

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2014.

PRESENT	An Leas-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
APOLOGY	Ard Mhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance, Finance. Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager, Housing & Community Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community.

An Leas Ard-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.1 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to

- The Barry Family on the death of Mick Barry.
- The Leonard Family on the death of Denis Leonard.
- The Owens Family on the death of Maura Owens.
- Comhairleoir Nicholas O’Keeffe on the death of Mrs. O’Callaghan.
- The Healy Rae Family on the death of Jackie Healy Rae
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Tommy O’Sullivan.
- Fr. Peter McVerry on the death of Jonathan Corry.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-

The Committee and staff involved in the Lord Mayor's Christmas Concert.
Cork City Hospitals Children's Club on their organising of over 240 children to meet Santa at Fota House, taking 40 children and helpers to Disney Land Paris, Fundraising all year and the unbelievable hard work shown by all. Over €100,000 approx needs to be raised every year.
John Sexton on his cleanup work in the community of Farranree and Fairhill every day.
T.E.A.M on the success of the "GLOW" festival on the Grand Parade.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

1.3.1 The Lord Mayor had no items to raise.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

1.4.1 An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Chief Executive dated the 20th November 2014 on Derelict Site at 5 Grenville Place, Cork which was circulated at previous meeting as a basis for progressing the Boole House Redevelopment Project.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 24th November 2014.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **LISTED OR PROTECTED STRUCTURES OWNED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL ON A WARD BASIS**

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

To ask the CEO to list all listed or protected buildings owned by the City Council on a ward basis, the current state of repair of those buildings, their current use and what plans are in place for those buildings currently not in use?

REPLY

I set out below the data relating to protected structures owned by Cork City Council. The information is organised under the following headings:

- Condition rating methodology;
- Buildings in the custodianship of the Corporate and External Affairs Directorate;
- Buildings in the custodianship of the Housing and Community Directorate;
- Bridges on the Record of Protected Structures in the custodianship of Roads and Transportation Directorate.

Condition rating methodology (Overall condition of each structure is rated on a scale of 0-5)

0	No or insignificant damage.
1	Minor damage but no need of repair.
2	Some damage, repair needed when convenient. Still functioning as originally designed. Observe the condition development.
3	Significant damage, repair needed very soon. i.e. within next financial year.
4	Damage is critical and it is necessary to execute repair works at once, or to carry out a detailed inspection to determine whether any rehabilitation works are required.
5	Ultimate damage. The component has failed or is in danger of total failure, possibly affecting the safety of traffic. It is necessary to implement emergency temporary repair work immediately or rehabilitation work without delay after the introduction of load limitation measures.

Buildings in the custodianship of Corporate and External Affairs

Building	RPS	Ward	Current Use	Overall Condition Rating (0-5)	Future Use
City Hall	PS1127	SC	Civic Offices	2	n/a
Courthouse	PS447	SC	Courthouse	1	n/a
1 The Lodge, Model Farm Road	PS637 (Munster Institute)	SW	Vacant	3	Not determined
Lord Mayor's Pavillion	PS1129	SW	Exhibition space	1	n/a
Albert Quay House (former Bandon Railway Station)	PS001	SC	Civic offices	1	n/a
Vision Centre (former Saint Peter's Church)	PS219	SC	Exhibition Space	1	n/a
13 North Main Street	PS221	SC	Community space	2	Proposal received from the Cork Volunteer Centre to utilise the building. Formal disposal of a lease to be brought before Council for approval in January 2015.
English Market	PS302	SC	Indoor market	2	n/a

Former Christchurch, South Main Street	PS329	SC	Triskel Centre	1	n/a
Public Museum, Fitzgerald's Park	PS628	SW	Public Museum	1	n/a
Blackwater Studios, Wandesford Quay	PS445	SC	Artists studios	1	n/a
84 Douglas Street	PS844	SC	Munster Literature Centre	1	n/a
Blackrock Castle	PS528	SE	CIT Observatory / visitor attraction	1	n/a
2 / 2A Church Street	PS077	NC	Workshop / vacant	3	Not determined
Butter Exchange / Shandon Craft Centre	PS077	NC	Museum / vacant	3	Not determined
Saint Luke's Church, Summerhill North	PS670	NE	Vacant	2	Not determined
50 Pope's Quay	PS286	NC	Office / arts group	1	n/a
Trustee Savings Bank, Lapp's Quay	PS157	SC	Vacant	1	A public call for expressions of interest for appropriate, financially viable, uses is to be issued in January of 2015.

Buildings in the custodianship of the Housing Directorate

Building	RPS	Ward	Current Use	Overall Condition Rating (0-5)	Future Use plans
Housing Capital					
5 and 6 Shandon Street	PS306 and PS307	NC	Vacant	3	Housing Agency currently drawing up proposals to provide additional

					sheltered accommodation
Housing Rents					
1-84 Madden's Buildings	PS491	NC	Residential	1	n/a

The above list of properties in the custodianship of Housing Rents is not exhaustive and can be updated as data becomes available.

Bridges on the Record of Protected Structures in the custodianship of Roads and Transportation

	RPS	Ward	Overall Condition Rating (0-5)
NORTH CHANNEL			
Thomas Davis Bridge, Western Road	PS1134	SW / NW	2
Daly's Bridge, Mardyke	PS722	SW / NW	2
St Vincent's Bridge, Grenville Place	PS1132	SC / NC	3
St Patrick's Bridge, SPS	PS1133	SC / NC / NE	2
Brian Boru Bridge, Brian Boru Street	PS1126	NE / SC	1
SOUTH CHANNEL			
Gaol Bridge, UCC	PS698	SW	2
Donovan's Bridge, Donovan's Road	PS1128	SW	1
Clarke's Bridge, Wandesford Quay	PS026	SC	1
South Gate Bridge, South Main Street	PS328	SC	2
Parliament Bridge, Parliament Street	PS270	SC	2
Clontarf Bridge, Clontarf Street	PS1125	SC	3

Data provided by Asset Management Division, Roads and Transportation Directorate.

Quay structures

No current information is held on the condition of quay walls of built heritage significance.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

3.2 **THE COST OF SERVICING THE 37.5 MILLION DEBT ON THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME AND ON THE LAND BANKS WHICH WERE PURCHASED FOR SOCIAL HOUSING**

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

- a) Could the Manager outline the cost of servicing the 37.5 million debt on the Affordable Housing Scheme on an annual basis i.e., interest plus capital?
- b) Could the Manager outline the cost of servicing the 37.5 million debt on the Land Banks which were purchased for social housing i.e., interest plus capital on an annual basis?

REPLY

- a) Cork City Council have outstanding loans of €35.8 million from the Housing Finance Agency for the funding of 6 Affordable Housing Schemes.
In 2014 Cork City Council will pay a sum of €719,667 being interest only in respect of these loans

- b) Cork City Council borrowed €37.5 million from the Housing Finance Agency for the purchase of 7 parcels of land for housing purposes.
In 2014, Cork City Council will pay a sum of €749,200 being interest only in respect of these loans.
It is estimated that the interest payment will be €527,000 in 2015.

Dan Buggy
Assistant Chief Executive
Housing & Community Services

3.3 **RE-INSTATEMENT OF ROAD SURFACES**

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

To ask the CEO;

- i. What is the standard across the city for the re-instatement of road surfaces after any work is done on it by City council, sub-contractors, utility companies or others?
- ii. What city council protocols are in place for reviewing the re-instatement after the crew/contractor is complete to ensure the standard is enforced?
- iii. When will the damaged stretch of Melbourn Road at the recently repaired pedestrian lights be reinstated?
- iv. Can the sequencing of the pedestrian lights be adjusted to ensure that the “green man” crossing light for pedestrians does not come on in tandem with the amber light for traffic?

REPLY

- i. The national “Guidelines for the Opening, Backfilling and Reinstatement of Trenches in Public Roads”(Department of the Environment and Local Government, April 2002, currently under review) is the applicable standard. This standard has been adopted in the “Directions for the Management and Control of Roadworks in Cork City, February 2010, (currently also under review). Both documents prescribe standards in respect of forming trenches, their backfilling and reinstatement and associated materials which should be used.
- ii. Cork City Council, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, operates a licensing system for all proposed roadworks throughout the city. In order to ensure that roadworks conform to the prescribed standards and performance requirements, the Roads and Transportation Directorate monitor roadworks sites on an on-going basis.
- iii. The Transportation Division advises that the reinstatement of the service at the pedestrian crossing on Melbourn Road is scheduled for week beginning the 8th December.

- iv. The Transportation Division advises that the sequence of the pedestrian lights complies with the Pelican Crossing code of practice whereby the “Green man” flashing for the pedestrian clearance period operates in parallel with the “Flashing Amber” shown to drivers. The Transportation Division staff will check the actual timing periods programmed on the controller. However, it should be noted that this Pelican Crossing has been operating at this location for many years and the sequence is regarded as an appropriate implementation for the particular suburban site.

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

3.4 **EVENT CENTRE**

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

CAN the CEO outline progress in the event centre process and give an exact date as to when the announcement of the winning bid will be made?

REPLY

Both Applicants have been invited to the negotiation phase of the Public Procurement Procedure and this is currently ongoing. The Steering Committee still expects that a recommendation of a preferred bidder will be made before the end of the year.

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

3.5 **OLD SCHOOL PATH BETWEEN GLASHEEN ROAD AND MAGAZINE ROAD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive;

- i. What works have been carried out on the Old School Path between Glasheen Rd and Magazine Rd over the past five years?
- ii. Who carried out the works and were the works supervised and monitored on completion?
- iii. What are the current proposals to reinstate and upgrade the Old School Path, how much will the work cost, when will the work commence and when will it be completed?
- iv. To provide an update on the proposals for the inter-connector project between Chetwynd and the Lee Road, to indicate if the scoping projects have been completed, if a preferred route has been identified and when will the details be going for public consultation?

REPLY

- i. The existing path was upgraded and a new path constructed to create a looped walk within the park.
- ii. The works were carried out by Parks Capital Projects (PCP) outdoor staff and supervised and monitored by the PCP engineering staff.
- iii. There are proposals to lay an inter-connector project between Chetwynd and the Lee Road which will traverse the Old School Path area. It is proposed to surface the path as part of the reinstatement works of this contract. It would be premature to carry out any surfacing works in advance of this.
- iv. The aim of this project is to provide a strategic connection between the Cork City Water Supply Scheme at the Lee Road Waterworks and the Cork Harbour & City Water Supply Scheme at the Inniscarra Waterworks. This will provide improved security of supply to the City, the need for which was highlighted during the flooding of the Lee Road Waterworks in late 2009. Site Investigations works commenced in November 2014 and are due to finish in the first quarter of 2015. These works will provide the necessary information on ground conditions and services locations to allow a final decision to be made on the water main route. On completion of the Site Investigation works it is proposed to hold a further Ward Meeting as agreed at Ward Meeting on 7th April 2014 to update local Councillors on the findings and advise on the final water main route.

Jim O Donovan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

3.6 **SCHOOL WARDEN SERVICE IN THE FARRANREE AREA**

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

To ask the CE of Cork City Council what steps can be taken to ensure that the School Warden Service is continued in the interest of health and safety for the pupils of the Farranree area.

REPLY

The City Council is making an application to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to seek approval to fill the School Warden post as a critical vacancy.

3.7 **SHLI SCHEME**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

In relation to the SHLI scheme to ask the Chief Executive.

- . How many unsold affordable housing units are there in stock throughout the City.
- . How many have been re-designated as social under the above scheme to date.
- . Please list their addresses.

- . Of the remaining if any how many are being considered by City Council or the Dept of ECLG for the above scheme.
- . Please list their addresses.
- . How much did these affordable schemes cost City Council to develop.
- . How much interest as accrued on these schemes to date.
- . How much did the City Council receive by way of grant from the Dept for any and all of the units re-designated under the above scheme.
- . Does the grant received clear all the debts including the interest accrued.
- . If not why, and what impact does it have on the City budget.
- . How will any out standing debt be cleared.
- . What is the current market value of the remaining affordable housing units. Please give individual unit values.

3.8 **O'CONNELL COURT SHELTERED HOUSING TOGHER**

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

Can the C.E.O. inform the Council.
 What plans are in place for the future O'Connell Court Sheltered Housing Togher.
 Is it going to be refurbished / redeveloped or will we see an new residential / sheltered housing development built in the locality.

What funding do Council provide in relation to grant aid / subsidy to O'Connell Court Sheltered Housing annually.

REPLY

The Housing Directorate have been engaged with O'Connell Court for some time in assessing the options for the future accommodation of O'Connell Court. This process is still ongoing and the members will receive a report when a decision has been made.

O'Connell Court receive DECLG grant aid funding in the sum of €228,000 per annum under Section 10 and €384,000 per annum for leasing of the Doughcloyne Inn.

Dan Buggy
Assistant Chief Executive
Housing & Community Services

3.9 **TERENCE MACSWINEY SPORTS HALL IN HOLLYHILL**

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

Can the Chief Executive provide a report on Terence MacSwiney Sports Hall in Hollyhill, including costs of using the hall and efforts to promote its availability for local groups and sports clubs? Are there plans to put in place a management committee for the hall?

REPLY

The Terence Mac Swiney Hall has just undergone major refurbishment works including extensive mechanical and electrical upgrade, new boiler, shower and changing rooms, hall

upgrade etc. The hall is located on the ground of Terence Mac Swiney College with the ETB having responsibility for managing same.

Various options are currently being considered with regards to managing the facility in a cost effective manner and maximizing usage particularly local usage. The current hourly hire rate is € 40 per hour with a community rate of € 30.

Jim O Donovan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

3.10 **ISSUES IN FITZGERALD'S PARK**

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

To ask the CE about issues in Fitzgerald's Park:

What were the tender details and process for the cafe behind the Museum?

What happened to Seamus Murphy's sculpture 'Seasons', which was on the old band stand?

Can Seamus Murphy's 'Dreamline' be turned around or placed elsewhere; one side of its face is weathering very poorly?

What are the 2015 projects for the Lord Mayor's Pavillion?

REPLY

The tender was publicly advertised on etenders and awarded to the most economically advantageous tenderer.

The family of the sculptor did not want 'Seasons' to be put up outdoors. A suitable indoor location is to be agreed.

Dreamline is to remain in its current position as agreed with the Murphy family.

The Lord Mayors Pavillion is occupied by Crafty Ol Bats following a tendering process. They will continue to programme childrens art, yoga, workshops, exhibitions etc.

Jim O Donovan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

4. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 24th NOVEMBER 2014**

4.1 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

4.1.1 The Lord Mayor has no items to raise.

4.2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.2.1 The Chief Executive had no items to raise.

4.3 **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following minutes:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 10th November 2014.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 12th November 2014.

4.4 **QUESTION TIME**

4.4.1 **IDENTIFY ANY NATIONAL FUNDING THAT IS AVAILABLE THAT COULD BE USED TO INVEST IN THE REGENERATION OF NOONAN'S ROAD AND ST. FINBARR'S ROAD?**

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

Will Cork City Council identify any national funding that is available that could be used to invest in the regeneration of Noonan's Road and St. Finbarr's Road?

REPLY

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government indicated in 2013 that they were considering, in association with European Investment Bank funding, a possible scheme for retrofit and refurbishment of Local Authority flats and apartment complexes.

Cork City Council submitted lists of properties for consideration under this scheme and indicated that Noonan Road flats should be prioritised. External painting and general public realm issues, such as the boundary wall, would be included in such a scheme.

There has been no further indication from Department of Environment, Community & Local Government regarding progressing such a scheme in 2014.

If there is still no indication in early 2015 of progressing such a scheme, then external painting, along with boundary wall and other public realm remedial works, as requested, will be considered for Spring 2015 but regard would have to be had to available resources and priorities.

Dan Buggy
Assistant Chief Executive

4.4.2 **LIST ALL LISTED OR PROTECTED BUILDINGS OWNED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON A WARD BASIS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred to the next Meeting of An Chomhairle. :-

To ask the CEO to list all listed or protected buildings owned by the City Council on a ward basis, the current state of repair of those buildings, their current use and what plans are in place for those buildings currently not in use?

4.4.3 **PROVIDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE TRAFFIC SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE USE OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES OF ROADS THROUGH HOUSING ESTATES IN THE FAIRHILL/FARRANREE AREA**

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

Can the Chief Executive provide a progress report on the traffic survey conducted by the City Council on the use of heavy goods vehicles of roads through housing estates in the Fairhill/Farranree area? Has there been consideration given to traffic-calming measures for the area particularly the slip road off the Commons Road? Has the Council engaged with the relevant Government departments and bodies stressing the need for a new road link off the New Mallow Road so heavy vehicles can access industrial estates and centres of employment in the Northside of the city safely? Will the faulty pedestrian crossing on Upper Fairhill be repaired shortly as committed to by Council?

REPLY

Traffic counts were undertaken at the end of last year in Parklands & Upper Fairhill to assess HGV volumes. More recently additional counts were undertaken in the areas below to give a better overall view of traffic volumes:

- Fairfield Ave
- Harbour View Road
- Fairhill Drive
- Geaney's Boreen
- Popham's Road

This information is currently being analysed and a report is being prepared.

The report will consider how to manage HGVs in the area and will consider routing options, pedestrian safety, traffic calming measures etc. In identifying the optimum solution consideration will have to be given to existing uses e.g. bus routes, alternative routes, impact of displacement on other areas etc. On completion of the analysis a report outlining the recommended solution will be submitted to the Members.

The issues associated with the faulty traffic lights on Upper Fairhill are currently being addressed.

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

4.4.4

FOOTPATH RENEWAL, ESTATE ROAD RESURFACING AND PUBLIC LIGHTING IN THE NORTH EAST WARD

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

To ask the Chief Executive how much was spent in the North East ward in the 4 years previous to 2014 (i.e. 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013) on the following:

- a) Footpath renewal
- b) Estate road resurfacing
- c) Public lighting

Could the CE also outline the amount allocated to same for 2014, as well as how much, if any, of this has been spent to date.

If monies have been spent on such works, what areas in particular were these works carried out in?

REPLY

Roads Design/Construction

In the period 2010 to 2013 Roads Design/Construction spent the following in the North East Ward: - €262,742 on road resurfacing and €68,085 on footpath renewal.

In 2014 Roads Design/Construction spent the following in the North East Ward: - €99,699 on road resurfacing and €46,080 on footpath renewal. This was the full allocation.

The work was undertaken on the following Roads/Streets:

Old Youghal Road
Ballyhooley Road
New Road
Gardiners Hill
Lotabeg Estate

FOOTPATH RECONSTRUCTION

Year
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014

FOOTPATH SURFACE RESTORATION (ECOFLEX)

Year	Cost
2010	26,011.93
2011	€1,452.80
2012	Nil
2013	Nil
2014	Nil

ESTATE ROAD RESURFACING

Year	Resurfacing Cost	Comment
2010	€66,296.80	
2011	€77,804.44	
2012	€0.00	
2013	€118,641.20	
2014	€48,510.00	Lotabeg Estate

PUBLIC LIGHTING

There is public lighting maintenance budget (€996,000 in 2014) that covers the ongoing maintenance of public lighting throughout the city on a needs basis.

It is not possible to identify how much of this particular budget is spent on individual wards.

In addition a budget is provided from time to time to undertake specific work in the wards. The expenditure in the North East Ward on the Replacement & Renewal of public lighting under this budget is listed below with the amounts inclusive of VAT:

2010	€14,349.00
2011	€0 No funding available
2012	€0 No funding available
2013	€2,148.56
2014	€15,000

Works for 2014 are in progress on the locations agreed at the Ward Meeting at the start of 2014 i.e. City View & Mount Brosna Walkway.

**G. O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads and Transportation**

4.4.5 **LAND BANKS**

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

How much are the Land Banks costing us in the present financial year and how much will they cost Cork City Council in 2015?

REPLY

Cork City Council borrowed €37.5 million from the Housing Finance Agency for the purchase of 7 parcels of land for housing purposes.

In 2014, Cork City Council will pay a sum of €749,200 being interest only in respect of these loans.

It is estimated that the interest payment will be €527,000 in 2015.

**Tim Healy,
Head of Finance.**

4.4.6 **CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT WHICH INCORPORATES THE WIDENING AND THE RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE BALLYHOOLEY ROAD BETWEEN O'CALLAGHAN'S GARAGE AND KEATING'S FURNITURE?**

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

Can the CEO please advise on the current status of the project which incorporates the widening and the re-alignment of the Ballyhooley Road between O'Callaghan's Garage and Keating's Furniture?

REPLY

This project will be submitted to the National Transport Authority for funding approval in the context of the 2015 allocation under the Regional Cities & Accessibility Programme.

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

4.4.7

REPLACE FALLEN TREES ON THE MARINA

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

To ask the CE about the plan to replace fallen trees on the Marina? From Pairc Uí Chaoimh down to the Blackrock end of the Marina there are maybe 16-24 'gaps' in the treeline. Some of these are manifest in the form of a few stumps (e.g on the bank above the Atlantic Pond); some are due to the fall in storms of recent years of several big trees and some just 'gaps' in the regular spacing of trees. In relation to the big casualties of recent years in the case of about four, the space where the tree had stood has been (very neatly) concreted over which does not give hope of a replacement. I would urge that the fine tree line is maintained. A number of substantial trees have also fallen on the perimeter of the Atlantic Pond in the last year or two.

There is also concern locally about the health of the long line of trees on both sides of the Centre Park Rd on Marina end. Most did not come into leaf this year and I wonder if there is a plan to replace them?

REPLY

A detailed tree survey of all trees within Marina Park and along Centre Park Road is presently underway and scheduled to be completed prior to Christmas. The findings from this survey will reveal the extent of necessary remedial works to existing trees and, the amount and locations for replacement planting.

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

4.4.8

AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MONIES SPENT ON CONSULTATION FEES, REPORTS ETC IN THE LAST TEN YEARS REGARDING THE FUTURE USE ON THE CRAFT CENTRE, SHANDON

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

Would the CE please inform me as to the amount of public monies spent on consultation fees, reports etc in the last ten years regarding the future use on The Craft Centre, Shandon?

REPLY

The Council commissioned a design proposal for the development of an exhibition celebrating the food and musical traditions of Cork in 2007 at a cost of €12,100 inclusive of VAT.

In 2011 the Council had an architectural assessment done of the cost of refurbishing the Butter Exchange building in order for it to house a Diaspora Centre. This investigation cost €4774.24 inc. VAT.

A consultants report on the development of a Diaspora Centre in the Building was also commissioned in 2011 at a cost of €24,502.50 inc VAT.

In anticipation of making a funding application to Fáilte Ireland for the project, the Council engaged consultants to estimate projected visitor numbers to the attraction at a cost of €3,000 inclusive of VAT.

**Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.**

4.4.9 **EXACT COST TO CORK CITY COUNCIL OF THE ACQUISITION OF THE FORMER PERMANENT TSB BANK ON LAPPS QUAY**

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

Can the Chief Executive confirm the exact cost to Cork City Council of the acquisition of the former Permanent TSB Bank on Lapps Quay? Can she provide details on the process for determining the future use of the building for the benefit of people of Cork

REPLY

The City Council acquired the former Permanent TSB Bank on Lapp’s Quay for the sum of €800,000 in July 2014. To better inform the appropriate future use of the building the City council is completing a detailed survey and conservation analysis of this important Protected Structure. Following the completion of this report it is intended to advertise for expressions of interest for appropriate, financially sustainable, future uses for the building in January of 2015.

**Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs**

4.5 **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th NOVEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 18th November 2014.

4.6 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

4.6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF OCTOBER 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of October 2014.

4.6.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Bank Overdraft for Year Ending 31st December 2015.

A Ard-Mhéara agus Comhairleoirí

Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001 requires the approval of Council and the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government for the City Council's overdraft arrangements.

Approval is requested for an overdraft facility of €6.5m (six million, five hundred thousand euro) for Cork City Council for the twelve month period to 31st December 2015. Approval is requested for this level, which is the same as for 2014, in order to provide for the maximum limits which may occur having regard to the Revenue and Capital Account Balances during the period.

In addition on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €6.5m (six million, five hundred thousand euro) for the twelve month period to 31st December 2015”.

4.7 **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th NOVEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 18th November 2014.

4.7.1 **ENGLISH MARKET BYE-LAWS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated 13th November 2014 on Proposed Byelaws for the English Market.

4.8 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Director of Services dated 13th November 2014 on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

4.8.1 **WEEKLY “NIGHT MARKET” IN THE CITY CENTRE AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated the 13th November 2014 on the following Motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘As part of an initiative to bring people back into Cork City and enjoy the shopping experience that Cork has to offer ; that Cork City Council introduce a weekly “Night Market” in the city centre area that would commence in June and finish in August.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/288)

The report stated that T.E.A.M. will consider this proposal, together with Casual Trading unit of the Council's Property Department and the Cork Business Association and revert to the Committee

4.8.2 **CORK JAZZ FESTIVAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated the 13th November 2014 on the following Motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council celebrates the iconic musical personalities that have helped to establish the Cork Jazz Festival as Ireland's premier city centre music event.

The Cork Jazz Festival is a one week annual event but we as a city have an opportunity to highlight our outstanding festival for the other 51 weeks of the Calendar.

I am proposing that Cork City Council engage with all partners in the Jazz Festival to explore the feasibility of a Musical Walk of Fame on Mac Curtin Street in the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/382)

The report stated that T.E.A.M. will discuss the feasibility of this project with the organising committee of the Jazz Festival. However, the implementation of any proposed scheme will be dependent on available funding.

4.8.3 **IRELAND HOSTING A STAGE OF THE TOUR DE FRANCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated the 13th November 2014 on the following Motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council's Tourism and Arts Functional Committee will write to the Minister of State for Sports and Tourism, Michael Ring TD, to request that he engage with the relevant sporting and tourism bodies to examine the possibility of Ireland hosting a stage of the Tour de France in the near future with the Cork region central to the event, the first since 1998.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/395)

The report stated that T.E.A.M. will review the city's involvement in the 1998 Tour de France on a cost/benefit analysis and consider the proposal in light of those findings.

4.9 **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 5th November 2014 regarding Motion which was adopted concerning Water Meters.

4.10 **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Cllr. Terry Shannon: AILG Training Workshop on Planning – Wexford 6th November 2014.
- Cllr. Terry Shannon: LAMA Autumn Seminar – Buncrana ,Co. Donegal 17th 18th October 2014.
- Cllr Sean Martin : Training for Elected Members, Finance & Budgeting – Carlow – 16th September 2014.
- Cllr Sean Martin : AILG Training Workshop on Planning – Wexford 6th November 2014.

4.11 **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance at any conferences/seminars tabled on the night.

JOINT REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE “MAXIMIZING EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 2014 – 2020”

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle at the Joint Regional Assemblies Annual Conference “Maximizing EU Funding Opportunities 2014 – 2020” held in the Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford, on the 28th November 2014.

HOUSING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir Seán Martin at the “Housing & Local Government” training seminar, held in Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, on the 5th – 6th December 2014.

4.12 **TRAINING**

There was no L.A.M.A./A.I.L.G training courses, tabled on the night.

4.13 **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 24TH NOVEMBER 2014**

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

4.13.1 **REPORT ON PROPERTIES IN THE DERELICT SITES REGISTER IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

‘That Cork City Council would produce a full and comprehensive report on properties in the Derelict Sites Register in the South Central Ward and measures undertaken to remedy the problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/364)

4.13.2 **DEDICATED EUROPEAN OFFICER**

‘That Cork City Council would appoint a dedicated European Officer whose function it would be to identify programmes that could be authorised or monies drawn down for council activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/365)

Corporate policy Group

4.13.3 **COUNCIL PROPERTIES ON BARRACK STREET**

‘That Cork City Council, mindful of its initiative to improve private properties across the city currently in disrepair, gets its own house in order relating to extremely poorly-planned council properties on Barrack St (opposite Brown Derby and on Noonan Rd) and Blackpool, instigating painting and other improvements.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/385)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

4.13.4 **REMOVE TREE OUTSIDE 132 CONNOLLY ROAD**

‘That the Tree outside 132 Connolly Road be removed as its roots have seriously damaged the footpath and it's also unsightly in its present position.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/406)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

4.13.5 **CHANGE START/FINISH TIMES BY 30 MINUTES OF SCHOOLS SITUATED WITHIN THE REMIT OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

‘That Cork City Council would approach schools situated within the remit of Cork City Council with a view to changing start/finish times by 30 minutes (from 9am to 9.30am and from 2,30pm to 3pm) so as to facilitate an improvement in traffic flow and traffic congestion during the morning rush hour. The reduction in traffic flow/congestion should help in reducing the number of traffic accidents during the morning rush hour and therefore permit safer travel for school going children and the general public alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 14/408)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.6 **INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF ROAD CLOSURE THROUGH TWITTER AND OR FACEBOOK**

‘That Cork City Council will commit to creating a system of informing the public and business community of impending road closures for any reason via social media, i.e Twitter and or Facebook.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 14/410)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.7 **EXTENSION OF CORK CITY BOUNDARY**

‘That with regard to the proposed extension of Cork City boundary, the CEO of the City Council continues the process started by her predecessor, using the proposals designed by former City Manager Tim Lucey and his team as the starting point for deliberations with the new CEO of Cork County Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/412)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development Functional Committee

4.13.8 **FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE PROPERTIES AND SITES ON THE DERELICT SITE REGISTER IN THE SOUTH EAST WARD**

‘That Cork City Council produce a full and comprehensive report on the properties and sites on the Derelict Register in the South East Ward and outline what measures are being undertaken to remediate this ongoing problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/414)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development Functional Committee

4.13.9 **REPAIR THE FOOTPATHS FROM RATHMORE LAWN TO THE ENTRANCE AT DOSCO AND FROM THE TOP OF CAPWELL ROAD TO TURNERS CROSS**

‘That the Council repair the footpaths from Rathmore Lawn to the entrance at Dosco and from the top of Capwell Road to Turners Cross. They are in a dangerous and poor state of repair. They are particularly hazardous for the elderly. While other footpaths in the area have been upgraded these sections have remained untouched. Much of the road area on the same stretch of the South Douglas Road is experiencing erosion of the surface leaving many dangerous pot holes. The entrance to Rathmore Lawn from the South Douglas Road also needs to have a widened footpath to slow traffic entering at speed and facilitate pedestrians crossing at the junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/421)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.10 **EXAMINE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF SKEHARD ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD**

‘That the Council examine the pedestrian crossing lights at the junction of Skehard Road and Church Road; they are either set wrong or the junction is too wide to have pedestrian lights on it. If the sequence was changed so that the green man goes green after the red light from the Church road and Supervalu sides this might solve the issue of cars speeding though a red light as they rush to Mahon.’

(Proposer: Cllr Kieran McCarthy 14/422)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.11 **REPAIR PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE CHURCH RD, BLACKROCK, CORK**

‘That Cork City Council repairs public lighting (poles 1 & 3) on the Church Rd., Blackrock, Cork. These lights have been out for some time & faults have been logged by public reps and a number of residents in the area. This is a popular walking route and the absence of lighting causes a significant health & safety hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/425)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.12 **REPORT ON THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE HOLY CROSS CHURCH, MAHON**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the Traffic Lights at the junction of the Holy Cross Church, Mahon, including when they will begin operating and that Cork City Council repairs the traffic lights on Avenue de Rennes, which are in the direct vicinity of two schools and are essential for safe crossing of students.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/426)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.13 **SIGNAGE ON DEANROCK AVENUE TOGHER**

‘That City Council would finish a fantastic job done in relation to signage on Deanrock Avenue Togher by replacing/erecting two remaining signs at the entrances to Leamlara Close and Blackwater Grove.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/427)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.14 **REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF 'LOLLYPOP LADIES'**

‘That Cork City Council will report on the current status of 'Lollypop Ladies', that Council will ensure that the 'Lollypop Lady' at Scoil Íosagain NS, Farranree is replaced following retirement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/428)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.15 **SURVEY IN HORGANS BUILDINGS MAGAZINE ROAD ON THE INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE GLAZING WINDOWS**

‘That City Council would undertake a survey in Horgans Buildings Magazine Road in relation to the remaining houses that do not have double glazing windows installed with a view to replacing them immediately for the elderly residents who live there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/429)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

4.13.16 **OAK PARK**

‘That the Estate Road in Oak Park Estate on Ballyhooley Road be resurfaced. This estate road is in terrible condition and has deteriorated beyond repair in many areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/437)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

4.13.17 **LANEWAY AT BYEFIELD COURT**

‘That the Laneway linking Byefield Court and Springfield Road be permanently closed off. This is fast becoming an area of serious anti social behaviour and was the scene of a very serious assault recently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/438)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

5. **PARTY WHIPS – 1st DECEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Party Whips, from its meeting held on the 1st December 2014

5.1 **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS JANUARY – DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle approved the Draft Schedule of Meetings January – December 2015, subject to the inclusion of the Annual Meeting at a later date.

6. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1ST DECEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 1st December 2014.

6.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 27th November, 2014 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended November, 2014..

6.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE REGIONAL ROAD R852 ADJACENT TO MAHON POINT SHOPPING CENTRE, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 regarding the taking in charge of the Regional Road R852 adjacent to Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork.

The Report stated that, I refer to the Regional Road R852 adjacent to Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork, in respect of which a public right of way exists. In accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and in compliance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, notice of intention to declare the said Regional Road R852 adjacent to Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork described as Road and Road Widening on Regional Road R852 from near City Gate to and including the Southern signalised junction at Mahon Interchange, to be a public road was published in the Irish Examiner on 8th August 2014.

Objections or representations in writing with regard to this proposal were invited no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, the 19th September 2014. None were received.

The said Regional Road R852 adjacent to Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork is of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring this road to be a public road have been considered.

The original Mahon Link Road was completed in 1999. A section of this road was widened by O’Callaghan Properties in connection with the construction of Mahon Point Shopping Centre. The attached map depicts the widened road (hatched red) from the original public road (coloured purple). What is requested now is that the section hatched red be taken in charge as the area coloured purple is already in charge. This area hatched red in the main consists of footpaths, bus stops, some road carriageway and grass margins. For simplicity, these were presented together as one entity in the taking in charge map presented to the October Roads & Transportation Functional Committee meeting.

As part of the City Gate development by Cleary Doyle, the junction to the shopping centre was further upgraded and widened. The query regarding the gullies at the previous Roads & Transportation Functional Committee meeting is contained within the widening undertaken by Cleary Doyle.

Our engineers have met with representatives from O’Callaghan Properties and agreed a snag list with respect to the works that they carried out. The number of snags identified was small and these snags were costed. O’Callaghan Properties gave a cheque to Cork City Council to cover these snags. Works to correct these snags will be undertaken by the Roads South direct labour crew.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution.

Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation Directorate, dated 30th October 2014, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said Regional Road R852 adjacent to Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork, described as Road and Road Widening on Regional Road R852 from near City Gate to and including the Southern signalised junction at Mahon Interchange, is a public road.”

6.3 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

6.3.1 **DUNBAR STREET, MARY STREET, DRINAN STREET AND COVE STREET IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Dunbar Street, Mary Street, Drinan Street and Cove Street in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/252)

The Report stated that, these locations will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Roads Resurfacing Programme.

6.3.2 **SEPARATE BUDGET FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW PUBLIC LIGHTS AND REPLACEMENT OF CAPITAL ITEMS ON EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHTING STRUCTURE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council create a separate budget for the installation of new public lights and replacement of capital items on existing public lighting structure.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/253)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council is in the process of completing the procurement of specialist public lighting maintenance and associated electrical services following the submission of tenders on publically advertised works.

Further consideration will be given to the potential for investment on lighting schemes to address both replacement of degraded assets, such as corroded columns & degraded brackets, some of which have to be down following on-site inspections, as well as deliver very significant energy savings.

6.3.3 **ALLOCATION OF MONIES FOR TRAFFIC CALMING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

Pending budget discussions, that an allocation be made for traffic calming this year conscious of the fact that no such funding has been allocated in recent years and the following areas be considered in such an event: Friar St; a section of Deerpark Estate; Croaghtamore Square.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/327)

The Report stated that, Friar Street is a two way road with parallel parking on alternative sides. The parking narrows down the effective width of the road thereby causing motorists to drive slower. The introduction of more specific traffic calming measures along Friar Street is not recommended.

Croaghtamore Square, off Glasheen Road is a very narrow road where the provision of footpaths is minimal or nonexistent in places. Due to the minimum available road width, vehicles have to drive slowly and the introduction of more specific traffic calming measures along Friar Street is not recommended.

Deerpark Estate has now been added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

6.3.4 **SAFETY AUDITS AT STEPHEN STREET AND CROAGHTAMORE SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That conscious of the increased number of children living in the areas, and the fact that there are no footpaths and the roadways are not suitable for traffic, that road safety audits are carried out in the following two locations with a view to improving safety for residents and users and assessing whether or not one way or no vehicular traffic systems should be introduced:

* Stephen Street (by Blue Coat Mews) leading to Kevin Square

* Croaghtamore Square, off Glasheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/329)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division recognises that Stephen Street (by Blue Coat Mews) and Croaghtamore Square, off Glasheen Road are narrow and that the provision for footpaths is minimal or nonexistent in places. This is due to the fact that the roads in the City date back to a time before ownership of cars became the norm and therefore they were never built with the intention of being trafficked by vehicles on a normal basis.

Stephen Street (by Blue Coat Mews) leading to Kevin Square and Croaghtamore Square, off Glasheen Road will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

6.3.5 **WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON HARBOUR VIEW ROAD TO DUNMANUS PARK TO FOYLE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair or replace : a. The paving on the foot path from the North West housing office on Harbour View Road to Dunmanus Park to Foyle Avenue B. remove unwanted steel frames for tree planting on the same area. C. Repair or replace the paving on the road and footpath in Dunmanus Park. D carry out any other necessary works required along this route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/370)

The Report stated that, these matters are currently the subject of discussions with the Housing Department regarding the taking in charge of the area by the Roads Department. It is expected that the repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

6.3.6 **REPAIR THE ENTRANCE TO HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That council take the immediate steps to repair the entrance to Hollyville estate as the tabletop entrance is too high and is a road safety issue for residents entering the estate.’

Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/371)

The Report stated that, the entrance table top ramp to Hollyville Estate will be inspected and the options for remedial works at this location will be investigated in the coming months.

6.3.7 **ERECT SIGNS AT EITHER END OF MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD ADVISING THAT THE ROAD IS NOT SUITABLE FOR HEAVY VEHICLES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council erect signs at either end of Middle Glanmire Road advising that the road is not suitable for heavy vehicles as more and more heavy trucks are rat running to avoid congestion on Lower Glanmire Road. The Middle Glanmire Road was built in the days of the horse drawn carriage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/372)

The Report stated that, the possibility of putting up a black and white information sign stating that ‘*Middle Glanmire Road is unsuitable for heavy vehicles*’ will be investigated and any similar type existing signage will be reviewed.

If appropriate, the matter will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

6.3.8 **RESTORE THE HORSE TROUGH TO PARNELL PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council officials restore the horse trough to Parnell Place immediately as they had already committed and failed to have it back in situ for end of August 2014.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/373)

The Report stated that, the horse trough has now been reinstated as planned.

6.3.9 **REINSTATE THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES WHICH WERE REMOVED DURING ROAD SURFACING AT THE ENTRANCE TO WESTSIDE ESTATE, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reinstate the double yellow lines which were removed during road surfacing at the entrance to Westside Estate, Togher, be replaced as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 14/374)

The Report stated that, the repainting of the double yellow lines in Westgate Estate Togher will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be done as soon as is practical.

6.3.10 **CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO JOHN F. CONNOLLY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out any necessary repairs to John F Connolly Road that serves Churchfield Industrial Estate & nearby playing pitches.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/376)

The Report stated that, John F. Connolly Road will be assessed and any essential repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

6.3.11 **REVIEW THE LACK OFF SIGNAGE THAT SHOULD BE INDICATING THE NAMES OF PARTICULAR ROADS AROUND THE LIDL SUPERMARKET IN TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would review the lack off signage that should be indicating the names of particular roads around the LIDL Supermarket in Togher. It would alleviate huge problems that residents are experiencing with deliveries if road signs were erected in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/378)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplace signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs.

A number of nameplace signs have recently been installed in the Deanrock area and the roads around the Lidl supermarket in Togher will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for consideration, subject to funding being available.

6.3.12 **CLOSURE OF THE LANEWAY LINKING DESMOND'S SQ AND BARRACK ST VIA GRIFFIN'S COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the process required by a previous motion regarding the closure of the laneway linking Desmond's Sq and Barrack St via Griffin's Court be instituted with a view to undertaking the work if wanted by residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr Mick Finn 14/348)

The Report stated that, members were previously advised in South Central Ward meeting on 1st September 2014 that if residents wanted gates to be erected at this location that the residents would have to make a formal request to the Roads Asset Management & Maintenance Section before a feasibility study could be carried out by Roads. If deemed feasible gates would then be installed accordingly. Such a request has yet to be received. A formal request should include a signed petition with contact details of all residents/property owners within the proposed area to be gated as well as a number of nominated contacts to act as liaison between CCC Roads and the residents.

6.3.13 **DETAILED TRAFFIC SURVEY FROM THE NORTH GATE BRIDGE TO WELLINGTON BRIDGE SUNDAY'S WELL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Given the increase of traffic on Sundays Well Road particularly from 7.00 am to mid morning that City Council carry out a detailed traffic survey from the North Gate Bridge to Wellington Bridge Sunday's Well to examine the usage of vehicles in this area and take the appropriate steps to solve ongoing traffic congestion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/384)

The Report stated that, Sundays Well Road between North Gate Bridge and Wellington Bridge will be assessed in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

6.3.14 **INSTALL VERTICAL PARKING ON POPHAM'S ROAD FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can vertical parking be installed on Popham's Road, Farranree, outside the shops where the footpath is very wide. This would improve trade for the businesses and would allow traffic including the 203 bus to flow, as it stands road users cannot flow freely.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins.14/386)

The Report stated that, when considering parking spaces outside the shops on Popham's Road, Farranree, the needs of all road users must be taken into account including pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. A minimum unobstructed footpath width of 1.8m must be maintained for pedestrians.

Regarding parking layout arrangements, up to date standards and safety requirements recommend parallel parking over perpendicular parking as there is significant road safety concerns associated with reversing a vehicle in or out of a car parking space especially where it has to cross over a pedestrian area. Therefore the provision of parking, other than parallel parking is not recommended.

6.3.15 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council assess the need for traffic calming measures in Commons Road’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 14/387)

The Report stated that, the section of the Commons’ Road, between Popham’s Road and the New Mallow Road, is a dual carriageway and is part of the N20, which is the national route from Cork to Limerick and Galway. From the City Boundary to a point 50m north of Fitz’s Boreen the speed limit is set at 60kph with the speed limit reducing to 50kph beyond that. Traffic signals are located at key junctions. The introduction of specific traffic calming measures along this section of the Commons’ Road is not recommended.

The section of the Commons’ Road between Fairfield Avenue and Blackpool Bridge is a single carriageway with two way traffic and parking on both sides. It is within the 50kph speed zone. The parallel parking on both sides of the road narrows down the effective width of the road thereby causing motorists to drive slower. The introduction of more specific traffic calming measures along this section of the Commons’ Road is not recommended.

6.3.16 **ADD ALDERWOOD ESTATE TO THE PATCH RESURFACING ROADS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Alderwood Estate, on South Douglas Road be added to the patch resurfacing roads programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/388)

The Report stated that, Alderwood Estate will be assessed and any essential repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

6.3.17 **ROADS SURVEY OF WOODBROOK ROAD, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Directorate would carry out a survey of Woodbrook Road, Bishopstown to establish what measures can be taken to eliminate indiscriminate parking at the entrance to the road which has the potential to restrict access to emergency vehicles and that this road be added to the estate resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 14/391)

The Report stated that, the entrance to Woodbrook Road will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

Woodbrook Road will also be assessed and considered for inclusion in the 2015 Roads Resurfacing Programme.

6.3.18 **HANDRAIL AT THE STEPS CONNECTING BENOIRLICH ESTATE AND HALLDENE ESTATE ON THE CURRAHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put a handrail at the steps connecting Benvoirlich Estate and Halldene Estate on the Curraheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/392)

The Report stated that, the location has been assessed and subject to agreement from the adjacent property a handrail will be installed early in 2015.

6.3.19 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE NO. 12 MAGLIN GROVE, DEANROCK, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would facilitate the homeowner in No 12. Maglin Grove, Deanrock, Togher with a Disabled Parking Space outside their residence.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/401)

The Report stated that, No. 12 Maglin Grove, Deanrock, Togher is on the list of requests for the provision of a disabled parking space. If appropriate, it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available. It should be noted that there are 3 conditions which must be adhered to in order to qualify for a disabled parking space:

1. A valid disabled parking permit;
2. A vehicle registered to the address of the applicant;
3. No availability of off road parking.

A disabled parking space is not ‘owned’ or reserved solely for the use by a specific individual and therefore can be used by any motorist displaying a valid disabled parking permit.

6.3.20 **TRAFFIC SURVEY OF THE WESTGATE ROAD, AND SURROUNDING ROADS, LEADING ONTO THE BISHOPSTOWN AND CURRAHEEN ROADS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council conduct a traffic survey of the Westgate Road, and surrounding roads, leading onto the Bishopstown and Curraheen Roads to establish traffic volumes in these locations and provide a traffic management plan and deterrents to vehicles travelling through these residential estates if the traffic volumes are deemed as being excessive.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 14/403)

The Report stated that, Westgate Road will be assessed in order to, determine the extent of the problems that exist there as well as identify possible mitigation measures that can be provided. Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

The Bishopstown and Curraheen Roads will be reviewed as part of the National Transport Authority funded South Western Strategic Travel Corridor study, which is currently in progress.

6.3.21 **URGENT PUBLIC LIGHTING REPAIRS IN AVENUE DE RENNES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carries out urgent Public Lighting Repairs in Avenue De Rennes as it is frequently damaged, to both lamps and power supply cables which is a cause of danger to the public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/405)

The Report stated that, based on the information in our database, for Avenue De Rennes, 2 out of 10 public lights are out of order and requiring replacement lanterns, namely: PL 1 and PL 3. Approvals have been authorised for their replacement.

Other recent public lighting maintenance works on Avenue de Rennes, as carried out by the specialist lighting Contractor between August and November 2014, include the following: replacement and banding of column door and the replacement of two lamps.

6.3.22 **SAFETY RAILINGS BETWEEN THE HOUSES AND ROADWAY ON ST STEPHEN ST AND BLUE COAT MEWS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council install safety railings between the houses and roadway on St Stephen St and Blue Coat Mews as there are no footpaths in this area and the houses (some of which houses young families on RAS) open straight onto the road; as part of

this process, the old basketball court - now unused - be provided as a play area for children with access only from the rear of houses in Blue Coat Mews and adjoining properties (as already discussed with Recreation & Amenity).’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/264)

The Report stated that, the public realm as constructed/modified around the Blue Coat Mews Development has yet to be taken into the charge of Cork City Council. Arrangements are currently in hand to deal with any issues relating to workmanship around this development and concerns which have been raised concerning the Stephen Street elevation have been noted as part of this process.

The Roads Directorate recognises that Stephen Street (by Blue Coat Mews) is narrow and that the provision for footpaths is minimal or nonexistent in places. This is due to the fact that the roads in the City date back to a time before ownership of cars became the norm and, therefore, they were never built with the intention of being trafficked by vehicles on a normal basis.

Stephen Street (by Blue Coat Mews) will be assessed to determine the extent of any problems that exist in order to identify possible mitigation measures which can be provided there.

Any identified measures will be addressed either by the developer or by City Council using bond monies relating to this development which are held by CCC Planning Directorate.

7. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1st DECEMBER 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 1st December 2014.

UPCOMING RETIREMENT OF FINBARR LONG, SENIOR ENGINEER

An Chomhairle wished Mr. Finbarr Long all the best for his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his assistance to them over the years.

7.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 27th November, 2014 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of property known as the former Beamish & Crawford Site, South Main Street, Cork to Divarium Holdings Ireland Limited, c/o A & L Goodbody, Solicitors, International Financial Services Centre, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1 for the sum of €15,000.00 plus legal costs plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of leasehold interest in property known as “Belrose”, No. 35, Victoria Avenue, Cork to Craig Sweetnam, c/o P.J. O’Driscoll & Sons, Solicitors, No. 73,

South Mall, Cork for the sum of €110,000.00. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.

7.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services on Housing for November 2014.

7.3 **2014 VOID RECOVERY PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2014 on the 2014 Void Recovery Programme.

7.4 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2014 on the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Scheme.

7.5 **DRIVEWAYS AT MARKET GARDENS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30th October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee:

‘That car parking spaces and individual driveways would be provided for numbers 23-28 in Market Gardens.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/236)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that having checked this matter with the Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate, the advice received is that the area in question is designated public open space and, therefore, it cannot be tampered with to make private driveways.

7.6 **TURNAROUND TIME FOR VACANT UNITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

Can we as a council pass a motion insisting that all housing voids (Homes) that come back into the possession of Cork City Council gets turned around and handed back to a family within one month to 6 weeks as a maximum period of time? There is approximately 150 -160 homes a year come back into the possession of Cork City Council that would make a lot of families happy.

The longer a home is left idle the more it goes into disrepair, the more it costs to repair in the long run to bring back up to a standard to be handed back out to a family. Add this to the cost of boarding up the home and getting the utilities turned off and back on, and any

possible vandalism that may happen in the meantime, add that to the loss of rental income €45 p.w. average rent = €2,340 p.a. Couple this with the potential savings in rent allowance or of taking a homeless family and housing them, it would work out cheaper in the long run even to pay a private builder to come in and fix up the home.

We know that due to the embargo and lack of funding the housing maintenance section is working at capacity this is why as a short time answer we might look to pay a private builder to come in and fix up the homes. From the rents collected on the homes and other savings pointed out earlier, over a short period of time this would become a self-financing project.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/336)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that approximately 180 to 190 new vacancies requiring various levels of repair arise each year. Every effort is made within available resources to return such houses to stock as speedily and efficiently as possible, using both the depot staff for minor repairs and competitive tenders from external building contractors for the more major repairs.

The report also stated that as previously reported to Council, funding from City Council reserves was made available to Housing Maintenance in 2014 to carry out repairs to specific voids, with the ensuing rental income from such voids being used, in due course, to replenish the reserve fund until the costs of repair of that particular property have been fully repaid to the reserve fund. This funding mechanism is in addition to the funding approved by City Council by way of the annual Revenue budgetary process.

The report further stated that in 2014, 123 voids were repaired by Contract, at an average cost of €33,000 (with the assistance of Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government grant aid contributing towards the cost). The average Cork City Council annual rental income per property is €2,400 p.a. Thus to set up a self financing project to recover the cost of repairs solely from rental income as suggested would require an average pay back timescale of approx 14 years. A viable financial model in these terms has not been proven.

7.7 **VACANT UNIT AT ARDCULLEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that vacant housing unit, No 51 ArdculLEN Hollyhill, is cleaned up, particularly the back garden, Council will also clear up a nearby fenced off green area as both locations are of concern to local residents. Council will do the necessary works to return No 51 ArdculLEN to the housing stock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/361)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that the vacant house referred to is a mid terrace unit, backing onto another terrace of houses. As such therefore the rear garden is only accessible from the rear gardens of adjoining properties.

In this circumstance it is inappropriate that scarce financial resources, assigned by the City Council for the maintenance and repair of social housing, would be used instead to provide a refuse disposal service. If the perpetrators of the illegal dumping can be identified, the matter will be referred to the Waste Enforcement section. Similarly, the fenced off open areas nearby are accessible only to local residents.

The property was not approved for grant aid towards the cost of repair by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in 2014. Repairs will be considered in the light of available resources in 2015 and will also be again submitted to the Department for consideration for grant aid towards the cost of repairs, with a view to returning the house to stock as soon as possible.

7.8 **BARRIERS ON FOOTPATHS AT MARKET GARDENS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 27th November, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would put in place some barriers on the footpaths to prevent motorists from parking on these footpaths on both sides of the road just beyond No. 56 Market Gardens Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/309)

It was agreed to refer the Motion back to Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee.

7.9 **HOUSING MAINTENANCE REPRESENTATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 30th October, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council housing maintenance would give a detailed written reply to Councillors representations on behalf of their constituents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/379)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that all representations received from Councillors are logged into the repairs request system and categorised for priority as appropriate. An I.T. system for responding to representations from City Councillors was introduced in May 2013 by the City Council. This enables existing technical and administrative staff in Housing Maintenance to give priority to delivering the maintenance service rather than responding in detail to each Councillor representation. Consequently, extra resources would be required for the purpose sought.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to note.

9. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

- Cllr Sean Martin - Funding Public Services – General Taxation or What? – Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford - 28/29 November 2014.

10. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 Seminar at The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway City held on the 12th – 13th December 2014.

11. **TRAINING**

There was no attendance L.A.M.A./A.I.L.G training courses tabled on the night.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **REPORT ON PROPERTY ON THE DERELICT SITES REGISTER IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

‘That Cork City Council would produce a full and comprehensive report on Property on the Derelict Sites Register in the South Central Ward and measure undertake to remedial this problem.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/411)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.2 **GREEN RECYCLING FACILITIES**

‘That Cork City Council would provide green recycling facilities in the city for gardening contractors and landscapers who operate in the city area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/415)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.3 **INVESTIGATION DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE GOULDING PLANT AND SUTTON’S COAL YARD**

‘That Cork City Council investigate the daily operation at the Goulding Plant on Monahan Road and Sutton’s Coal Yard also on Monahan Road. This investigation should include:-

1. Operating times
2. Environment impact on the locality
3. Noise and dust levels

4. EPA Licence infractions, if any.
5. Suitability of their locations.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/416)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.4 **FACILITATE THE PARK AND RIDE**

‘That UCC be requested to facilitate the park and ride bus either somewhere in its grounds or make provisions to recess the footpath outside the main entrance on College Road in order to minimise the traffic disruption caused by the bus stopping on the main road at peak times of the day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/431)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **EXTENSION OF THE CEILI PLATFORM**

‘That the plans for the extension of the Ceili platform at the Lough be examined and accelerated.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/434)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.6 **REPLACEMENT OF FALLEN TREES IN THE MARINA AND ATLANTIC POND**

‘That a plan be implemented for the replacement of fallen trees in the Marina and Atlantic Pond area.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/435)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.7 **BOUNDARY WALL OF HONAN HOME**

That the Boundary wall of The Honan Home on Lovers Walk, Montenotte, be surveyed by City Council Engineers in the interest of Public Safety. This wall appears to be gradually subsiding at a particular point beyond the entrance and is leaning dangerously at a significant angle over the road.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/439)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.8 **MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

That Middle Glanmire Road be resurfaced from St Lukes Cross up to the entrance of Farleigh Place. This stretch of busy road has deteriorated to a condition beyond repair and is in urgent need of re-surfacing.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/440)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **COMMERCIAL RATES ARREARS**

‘That Cork City Council will examine measures that would incentivise businesses in Cork City to address commercial rates arrears.’

(Proposer: M. Nugent 14/441)

Finance Functional Committee

12.10 **HOMELESSNESS IN CORK CITY**

‘To request a report from Cork City Council

- detailing the actions & initiatives they are taking to tackle the issue of homelessness in Cork City in conjunction with all the relevant stakeholders working on the issue

- outlining what if any data is in the possession of the Council as regards the number of homeless people in Cork City

- and to detail the funds available for the Council in tackling homelessness in 2015 and to whether the Council's Housing & Community Directorate will need extra funding to deal with this issue in the short-term.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 14/442)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.11 **CUTTING BACK OF THREE TREES IN BLACKWATER GROVE IN FRONT OF NOS. 28 TO 30**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake the cutting back of three trees in Blackwater Grove in front of Nos. 28 to 30.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/443)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.12 **LOUGH RECREATION SITE**

‘That Cork City Council would publish a strategy on the development of the Lough Recreation site, the current environmental condition of the Lough, fish stock numbers, the type and effects of fishing at the Lough and meeting the needs of different users.’

(Proposer: J. Buttimer 14/444)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders and continue the meeting to beyond 8.00 p.m

13. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:

AMBULANCE SERVICE

‘Mindful of its own large population and position as a regional gateway, Cork must be better equipped with an enlarged ambulance service to cater for an increased demand in services and Cork City Council calls on central government and the HSE to put the necessary funding and infrastructure in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/420)

13.1 **REVISED WATER CHARGES PACKAGE**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘Council notes that under the Government's revised water charges package local authorities are to be tasked with the forcible collection of water charges from Council tenants, effectively adding the charge to the rent of nonpayers with the possibility of sanctions in the event of continued nonpayment.

Council resolves that it will play no role as a collector for Irish Water any more than it would for other utilities.

Council offers continued support for the complete abolition of the charge and for campaigns aimed at securing this end’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Barry, Cllr L. O'Donnell, Cllr M. O'Sullivan 14/433)

A vote was called for on the Motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney. (22)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, D. Cahill, P.J. Hourican. (3)

As the numbers voting in favour of the motion was greater than those voting against the motion, An Lease Árd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

13.2 **ILLEGAL TOBACCO & ORGANISED CRIME**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘On the run up to Christmas this Council requests that the Government allocate funding towards a public awareness campaign to ensure that members of the public are fully aware of the dangers associated with illegal tobacco and the role organised crime plays in the supplying this product. We also call on the government to make sure that law enforcement is properly resourced within the Cork City Council area to be able to ensure that the organised crime gangs behind the illegal tobacco trade are not given further opportunities to flourish.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Thomas Moloney 14/436)

13.3 **ESTABLISH A HOUSING REGULATOR**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on this Government to establish a housing regulator to oversee the rising prices of houses on the housing market and the rising rent increases being asked from tenants in the private rented sector.’

(Proposer: H. Cremin 14/445)

14 **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 10TH NOVEMBER 2014**

14.1 **RESTORE FUNDING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE RESTORING OF D.P.G. GRANT ON SOCIAL HOUSING UNITS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to immediately restore funding to Local Authorities for the restoring of D.P.G. Grant on social housing units. The present Government procedure is socially exclusive and discriminate against Local Authority tenants suffering from various disabilities.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/254)

14.2 **RECOGNISE THE STATE OF PALESTINE**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to recognise the state of Palestine’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon, S. Martin, N. O’Keeffe, F. Dennehy, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald. 14/381)

Comhairleoir K. McCarthy requested that his objection to this Motion be noted.

14.3 **CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM TO RETAIN WATER SERVICES IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to hold a constitutional referendum to retain water services in public ownership.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/394)

14.4 **GENDER IDENTITY SELF-DETERMINATION**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That this Council supports the right for citizens of Cork City and elsewhere to determine their own gender identity.

Therefore, Cork City Council calls on the Government to legislate to allow for self determination of one's own gender identity, both legally and medically.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 14/399)

14.5 **PROVIDE SIGNAGE FOR PATIENTS AND VISITORS TRAVELLING TO THE SOUTH INFIRMARY- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Health Service Executive and The South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital to provide signage for patients and visitors travelling from outside Cork City and across Munster to the hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/404)

15 **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 29TH NOVEMBER 2014**

15.1 **LOSS OF ROUTES AT CORK AIRPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council requests a meeting with management at Cork Airport in relation (a) the loss of 20 direct scheduled services at Cork Airport since 2008 (b) the sharp and continuing decline in its passenger traffic over the same period.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/407)

15.2 **NO TOLLING AT JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the government to commit beyond doubt not to introduce any toll on the Jack Lynch tunnel and that Cork City Council will resist any such moves in the future.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 14/409)

15.3 **NO TOLLING TO BE INTRODUCED AT THE JACK LYNCH TUNNEL NOW OR IN THE FUTURE**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Pascal O’Donoghue to give a written commitment to Cork City Council on behalf of the Government that no tolling will be introduced at the Jack Lynch Tunnel now or in the future’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/413)

15.4 **NATIONAL REVIEW BE UNDERTAKEN TO ASCERTAIN IF SEGREGATION ON GENDER GROUNDS AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM CAN BE SUSTAINED**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘That a National Review be undertaken to ascertain if segregation on gender grounds at Primary and Secondary level in our Education system can be sustained or justified as it does sponsor gender based discrimination in our society.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/423)

An Chomhairle agreed to defer this Item to the next Meeting of An Chomhaire.

15.5 **IRISH WATER**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘That Irish Water be wound up. It is an ill conceived FG / Lab super quango set up without a proper national debate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/424)

An Chomhairle agreed to defer this Item to the next Meeting of An Chomhaire.

15.6 ABOLISH WATER CHARGES

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘Following the Government's recent announcement on Water Charges, Cork City Council notes that:

- a. This Government is pressing ahead with water charging
- b. The water metering programme will continue
- c. Metered charges are coming in
- d. There is still no constitutional right to water

Therefore Cork City Council re-iterates its call on the Government to abolish water charges.’

(Proposer: Cllr M Nugent 14/430)

Comhairleoir M. Finn proposed the following amendment to the Motion:-

‘Following the Government's recent announcement on Water Charges, Cork City Council notes that:

- a. This Government is pressing ahead with water charging
- b. The water metering programme will continue
- c. Metered charges are coming in
- d. There is still no constitutional right to water

Therefore Cork City Council *supports campaigns aimed at resisting the new charges* and re-iterates its call on the Government to abolish water charges.’

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, a vote was called for on the amended Motion where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, P.J. Hourican. (2)

As the numbers voting in favour of the amended motion was greater than those voting against, An Leas Árd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved.

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