

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M. R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. D. Roche, Senior Executive Officer, Housing. Mr. M. Frawley, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Development. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

1.1 **VOTES OF CONDOLENCE**

On the proposal of An tArdmhéara, An Chomhairle passed a vote of condolence to Comhairleoir M. Nugent on the death of his father, John Nugent.

On the proposal of An tArdmhéara, An Chomhairle passed a vote of condolence to Comhairleoir P. Dineen on the death of his sister, Ann Kelleher.

1.2 **COMMEMORATIONS**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that an event was held on Friday 11th December 2020 to mark the centenary of the Burning of Cork on 11th December 1920.

He further advised that other commemorative events recently held included, the unveiling of a plaque to mark the Dillon's Cross Ambush, the unveiling of the Burning of Cork Mural at the Middle Parish Community Centre, the unveiling of the Fire Service Brass Standpipe and Hydrant at the fire station, a wreath laying ceremony to honour the Delaney brothers at Delaney Park and a Centenary Remembrance Mass held at the North Cathedral.

1.3 **PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that each of the city's 119 primary and secondary schools will be presented with commemorative books and a tree early in 2021 as part of Cork City Council's ongoing commemorative programme.

1.4 **WHO POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

An tArdmhéara congratulated Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald on his approval to represent Ireland on the WHO Political Committee to help guide the strategic direction of Phase VII of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network.

1.5 **WALK 21 INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FOR WALKING**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle on Comhairleoir K. McCarthy's proposal to sign up to the Walk 21 International Charter for Walking.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle agreed to sign up to the Charter.

1.6 **FLOOD WARNING**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that a flood warning for Wednesday morning, 16th December 2020 had been issued to the relevant stakeholders

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

3. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 9th November 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Pre Budget Meeting held, 11th November 2020.

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

- Budget Meeting held, 16th November 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 30th November 2020.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **DALY’S BRIDGE**

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

To ask the CE for the most recent update on progress associated with the re-opening of Daly’s Bridge?

REPLY

The refurbishment works on Daly Bridge are now near completion, with good progress having been made in progressing the outstanding items over the past two months.

In keeping with the current Covid restrictions and uncertainties Cork City Council is planning a low key re-opening ceremony to mark the occasion.

This ceremony is scheduled for Thursday 17th December 2020 under the auspices of The Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Joe Kavanagh.

Daly Bridge will reopen for public use as and from Saturday 19th December 2020.

**Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.**

4.2 **VERNON MOUNT HOUSE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, the following reply was circulated as outlined below:-

In August 2016 the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht Affairs sent senior Heritage and Architectural Policy Advisors, Martin Colreavy and Dr Freddie Dwyer to inspect the ruins of Vernon Mount House. Mr Colreavy and Dr Dwyer subsequently recommended that steps be taken to preserve the house for its historic and unique architectural value.

An inspection of the ruins of Vernon Mount House was subsequently carried out by the Conservation Engineer, Mr David Kelly and, in October 2017, Mr Kelly delivered a report on his inspection to Cork County Council.

In March 2018 Mr Kelly's report was presented to the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee, which unanimously recommended that the stabilisation works on Vernon Mount House be implemented.

Having regard to the above, to ask the Chief Executive for an update on the recommended stabilisation works, including details about what progress has been made on this issue since I last submitted a Question to the Chief Executive in relation to same on 9th September 2019.

REPLY

Vernon Mount House is private property, to that extent stabilisation and making the site secure is a matter for the owner. Cork City Council has engaged with property owner in that regard. This property has been inspected by the conservation team a number of times since June 2019. The order has been signed to place the house on the Derelict Sites Register. In addition, the City Council has engaged with relevant stakeholders.

**Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic & Economic Development.**

4.3 **PAPERLESS MEETINGS**

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

Since the introduction of paperless meetings to Cork City Council, what savings have been made in relation to finance, paper, ink etc and how has this been quantified?

REPLY

Since the introduction and implementation of Cork City Council's electronic Council documentation system, Cork City Council has made savings of approximately €1,500 per month, equating to just over €17, 000 per annum. This is made up of savings in

Corporate Printing averaging out at €2,000 per quarter and transport (Taxis) savings of approximately €760 per month. This cost analysis is based on a detailed Managed Print Service Assessment of previous Council documentation trends and an analysis by Corporate Affairs of previous costs associated with the transport of Council documentation to Elected Members regarding Full Council meetings, Budget Meeting, SPC meetings, LAC meetings and Other Committees and meetings of Council.

The move to the electronic Council documentation system SharePoint as was originally identified in the Annual Service Delivery Plan for 2019 as a key improvement action in supporting elected members of the City Council has not only delivered cost savings as outlined above but has also been a more sustainable method of delivering “real-time” communications to our elected members, particularly given the enhanced demand for paperless meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Supplementary benefits of Paperless meetings include: Reduced waste, Reduced Man-Hours – The compilation of the agenda packs by the corporate services team is less staff-intensive, Improved consistency and standardisation of agendas and documents – electronic system facilitates for standardised templates, Ensured accurate and verifiable delivery of documents – the electronic system ensures and verifies that all documents are accessed by the correct recipient(s).

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.**

4.4 **NORTH WEST REGIONAL PARK**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to:-

- *Outline Councils commitment to developing the North West Regional Park.
- *Update Council on the progress made so far in terms of funding and design.
- *Undertake a site investigation at Kilmore Park for a small housing scheme with a view to transferring the park to the new Regional Park.
- *Ensure that the green area on Knocknaheeny Avenue is developed within the North West Regeneration Scheme and in consultation transfer any sporting commitments for accommodation under various codes to the North West Regional Park.

REPLY

The Council is committed to the development of the North West Regional Park between Kilmore Heights and Nash’s Boreen to provide a wide range of both passive and active recreation activities in a parkland setting that embraces the existing natural environment and protects and promotes biodiversity.

The Council currently has title to slightly over ten acres adjoining Kilmore Heights and is presently exploring options to acquire adjoining lands to connect the existing

land to Nash's Boreen. It is essential to acquire the additional land prior to commencing design and consultation.

The proposal to undertake a site investigation at Kilmore Park for a small housing scheme with a view to transferring the park to the new Regional Park has been noted on the Housing Capital & Regeneration Programme, but is ultimately dependent on the timeline that will apply to the Regional Park. The green area on Knocknaheeny Avenue is also programmed to be developed within the Cork Northwest Quarter Regeneration Programme. The request for transfer of sporting commitments to the North West Regional Park is noted and will form part of the consultation process applicable to the Regional Park.

**Declan Roche,
A/Director of Services,
Housing.**

4.5 **NO. 1 DORGAN'S ROAD GLASHEEN**

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

Can the C E outline the stipulations that accompanied the sale of the property to the new owner of No. 1 Dorgan's road Glasheen and did this sale come before the Finance and Estimates committee through Disposals before going to full council.

REPLY

The following conditions were included in the contract:

- the purchaser shall complete the redevelopment and/or refurbishment of the property and removal of dereliction to the satisfaction of Cork City Council within a maximum of two years. (7th February 2021)
- In the absence of the redevelopment and/or refurbishment of the property etc. the purchaser shall not be entitled to assign or alienate his interest and the site will be place back onto the Derelict Sites Register and begin again to accrue the derelict sites levies.

The property is being regularly inspected by Property Services who are in contact with the owners. The last inspection occurred on 13/10/20 and the dereliction had yet to be satisfactorily removed. A further inspection is due in January 2021.

The disposal was considered by the Finance and Estimates Committee on 02/07/18

The disposal went to full council on 09/07/18.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.**

4.6 **DERELICT SITES UPDATE**

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

Can the CE give an update on status/ plans for the following sites:

1. Former CMP dairy site, Tramore Road.
2. Vita Cortex site, Pearse Road / Kinsale Road.

REPLY

The former CMP dairy site, Tramore Road, Variation No 6 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 was made in November 2019, which changed the zoning of this site from its former zoning of 'Light Industrial' to 'Residential, Local Services and Institutional Uses' which facilitates residential uses. The City Council has been engaging with developers in relation to this site in the form of pre-application consultations.

The Vita Cortex site, Pearse Road / Kinsale Road, was placed on the Derelict Sites Register in November 2017. Cork City Council has engaged with the site representatives and expects a plan for the future of the site to be provided to the Council in 2021.

**Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic & Economic Development.**

4.7 **NOISE ACTION PLAN**

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

Can the CE outline if a noise action plan has been put in place by Cork City Council to deal with emissions from aircraft approaching and leaving Cork Airport?

REPLY

I can confirm that the Cork Agglomeration Area Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023, jointly produced by Cork City and Cork County Councils, did include an evaluation of Cork Airport. This evaluation took place with the assistance of Cork Airport who produced strategic noise maps for the airport. The analysis of same demonstrated that the noise values for Airport generated noise did not exceed the onset levels for assessment of noise mitigation. As the threshold levels were not exceeded then no mitigation measures were required to be included in the plan.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.**

4.8 **DOUGLAS LIBRARY**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the progress of opening Douglas Library?

REPLY

Work is progressing according to schedule for the reopening of Douglas Library in Douglas Village Shopping Centre on Friday December 18. The library will be a transformed space both in design and enhanced services.

The Listening Lounge is new to the adult area and will be a space for the public to listen to audio books and music on cd and vinyl. It will be a relaxing and calm space. My Open Library will be part of Douglas Library early in the new year and will significantly increase the opening hours for the public.

The refurbished library includes a complete transformation of the children's space, including a new children's fiction area, a larger children's story time area and a new personalised kiosk for the children and families to use.

Plans are also being finalised to support those with dementia in the community, including a new Tovertafel magic table and memory café which will be a great addition to our Age Friendly Libraries initiatives.

A Per Cent for Art Commission has been awarded to two Cork based textile artists as part of the reopening of the refurbished Library. Taking its inspiration from the historic textile industry of the Douglas area the proposal includes a strong community engagement element with nursing homes and local schools. The end piece will be a textile wall hanging, a focus for discussion of the local history of the area for many years to come.

The staff of Cork City Libraries are putting in extra hours working diligently adding new items to ensure the stock of Douglas Library will be second to none when it reopens, providing the most up to date titles available to the people of Douglas and the surrounding areas.

**Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.**

4.9 **RE-OPENING OF DALY'S BRIDGE**

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

Can the CE report on progress with the re-opening of Daly's Bridge (The Shakey Bridge)?

REPLY

The refurbishment works on Daly Bridge are now near completion, with good progress having been made in progressing the outstanding items over the past two months.

In keeping with the current Covid restrictions and uncertainties Cork City Council is planning a low key re-opening ceremony to mark the occasion.

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**Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.**

4.10

STATUS OF PLOT OF LAND ON KYRL’S QUAY

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

To ask the Chief Executive the status of a plot of land on Kyrl’s Quay opposite Bridewell Garda Station, whether plans exist for its development.

REPLY

The property forms a part of the Kyrls Quay package, which the Council bought from NAMA. Plans are being developed for the redevelopment of this site but must be considered in the context of a wider regeneration of the area.

A pumping station below ground occupies the eastern end of the land in question and any scheme brought forward will need to be undertaken with this in existence.

Kyrl’s Street is not currently in Council ownership, title was not vested in NAMA so title did not transfer back to CCC in 2019.

The title of the lands is being perfected and a masterplan will be developed.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.**

4.11 **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROCESS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to advise Council on consequences mooted by the Minister for Housing for Local Authorities that do not spend money available for Traveller accommodation in 2021 (where his department would 'manage the Traveller accommodation process directly') and the effects this would have for Cork City Council.

This question relates to the following newspaper reports:

- <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-40176978.html>
- <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/housing-minister-announces-change-to-traveller-accommodation-process-as-half-of-allocated-money-in-2020-not-spent-39834544.html>

REPLY

We are awaiting exact details from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage on what the suggested new proposal entails, and we will keep Members fully informed of any changes once we are notified.

Declan Roche,
A/Director of Services,
Housing.

4.12 **EVENTS CENTRE**

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

Could the City C.E. please update Council on the status of the Events Centre and when does she envision a commencement date for the starting of the project?

REPLY

All parties are continuing to meet on the Cork Events Centre and have recently re-affirmed their commitment to deliver this project.

Despite uncertainty around the reopening of the global live entertainment industry, the parties continue to progress the project.

The intention is to bring the funding agreement (which dictates the terms on which government support is granted) to as close a point as possible to where it can be signed off once revenue streams are restored in the events industry

Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.

4.13 **FIXED PENALTY NOTICES FOR PARKING OFFENCES**

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

To ask the chief executive to provide as full a dataset as possible on the number and types of all fixed penalty notices for parking offences in the Cork city council area from October 2019 to present.

This is the same dataset that I received in answer to a question I placed last year so if I can get the same dataset updated with the dates outlined in the question I'd appreciate it.

REPLY

Offence	No of FCPNs: 01/10/2019- 30/11/2020
Failing to display a Current Vehicle Licence Disc (tax disc)	4,092
Failure to display a valid disc or register a valid Cork City Park by Phone parking event	15,978
Parking a vehicle on a roadway to which a no parking sign applies etc	7,930 *
Parking a vehicle other than a vehicle of a specified class	785
Parking a vehicle wholly or partly on a footway/ Grass Margin/ Median Strip	1,752
Parking a vehicle wholly or partly within omnibus stand	26
Parking a vehicle wholly or partly within omnibus stopping place	197
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a junction	53
Parking in an Electronically Powered Vehicle Recharging Bay beyond Permitted Time	16
Parking in an Electronically Powered Vehicle Recharging Bay but Vehicle is not being Recharged	6
Parking in an Electronically Powered Vehicle Recharging Bay	8
Stopping or parking a vehicle on a clearway	2
Unlawful parking in a bus lane	28

Unlawful parking of a vehicle in a loading bay	3,295
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Total 34,168

The figure of 7,930 fixed penalty notices for the period 01/10/2019 – 30/11/2020 includes a figure of 291 offences relating to parking in a cycle lane.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.**

5. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

5.1 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT HOLLYWOOD DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD ESTATE, HOLLYHILL CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, in accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Hollywood Drive, Hollywood Estate, Hollyhill in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) dated 10th November 2020.

5.2 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT SUNVIEW, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, in accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Sunview, South Douglas Road, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) dated 10th November 2020.

5.3 **SECTION 38 – IMPROVEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AT ST PATRICKS ROAD**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendations of the Director of Services, Infrastructure & Development, dated 19th November 2020, following public consultation, on the proposed pedestrian safety interventions at St Patricks Road, Cork pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

5.4 **PART 8 PLANNING PROPOSAL SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD JUNCTION UPGRADE**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed South Douglas Road Junction Upgrade Scheme and the attached report of the Director of

Infrastructure Development thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the South Douglas Road Junction Upgrade Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the South Douglas Road Junction Upgrade Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 14th December 2020.”

5.5 **PROPOSED PEDESTRIANISATION OF LITTLE ANNE STREET**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, 03rd December 2020, having been considered by the Local Area Committee and following public consultation, on the proposed Pedestrianisation of Little Anne Street pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the implementation of the pedestrianisation of Little Anne Street would be reviewed after six months.

5.6 **PROPOSED PEDESTRIANISATION OF LITTLE CROSS STREET**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Forde, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, 03rd December 2020, having been considered by the Local Area Committee and following public consultation, on the proposed Pedestrianisation of Little Cross Street pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the implementation of the pedestrianisation of Little Cross Street would be reviewed after six months.

5.7 **PROPOSED PEDESTRIANISATION OF EMMETT PLACE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, 03rd December 2020, having been considered by the Local Area Committee and following public consultation, on the proposed Pedestrianisation of Emmett Place pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the implementation of the pedestrianisation of Emmett Place would be reviewed after six months.

5.8 **PROPOSED PEDESTRIANISATION OF ST. PETER & PAUL'S PLACE AND PART OF PAUL STREET**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Canty, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, 03rd December 2020, having been considered by the Local Area Committee and following public consultation, on the proposed Pedestrianisation of St. Peter & Paul's Place and part of Paul Street pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the implementation of the pedestrianisation of St. Peter & Paul's Place and Part of Paul Street would be reviewed after six months.

5.9 **PROPOSED PEDESTRIANISATION OF OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET AND CONNECTED STREETS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, 03rd December 2020, having been considered by the Local Area Committee and following public consultation, together with the amendment below, on the proposed Pedestrianisation of Oliver Plunkett Street and Connected Streets pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

Following assessment of the submissions received and the issues raised including comments in relation to timings of the pedestrianisation, it is now recommended that the scheme as presented proceed with a modification to extend the finish time of the pedestrianisation on all streets to 4am in order to minimise conflict between pedestrians and vehicles as night clubs, fast food outlets etc close.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the implementation of the pedestrianisation of Oliver Plunkett Street and connected streets would be reviewed after six months.

5.10 **PROPOSED PEDESTRIANISATION OF TUCKEY STREET**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, 03rd December 2020, having been considered by the Local Area Committee and following public consultation, together with the amendment below, on the proposed Pedestrianisation of Tuckey Street pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

Following assessment of the submissions received and the issues raised including comments in relation to timings of the pedestrianisation, it is now recommended that

the scheme as presented proceed with a modification to extend the finish time of the pedestrianisation on Tuckey Street to 4am in order to minimise conflict between pedestrians and vehicles as night clubs, fast food outlets etc close and to ensure consistency with Oliver Plunkett Street.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the implementation of the pedestrianisation of Tuckey Street would be reviewed after six months.

5.11 **PROPOSED PEDESTRIANISATION OF THE MARINA**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, 03rd December 2020, having been considered by the Local Area Committee and following public consultation, on the proposed Pedestrianisation of The Marina pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

An Chomhairle further agreed that the pedestrianisation of The Marina would be a permanent measure.

5.12 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: ST. JOSEPH'S VILLAS, BLACKROCK ROAD, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Service, Housing, dated 19th November, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of 4 no. units of accommodation at 2, St. Joseph's Villas, Blackrock Road, Blackrock, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Bogue, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €536,875 (previously €520,000) be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 4 no. units at 2 St. Josephs Villas, Blackrock Road, Blackrock, Cork”.

5.13 **PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN BLARNEY AND TOWER**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, 14 December 2020, following public consultation, on the proposed Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvement Works in Blarney and Tower, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 7th DECEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 7th December 2020.

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st OCTOBER 2020**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st October 2020.

6.2 **CIVIC TRUST FOR DERELICT PROPERTIES IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 3rd December 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will establish a self-financing civic trust or similar body to purchase, compulsorily if necessary, derelict properties in the city, which this body will repair for sale, lease or another useful purpose.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/374)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has tendered for the development of a City Centre strategy that will include the consideration of international models of best practice on addressing the future of the City Centre. The process of developing the strategy will include an assessment of delivery mechanisms proposed.

As the process progresses, a further report will issue to An Chomhairle via the Strategic, Economic Development & Planning SPC.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the report and the motion to the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 23rd NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 23rd November 2020.

7.1 **MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2021**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Meetings Schedule 2021.

8. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th November 2020.

8.1 **MOTIONS**

8.1.1 **INTRODUCE BYE LAWS TO BAN INFLATABLE CRAFT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

‘In light of the recent rescue by fisherman Gus O'Donovan and crew member Mathew Byrne of two men on an inflatable craft in Crosshaven, I want to bring to the attention of the Council the dangers of such craft on our shores. This is just one of several water related recent incidents that could have resulted in tragedy. In an article written for The Echo on August 5th of this year, Tom MacSweeney honours the role of Cork people in our maritime industry and highlights the dangers of these inflatable craft. As mentioned in the article, I welcome the comment by chief executive of Water Safety Ireland, John Leech, in supporting a ban on inflatable craft, in order to prevent a tragic outcome in our waters. Referring to “supermarket inflatables”, Hugh Mockler, Deputy, Launch Authority at Crosshaven RNLI, where Gus has been a crew member, described these craft as “downright dangerous”. I therefore call on Cork City Council to introduce the necessary bye laws to ban the use of inflatable craft on our shores and beaches.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 20/284)

The report of the Director of Services stated that these inflatables are used by those at beaches primarily and as there are no beaches within Cork City Councils’ function area they do not cause a problem on waters which Cork City Council has responsibilities for. Slipways along the Marina and Blackrock Harbour are used by rowing clubs, kayakers and recreational craft owners. Cork City Council’s Water Safety Officer will put together a safety campaign regarding the safe and responsible use of inflatables.

8.1.2 **WATER FOUNTAINS IN PUBLIC SPACES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council resolve as a policy that all public spaces newly constructed or substantially upgraded have water fountains included in their design.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 20/302)

The report of the Director of Services stated that where possible, water fountains will be installed as part of newly and upgraded amenity parks and amenity spaces. I can also confirm that the Council has received grant assistance from Healthy Ireland

towards the installation of water fountains at Fitzgerald's Park, Ballincollig Regional Park, Bishopstown Park, Gerry O'Sullivan Park, Tramore Valley Park and Douglas Park. These will be installed early 2021.

Each location will be assessed on its merits as to whether or not to include a drinking water fountain as part of the project. The assessment includes but is not limited to:

- 1) Proximity to a public water supply
- 2) The potential demand on the water supply to ensure minimum drinking water standards can be maintained on demand
- 3) Funding for the provision, installation and the future maintenance/associated operating costs.

8.1.3 **GREEN URBAN NETWORK IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will develop 'green corridors' of linear natural infrastructure, such as trees and plants, that link up other green and open spaces to form a green urban network in the city.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/304)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the linking of parks, green open spaces, rivers and streams, greenways and allotments by street tree planting is an ongoing process and will continue as opportunities are identified.

Unfortunately, street tree planting is not possible in some areas due to narrow pavements or the presence of underground services.

A Citywide Green and Blue Infrastructure Study is presently underway, the findings of which will feed into the City Development Plan Review. The identification of green corridors within the city will be a major element of this study.

8.1.4 **AFFIX NOTICES TO TREES INFORMING RESIDENTS OF WORKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council will affix notices to trees identified to be felled or cut, informing residents of the works to be conducted and allowing a period for residents to make observations.'

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/305)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the felling of individual trees in the city is a last resort and only occurs when the tree is either dead, seriously diseased, undermining property or a danger to the public. The decision to fell is only made following an inspection by a qualified arborist. Trees like all living organisms have a

limited life span and this varies depending on the species and, like all living organisms they suffer from diseases and die or become unsafe. Some diseases are extremely serious and kill trees in a very short time e.g. Ash Die-Back and Dutch Elm Disease.

Tree pruning falls into two categories:

- (a) programmed maintenance
- (b) requests for pruning for a variety of reasons.

Pruning again is a last resort and appropriate pruning is only undertaken following an inspection by a qualified arborist. Many requests for pruning are rejected to the dissatisfaction of the requester.

Cork City Council understands communities desire to retain trees in their community. However, as described above, felling and pruning are only undertaken if deemed absolutely essential.

In cases where such actions are undertaken, they are a last resort and thus not optional. Also, as detailed above works undertaken are approved by a qualified arborist who has the skills and competencies to determine the most appropriate actions to be undertaken.

8.1.5 **GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING HORSES IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will publish guidelines and practical information on the control and keeping of horses in the city for use by residents and stakeholders.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/306)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion should be referred to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

8.1.6 **INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS ON THE CONTROL OF VERMIN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will publish information for city residents on control of vermin, including advice for control of waste and property, the rights of residents and services available.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/307)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council’s 2019 Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws set out the responsibilities of household and businesses in relation to waste that arises from their premises. The control of vermin is a public health issue and it falls

under the remit of the Health Service Executive to publish guidance and information on this issue.

8.1.7 **INSTALL DOG FOULING BINS ACROSS THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a budget to install dog fouling bins and signs across the city, possibly in conjunction with tidy towns, residents associations and the like.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/209)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has an extensive network of both on street litter bins and litter bins located in public parks. All Cork City Council litter bins can be used to dispose of dog fouling.

Requests for erection of anti-dog fouling signage can be logged with the customer service unit and will be dealt with by the Litter Warden Service.

The issue of engagement with tidy towns and residents’ associations should be referred to the Dog Fouling sub-committee for further consideration.

8.1.8 **EXTENSION OF PUBLIC PARK OPENING HOURS DURING WINTER MONTHS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council extend the opening hours of Council owned parks during the winter months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 20/350)

The report of the Director of Services stated that while I can fully understand the desire to have public parks open longer hours during the winter, I would have a number of concerns regarding this.

The first issue is one of Health and Safety. It may be possible to provide temporary lighting along perimeter park paths (at considerable cost for which there is no funding), however, this leaves the majority of the park interior in near complete darkness. This will thus become attractive areas for gangs to gather with the potential risk of unsocial behaviour and the intimidation of those who may use the lit pathways.

Also removing these gangs at the revised later closing time, in complete darkness, would be extremely difficult and potentially unsafe practice.

Significant additional costs, which are not in the budget, would also be incurred e.g. temporary lighting, security etc.

Thus, the extension of park opening hours after dusk is very problematic and would be very difficult to advance in the short term.

It is also important to note that the city has an extensive network of well-lit public footpaths in most residential communities across the City. These are presently well used by walkers during the winter months and possibly offer the best areas to exercise after dusk. They are extremely safe as they are well lit via existing public lighting and are adjacent to the public road which provides an element of passive surveillance.

8.1.9 **PLAN FOR GUS HEALY SWIMMING POOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9th November 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would begin the process of developing a master plan for the Gus Healy Swimming pool (Douglas/Ballinlough). The current facility offers an extremely poor service to the public, the many clubs and local schools that use the facility. 15 years ago a motion to Council to relocate the facility and upgrade the complex in the process was defeated by Council. One of the primary reasons for relocation was road access as the vast majority of people were car users. I believe that times have changed. The mix of generations now living in the wider area of Ballinlough/Blackrock/Douglas has changed. Far more younger families now live in the area, more and more people in their 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s are now actively involved in fitness. The site offers a great opportunity to provide the people of the south east area a complex that other districts of the city enjoy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 20/315)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Gus Healy Pool is a 25m six lane pool which is in use every day, being fully booked from Monday to Friday 6am until 10pm and in use on Saturdays from 6am until 6pm and on Sunday mornings. The primary users of the facility are schools and clubs, with the public hours making up the balance of usage.

The building is 45 years old and in good decorative order. There has been large investment in the facility in the past eight years, with over € 1m spent on a new filtration system, new boiler and BMS system, new windows, new disability hoist, electrical works and decorative works such as painting and tiling and resurfacing of entrance roadway and car park. However, whilst being very functional, the style of the building is of its time and does contrast with more modern facilities.

The cost of a new leisure centre is substantial, with the Churchfield Leisure Centre costing € 9.5 m in 2005 and any proposed new facility at Douglas also requiring dry facilities such as gyms, fitness suites etc There is currently no Department Swimming Pool Grant Scheme in place to fund any new pools.

The City Council has just appointed consultants to carry out an Active Recreation Infrastructure Needs Study for the Council and part of their work will involve assessing the current and future needs for swimming facilities in the City and making

recommendations in relation to any identified gaps in provision. The results of the Study will be presented to Council and help inform any decision in relation to the Gus Healy Pool.

9. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th November 2020.

10. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - 17th NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th November 2020.

10.1 **CURRENT ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE TOURISM SECTOR IN CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic and Economic Development, on current activities to support the tourism sector in Cork.

10.2 **CORK CITY COUNCIL'S EU ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic and Economic Development, on Cork City Council's EU activities and projects.

11. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd November 2020.

12. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd November 2020.

12.1 **NAME DEVELOPMENT AT GERALD GRIFFIN AVENUE AFTER DONAL O'CALLAGHAN**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council name the new development at Gerald Griffin Street, Gerald Griffin Avenue (was Peacock Lane) as it is the site where Lord Mayor 1920, Donal O'Callaghan was born in 1891 at 1 Factory Lane, next to Peacock Lane, off Gerald Griffin Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 20/117)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

13. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd November 2020.

14. **SPECIAL SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 7th DECEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 7th December 2020.

15. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd November 2020.

15.1 **BUS STOP AT TECHNOLOGY PARK ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 19th November 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:

‘That City Council would move/step back the boundary fence at the city bound bus stop right outside the Technology Park on Model Farm Rd. This would then facilitate a proper bus shelter being erected in this location because presently due to the footpath not being wide enough the NTA are refusing to correct this huge problem for public transport/bus users especially the elderly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/318)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current approved bus stop on the Model Farm Road close to the entrance to the IDA Business & Technology Park (Cork City direction) has a bus shelter. The bus shelter does not have any side panels due to the need to avoid impeding the movement of pedestrians along this section of narrow footpath. This shelter was replaced by the NTA in 2017. The property inside the fence at this location is not in the ownership of Cork City Council therefore the fence cannot be stepped back to facilitate the installation of a larger bus shelter.

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion back to the South West Local Area Committee for further consideration.

16. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th November 2020.

17. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 9th NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 9th November 2020.

ITEM 5 – MOTION

ZERO CARBON ECONOMY

‘That Cork City Council believes a just transition, ensuring no workers or communities are left behind as we transition to a zero-carbon economy, is an essential element of successful climate action.’

(Proposers: Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. L. Bogue 20/342)

Comhairleoir O. Moran proposed and An Chomhairle agreed that motion 20/342 be revised to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council believes a just transition, ensuring no workers or communities are left behind as society transitions to a zero-carbon economy, is an essential element of successful climate action. Acknowledging the role of local government in ensuring a just transition, Cork City Council will develop objectives relating to a just transition within the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.’

An Chomhairle further agreed that the revised motion be referred to the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

18. **CENTENARY COMMEMORATION 2019-2023 STEERING COMMITTEE – 30th NOVEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee from its meeting held, 30th November 2020.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence as follows:-

- Letter from Kerry County Council dated 16th October 2020.
- Letter from Sligo County Council dated 6th November 2020.
- Letter from Carlow County Council dated 12th November 2020.
- Letter from Galway County Council dated 30th November 2020.
- Letter to the Office of An Taoiseach dated 12th November 2020.
- Letter from the Office of An Taoiseach dated 3rd December 2020.
- Letter to the Office of An Taoiseach dated 12th November 2020.
- Letter from the Office of An Taoiseach dated 3rd December 2020.
- Letter from the Office of Social Protection dated 3rd December 2020.

20. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

21. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

22. **TRAINING**

None received.

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

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management report for October 2020.

24. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle noted the motions on Appendix 1, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

25. **MOTIONS**

25.1 **AWARD MILITARY MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY TO IRISH SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT AT JADOTVILLE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That Cork Council calls on the Government to award the Military Medals for Gallantry and the Distinguished Service Medals to the Irish soldiers who fought at Jadotville in the province of Katanga as part of a UN contingent during the Congo crisis in 1961. These medals were never awarded even though they were recommended by their commanding officer Commandant Pat Quinlan. Only 8 of the 32 men who were recommended for Bravery medals are still alive and I fully believe that their bravery when faced with overwhelming opposition that had superior weaponry, outnumbering the Irish soldiers by 10 – 1.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 20/290)

An Chomhairle noted that this matter was addressed at the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 30th November 2020 and that subsequently the Meetings Administrator issued a letter to An Taoiseach in relation to same.

25.2 **MONIES TO FUND LOCAL ADDICTION SERVICES, YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘Requesting that Cork City Council write to the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to make provisions where monies confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Legislation be redirected from central funds back into local addiction services, youth organisations, and community initiatives to combat the effect of addiction on our communities, and that the necessary legislation is changed as a matter of urgency to allow this vital funding support to happen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/404)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

‘Requesting that Cork City Council write to the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to make provisions where monies confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Legislation be redirected from central funds back into local addiction services, youth organisations, and community initiatives to combat the effect of addiction on our communities, and that the necessary legislation is changed as a matter of urgency to allow this vital funding support to happen, while at the same time that groups and community organisations can secure funding from channels such as Local Development Task Forces and State Agencies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/404)

25.3 **SUPPORT THE NOMINATION OF THE HENRY REEVE MEDICAL BRIGADE, CUBA FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the nomination of The Henry Reeve Medical Brigade, Cuba, for the 2021 Nobel Peace prize. We do this to recognise and honour the Brigade, which was founded in 2005, for its services to the peoples of mainly developing countries, but since the outbreak of Covid-19, to European countries as well, such as Spain and Italy. Cuba, despite it's economic limitations due to the illegal blockade being waged against it by the US and intensified by the Trump regime, has through the Henry Reeve Medical Brigade, been a world leader in the fight against not just Covid-19 but other, even more deadly public health emergencies, such as Ebola.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 20/410)

Noting Comhairleoir T. Shannon’s dissention to the motion, An Chomhairle agreed to refer it to Simon Coveney, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

25.4 **HONOUR IRISH SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN THE CONGO**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports calls on President Michael D Higgins to honour the brave Irish soldiers who served as part of the UN force in the Congo in 1961; their medals are long overdue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/411)

An Chomhairle noted that this matter was addressed at the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 30th November 2020 and that subsequently the Meetings Administrator issued a letter to An Taoiseach in relation to same.

25.5 **PROVISIONS FOR DRUG AND DRUG TRAFFICKING MONIES**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to make provisions (including legislative changes) for drug and drug trafficking monies confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Legislation to be redirected from central coffers back into local addiction and drug education & prevention services, youth organisations and community initiatives to combat the effects of addiction on our communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/412)

An Chomhairle noted that this matter was addressed under item 25.2.

25.6 **IRISH SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN THE SIEGE OF JADOTVILLE IN 1961**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council call on the Minister for Defence and the Government to recognise the heroic actions of the Irish soldiers who were involved in the siege of Jadotville in 1961. Thirty one of these men were put forward for the awarding of these medals of honour by Commandant Pat Quinlan who was the officer in charge. Army officials and the government of the day decided not to award the medals and their heroic actions were buried for the next 50 years until Declan Power looked into the story and wrote the book on which the film was based. Only seven of these men are still alive, so we want to see this miscarriage overturned while these men still live. We therefore ask the government to award the medals these men deserve.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 20/414)

An Chomhairle noted that this matter was addressed at the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 30th November 2020 and that subsequently the Meetings Administrator issued a letter to An Taoiseach in relation to same.

25.7 **PAYMENT TO STUDENT NURSES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Health Minister Stephen Donnelly is refusing to pay student nurses, even during the COVID-19 health crisis. This means that students risking their lives to care for us are forced to live in poverty, unsure of how they’ll pay their rent or bills, while putting in long hours at hospitals and care homes for no pay. Cork City Council calls on Health Minister Stephen Donnelly and the government to fully restore, with back pay, the payments due to the student nurses, so as to restore their financial security and dignity to which they are due.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 20/430)

25.8 **OLD TERMINAL BUILDING AT CORK AIRPORT**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer consideration of the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 11th January 2021:-

‘I ask that Cork City Council would write to the Minister of Transport Mr. Eamon Ryan TD and call on him to instruct the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) to begin the process of handing over the old terminal building at Cork Airport to Ryanair. The old terminal building is currently standing empty and falling into disrepair. Because of the pandemic Ryanair like many other airlines around the globe have seen a huge downturn in passengers numbers and as a result of this Cork Airport has suffered, Cork City has suffered, the hospitality and retail sectors have suffered, and jobs and the security of employment have suffered. Ryanair CEO Michael O’Leary has recently (Dec 20) said that he is confident that airlines will recover somewhat in the summer of 21 with a huge improvement on that come the summer of 22. I feel that now is the time for us to reinvigorate the old terminal and I firmly believe that should the DAA and Minister Ryan allow Ryanair the opportunity to invest and set up an airline HUB in the old terminal that that investment will go a long way in helping to rebuild our economy in the Southern Area. I ask my fellow Cllrs to support my call on the Minister to act swiftly on this motion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 20/435)

25.9 **EASE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN MATERNITY HOSPITALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call upon the Minister for Health and the Health Service Executive to ease Covid-19 restrictions in maternity hospitals so as to allow fathers/partners the right to be present with a woman at her ante natal scans and appointments, and more importantly to be able to support her throughout the entirety of her labour and for the duration of the hospital stay.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 20/436)

25.10 **COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to the Department for Community Development and Charities to ask if there are plans for a pilot scheme based on the TASC’s The People’s Transition: Community led Development for Climate Justice.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 20/453)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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