

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th APRIL 2018

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. Hayes, Administration Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Ms. C. O'Sullivan, Communications and P.R. Officer.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Delaney Family on the death of Joseph Delaney.
- The O'Connor Family on the death of Breda O'Connor.
- The O'Mahony Family on the death of Anne O'Mahony.
- The Kearney Family on the death of Derry Kearney.
- The Moynihan Family on the death of Gerry Moynihan.

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

- Vera Twomey on getting the medical car needed for her daughter Ava.
- GAA on playing under 12 Hurling and Camogie Blitz in Croke Park opening the stadium to the grassroots.
- Rebel Óg on playing under age Blitz in Páirc Uí Chaoimh opening the stadium to the grassroots.
- Mayfield Boxing Club on winning the Irish Titles in Dublin on Saturday, April 7th at underage boys. Mike McCarthy, Nathan Keegan and Charlie Faulkner all won Irish Titles at their age category and also congratulations to the three boxers above on

winning Munster titles recently along with John McCarthy, Darragh Lawlor and William McCarthy, Well don all.

- Denis Coffee on retiring after 14 years as Manager of Mahon Community Centre.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

The Chief Executive updated An Chomhairle in relation to the implementation of the new City Boundary and related internal moves in regard to Directors of Service.

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Chief Executive.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 26th March 2018.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **PAYMENT OF CONSULTANTS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 23rd April 2018.

Could the Chief Executive please give details per service division as to how much Cork City Council paid consultants during the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (Anyone who was paid directly or indirectly by the Council to carry out work on their behalf).

- (a) Give a breakdown on the services and purpose of the consultants work and/or published and unpublished reports.
- (b) In each of consultancies engaged, was the oversight policy and procedure applied to all purchased goods, services and/or works, as outlined and in accordance with Planned Procurement approach and guidelines. If not why not and how many did this involve?

(Cllr. Chris O'Leary)
Deferred from meeting of
26th March

6.2 **CUSTOMER CARE UNIT WITHIN CORK CITY COUNCIL**

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

It would appear that Housing Maintenance (& other departments) are unable to deal with the capacity of requests it receives from commencement to termination.

To this end I request that Cork City Council would set up a Dedicated Customer Care Unit within Cork City Council to handle all calls, emails, etc. generated from both the public and from councillors in relation to requested jobs to be done. This unit would be responsible for allocating the requests made to the correct dedicated department but also be responsible for getting back to the person who made the request for work to be done. They would also be responsible for closing out said jobs when they were completed.

Does the CE believe such a unit could be put in place within CCC & if so how soon could this happen?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

Housing Maintenance has a dedicated Help Line for tenants which is manned during normal office hours. Service requests can also be emailed to a dedicated email address. All requests are recorded and forwarded to the appropriate Housing Maintenance foreman for assessment/prioritisation. It is important to be aware that not all repair and maintenance requests received are the responsibility of the Council, under the terms of the tenancy agreement, and this, together with repeat requests, can greatly increase the number received, be they valid or otherwise.

It is also important to note that a premium service is provided for central heating and electrical service requests, with all jobs completed as soon as possible. In recent years there has always been backlog for other repair request categories which are considered non-emergency or urgent, albeit the issue may warrant attention, completion is dependent on adequate financial and staff resources.

Managing the level of expectation of tenants and councillors for these requests, including follow up communications, is a significant challenge and we are very conscious of same. With current resources and business process systems, we are not in a position to offer a cradle to grave customer focused service and may fall short on direct engagement, follow up and reporting back when works are completed. Despite the latter and the fact that it has never been possible to operate an appointment system, Housing Maintenance depot staff do contact tenants (where possible) in advance of calling to the property and also leave call cards at properties where gaining access has not been possible.

The current roll out of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system will improve many of the historical issues, such as case tracking, close out and duplicate requests, however the resourcing of same into the future is critical for any optimisation of service. The CRM system is a corporate solution and would facilitate a corporate call centre should it be put in place. Housing Maintenance would support the concept of a centralised Customer Care Service.

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

6.3 **UPDATE ON THE EVENT CENTRE**

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

Can the CE give an update on progress or otherwise on the Event Centre development, particularly whether or not the developers have signalled an acceptance of the new financial situation and a definite start for the project?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

As previously reported to Council and as set out in a report on a motion from Cllr. McCarthy in the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee before council this evening, detailed work is ongoing to delivery this project.

There is no final agreement on the finances although there is a willingness on the part of all parties to continue to a final agreement.

There is no definite start date for the project at this point.

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

6.4 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN BISHOPSTOWN**

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

Would it be possible to consider the junctions of Garrane Lane and Barretts Lane with Bishopstown Road with a view to providing a pedestrian crossing on the very busy Bishopstown Road? Motorists very often speed on this stretch from the traffic lights at Hawke's Road to the traffic lights at Bishopstown Bar. Many pedestrians (many senior citizens) from the very large housing estates south of Bishopstown Road use these busy junctions to cross the Bishopstown Road, go up Barretts Lane to access schools, the shopping centre, pharmacies, restaurants and cafes etc.

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

The junction of Garrane Lane and Barretts Lane with Bishopstown Road will be assessed for suitability of pedestrian crossing. If deemed appropriate it will be put forward for inclusion in a future roads programme. It is to be noted there is no funding available in the current years' budget for such works.

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

6.5 **HOMELESS STRATEGY IN CORK CITY**

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

How many agencies are involved in the Homeless Strategy in Cork City i.e. attempting to solve the homeless crisis?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

There are 10 state funded agencies involved in the Homeless Services Strategy in Cork City.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Directorate.

6.6 **WORK BEGINNING ON THE HOUSE AT 5 POPHAMES RD, FARRANREE**

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

Can the CE outline a timeframe for works to begin on the house on 5 Pophams Rd, Farranree as the family have been out of their home for a considerable period of time. When will funding be made available to begin the repairs?

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

REPLY

This vacant property has been included in a project known as the NZEB vacant houses project. When this property is brought back into productive use it will have an energy rating of A3 or better. A submission has been made to SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) for funding under the “Deep Energy Retrofit Pilot Scheme”. If the application is successful SEAI will fund 0% of the cost of the energy related works. Once this funding is secured an application will be made to the DHPLG for special case funding to bring the property back into productive use. Any shortfall in funding will have to be provided by Cork City Council.

Subject to funding being made available in the near future, it is planned to retrofit, refurbish and return the property to productive use before the end of 2018. In the interim, the family referred to above have been housed in a council property in the vicinity.

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

6.7 **PROGRESS ON SKEHARD ROAD WORKS**

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

To ask the CE about progress and time scales on the current Skehard Road works?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Skehard Road widening and renewal project **Phase 2 (Parkhill Estate up to and including the Church Road Junction plus the CSP junction)** commenced construction in December 2017.

30% of the work has been undertaken to date:

- Watermain renewal works (95% complete)
- Stone wall construction (70% complete)
- Footpath and duct network works (10% complete)

Outstanding items of work include the following:

- Completion of the footpath and ducting network
- Carriageway realignment and reconstruction work
- Public lighting
- Undergrounding ESB network cables and removal of poles
- Resurfacing works
- Lining, signage and landscaping.

Traffic disruption during the construction phase will be limited to the greatest possible extent with traffic sensitive work planned for the summer months.

The above project is scheduled to be substantially complete by mid December 2018.

Phase 3 (Remainder of Skehard Road between Church Road Junction and CSO Junction) is scheduled to commence construction in mid 2019.

The process of acquiring land to facilitate this phase of work is underway.

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

6.8 **CAR PARKING FACILITIES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

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

To ask the CEO in relation to the provision of car parking facilities for electric vehicles;

1. The role and responsibility of Cork City Council in providing the spaces,
2. The number and location of these spaces and current usage,
3. If planning is required for such spaces and if approval from City Council elected members is required to create these spaces or in converting a traditional parking space to an electric charging station.
4. The costs associated with the development and maintenance of these spaces and who meets these ongoing costs,
5. The amount of revenue generated from these spaces,
6. The amount of revenue lost from the loss or extinguishing of regular on-street parking spaces,
7. The plans for the future development of such spaces (number, location and costs)

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

Cork City Council supports the promotion and the use of Electric Vehicles as reflected in the Development Plan and the Council has deployed a number of EVs on its own vehicle fleet. ESB ecars undertook the role for the provision of the national rollout of the Charge Points for Electric Vehicles as specified by the Commission for Energy Regulation, CER now renamed as the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities, CRU.

Local Authorities have facilitated the installation of on-street charging being installed by ESB ecars and by way of agreement have allocated a number of parking spaces for the purpose. The parking spaces are marked out as designated for EV charging only in line with national legislation. The duration of stay is determined on the basis Cork City Council Bye-Laws 2016 and controlled by time plate which at present caters for a maximum period of 4 hours but only while charging the EV.

EV Charge Points which cater for 2 Nr EVs at each Charge Point are available at the following on-street locations: South Mall, 2 Nr locations on Copley St, Lower Glanmire Road and on the access road to CIT & Leisure World.

The costs associated with the maintenance and operation of EV Charge Points is a matter for ESB ecars at present and Cork City Council does not incur any costs for the provision of these facilities.

The provision of EV charging facilities can be conditioned in relation to new developments and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for New Developments in Cork – A Guide for Developers 2017.

Cork City Council participated in the Green eMotions EU Project 2011 to 2015 which provide significant part funding to support the purchase of 4 Nr EVs & 3 Nr Pedelecs that continue to be used on the Council fleet which more than offsets the loss of income on the total of 8 Nr parking spaces involved to date.

Roads & Transportation has recently upgraded the EV Charge Points in the North Main St & Paul St car parks and options to provide additional charging facilities at the Black Ash P+R will be considered. The provision of any additional Charge Points will be considered on the basis that equipment installed will cater for drivers who wish to pay fees on the basis of the action kWh energy consumption.

Edith Roberts,
A/Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation.

6.9 JAPANESE KNOTWEED IN THE CITY

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

Can the CE give an update on what plans and works are underway in addressing Japanese Knotweed in the City?

Can the CE provide the list of sites where Japanese Knotweed has been identified?

Have Cork City Council Houses been included on the survey?

How much funding is available to deal with Japanese Knotweed?

(Cllr. Nichols O'Keeffe)

REPLY

A detailed survey of City Council Land (this did not include City Council house gardens) was undertaken in 2016 to identify the locations of Japanese Knotweed. Large Infestations were recorded at the following locations:

- Bishopstown Park
- Curraheen Walk
- Lands adjacent to the River Lee
- Ballyhooley Quarry
- Rathmore Park
- Richmond Hill
- Blackpool/Commons Road
- Glen Park
- Lands at Tivoli
- Atlantic Pond
- Beaumont Quarry
- Tramore Valley Park

Initial treatment commenced on three specific sites in August 2017, namely Ballyhooley Quarry, Rathmore Park and Richmond Hill. Treatment has also commenced in the lands along the River Lee as well as in Blackpool/Commons Road. Follow-on treatments at these sites will be undertaken during 2018 and 2019. It takes a minimum of three applications over a period of three years to eradicate an infestation.

Additional areas, in order of severity of infestation, will be added for treatment in 2018 as resources allow. Discussions have commenced with the Finance Directorate on the availability of funds to resource a rolling programme of treatment over the next five years.

Action for residents is to notify the City Council of the presence of Japanese Knotweed on either private or public land. The treatment is specialist work requiring appropriate certification and should not be undertaken by residents. The cutting and disposal of vegetation/stems during the growing season should not be undertaken as this spreads the infestation.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.10 **DOG POO DISPOSAL BIN**

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

Can the CE please advise the cost of purchasing and erecting 1 dog poo disposal bin and can the CE further advise the total spend of the Dog fouling sub committee on its activities since it was initially set up?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Cork City Council does not provide specific dog foul waste bins but instead provides standard litter bins which can be used to dispose of all kinds of waste, including bags of dog fouling. The cost of purchase and installation of these bins is approximately €1,100 each. The cost does not include the very significant ongoing costs associated with regular emptying of these bins, disposal of their contents in an appropriate manner or the ongoing maintenance, servicing and repair costs of the bins themselves.

While the Dog Fouling Subcommittee was established in December 2015 it was not until 2017 that the subcommittee was provided with a specific budget of its own.

In 2017 the allocated Budget was €20,000 of which €12,350 was spent and €6,500 has been capitalised for the provision of Dog Poo/litter bins for two dog walking zones which are being piloted later in the year.

In 2018 a budget of €20,000 was allocated to the subcommittee and to date €7,100 has been spent.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.11 **FIRES IN HIGH RISE BUILDINGS**

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

In view of last Wednesday's (21/3/2018) extensive fire at Dublin's Metro Hotel in Ballymun, recent proposals for a 40 Storey tower adjacent to Cork Custom house and the comments by Minister Simon Coveney that he would like to see more high-rise developments, could the Chief Executive inform the Council of the state of readiness of Cork City Fire Brigade to fight fires at existing and future high-rise developments up to 40 storeys in height and the likely cost of upgrading the brigade to give it the capacity to fight such fires?

(Cllr. Ted Tynan)

REPLY

Tall buildings in Cork City incorporate a number of fire safety features to ensure the safety of its fire fighters in fighting a fire. These would include, inter alia, Fire-fighting stairs, Fire-fighting lifts, Fire-fighting lobbies and high levels of compartmentation which are inherent in the design of the building, coupled with modern fire fighting techniques. Cork City Fire Brigades fire fighting and rescue approach for dealing with incidents in tall buildings is to enter the building from the ground floor, use the inherent fire safety facilities built into the building and fight the fire from the inside. This is in accordance with both national and international standards.

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

6.12 **ERADICATION OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

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

To ask the CE to outline to City Council the present position of City Council regarding the eradication of Japanese Knotweed throughout the city?

What financial resources are in place for this purpose?

To list the areas of infestation in the South East Ward of the city?

What programme of work is in place to combat this problem in the Ward and what is the time line? What, if anything can local residents do to remedy the infestation in their parks and estates?

(Cllr. Terry Shannon)

REPLY

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David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 3rd APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Party Whips from its meeting held 3rd April 2018.

7.1.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE ITEMS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following related process for the Review of the Cork City and County Boundaries:-

- A workshop to take place within the next two weeks of all Councillors and relevant Members of the Executive.
- Parameters would be agreed and relevant maps would be made available.
- A proposal would be forwarded subsequently to the Group consisting of Party Whips, Party Leaders and Corporate Policy Group for their consideration.
- A further final Proposal would be referred to An Chomhairle for their consideration.

8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional committee from its meeting held 3rd April 2018.

8.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

8.1.1 **TWINNING GRANTS 2018**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the twinning grant application forms 2018 with attached schedule.

8.2 **REPORT ON VISIT TO COVENTRY FOR THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION TITLED ‘IRISH HEART, COVENTRY HOME’ – 09th MARCH 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Cllr. K. McCarthy on his recent visit to Coventry for the opening of the exhibition titled ‘Irish Heart, Coventry Home’.

8.3 **REPORT ON VISIT OF CORK DELEGATION TO RENNES FOR CORK MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – 20-23rd MARCH 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Denise Cahill, Health Cities Co-ordinator on the visit of Cork delegation to Rennes for Rennes Mental Health Week.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

At this juncture the Lord Mayor vacated the Chair and Deputy Lord Mayor Comhairleoir F. Dennehy assumed the duties of the Chair.

8.4 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 28th March 2018 on the Significant Developments.

An Chomhairle agreed that a Report on the Event Site would be made available at the next Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee meeting scheduled for 5th June 2018.

8.5 **HERITAGE PUBLICATION GRANTS SCHEME AND THE HERITAGE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Decision of the Committee regarding ‘The Cork City Council Heritage Publication Grant Scheme’ and the ‘Cork City Council Heritage Community Grant scheme’.

8.6 **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PLANNING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR LETTER PL02/2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government Letter PL02/2018.

8.7 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE:**

8.7.1 **PROTECTED STATUS OF THE PORT OF CORK BUILDING**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the City Council re-iterate the points in discussion with private developers the protected status of the Port of Cork building and the bonded warehouses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/050)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Port of Cork Building, bonded warehouses and surrounding area is located in an Archaeological Conservation Area. There are a number of protected structures on site; PS060,PS818. The Custom House is scheduled for inclusion in the next revision of the record of monuments and plaques, ref CO084-118.

8.7.2 **HOUSE OF FORMER LORD MAYOR TERENCE MACSWINEY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the house on North Main Street in which former Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney was born is brought up to a proper standard as we approach the 100th anniversary of his death, including the possibility of an information panel being place near it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/041)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is considering an approach to the “Decade of Commemoration” which would include appropriate measures to recognise the former Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney such as an information panel in a suitable location. Please note the building on 22/23 North Main St in which the former Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney was born, is in private ownership and is currently being used as a hairdresser so as such the upkeep and maintenance of the building is the responsibility of the owner.

An Chomhairle also agreed that a meeting would be scheduled of the Commemorative Motions Committee.

8.7.3 **PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Report of the Director of Services on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council report on the planning conditions pertaining to the proposed housing development at the former Good Shepherd Convent site at Sunday’s Well including how these conditions will be monitored through the construction process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/072)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the planning application proposal 1737279, is currently under appeal with An Bord Pleanála and therefore no final decision has been made to grant or refuse planning permission. The An Bord Pleanála reference number is 300690. The case is due to be decided by 17/05/2018.

8.7.4 **REMOVE PALM TREES AT ARIGDEEN LAWN, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the referral of the following Motion to the Housing and Community Functional Committee:-

‘That once again we call on City Council to remove the palm trees at the rear of our tenants property to carry out this work them so be it. These trees are totally out of control and area huge obstacle for these tenants who try to keep their back gardens/pathways in a presentable and safe area but the slim and lack of light/sun ensures complete darkness/dampness the whole year round.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/442)

9. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Environment and Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 3rd April 2018.

9.1 **TREES ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th March 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees on Lower Glanmire Road from Kent Railway Station down to the Bridge be lopped back as they are seriously overgrown and the leaves are off them at present.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/446)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the above trees were inspected approximately four weeks ago. There are no immediate emergency tree works required, light pruning is scheduled for May/June.

9.2 **REMOVE PALM TREES IN GLENCAIRN PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th March 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would remove the four palm trees behind the houses 20 to 24 on Glencairn Park Bishopstown as these are completely overgrown and overhanging into these residents properties and causing huge problems.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/033)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that appropriate pruning of the above trees will be undertaken in the coming months to address the issue of overhanging in to adjoining gardens.

9.3 **GRASS CUTTING AT MEELICK PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th March 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Council provide a regular grass cutting service to the area and as well as a rubbish collection service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/036)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Meelick Park receives a regular schedule of grounds maintenance including; grass mowing, litter collection, playground inspection and maintenance, tree maintenance.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

At this juncture the Lord Mayor re-assumed the Chair from this point on.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue after 8:00 p.m.

9.4 **MEASURES TO SECURE POPHAMS FIELD PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th March 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That in view of the increased anti-social behaviour in the area, that Cork City Council would take measures to secure Pophams Field Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 18/047)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Pophams Park is secured by a 1.8 metre high metal bar railings, the park is opened at 8.30am and closed at dusk, this varies from 5pm mid winter to 10pm mid summer. Unfortunately incidences of social behaviour do occur from time to time and the Council is liaising with the local Gardaí to resolve these issues.

9.5 **NORTH-WEST REGIONAL PARK BE INCLUDED IN 2019 COUNCIL BUDGET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 28th March 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would ensure provision for a design of the North-West Regional Park is included in 2019 Council Budgets, part of this process would include Council concluding on options for the future of the existing Kilmore Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/059)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that options for the future of existing Kilmore Park will be examined during 2018 in consultation with local ward members. Provision for the design and development of the North West Regional Park will be included in further Draft Capital Programmes for consideration.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

11. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance to the following:-

- Comhairleoir J. Buttimer to attend AILG Conference to be held in Dungarvan on 12th and 12th April 2018.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin to attend the Annual I.P.B. Meeting to be held in the Ashleigh Hotel, Dublin on 27th April 2018.

13. **TRAINING**

None received.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **RESURFACE TOGHER ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council resurface Togher Road from Roselawn to its junction with Clashduv Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/027)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **REBUILD FOOTPATH FROM TURNERS CROSS CHURCH TO CAPWELL ROAD**

‘That the footpath from Turners Cross Church (Christ the King) to Capwell Road be totally rebuilt.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/028)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT BEAUMONT LANE, BALLINTEMPLE**

‘That Cork City Council Traffic Department carry out a comprehensive traffic movement survey at Beaumont Lane at Ballintemple – Beaumont Drive where dangerous traffic movements are taking place. A survey of the stone wall at this location should also be undertaken where local residents and public safety are of concern, as this wall is leaning and there is no footpath outside it where many people walk.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/095)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT JUNCTION OF BELLAIR AND BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a review of traffic movements and traffic priority at the junction of Bellair and the Ballinlough Road. This review should include traffic right of way and parking issues, and pedestrian management as Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School is located at this junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/096)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **FOOTPATH OUTSIDE NO. 112 LEESDALE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That City Council would inspect the condition of the footpath outside property no. 112 Leesdale, model farm road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/101)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON BANTRY PARK ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council installs traffic calming measures on Bantry Park Road from Mt Agnes Road to Knockfree Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/106)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.7 **TRAFFIC WARDEN AT GAELSCOIL PHEIG SAYERS**

‘That as a result of safety concerns from pupils, parents and the School that Cork City Council would provide Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers with a School Traffic Warden.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. K. Collins 18/107)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.8 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT MAGAZINE ROAD AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

‘Considering the volume of building (especially student accommodation) happening all over the UCC area, I request that an immediate survey be carried out in the Magazine Road and surrounding areas in relation to the maintenance and upkeep of the public realm, volume and speed of traffic in the area and any other issues that might arise from the survey. This would be done with a view of carrying out work which is seriously needed (in my view), within the area and this might be paid from the development contributions being received from the current building happening within the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 18/113)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **POLICY OF PLANNING PERMISSITION FOR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**

‘That Cork City Council would review its policy of giving planning permission to student accommodation units being built without having adequate parking provided for within the development. It is fine saying that students don’t drive and if they are living close to the college or in the city centre there is no need for parking to be provided, but the facts just don’t hold up. Students do drive just ask any of the communities living close to the colleges within Cork City and they will tell you the trouble they are having with parking in their areas. We need to change this policy even if Cork City Council has to bring in its own by-laws.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 18/114)

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

14.10 **SPRING LANE SITE**

‘That Cork City Council, immediately cleans the Spring Lane site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D Cahill 18/116)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.11 **PARK AND RIDE FACILITY AT DOCKLANDS AREA**

‘That a park and ride facility be installed in the docklands area close to the city (even on a short-term basis pending development of that area) and the cost of using park and ride generally be reduced to €2 on a trial basis in a bid to bolster use. These measures to form part of the review of parking and city access issues to be chaired by the Ardmheara.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/117)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **ROAD REPAIRS AT HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council Carry out urgent road repairs from the credit union to Hillcrest estate on Harbour View Road and examine the need for the exiting traffic calming measure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 18/118)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **REPAIRS ON SHANAKIEL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out urgent repairs on Shanakiel Road from the Junction of Sunday’s Well Road to Blarney Road including footpath repairs on the route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 18/119)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.14 **PLAYGROUND ON URSULINE CONVENT GROUNDS**

‘That the City Council re-commits to the concept of having a playground on the Ursuline Convent grounds, as proposed in the original plans for the Blackrock Pier Regeneration project’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/121)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

14.15 **PLANNING FOR PART 8 PROPOSALS**

‘That in the interests of proper planning and sustainable Development Cork City Council officials would exercise a duty of care in accepting Part 8 Proposals from a third party & would not assume that such proposals are actually workable in fact as was the case with the Part 8 Proposal for the Tank Field.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/123)

Corporate Policy Group

14.16 **ROAD SIGN FOR CONVENT AVENUE**

‘That the road sign Convent Avenue, an iron plaque on Cork City Gaol heritage centre’s wall, be cleaned and painted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/124)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.17 **UV BLACK LIGHTS IN PUBLIC TOILETS**

‘That Cork city council introduce UV black lights on all public toilets across the city to deter drug injecting in public toilets in the interests of public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/125)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **PLANS FOR CONCERTS AT PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the management team at Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Aiken Promotions to present to the Elected Members of Cork City Council, its plans for the upcoming concerts in May.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 18/115)

15.2 **RESUSCITATE THE IRISH LANGUAGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That this Council noting the abject failure of successive Irish Governments in their efforts to resuscitate the Irish language calls on Dail Eireann to enact legislation that would effectively require all Primary Schools to adopt an approach to the Irish language as Gaelscoileanna so that in effect for the Primary school cycle every Primary school would be a Gaelscoil.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/122)

15.3 **CONDEMN KILLINGS OF 16 PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS IN GAZA**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘Following the recent massacre of 16 Palestinian civilians in Gaza by the Israeli military, Cork City Council calls on the Irish Government to condemn the killings, take diplomatic action against Israel by expelling a number of its diplomats and immediately recognise the state of Palestine.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/126)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, J. Buttimer. (4)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, D. Cahill, F. Dennehy. (3)

As the number voting for the Motion was greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the Motion carried.

15.4 **NATIONAL EMERGENCY OF THE HOUSING AND HOMELESS CRISIS**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council welcomes and agrees with the Taoiseach's acknowledgement that the housing and homeless crisis is a national emergency, therefore council calls on emergency measures to give affect to his declaration and which will address this ever growing crisis, Council believes if significant progress is not made in the short term Minister Eoghan Murphy's position will become untenable.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. S. O’Shea, Cllr. H. Cremin 18/127)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney. (12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, J. Buttimer. (4)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy. (2)

As the number for the Motion was greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the Motion carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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