

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Fitzpatrick Family on the death of Captain Dara Fitzpatrick.
- The Duffy Family on the death of Captain Mark Duffy.
- The Smith Family on the death of Ciarán Smith.
- The Ormsby Family on the death of Paul Ormsby.
- The McBride Family on the death of Ryan McBride.
- The McGuinness Family on the death of Martin McGuinness, former Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland.
- The Falvey Family on the death of Catherine Falvey.
- The Cooke Family on the death of Mary Cooke.
- The O’Connor Family on the death of Jim O’Connor.

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

- St. Francis College on winning the FAI Senior Schools National Cup Championship 2017.
- Saoirse Noonan on winning the FAI U-17 Player of the Year.
- Cork City Council TEAM Section on the St. Patrick's Day Festivities.
- Cork Drug and Alcohol Task Force on organising the 'Hello Sunday Morning 4 Mile Run'.
- Cork Sports Partnership on organising the Sports Ability Day.
- CBC Junior Rugby Team on winning the Munster Schools Junior Cup.
- Cork Con Football Club on celebrating 125 years and the launch of their 125 book.
- Cork City Council Environment Department on organising the Dog Fouling Awareness Week.
- Lord Mayor Councillor Des Cahill on opening a Book of Condolences for Martin McGuinness, former Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland.
- Whitechurch on winning the Junior B All Ireland Hurling Championship.

## 3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

### 3.1 **ITEM 9.1 LOWER LEE (CORK CITY) DRAINAGE SCHEME**

On the proposal of the Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle agreed to consider item 9.1 under Lord Mayor's Items.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Draft Report on the Council's response to the OPW Lower Lee (Cork City) Drainage Scheme, with the following amendments:-

- (i) Reserve the right to make a further submission should additional information become available at a later date.
- (ii) To include reference to retaining the historic railings at the North Mall, Sullivan's Quay and St. Patrick's Quay.
- (iii) Strengthen the reference to dredging

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

"That in accordance with Section 5 (2b) of the Arterial Drainage Act 1945, and having examined and considered the Lower Lee (Cork City) Drainage, that we resolve to submit this Report to the OPW as the City Council's submission in relation to the Scheme".

The opposition of Comhairleoir T. Tynan and Comhairleoir F. Ryan on behalf of the Solidarity Party, to the OPW Lower Lee (Cork City) Drainage Scheme was noted.

### 3.2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of the Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to consider the following motion tabled from the floor:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on Minister Shane Ross to directly intervene in the ongoing industrial dispute at Bus Éireann. Council believes any resolution to the dispute needs to ensure the protection of the rights, pay and conditions of the workers as well as ensuring access to public transport for all citizens.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. S. Cunningham, Cllr. S. O’Shea, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. C. O’Leary)

An Chomhairle agreed to address the motion at this point of the meeting and having considered same unanimously approved the motion.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for February 2017.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (as amended).

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **UPDATE ON MOTIONS 15/210 AND 15/289**

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

Can the CE update me on the following motions (15/210) Car Park at the junction of Summerhill South, Langford Row and High Street and (15/289) include Father Mathew Road, Turners Cross in the reconstruction and resurfacing programme .

These motions were submitted in good faith in 2015 and both were to be assessed at that time. However, no works or improvements have been carried out at either location to date.

(Cllr. Paudie Dineen)

**REPLY**

The car park at the junction of Summerhill South, Langford Row and High Street was recently upgraded with the installation of traffic delineators and a yellow box. This work

provides for orderly parking and protection for the adjoining residential property. The car park and surrounding area has also been the subject of additional patrols by the traffic warden service to ensure that the available spaces are used in a compliant manner and to address the issue of abandoned vehicles. With regard to the proposed conversion of the green area to parking there was been no provision in the adopted annual budget for such works. However, this proposal can be considered further when such funding is provided in future. The agreement of all the residents affected by the proposal will be necessary for same. Where budgetary provision is made for this type of work, related proposals are generally the subject of discussion and agreement at Ward level similar to traffic calming works.

Fr Matthew Rd, Turners Cross was assessed and considered, in conjunction with other roads within the City, for surfacing works under the annual surfacing programme. As Members will be aware the amount of surfacing work that can be undertaken each year is limited by the funding available and works have to be prioritized accordingly. The roadway will be examined along with others in the context of future programmes and in the interim any necessary temporary repairs will be effected.

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

## 6.2 **UPGRADE WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

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

Has Cork City Council any plans to upgrade White Street Car Park and enhance the environment of the area?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

### **REPLY**

The City Council has proposed plans to upgrade the car park site and neighbouring sites. The proposals if implemented will enhance the environment of the area and provide sustainable urban development in White Street. The site is zoned as part of the Inner City Residential Neighbourhood and this zoning seeks “to reinforce the residential character, while supporting the provision and retention of local services, and civic and cultural institutions” (ZO3: Inner City Residential Neighbourhood, CDP2015-2021, p226).

It is proposed to proceed with a social housing development at this location as the major plank of this regeneration initiative. The proposed development would improve the public realm and provide an attractive and desirable living environment in this convenient City Centre location and is in keeping with Council policy to increase residential supply in City Centre locations. Pre Part 8 planning consultation has been carried out within the Council and with the local elected ward members.

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

6.3 **GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR CORK'S PROPOSED EVENT CENTRE**

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

Following a briefing to Council and much subsequent comment in the media, can the CE inform us whether or not an official review/audit of the request for an extra €12 in Government funding for Cork's proposed Event Centre has been undertaken by the Council Project Group and whether or not an official request to Government has been made by the developers?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

**REPLY**

The revised design and costs of the proposed event centre are being assessed by the consultants retained to advise the Steering Committee, established by Cork City Council, which manages the public funding element of this project.

The developers have not made any request to Government for additional funding.

Any application to Government for additional funding will be made by Cork City Council.

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

6.4 **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE QUARRY, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

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

Can the Chief Executive please advise Council when it can expect to receive a comprehensive report from Planning and Development and Environment and Recreation Directorates outlining concrete plans for the future of the Quarry, Ballyhooley Road?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

**REPLY**

For the past 18 months, both directorates have been examining options in relation to the improvement of this area, including the Quarry Steps. The likely solution will most likely involve an open space, some additional residential development and the offer of extended rear gardens to some residents. A full survey of the area has been carried out to determine levels.

The next step is to identify any outstanding environmental issues that need to be addressed and implement any measures deemed necessary as a result of this exercise.

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

6.5 **INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATELY RENTED HOUSES IN CORK CITY**

**The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred.**

To ask the Chief Executive for an updated report on the level of inspections of privately rented houses in Cork City and the level of compliance/non-compliance found for 2015 and 2016 and if the report can identify the category of issues for non-compliance and review inspections to assess remediation?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

7.2 **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE ON RATE COLLECTION FOR 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Collector of Municipal Rate on Rate collection for 2016.

8. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

9. **SPECIAL MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee and Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

9.1 **LOWER LEE (CORK CITY) DRAINAGE SCHEME**

On the proposal of the Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir D.Cahill, An Chomhairle considered item 9.1 under Lord Mayor's Items, reference Item 3.1.

10. **SPECIAL MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

10.1 **ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING AT BUDGET TIME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Director of Services report dated the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 on the allocation of an additional €177,000 to the Environment & Recreation Directorate at Budget Meeting 2017.

**CHANGE TO THE CHAIR**

The Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir D.Cahill, vacated the Chair at 6.45p.m. and the Deputy Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh assumed the duties of the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

11. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

11.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, in relation to the following property disposal:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in the property known as No. 74, Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, Cork to John and Marie Roache, c/o M/S Comyn, Kelleher, Tobin Solicitors, No. 2, George’s Quay, Cork for the sum of €5,500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) together with costs in the sum of 1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, the disposal was approved.

11.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for March, 2017.

11.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT CHURCHFIELD PLACE EAST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 in relation to site situated adjacent to No. 36, Churchfield Place East, Churchfield, Cork.

11.4 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME – THE ADDITION OF APPROVED HOUSING BODY PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, in relation to the Choice Based Letting Scheme – the Addition of Approved Housing Body Properties.

11.5 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME – MONTHLY UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

11.6 **RODENT PROBLEM IN DEERMOUNT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council investigate the source and cause of the rodent problem in Deermount and ensure that all residents are engaged with to ensure that there is no reoccurrence of the problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/018)

The report stated that in response to the issue, the Housing Maintenance Section engaged with Cork Drain Ltd. to carry out a survey of houses in Deermount. Damaged drains were detected and are being repaired. There was a meeting of the Deermount residents at the Lough Community Centre in January. Issues regarding the matter arose, including the need for residents to keep their back gardens clean.

One of the meeting outcomes was a commitment from Housing to carry out CCTV survey of the drains of the affected City Council properties in Deermount which is currently taking place. A further commitment was given to check the internal drainage arrangements of the said properties, to ensure that there aren't any large openings. The latter is on-going and the Housing & Community Directorate remains committed to bringing the matter to a close as soon as possible.

11.7 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Noonans Road, Dean Street, St. Finbarrs Road, Fort Street be included in the Fabric Upgrade Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/035)

The report stated that Noonan Road, Dean Street, St. Finbarrs Road and Fort Street have been included in Phase One of the Fabric Upgrade Program. In Phase One, occupied social housing, with cavities in their walls and attics, had insulation materials installed to reduce heat loss. Phase One of the Fabric Upgrade Program will be completed throughout the entire City Council housing stock by the end of June 2017.

The Council owned properties on these streets will also be included in Phase Two of the Fabric Upgrade Program. The measures to be included here are window/door upgrades, external wall insulation and dry lining of internal walls where appropriate. The Council is awaiting the announcement of the funding allocation for 2017.

In addition to the above, Cork City Council will commence a pilot project this year with regard to the deep retrofitting of apartment blocks. This project is part of the EU funded “priority 4” suite of projects. If successful, the deep retrofit measures will be extended to all applicable Cork City Council owned apartments. The Council is awaiting the announcement of the funding allocation from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government. If the pilot is successful, it is planned to complete a deep retrofit of all apartments before the end of 2020. The term deep retrofit refers to measures to improve the energy efficiency of the property only.

#### 11.8 **NAMING OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that names chosen for its new housing developments will be of local relevance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/040)

The report stated that the City Council will endeavour to ensure that names chosen for new social housing developments are of local relevance. However, the Council, as opportunities arise, may purchase new developments which are under construction and the scheme names may already be in place.

#### 12. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

#### 12.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork’s Programme for the month ending February 2017.

#### 12.2 **RESURFACE BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Ballyhooley Road be resurfaced from Keating’s Furniture right up to junction at O’Callaghan’s T.O.P garage. This stretch of road has fallen into a serious state of disrepair and needs urgent attention.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/022)

The report stated that work on the Cork Cycle Network Phase 2 – Ballyvolane to Centre is anticipated to start in the autumn 2017. In the interim, remedial patching works will be carried out in the coming weeks.

### 12.3 **TRAFFIC SURVEY IN COOLGARTEN PARK, MAGAZINE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services Report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out a traffic survey in Coolgarten Park on Magazine Road with the intention of putting traffic calming measures in place. And also examine exits onto both Glasheen Rd and Magazine Rd. as these are blind spots for residents who are requesting that bollards be put in place to prevent cars parking too near the corners.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/041)

The report stated that Coolgarten Park is situated between Glasheen Road and Magazine Road. Parking is permitted in a number of parking bays within Coolgarten Park. At the intersections of Coolgarten Park with Glasheen Rd and Magazine Rd double yellow lines are in place to indicate that this space is not for parking. Whilst short term loading/unloading is permitted on double yellow lines, any other parking is illegal. The Traffic Warden Service will therefore be requested to pay additional attention to Coolgarten Park to deter any illegal parking incidents.

Coolgarten Park is on the list of requests for traffic calming.

### 12.4 **TRAFFIC ENTERING PARKLEY COURT, MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would put measures in place at Parkley Court Model Farm Rd. to prevent vehicular traffic entering this estate at this pedestrian entrance. Presently there is one steel bollard on the footpath but vehicles are driving onto the grass margin to avoid this.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/042)

The report stated that Parkley Court Model Farm Rd. will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

12.5 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE NO'S 1 TO 13 LOTABEG ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put double yellow lines on the northern side of the roadway outside Nos 1 to 13 Lotabeg Estate as the residents of the area people from outside the area are leaving parked cars all day thus impeding local traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/048)

The report stated that the northern side of the roadway outside Nos 1 to 13 Lotabeg Estate will be assessed for appropriateness of double yellow lines. If deemed appropriate, confirmation of agreement by all residents affected by the installation, will be sought by Cork City Council before the measures can be put forward for inclusion in the Roads Programme.

12.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN TIVOLI ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council having taken in charge the new housing estate at the northern side of Tivoli Estate would liaise with the Electricity Supply Board to ensure the public lighting in the area is made to work in the interests of the safety and security of residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/049)

The report stated that City Council’s specialist lighting maintenance contractor has completed the Taking-in-Charge inspection for this location and any necessary repairs were put in order. An application for a re-connection of the original supply has been submitted to ESB Networks.

The Transportation Division listed the location as a priority but the works programme is determined solely by ESB Networks.

12.7 **RAMP AT MAGERTON CLOSE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would assess re putting in a ramp at/near 18-20 Mangerton Close the Glen, from the road to the footpath as the current access is very far away and residents who are ill or disabled are finding it increasingly difficult to access the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/050)

The report stated that this location will be investigated regarding the feasibility of improving access for disabled persons.

## 12.8 **ROAD SAFETY AT ARDROSTIG CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of the safety of the road and speed of traffic a Ardrostig Cross (junction of Bandon Road, Bishopstown Road and Waterfall Road) where a number of accidents have occurred and where the boundary walls of properties have been demolished and that Cork City Council would ensure that the large site at the junction of Bishopstown Road and Hawkes Road is properly secured and screened off with appropriate hoarding that enhances and public realm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/051)

The report stated that Ardrostig Cross (junction of Bandon Road, Bishopstown Road and Waterfall Road) will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist and identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the roads programme and undertaken as soon as resources are available.

## 12.9 **SURFACE WATER POOLING AND LODGING ON THE N40**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would present a report on the reasons for significant surface water pooling and lodging on the N40 particularly the section of road between and including the two flyovers at Sarsfield Road and Bandon Road and what remedial measures can and will be taken to reduce and eliminate this serious hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/052)

The report stated that this motion has been deferred.

## 12.10 **HARBOUR VIEW ROAD REGENERATION PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Given the high volume of traffic through Harbour View Road under The Regeneration Project, Hollyhill Industrial Estate and numerous successful developments in the area that Cork City Council:-

1. Paint the roundabout outside Terence MacSwiney Community College.
2. Repair and paint the traffic calming island at the top of Hollyhill Lane.
3. Repair the potholes along the route.
4. Include Harbour View Road in the Resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/065)

The report stated that the roundabout outside Terence MacSwiney Community College and the traffic calming island at the top of Hollyhill 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.

Harbour View Road is not included in the 2017 resurfacing programme but will be considered for future resurfacing programmes. The area and the traffic island at the top of Hollyhill Lane will however be inspected and any essential remedial repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

12.11 **BLACK ASH PARK AND RIDE TO FACILITATE MOTORISTS TRAVELLING TO PÁIRC UÍ CAOIMH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Council carries out a feasibility study into using the Black Ash Park and Ride to facilitate motorists travelling to major events at Páirc Uí Caoimh in advance of it opening later this year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/067)

The report stated that a condition of the grant of planning for Páirc Uí Chaoimh is that specific traffic plans be prepared for varying modes of travel for the varying size events that will be held in the stadium.

The management of Páirc Uí Chaoimh will be required to prepare traffic plans for events into the future. The Council has historically accommodated requests from sporting organisations across the city with regard to the use of the Park and Ride facility in association with events and this will continue into the future.

12.12 **PATHWAY CONNECTING SILVERSPRINGS LAWN AND ASHMOUNT ESTATE, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council proceed with the creation of a pathway connecting Silversprings Lawn and Ashmount Estate in Mayfield according to the original planning decision and design (Town Planning Reference 23842/99).

The fence currently blocking this access was originally built to cordon off the construction of residential housing in the early 2000’s, and was supposed to be replaced by a footpath and wall as per TP 23842/99. This pathway was intended to provide freedom of movement for residents between Silversprings and Ashmount.

However, the construction of this pathway was never undertaken, and the fence has since remained in place. Although an opening through the fence has existed since 2002, this has now been closed as of January 2015.

Residents of Silversprings and Ashmount estates in Mayfield are currently separated by this closed fence, which is imposing great inconvenience to those living nearby, and is in direct contradiction to the original planning designs for the area.

The construction of the mandated pathway was never undertaken, and the fence has since remained in place. The closure of this fence has greatly inconvenience the local community. This restriction of free movement for the residents of both Silversprings and Ashmount has affected them in the following ways:

- Young children have been walking on a wall running over and adjacent to the fence, and there exists a serious danger of injury should a child fall on the palisade railings of the fence
- Access to the local GAA and soccer pitches in Ashmount, Boherbuoy and Lotamore has been curtailed
- Users of the 208 bus stop at Ashmount face a lengthened journey, posing a special difficulty to elderly shoppers
- The fencing presents a physical separation for the residents and children of the Silversprings and Ashmount estates who wish to visit friends and relatives in nearby areas
- The fence poses a barrier to walkers, and those residents who seek to enjoy the local amenities
- Children of the Silversprings area are denied access to the green area of Ashmount for recreation.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/068)

The report stated that this motion has been referred to the Environment & Recreation Directorate.

#### 12.13 **FILTER LIGHT FROM CLASHDUV ROAD ONTO TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'I've made numerous representations starting back in 2014 (Filter light turning right from Clashduv Road onto Togher Road reference number – 20488 & 20409) to get a filter light turning right from Clashduv Road onto Togher Road. Everyone is complaining about the lack of a filter light turning right & the delays this has on traffic on the Clashduv side. There is a big fear that people will take risks at this junction and cause accidents due to the lack of time to turn at this junction. This wasn't possible due to the cost but in April 2015 there was an 8 second delay put on the lights after the Vicar's Road side shuts down, allowing the traffic turning right. This had a massive positive affect at reducing the traffic flow for everyone but for some reason this is no longer in place causing the same issues again. Would it be possible to introduce this 8 second delay again please?'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/073)

The report stated that the Transportation Division will review the timings and signal delay as sought above.

12.14 **PEDESTIRAN CROSSING ON AVENUE DE RENNES, MAHON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services report, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council provide an official pedestrian crossing at the already installed ramp on avenue de Rennes, near to Scoil Na Croise Naofa, Mahon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/077)

The report stated that the installed ramp on Avenue de Rennes, near to Scoil Na Croise Naofa, Mahon is an official uncontrolled pedestrian crossing. It can be examined, however, to assess whether any further specific signing and lining works are required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the road painting programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

13. **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of the International Relations Committee from its meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

13.1 **TWINNING GRANTS 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Schedule of Twinning Grants.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- Letter from the Office of the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.
- Letter from the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.
- Letter from Kilkenny County Council dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- Letter from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- Letter from An Bord Pleanála dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

15. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

16. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

17. **TRAINING**

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

- Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy and T. Brosnan at the AILG Annual Conference to be held in Tracey's West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare from 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy and M. Shields at the AILG Border and Western Region to be held in Westport on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy at the LAMA Spring Seminar to be held in City North Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath from 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MILITARY HILL**

‘That a Pedestrian Crossing be put in place outside Holy Family Church on Military Hill’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/038)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.2 **YELLOW BOX AT SILVERCOURT AND SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

‘That Cork City Council will complete the Yellow Box at the entrance to Silvercourt and Silversprings Court on the North Ring Road to cover the full width of the Road. At present it only covers half of the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/039)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.3 **EXTEND TRAFFIC LINES AT THE CONCEALED EXIT OF SHANDON COURT**

‘That Cork City Council extends traffic lines at the concealed exit of Shandon Court by means of double yellow lines to facilitate resident's entry and exit.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 17/084)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.4 **REPAINTING OF THE FARRAN CLEARY FLATS**

‘That Cork City Council would include in its programme of works for 2017 the repainting of the Farran Cleary flats and repair the soffits and shoots of the Farran Cleary garage in Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/085)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

18.5 **INCLUDE HILLCREST VIEW, BLARNEY ROAD IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council Repair the potholes and include Hillcrest View Blarney Road in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/098)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.6 **DISPLAY THE AUD PIECE OF ART ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AT THE LOUGH**

‘That this council would display The Aud piece of art (that was displayed at the Lough during 2016) on an annual basis at the Lough especially at Easter time.’

(Proposers: Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/100)

**Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

18.7 **RESURFACE PEARSE ROAD**

‘That Pearse Road from Kinsale Road to Connolly Road be immediately resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/101)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.8 **RESURFACE CONNOLLY ROAD**

‘That Connolly Road be immediately resurfaced in the areas where it is visibly cracking and disintegrating.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/102)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.9 **REMOVAL OF OLD LIGHTING FIXTURES ON BARRACK STREET AND ERECTING GATES AT GRIFFITH COURT/DESMOND SQUARE**

‘That the Roads & Transportation Directorate, in view of the lengthy delays (two years in one case) in the following matters, produces plans of action for:

- (1) the removal of old lighting fixtures on Barrack St and the use of the new ones, two years after the scheme was supposed to be completed

- (2) the erecting of gates at Griffith's Court/Desmond Square (following site surveys/petitions almost two years ago) and at Nicholas Church Place, Cove Street.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/105)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.10 **SAFETY GATE AT SULLIVANS LANE, BARRACK STREET**

'That this Council would take another look at the feasibility of erecting a safety gate at Sullivans Lane, Barrack Street. The residents have ongoing issues with people littering in the lane. There was also a recent burglary. There are also ongoing issues of antisocial behaviour due to its close proximity to bars in the area and the fact that it is on a main route into the city centre.'

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/107)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.11 **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AT THE FORMER GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT**

'That Cork City Council believes an archaeological and geological survey should take place at the former Good Shepherd Convent site in Sunday's Well before any housing development takes place.'

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. M. Nugent 17/108)

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

18.12 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF THE 'O'KEEFFE SITE' AT LOWER MAYFIELD**

'That Cork City Council proceed to Compulsory Purchase of the "O'Keeffe site" at Lower Mayfield in order to provide some additional housing for the elderly which in turn would enhance the local area in the common good.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/110)

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

18.13 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GARDINERS HILL**

'That Cork City Council prepare a Traffic Management Plan for Gardiner's Hill as residents are experiencing serious difficulties in relation to indiscriminate parking and speeding at weekends in particular.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/111)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19. **MOTIONS**

19.1 **LEGALISE MEDICINAL CANNABIS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘I call on this Council to write to the Minister for Health Simon Harris and request that the law would be passed to legalise Medicinal Cannabis which will support many families in receiving the vital medical support their loved ones need. Furthermore we call on the minister to put all necessary funding in place to support the consultants to receive any extra training they need to administer, monitor and advise people on the use of Medicinal Cannabis’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/099)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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