roadway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/067)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.5 **PUBLIC LIGHTING ALONG DISTILLERY WALK**

‘That the public lighting along Distillery Walk be fixed in advance of the Darkness Into Light Walk in May, as requested in 2015.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/068)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.6 **OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a feasibility study on placing outdoor gym equipment at various amenities throughout the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/069)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.7 **TALL SHIPS RACE TO VISIT THE PORT OF CORK**

‘That Cork City Council renews its efforts to persuade the organisers of the Tall Ships Race to visit the Port of Cork in the near future.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/070)

Tourism Arts & Cultural Functional Committee

16.8 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN ST. VINCENT’S PLACE, BLARNEY STREET**

‘That new public lighting be placed in St. Vincent’s Place, Blarney Street, Cork’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/071)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.9 **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE IN THE BALLYVOLANE AREA**

‘That Cork City Council recognizes the need for providing basic community infrastructure and community centre to the Ballyvolane area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/072)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.10 **MEMBER OF CORK CITY COUNCIL CLEANSING DEPARTMENT BE PERMANENTLY POSTED IN FARRANREE AND FAIRHILL**

‘Can a member of Cork City Council Cleansing Department be permanently posted in Farranree and Fairhill as a result of the negative IBAL reports.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 16/073)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.11 **SPEEDING ON SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD AND BOHERBOY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council take immediate measures to curtail speeding on Silverheights Road and Boherboy Road including options such as electronic speed indicator devices, road markings, and occasional Garda speed checks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/075)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.12 **LOCAL AREA PLAN FOR THE MAYFIELD AREA**

‘That Cork City Council prepare a Local Area Plan for the Mayfield area as a priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/076)

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

16.13 **BUILD HOUSES ON LAND OWNED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately start the process of building the 1,300 houses that Cork City Council Housing Department estimated could be built on land banks owned by Cork City Council. That the developments would be a mixture of social housing, affordable housing, and housing for renting.’

That all required infrastructure such as roads, footpaths, public lighting etc. would be included along with other services such as doctors clinics, community centre, shops, park, crèche, schools and any other service that would ensure that these new estates are sustainable.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/077)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.14 **REPAIR VACANT BOARDED UP HOUSES ACROSS THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put a program in place to repair all the vacant houses it has boarded up across the city and to allocate them to families that are homeless and on the social housing waiting list.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/078)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.15 **STATUS OF ELECTRICITY POLE NUMBER 3 ON CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the most recent update on the status of Electricity Pole Number 3 on Church Road, Blackrock & that Cork City Council allocates funding to replace the lantern on pole number 26 on Church Road, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/079)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.16 **INFORMATIVE LEAFLET TO RAISE AWARENESS OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA**

‘That Cork City Council together with the JPC would produce & distribute an informative leaflet that would clearly outline & raise awareness of the steps people are advised to take, in the event of them finding drug taking paraphernalia and materials.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/080)

Following a brief discussion, Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe agreed to withdraw the motion and refer it to the Cork Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force.

16.17 **ROAD RESURFACING AT LIAM HEALY RD, FARRANREE**

‘That Cork City Council will complete road resurfacing at Liam Healy rd, Farranree.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 16/081)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion.

17.1 **RECOGNISE HOUSING CRISIS AS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion;-

‘That Cork City Council calls on any incoming government to recognise that the housing crisis is now a national emergency which requires immediate action and a series of radical and strategic initiatives. Council will demand that a new administration step up to its responsibility and take charge of the provision of housing as current governmental strategies are clearly failing to alleviate the crisis.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. S. O’Shea, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. H. Cremin 16/082)

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **REJUVENATION PLAN FOR THOMAS DAVIS STREET AND DUBLIN STREET**

‘That Cork City Council formulate a full rejuvenation plan for Thomas Davis Street and Dublin Street to start a rejuvenation of the entire village of Blackpool including all stakeholders and Community Organisations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/074)

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

18.2 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SURVEY IN WOODLAWN TAMORE ROAD**

‘That City Council would carry out a pedestrian safety survey in Woodlawn Tramore Road with the intention of installing more traffic calming measures for the safety of the young children living there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/083)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.3 **PAVING SLABS IN THE PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE THE POST OFFICE AT LEESDALE MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That City Council would remove the small paving slabs in the parking space outside the post office at Leesdale Model Farm Rd. And replace them with tarmac as a lot of them are loose presently and some are missing and this is also a real danger to pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/084)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.4 **BONDIRE FREE ZONES**

‘That Cork City Council examine the green areas across the city that were damaged on bonfire night on previous occasions and designate them Bonfire Free Zones in conjunction with local residents, groups and An Garda Síochána.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/086)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.5 **EASE OF PUBLIC ACCESS AT THE LOUGH CREDIT UNION**

‘That in conjunction with the very welcome development of housing on the Deanrock site in Togher, the status of the Lough Credit Union - a long-standing and essential public

service facility (particularly given the departure of PTSB from the area) - be preserved by ensuring ease of public access, by providing sufficient parking facilities for staff and customers and by avoiding over encroachment on its premises with balanced density of units on the housing site. Additionally, access to the new housing development must not compromise access points to existing estates in the catchment that are already compromised by huge traffic volumes, along Togher Road in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/087)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to refer this motion to Party Whips.

Party Whips

18.6 **FOOTPATH INFRASTRUCTURE IN LOTABEG, BOHERBOY ROAD, SILVERHEIGHTS, SILVERSPRINGS LAWN AND SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

‘That an audit be carried out on the state of the footpath infrastructure in Lotabeg, Boherboy Road, Silverheights, Silversprings Lawn and Silversprings Court areas to examine the extent to which these paths have become broken, damaged or dangerous. Where paths are found to be in such a state that they constitute a danger to pedestrians that the council would include them in the works programme for repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/088)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.7 **MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 30 KILOMETERS PER HOUR AT SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD AND BOHERBOY ROAD**

‘In light of the recent call at the inquest into the tragic death of a young child for the introduction of a mandatory maximum speed limit of 30 kilometres per hour in housing estates that Cork City Council would take the initiative and begin the process of introducing such limits at Silverheights Road and Boherboy Road where there has been particular issue with speeding for many years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/089)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.8 **PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH BETWEEN O'CALLAGHAN'S CROSS AND GORDONS HILL**

'That Cork City Council make safe the pedestrian footpath between O'Callaghan's Cross on the North Ring Road to the foot of Gordon's Hill as trees and thorny bushes on Council owned property are protruding across at least 50% of the footpath and are likely to cause injury to young children's faces/eyes. In addition, commuters using the bus shelter outside Oakpark are constantly soaked by traffic during periods of heavy rain due to pooling and a large number of potholes which problems need to be fixed now.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/091)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.9 **POLICY CHANGES TO BE REVIEWED IN RELATION TO HOUSING VOIDS AND HOUSING MAINTENANCE**

In relation to the housing crisis we need a major change in policy in relation to housing VOIDS & housing maintenance. There is a number of policy changes need to be reviewed.

We should pass policy allowing Cork City Council to offer a house that is about to be vacated by another person / family to another family to accept the house as is & take full responsibility for the maintenance and turning around of the house themselves. People should also be able to view the house before the other family moves out the same as if someone was selling their private home then they would have viewings on their home.

We should not allow kitchens, doors, fireplaces, flooring etc to be ripped out of any house moving forward. Again if a new tenant wants to change what is in the house then that would be up to them unless the and kitchens, doors, fireplaces, flooring etc are in a very poor state of repair. An engineer employed by Cork City Council should be put in charge of this and photo's and all necessary reports should be done immediately on receiving a letter of intent to hand back a council home.

A reduction in the tenants rent can be offset for the cost or repairs that are necessary to carry out, if CCC wants to draw up a list of approved trades men/women that a perspective tenant would have to use then that can be looked at that but it has to be borne in mind most people will have friends & family that may also be able to do this work. A CCC engineer can sign off on all works carried out.

Any new house being handed back to CCC should now be handed out to a perspective tenant straight away.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/096)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

18.10 **ESTABLISHMENT OF A VILLAGE TEAM FOR EACH URBAN VILLAGE/DISTRICT IN CORK**

'Motion to Cork City Council: The establishment of a Village Team for each Urban Village/District in Cork;

1. This would include the local Tidy Towns Chairperson, a Garda Community Sergeant, local business owners and Cork City Council planning experts;
2. The establishment of a Village Manager in each of the Six electoral districts to coordinate the work of the Village Teams in that district;
3. The roll-out of well-organised village markets and village festivals that compliment local businesses and help increase footfall in the area;
4. Reduced commercial rates for new village based businesses and those in key areas; A commercial rates surcharge of 15% on out-of-town shopping centres;
5. 90 minutes free parking in urban villages;
6. Disincentives to prevent landlords from leaving units vacant or rendering them un-rentable.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/097)

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

18.11 **RAPID BUILD HOUSING SCHEMES**

‘That Cork City Council would report whether ‘Rapid Build Housing’ schemes are being considered as one element in its housing strategy to tackle the ongoing housing crisis.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/099)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.12 **FORMER FARRANREE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CDP)
BUILDING**

‘That Cork City Council will report on any progress being made in ensuring the former Farranree Community Development Project (CDP) building is available again for use by the local community and agencies working on its behalf’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 16/100)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.13 **RE-PAINT THE MARKINGS AT THE CSO JUNCTION ON SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council re-paint the markings on the road at the CSO junction on Skehard Road as a matter of urgency. The junction is dangerous for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. Also that Cork City Council re-configure the traffic light sequence at this junction to improve traffic flow into the Eden estate.

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/101)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion.

19.1 **CALL ON IRISH RAIL TO HAND OVER UNUSED RAILWAY LANDS TO CORK CITY COUNCIL**

‘That Cork City Council calls on Irish Rail to handover to Cork City Council the now unused railway lands opposite Kent Station as it is not being maintained, is subject to constant illegal dumping, visible to public view from Clifton Terrace steps. As this area is the first view of Cork City to rail passengers City Council would have an opportunity to provide information to incoming tourists while the land itself could be used as allotments for residents and the local scouts might also use part for their activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/090)

19.2 **REVERSE DECISION TO LOCATE THE NATIONAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL IN ST. JAMES’S HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion and a vote was called.

‘The members of Cork City Council call on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to locate the National Children’s Hospital at St. James’s Hospital and locate the new Children’s Hospital for all the children of Ireland at Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown. The Connolly site offers 145 acres, vast space for expansion, easier access for the children of Cork and extensive parking. The co-location with Connolly hospital and the new Rotunda Maternity Hospital will result in better clinical outcomes. It will be cheaper and faster to build than on the St. James’s site.

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. N. O’Keeffe, Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/092)

An tÁrd Mhéara put the motion of Comhairleoirí P. Dineen, M. Finn, N. O’Keeffe and T. O’Driscoll to the floor. On a vote there appeared:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, L. O’Donnell, M. O’Sullivan, N. O’Keeffe, M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney (12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican (13)

ABSTENTION: Comhairleoir S. Martin (1)

As the numbers of those voting against the proposal was greater than those voting for the motion, was not carried.

19.3 **RESTRICT BAR OPENING TIMES AT UCC DURING RAG AND FRESHERS' WEEK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously agreed on the approval of the following motion.

‘That Cork City Council supports the unanimous vote taken at the recent South Central Forum Safety Meeting to direct the UCC authorities to restrict bar opening times at UCC during RAG and Freshers’ Week (bar opens at 12 noon as it stands) to 5 pm approx in order to pre-empt some of the antisocial issues relating to alcohol affecting the residents in the vicinity of the college campus. Council also supports calls on property owners in the area of UCC (particularly absentee landlords) to control the precincts of their houses and deal with persistently problematic tenants.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Finn 16/094)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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