

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 28th JANUARY 2019

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir M. Finn.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí 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 Ms. J. Gazely, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Stewart, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing & Community Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Lane Family on the death of Olive Lane.
- The Murray Family on the death of Sharon Murray.
- The Forrest Family on the death of Derry Forrest.
- The Sheridan Family on the death of Brendan Sheridan.
- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of Noreen O'Sullivan.
- The Looney Family on the death of Tim Looney.

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

- Gael Coláiste Mhuire North Monastery on winning the under 19 Basketball Schools Cup Final.
- Neptune Basketball Club on winning the Under 20 National Cup.
- Amy O'Connor on winning the overall Northside District Sports Award.
- St. Vincent's Secondary School on being the runners up in the National Cup Under 19 Ladies Basketball Final.
- Brunell Ladies Basketball Club on being the runners up in the Senior National Basketball Cup Final.
- Glanmire Ladies Football Club on their selection for the Munster Schools Interprovincial Championship last Saturday and emerging as overall champions as Munster won the Interprovincial Championship of Ladies Football.

- Rebel Wheelers on winning the Hula Hoops Irish Wheelchair Association Cup Final.
- Dáil Éireann on passing Legislation to extend the City Boundary after 50 years.
- Midleton CBC Hurling Team on reaching the Harty Cup Final.
- Snippets Cultural & Historical Drama Group for spreading the history of Ireland through drama, storytelling and song at home and abroad.
- Rochestown College on reaching the Final of the Munster B Hurling Championship.
- Chief Superintendent Barry McPolin on the prompt and successful retrieval of a prominent Cork City Heritage Piece – Madra – drinking trough which had been sculpted by the late Seamus Murphy RHA.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **TRAVEL TO KAUNUS, LITHUANIA**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Lord Mayor’s travel with a delegation to Kaunus on the 13th – 17th February 2019 at the invitation of the Ambassador and the Kaunus City Municipal District.

3.2 **SHANGHAI**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle retrospectively approved the visit of the Lord Mayor to Shanghai on 22nd – 27th October last.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **STRATEGIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

The Chief Executive referred to a report circulated to An Chomhairle in relation to Strategic Housing Developments.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 14th January 2019.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **LIST OF ESTATE ROADS WHICH WERE RESURFACED**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to list on a Ward by Ward basis all estate roads and other routes which were resurfaced for each of the following years, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and in the answer to also state the level of funding for these programmes for given year?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)
Deferred from
meeting of 14th January

REPLY

Attached please find details of the roads resurfaced over the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The level of expenditure on road resurfacing contracts for each of the years listed is as follows –

Year	Cost incl. VAT	Notes
2014	€49,204.00	Works c/fwd from 2013. No new works contracted in 2014.
2015	€1,997,009.38	Includes some minor expenditure on traffic calming and footpath repair
2016	€1,849,866.29	Includes some minor expenditure on traffic calming and footpath repair
2017	€2,195,719.85	Includes some minor expenditure on traffic calming and footpath repair
2018	€3,797,883.66	Includes some minor expenditure on traffic calming and footpath repair

Gerry O’Beirne
Director of Services
Roads and Transportation

6.2 **HOUSING IN CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

- How many houses did Cork City Council complete building in 2018
- How many houses did Cork City Council purchase in 2018
- How many properties were returned to Cork City Council in 2018
- How many properties were vacant / empty at the 31/12/2018
- How many properties did Cork City Council in total allocate in 2018
- How many new applicants went on to Cork City Council’s housing list in 2018

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

REPLY

How many houses did Cork City Council complete building in 2018

A total of 242 social housing units were constructed in 2018 in Cork City.

Cork City Council's direct construction programme delivered 113 units in 2018 of which 82 units were delivered under the Council's Competitive Dialogue programme. A further 3 new build constructed units were delivered under Part V, resulting in a total of 116 homes.

The AHB sector supported by the Council provided a further 126 newly constructed homes in the City in 2018.

How many houses did Cork City Council purchase in 2018

A total of 86 units were purchased for social housing purposes in 2018.

The Council purchased 67 units under its single dwelling acquisition programme in 2018 of which 28 units were Buy and Renew properties.

The AHB Sector, supported by the Council also provided a further 19 housing unit acquisitions in 2018, 10 of which were Buy and Renew properties.

How many properties were returned to Cork City Council in 2018

153 properties were returned/became vacant in 2018.

How many properties were vacant / empty at the 31/12/2018

142 properties were vacant as at the 31/12/18.

How many properties did Cork City Council in total allocate in 2018

There were 247 property offers accepted and 46 offers refused.

How many new applicants went on to Cork City Council's housing list in 2018

A total of 863 new households after assessment were qualified for social housing support in 2018. It should be noted that the total number of eligible applicants for housing at December 2018 was 3,902, compared to 4,636 at December 2017.

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

6.3 **TAKE IN CHARGE MARKET GARDENS, TOGHER**

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

Can the C.E. inform the Council has Market Gardens, Togher Road been taken in charge fully by City Council and if not can we expect a reasonable time frame of when it will be taken in charge?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

Members will be aware that a number of public housing estates in the City are yet to be taken in charge. This estate has not been taken in charge but the works required to enable same have been costed and funding is in place to carry out the required works from the €1m loan approved by the Members of Cork City Council and the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. These works will be completed in early 2019.

Brian Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community.

6.4 **INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE RELATING TO TANK FIELD**

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

On September 10th 2018, I had a motion approved by Council in relation to me seeking Independent Legal advice pertaining to the disposal of lands at the Tank Field in Montenotte. Despite my best efforts on an ongoing basis since September 10th 2018, this has not advanced or been allowed to advance in any shape or form.

Can the CE please provide me with one good reason why I have not been permitted to go and seek the Independent Legal Advice as per my request which was approved by Council?

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

At a meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10th September 2018, An Chomhairle agreed the following; Cork City Council resolves to seek independent legal advice into the validity of the aforementioned Disposal Order and the associated Part 8. (motion 18/186 refers)

“That Cork City Council clarify that decisions in relation to the disposal of lands in the Tank Field, recently activated, were made on the basis of materially incorrect and incomplete information during both the disposal and associated Part 8 process. That Cork City Council further clarify that this disposal purported to dispose of lands that the City Council didn’t actually own at the time of disposal.

It is noted that the disposal report and associated map, presented to the Council as a basis for their decision, stated that the lands in question were acquired by Order of the County Registrar by means of Conveyance dated 9th October 2001, when in fact, this was not strictly the case, as illustrated below.

- Councillors were not told that (i) a significant portion of the lands were not included in the County Registrar’s order, and (ii) also importantly, they were not told that this land formed part of the statutory 10% green area of Mayfield Heights housing estate (located across the road from The Tank Field).
- Furthermore, it should be noted that members were informed that Council retrospectively claimed ownership of this 10% green area by means of Possessory Title (Squatters Rights), even though it subsequently was acknowledged that no such Possessory Title had been registered, as is required by law.
- It is also an issue of concern that the information contained in the subsequent Part 8 Certification which stated that the development does not contravene the Development Plan for the City of Cork, despite the fact that it was proposing to utilise a significant area in a manner not in accordance with its Public Amenity Zoning.

In view of the above, can I propose that Cork City Council resolves to seek independent legal advice into the validity of the aforementioned Disposal Order, and the associated Part 8.”

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/186)

A process has been put in place to carry out the wishes of Council and to this end, an official of Cork City Council is currently engaging with an appointed Solicitor in order to progress this matter with the engagement of a Barrister.

Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.

6.5 **HOUSES ON SUNDAY SCHOOL LANE**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 11th February 2019:-

Can the CE confirm that the Council owns the houses on Sunday School Lane that face Seminary Villas and what measures will be taken to deal with the overgrowth of vegetation there as it is undermining the wall on Seminary Villas and posing a danger to residents

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

6.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTS ON CURRAGH ROAD AND SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

Is there a financial or contractual problem with upgrading public lights that have been out for the entire winter

*e.g. Curragh Road
South Douglas Road.*

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The normal maintenance and patrols of public lighting continues under the AUS SSE Airtricity Contract. However, a number of faults and status reports have been listed on the Deadsure database in relation to individual public lights on the roadways referred to as follows:

- a) South Douglas Road (near Tramore Lawn) – lantern and bracket remove from existing ESB Networks pole due to degraded asset – ESB Networks notified at the time of the pole condition.
Cork City Council cannot progress replacement lantern until such time as ESB Network replace the timber pole.
- b) South Douglas Road (near DOSCO Industrial Estate) – light out of order due to loss of supply with removal of ESB ‘Switchwire’ – ESB Networks advised of status and replacement of ‘Switchwire’ requested in 2018.
- c) Curragh Road – PL out of order due to degraded and defective lantern – Installation of replacement LED lantern dependant on the extension to the AUS Maintenance and Associated Services Contract for 2019 which is under consideration at present.

It is expected that the Curragh Rd will be addressed in coming weeks and the Council will follow up further with ESB in relation to anticipated timeline for the two locations on South Douglas Road.

Gerry O'Beirne
Director of Services
Roads and Transportation

6.7 **DEVELOPMENT OF PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH**

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

Can the CE please inform Council of the total Development Charges due to Council in respect of the recent development at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Have Council officials been given a proposed payment schedule if charges are still outstanding. In view of the reported recent interest of Croke Park in the project do Council Management have any plans to raise the matter of outstanding charges , if still due , with Croke Park officers. The monies are needed by Council to upgrade public lighting and repair public infrastructure on the approaches to PuC Nua.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The Elected Members granted the GAA a 100% waiver from the Cork City General Contribution Scheme and the Cork City Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme.

Planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála for the refurbishment of Pairc Uí Chaoimh under TP 13/35808. Condition 20 required a Special Contribution towards street lighting and Condition 21 required a Special Contribution towards work to Monahan Road in the area of the proposed revised access to the stadium. The respective amounts of these contributions are to be agreed between Cork City Council and the GAA. In default of agreement, the amounts shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

The amounts of these Special Contributions have not been agreed between Cork City Council and the GAA. They are part of a wider process ongoing between the City Council and the GAA.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

6.8 **50M SWIMMING POOL FOR CORK**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 11th February 2019:-

To ask the CE on a concept proposed in 2008/09 of a 50m swimming pool for Cork. It was noted to Council at that point in time that progress would be made on exploring the concept more when the economic climate would pick up again – has any progress been made on the idea to date in the ten year interval?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

6.9 **ANNUAL EXPENDITURE ON PLAYGROUNDS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 11th February 2019:-

To ask the CEO what expenditure has there been on annual basis on the development and maintenance of playgrounds on a Ward by Ward basis for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and what is planned for 2019 and if the answer could also include amount spent by category of expenditure on playgrounds e.g. Equipment, maintenance, new developments etc?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

6.10 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2019**

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

Can the CE please list the full details of the road resurfacing programme for the year 2019. Can this list itemise the roads due to be resurfaced in the order they appear on the list and include the expected time of completion and forecasted cost?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

The level of funding for road resurfacing in 2019 has not yet been announced by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and therefore the list of roads has not yet been finalised. Once the funding levels have been confirmed, a list of roads will be drawn up based on the pavement surface condition index rating system. The works to be undertaken will be the subject of the normal tendering process and will be executed over an estimated period of 8-9 months. The order in which works will be undertaken will be available following receipt and agreement to the selected contractors work programme with details to be confirmed as soon as available together with ongoing reports on progress.

Gerry O’Beirne
Director of Services
Roads & Transportation

6.11 **SWIMMING POOL IN CORK**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 11th February 2019:-

To ask the Chief Executive to report to City Council on:

- a) The feasibility of developing a 50 metre swimming pool in the city?
- b) What costs would be associated with this project?
- c) What grants are available to City Council to part of fully fund this project?
- d) What scoping studies, if any, have been undertaken by City Council or other bodies in relation to this issue?
- e) What population/pool usage would be required to make this project feasible?

(Cllr. Terry Shannon)

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 21st JANUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 21st January 2019.

7.1 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

An Chomhairle noted the Guidance of the Expert Advisory Group.

7.2 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following documentation:-

- (i) Consultation process regarding Modernisation of Electoral Register Reform
- (ii) Consultation process regarding Development of a National Volunteering Strategy

8. **SPECIAL MEETING OF PARTY WHIPS – 14th JANUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Party Whips from its meeting held 14th January 2019.

8.1 **LORD MAYOR ITEMS**

8.1.1 **MAYORS FOR PEACE POLICY BRIEFING 20 (ICAN CITIES APPEAL)**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the correspondence received from UK & Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace regarding resolutions to support the Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty.

8.2 **DECLARATION OF COLLABORATION**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Declaration of Collaboration for Smart Growth and Digital Transformation Digital Cities Challenge.

8.3 **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM PARTY WHIPS 7th JANUARY 2019**

8.3.1 **NAMING OF BRIDGE BETWEEN MERCHANTS QUAY TO HARLEY STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of 5 names by Party Whips, regarding the Naming of Bridge between Merchants Quay to Harley Street, and agreed to refer to the meeting of An Chomhairle on 25th February 2019.

8.3.2 **EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL INITIATIVE 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the verbal report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs on the following motion referred to Party Whips by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council enter the European Youth Capital initiative for 2022. It is a title awarded by the European Youth Forum. It is granted to a European city for a period of one year that puts young people at the core of the city’s social, economic, cultural and political life.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/366)

The Director of Services stated that Party Whips were advised that this project has not matured as of yet. The Community Section will liaise with the relevant Stakeholders. It was agreed that the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs will report to Party Whips in Q2 with a further update.

8.3.3 **MAKE CORK FUR FREE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the correspondence received from the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

8.4 **MOTIONS REFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 10th DECEMBER 2018**

8.4.1 **POLISH INDEPENDENCE DAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the verbal report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs on the following motion referred to Party Whips by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council liaise with the Polish Community in Cork with a view to marking Polish Independence Day in an appropriate manner on Nov 11 each year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/390)

The Director of Services stated that Party Whips were advised that the Community Section, Corporate & External Affairs will work with the Polish Community to put the appropriate arrangements in place to mark Polish Independence Day.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st JANUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Functional committee from its meeting held 21st January 2019.

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

9.2 **DEVELOPMENT AT OLD WHITECHURCH ROAD**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th January, 2019 as required under Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended in relation to infrastructure development on lands at Old Whitechurch Road.

9.3 **HORSE WELFARE/PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th January, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council report on:

The numbers of horses 'put down' since 2014.

Numbers of horses returned to owners or re-homed and the fees charged by anybody acting on behalf of the City Council in this regard.

Educational courses taking place in horse ownership and care Council is aware of.

Progress in establishing a 'Horse Project' for the City.

Council will seek to establish a multi-agency horse forum and will also commit to ensuring in the first instance efforts are made to re-home any stray, loose horses with the assistance of groups like ‘My Lovely Horse Rescue Cork’.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/394)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has responsibility for the Control of Horses under the Control of Horses Act, 1996. During the period 2014 to November, 2018 there were a total of 258 horses seized. Of this number 34 were reclaimed by the owner, 18 were re-homed and 206 were euthanized. The charge for reclaiming a horse is currently €835 plus VAT @ 23%.

Cork City Council is continuing to participate in and support the Horse Initiative Steering Group. The Inter-agency Steering Group has been successful in securing funding through the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to deliver a number of equine courses for young travellers across the City and to undertake some research and development work with travellers to consider the needs of horse owners. The steering group is continuing to pursue the objective of a horse project and it is envisaged that Cork City Council will continue to participate in the project.

9.4 **GARAGES IN FARRANCLEARY PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th January, 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘The garages in Farrancleary Place be structurally looked at and new guttering and down pipes be replaced as a matter of urgency. Leaks from the guttering in these garages have caused damage to the property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/353)

The report of the director of Services stated that Housing is aware of the issues raised and will seek to resolve them at the earliest opportunity. Any works will set out to mitigate the issues and prevent them deteriorating further, mindful of the need to ensure resources are applied to areas of work most needed, i.e. occupied and vacant dwellings.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m.

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st JANUARY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 21st January 2019.

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 17th January 2019 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending December 2018.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

At this juncture the Lord Mayor Comhairleoir M. Finn vacated the Chair and Deputy Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir T. Moloney assumed the duties of the Chair.

10.2 **CARDINAL WAY SECTION 38**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir H. Cremin, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 17th January 2019 regarding Cardinal Way Section 38.

10.3 **JOHNS STREET SECTION 38**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 17th January 2019 regarding John Street Section 38.

10.4 **SPRING LANE SECTION 38**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated 17th January 2019 regarding Spring Lane Section 38.

10.5 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT BOREENMANNA ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would extend the double yellow lines at the junctions of each of the parks on the Boreenmanna Rd. to give motorists greater and safer lines of sight when exiting onto the Boreenmanna Rd.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/370)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the junctions of individual estates off Boreenmanna Road with Boreenmanna Road itself will be assessed in order to identify the extent of the problems that exist there and also to identify the most appropriate measures that can be provided.

Any identified measure will be included in the Roads Programme.

10.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council implement a programme for 2019 of ensuring traffic-calming ramps are visible to motorists and the public in general.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/372)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the visibility of traffic calming ramps will be assessed in order to identify the extent of the problems that exist and also to identify the most appropriate measures that can be provided.

Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration by Ward Members as part of the annual discussion on the traffic calming works programme.

10.7 **FOOTPATHS AT DONSCOURT, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would inspect the footpaths at Donscourt Bishopstown as they are in a terrible state now for years and residents are very unhappy that this has not been attended to long before now.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/377)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the footpaths in Donscourt have been inspected. Locations requiring urgent works have been identified and will be added to Roads Maintenance list of works, to be completed in the first quarter of 2019. Other areas requiring general upgrade will be assessed in comparison with the overall footpath network, with funds available being prioritised to the worst affected footpaths across the overall footpath network.

10.8 **JUNCTION BOX AT THE ROUNDABOUT AT WILTON/SARFIELD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would consider putting in a small junction box at the roundabout at Wilton / Sarsfield Road to facilitate traffic coming from the West i.e. outside lane approaching the roundabout from the west to continue to flow freely to either Glasheen Road or Sarsfield Road as this is constantly blocked at peak times when drivers will not give vehicles the opportunity to continue onto a route that is free flowing and not blocked.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/378)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the roundabout at Wilton/Sarsfield Road will be examined in conjunction with An Garda Síochána and if it is deemed necessary and appropriate, a yellow box will be installed at the location.

Yellow boxes can only be installed at locations where there is a well established need.

10.9 **REDUCE THE CLOSURE OF PATRICK’S STREET**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In view of the on-going trading issues being experienced by our City Centre indigenous traders and other traders alike I ask that Cork City Council would reduce the closure of Patrick's Street to 5 days per week (Monday to Friday) and reinstate normal traffic flow on Patrick's Street on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays. This would, I believe, be proactive and may help to alleviate the current difficulties that the current Movement Strategy is creating.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 18/379)

On the proposal of the Deputy Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

10.10 **MULTI STOREY CAR PARKING INCENTIVES**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In view of the on-going trading issues being experienced by our City Centre indigenous traders and other traders alike I ask that Cork City Council would abandon all current multi story car parking incentives and introduce a long term parking incentive that will allow for the first 2 hours parking to be free parking from the time of entry up to 3pm on each day. An incentive of this nature would be proactive and would I believe be a huge benefit to all concerned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 18/380)

On the proposal of the Deputy Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

10.11 **ROAD MARKINGS ON MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD AND WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council re-instate road marking, specifically centre lines, on the Middle Glanmire Road from St Luke's Cross up to Cope and onwards to the Junction with Colmcille Avenue. I also request that Cork City Council re-instate road marking, specifically centre lines, on Wellington Road from St Luke's Cross all the way down to the junction of St Patricks Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/387)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the reinstatement of road markings on the Middle Glanmire Road (from St Luke's Cross to the Junction with Colmcille Avenue) and on Wellington Road (from St Luke's Cross to the junction of St Patricks Hill) will be assessed to determine the extent of painting works required.

Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

10.12 **PARKING BAYS ON WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would paint parking bays aligned at a 45 degree angle (as opposed to the current 90 degree parking) on Wellington Road between the junction of Sidney Hill and the junction with York Street. Also, in order to ensure the ease of traffic

flow and public safety, can the continuous double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road be re-instated.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/388)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there is a considerable body of research examining the safety impacts of angled and parallel parking, and the general consensus of these studies is that parallel parking is safer than angular parking. Angled parking can be hazardous and interferes with traffic flow. Angular parking also poses a danger to cyclists as it is difficult for drivers to see cyclists as they are reversing out of the angled parking spaces. Wellington Road (between the junction of Sidney Hill and the junction with York Street) will be assessed as requested.

Any proposed changes to parking provision particularly in relation to the removal of parking will need to be undertaken in consultation with the local community and business owners. If lining works are deemed appropriate, they will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

10.13 **TAKE IN CHARGE OF BEAUMONT LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation dated the 17th January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Beaumont Lane be taken in charge. The lane at the junction of Beaumont Drive and the Blackrock Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 18/339)

The report of the Director of Services stated that an assessment will be undertaken with a view to taking in charge Beaumont Lane and a report will be prepared in due course for the Committee’s consideration.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved attendance at the Following Conference/Seminars:-

- Comhairleoirí M. Shields and S. Martin to attend A Guide to EU Educational Programme held on the 8th – 10th February 2019 in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.

14. **TRAINING**

None received.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **ROOF OF DRESSING ROOMS AT CLASHDUV PARK, TOGHER**

‘That City Council would inspect and repair the leaking roof of the dressing rooms at Clashduv Park Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/024)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.2 **ONLINE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES SYSTEM**

‘That City Council would give a detailed report on the workings / success / failures of the Cllrs Online Public Representatives System.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/025)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.3 **INSTALL HARD INFRASTRUCTURE AT CYCLE LANES**

‘That Cork City Council moves to install hard infrastructure (such as exists on the cycle lane on South Main Street) to protect 24 hour cycle lanes in areas that are blackspots for illegal parking in order to ensure the safety of cyclists and encourage more people to take up cycling in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 19/033)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.4 **INSTALL HARD INFRASTRUCTURE AT CYCLE LANES ON ALFRED STREET**

‘That Cork City Council as a priority install hard infrastructure (such as exists on the cycle lane on South Main Street) along the cycle lanes on Alfred Street as most illegal parking on these sites occurs after the patrolling hours of traffic wardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 19/034)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.5 **CENTENARY OF THE BURNING OF CORK**

‘That a suitable permanent reminder of the Burning of Cork be installed on St Patrick’s St. to mark the 100 year anniversary next year, possibly to include the refurbishment and reinstallation of the fireman’s shelter that was an iconic part of the street back then and is currently in decline and in storage at Fitzgerald’s Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/035)

Party Whips

16.6 **OLD LAMPS AT THE NATIONAL MONUMENT ON GRAND PARADE**

‘That Cork City Council reinstate the old lamps at the National Monument on Grand Parade.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/036)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.7 **SUSPEND THE CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY**

‘That Cork City Council suspend the City Centre Movement Strategy as it is not delivering on efficient Public Transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/037)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.8 **MURMONT GROVE AND MURMONT COURT IN THE ESTATES ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2019**

‘Can the estate road which is a cul de sac at Murmont Grove and Murmont Court please be included in the estates road resurfacing programme for 2019. Similar to other estate cul de sacs in our area this road has never been resurfaced. Over the years various areas have been dug up for various services and in many cases not properly reinstated. This cul de sac needs to be fully resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/038)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.9 **SPEED MONITOR SIGN ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘Can a speed monitor sign that indicates the speed of the passing traffic please be installed on Lower Glanmire Road between Kent Station and the bridge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/039)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.10 **SPEED RAMPS IN BISHOPSCOURT DRIVE**

‘I am proposing that 4 speed ramps would be installed in Bishops court Drive. This area has become a ‘rat run’ for huge traffic which exits from Aldi Supermarket (cannot make a u turn there) so turn left into Bishops court Drive, Bishops court Park and on to main Bishopstown Road again, causing a huge problem for residents. Speeding on this road is a major dangerous issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 19/041)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.11 **REMOVE GRAVEL AND GRIT IN GLEN AVENUE**

‘The Gravel and grit that has fallen in the shores in Glen Avenue be immediately removed to stop and abate any blockages of water and nuisance of ponding in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/043)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.12 **CLEANING OF THE GLEN, MOUNT FARRAN AND FARRANCLEARY**

‘That Cork City Council arrange for a cleaning and sweeping of the Glen, Mount Farran and Farran cleary and restore services to what they were once in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/044)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.13 **PLAYGROUND POLICY**

‘A playground policy needs to be drafted by Cork City Council. Large playgrounds seem to be the only desire of the executive, ignoring the greater needs for many areas where small (4 pieces of equipment) would, at a much reduced cost and space needed, deliver much more to our suburbs. In particular Beaumont Park and Blackrock Village, which are, and never were serviced, despite the large amount of housing/schools in the area. Generic designs can be used at low cost.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 19/045)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.14 **TREES IN BEAUMONT PARK**

‘I have asked Council several times to deal with the excessive trees in Beaumont Park for several years now. I appreciate that since we voted to not reduce the LPT since 2017, more funding has been made available to maintaining trees throughout the city and I welcome this. However the Beaumont Park area has largely been left behind and the residents deserve that this matter be addressed as a matter of urgency. The particular area that needs

addressing is the full line of trees, immediately at the boundary of the residents. The entire row needs to be removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 19/046)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.15 **BAKERS ROAD FLATS**

‘Regarding Baker's Rd. flats, Cork City Council will:

- Report on work that has and will be done in terms of energy efficiency
- Ensure vacant units are clear of rubbish which have been attracting rodents and causing issues for a number of residents
- Re-engage with residents to determine what improvements are feasible for the area with funding that may be available through the City North West Regeneration SEEP.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 19/048)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ASHMOUNT ESTATE, SILVERSPRINGS**

‘That Cork City Council will survey Asmount Estate, Silversprings for traffic calming measures which could include signage reflecting the 30k speed limit, with the area near the creche a concern for residents, City Council to engage with the County Council on this as part of the estate is currently within the County administrative area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/049)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17. **MOTIONS**

17.1 **WASTE COLLECTION PROCESS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the Government to bring in legislation which will empower Local Authorities to request householders, private and public, to show that they are part of a waste collection process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/291)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, F. Kerins, S. Martin, H. Cremin, M. Shields, T. Moloney. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, M. O’Sullivan. (3)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour was greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the motion approved.

17.2 **LOCAL AUTHORITIES RIGHT TO ACQUIRE UNDERDEVELOPED LAND**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Environment to give Local Authorities the right to acquire underdeveloped land at existing use value + 25 percent by adopting “Designated Area Schemes”, a reasonable compromise between the right of the community and that of the landowners.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/292)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this motion to the Finance and Estimates Functional Committee for further consideration.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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