

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26th JUNE 2017

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. Hayes, Administration Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of Donal O'Sullivan.
- The Burke Family on the death of Oliver Burke.
- The Hannifin Family on the death of Des Hannifin.
- The Gould Family on the death of Leonard Gould.
- The Kelleher Family on the death of Connie Kelleher.
- The Cronin Family on the death of Sean Cronin.
- The Firmo Family on the death of Tom Firmo.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Jim McCarthy.
- The Moynihan Family on the death of Richard Moynihan.
- The Russell Family on the death of Tim Russell.

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

- Joe Kelly from the Good Room on bringing and arranging the performance of the Fleischmann Orchestra in the Glen.
- Mr. Roger Russell from the Metropole Hotel on the celebration of the 120th Anniversary on Friday June 23rd.
- Environment Staff from Cork City Council on the success of the Family Fun Day in Mayfield. A Huge success with widespread family and community engagement.
- Cork Community Art Link and Shandon Street Festival Committee and Volunteers for the successful Shandon Street Festival 2017 and their role in providing fantastic childrens entertainment at the Shandon Street Festival 2017.
- Bonfire Night Volunteers for their hard work in organising the Bonfire Night.
- Joe Ward on his gold medal in European Championship in Boxing.
- O'Donovan Brothers on their silver medal in European Championship in Rowing.
- Lough Rovers GAA on winning the Junior C Football Championship.
- Blackrock Community Association on running the Blackrock Ceilí in the Blackrock Village.
- Dr. Niall Smith on the Space Studies Programme.
- Bishop John Buckley on the Corpus Christi Procession.
- Chairperson and volunteers of the Midsummer Festival on the organisation of the Midsummer Festival.
- Farranree Bonfire organising event Committee on organising an event marking St. John's Eve/Bonfire Night.
- Councillor Kieran McCarthy on the publication of 20th Book "Secret Cork".
- Na Piarasigh HAF Club on winning Feile Na nGael 2017.
- Peter O'Mahony on captaining of the Lions Team at the first test match against the All Blacks in Auckland.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **WHO EUROPEAN HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK MAYOR'S SUMMIT IN COPENHAGEN**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of the Lord Mayor at the WHO European Healthy Cities Network Mayor's Summit in Copenhagen on the 12-13 February 2018.

3.2 **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the holding of a Civic Reception for the following:-

- i. For the Evening Echo to mark their 125th anniversary.
- ii. For the Cork Person of the Year Award Scheme to mark their 25th anniversary.
- iii. For Casement Celtic on winning the Munster Youth Cup.

3.3 **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION "WHEN CORK DROVE FORDS"**

An tArd-Mhéara reminded An Chomhairle that the official opening of the exhibition "When Cork Drove Fords" would be at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at the City Library, Grand Parade.

3.4 **EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY 2020**

An tArd-Mhéara welcomed the announcement that Cork City had been chosen to host European Maritime Day (EMD) in 2020 and recognised this as a huge achievement for Cork.

3.5 **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An tArd-Mhéara advised that in accordance with Standing Orders he was stepping down as Chair of the Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee and on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle approved Comhairleoir S. Martin as Chair of said Committee.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for May 2017.

An tArd-Mhéara vacated the Chair and Comhairleoir S. Martin assumed the duties of the Chair.

4.2 **7-9 PARNELL PLACE AND 1-2 DEANE STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation from the Housing and Community Functional Committee Meeting held on 19th June, 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a vote was called for An Chomhairle to resolve that the disposal be carried out where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O'Flynn, M. Nugent, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, F. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan, P. Dineen. (4)

ABSTENTION: (0)

As those voting in favour of the disposal was greater than those voting against, An Chomhairle agreed to the disposal of Cork City Council's freehold and leasehold interest in the properties known as Nos. 7-9 Parnell Place and Nos. 1-2 Deane Street.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 12th June 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 19th June 2017.

6. **FINAL ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Final Annual Report for 2016.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **PROTECTED STRUCTURE FOR CITY HALL**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Is Cork City Hall listed as a protected structure?

(Cllr. Tom O'Driscoll)

REPLY

Yes, Cork City Hall is listed in the Record of Protected Structures (Reference No. PS1127)

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

7.2 **LITTER WARDENS FINES IN SPORTING CLUBS**

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

What instructions have been given to Litter Wardens in relation to fining sporting clubs who are advertising Street Leagues, Cul Camps or Summer Camps?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

No specific instructions have been given to the Litter Wardens in relation to advertising by sporting clubs. The Litter Wardens apply and enforce the provisions of both the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and Cork City Council's posterage protocol, in a uniform manner, across all sectors of society. Litter fines for illegal or unauthorized posterage are issued without fear or favour.

Section 19.1 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 states that all posters are deemed litter with some exceptions. However, under the Act, these exceptions require written authorization from the owners, occupiers or controllers of the property, either private or public, on which they are to be displayed. The purpose of the protocol and license mechanism put in place by Council is to facilitate such displays on Cork City Council property. There is no provision in the Act or Protocol for sporting clubs or organizations to be treated uniquely.

During 2016, litter fines were issued to a number of sporting clubs and associations who erected posters without applying for permission to Cork City Council, only some of which would have been eligible for treatment under the protocol.

Cork City Council recognizes the unique position sporting clubs occupy in society and the great community spirit that they promote and foster. In light of this, those fines were reviewed on the understanding that, in future, any postering by the clubs would be carried out within the terms of Cork City Council's protocol. The Clubs were advised of this and a copy of the protocol was sent to each club.

Whilst the leagues and camps run by the clubs are income generating activities, and per se would be precluded from receiving permission. Nonetheless, because of the unique position the clubs occupy within society Cork City Council would pragmatically consider applications on a case by case basis.

However it is important to stress that sporting clubs unique position in society does not entitle them to act outside the terms of Cork City Council's postering protocol or those of the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

7.3 **WASTE GROUND BEHIND GREENHILLS ESTATE, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

Can the CE please outline if at any time in the past any plans have been devised for the waste ground behind Greenhills Estate South Douglas Road, which are adjacent to the old dump and current Tramore Valley Park. If no such plans exist, can the CE outline if there is an intention to bring this land into use, and if so can these be outlined for council?

(Cllr. Shane O'Shea)

REPLY

There are no immediate plans or resources to upgrade the linear open space at the rear of Greenhills Estate. The area is used for short walks and informal play and maintained in line with available resources.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation**

7.4 **FOOTPATHS AND ROAD REPAIR IN FIRGROVE ESTATE AND WESTGATE ROAD, BISHOPSTOWN**

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

1. Footpath from No 60-75 Firgrove Lawn, Bishopstown is in a very dangerous state. Residents in that area and especially residents who are wheelchair dependent are especially vulnerable.
2. Road repairs urgently needed from No 2 Firgrove Lawn to the green open space going east. There is practically no road surface and many deep and dangerous pot holes.
3. From No 60-76 Westgate Road has a bad surface and many deep and dangerous pot-holes.

Would it be possible to have these areas accessed and prompt action taken to address the problems?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

Footpaths and roads at the above location will be inspected as requested. Any essential repairs necessary will be carried out in the period thereafter by the Council's Maintenance crew.

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

7.5 **INVENTORY OF ITEMS THAT CORK CITY COUNCIL POSSESS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn was deferred.

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

Please supply a full list of all items of inventory that Cork City Council possesses in relation to fountains, statues and other items of similar nature used as a public amenity in 2017.

I also require a similar list of these items that have been disposed of previously as well in the last 35 years?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

7.6 **FUNDING REGARDING ARTS AND PUBLIC EXPENDITURE**

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

Can the CE give an update pre the summer recess regarding progress - if any - in the long drawn-out event centre process including confirmation that the request for additional state funding is with government and with department (Arts or Public Expenditure?), details of that additional funding requirement as reviewed and presented by the council group and the nee timeline for an expected decision?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

The request for additional public funding has been made to Government, accompanied by an analysis of the economic benefits accruing from the development. This application is being processed by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs on behalf of Government. Additional information, requested by the Department on foot of the request, has been submitted to it.

The date of any decision on this request will be determined by the Department.

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

7.7 **FUTURE PLANS ON BLACKROCK PIER PLAZA**

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

To ask the CE for a progress report on Blackrock pier plaza plus future plans and funding arrangements for the Ursuline Convent grounds and Community Centre surrounds as part of the regeneration?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Blackrock Harbour & Village Renewal Project is now substantially complete. The contractor will complete all remaining snags and outstanding work within the next month. This includes the agreed paving work, gates, fencing etc around the Community Centre.

The Ursuline grounds will be re-graded and grassed as part of the current project. The future park and playground will be advanced by the Environment & Recreation Directorate when funding becomes available.

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

7.8 **PLANS FOR MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT IN THE CITY**

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

Can the Chief Executive please confirm what plans Cork City Council, as the local authority, and their key stakeholders have to coordinate and respond to a major incident, in the unfortunate occurrence of a terror attack or mass casualty incident in the city?

(Cllr. Nicholas O' Keeffe)

REPLY

Cork City Council has a Major Emergency Plan which has been devised under the National Framework for Major Emergency Management. By its very nature the Plan has a broad tableau, the basic ethos of which is and has to be an all hazards approach.

As defined in the Framework for Major Emergency Management co-ordination arrangements with the other Principal Response Agencies in this region, under the auspices of the Inter Agency Emergency Management Office, are in place to deal with a range of emergency incidents.

The Plan is reviewed on an annual basis and approved by the Major Emergency Management Committee after full consultation with all Cork City Council Directorates. There is a current review of the Major Emergency Management process /policy /procedures nationally. An Garda Síochana are the Principal Response Agency in the event of a terror attack. They may address this as part of the review.

**Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services,
H.R. Management and Organisational Reform**

7.9 **FIRE SAFETY IN CORK CITY COUNCIL'S HOUSING STOCK**

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

In view of the recent fire tragedy in London, can the CE outline what measures Cork City Council are taking to assess the fire safety of multiple occupancy buildings that are part of the City's Council Housing Stock?

(Cllr John Sheehan)

REPLY

Cork City Council is carrying out an immediate review of its existing procedures in relation to fire safety inspections for its multi-storey social housing units. Following the review, Cork City Council will assess any issues raised with a view to improving the fire safety and compliance of its multi-storey social housing units. This action is in addition to the Council's existing Planned Maintenance and Estate Management arrangements with respect to fire and public safety in its housing stock.

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

7.10 **FIRE SAFETY IN CORK CITY COUNCIL PROPERTIES**

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

To ask the CEO, in light of the recent tragedy at Grenfell Tower in London and difficulties with apartment complexes in Dublin, what measures have Cork City Council undertaken or will undertake to ensure the fire safety and compliance of high rise complexes in Cork and what inspection regime is currently in place and if there are any plans to review or augment this?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

Fire

The responsibility in law for fire safety in a building rests with the building owner. (See legal provisions below). Over the years the Fire Department has inspected many premises in flats and has issued fire safety requirements necessary to bring these premises to an acceptable level of fire safety. Generally these buildings would come to our attention either through complaint or because a fire has occurred at the premises. However there has never been a comprehensive check on buildings in flats in the city nor indeed would this be feasible without resources far in excess of what we have.

We received a Circular today from the Department of Housing, Planning, and Local Government in relation to Fire safety in Local Authority controlled multi-storey social housing. This guidance will precipitate a number of actions from Cork City Council. In this correspondence the importance of community fire safety is highlighted. Cork City Fire Department has a strong social media presence whereby we give out fire safety advice. We will continue with this and emphasize home fire safety for all citizens. One of our community fire initiatives involves distribution of smoke alarms particularly to vulnerable people. Currently if we attend an incident and there is no smoke alarm present we will supply one.

Cork City Fire Department would advise all building owners that they should satisfy themselves that their buildings are in compliance with the relevant standards. Existing

apartment buildings should comply with ‘*Fire Safety in Flats – A Guide to Fire Safety in Flats, Bedsitters and Apartments*’. Apartment buildings that have been the subject of the fire safety certification process should comply with the agreed design in the certification documents.

Legal Provisions

The **Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003** sets out the legal provisions in relation to fire safety in buildings.

Section 18: General obligations with regard to fire safety

- Section 18(2) of the Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003 places a duty on every person having control over premises to take all reasonable measures to guard against the outbreak of fire on the premises and to provide reasonable fire safety measures for the premises and prepare and provide appropriate fire safety procedures for ensuring the safety of persons on the premises. Section 37 of the Fire Services Act enables the Minister to make regulations providing for the precautions to be taken in premises – no such regulations have been made in relation to flats.

- To assist a person in carrying out the statutory responsibilities under Section 18(2), the Department of Environment published a guide ‘*Fire Safety in Flats – A Guide to Fire Safety in Flats, Bedsitters and Apartments*’ in 1994. This guide sets out general principles of fire safety which should be applied to existing flats having regard to the circumstances of each premises. Sections of the guide are of a technical nature to be interpreted and applied by suitable qualified persons.

Building Control

The Building Control Act 1990 - 2014 places a statutory obligation on owners, designers and builders to design and build works or buildings in accordance with the requirements of the Building Regulations. The Act also establishes Building Control Authorities and empowers them to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations, by means of regulatory processes, inspection, oversight, and enforcement.

Strengthened Building Control System - BCAR of 2014 and 2015 places additional statutory duties on owners, designers, certifiers, builders and BCAs to inspect, certify and ensure compliance certification. The National Building Control Management Project commenced to implement the requirements of BCAR 2014 and aims to improve the effectiveness of the Building Control Service in the 31 Building Control Authorities, by creating a centralised structure for the Governance and Oversight of the Building Control Service.

In line with the agreed Performance Indicators for Local Government, Building Control Authorities are required to carry out a level of inspection equivalent to 12% to 15% of new buildings for which valid commencement notices have been received. In 2016, 35% of buildings were inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to Cork City Council.

A Building Control Management System (BCMS) alert has gone out to all 57,200 BCMS users (owners, designers, assigned certifiers, builders) emphasizing their responsibilities in terms of the Building Regulations.

Private Rented Accommodation

Landlords are legally required to provide tenants with a property that provides a safe and healthy environment to live in. The Housing Acts 1966 to 2014 allocate responsibility to Housing Authorities for the enforcement in their areas of the regulations prescribing minimum standards for rented accommodation. Housing Authorities are responsible, through inspection, for determining whether a property meets the standards for rental accommodation and, where the property does not, for ensuring compliance.

Over the course of 2016, Cork City Council carried out 935 inspections on private rented accommodation. The inspection activity in 2016 was driven mainly by the HAP and RAS programmes in addition to responding to complaints from tenants. City Council has a dedicated inspection unit undertaking inspections for the HAP/RAS Division.

Cork City Council's Social Housing Stock

Cork City Council is carrying out an immediate review of its existing procedures in relation to fire safety inspections for its multi-storey social housing units. Following the review, Cork City Council will assess any issues raised with a view to improving the fire safety and compliance of its multi-storey social housing units. This action is in addition to the Council's existing Planned Maintenance and Estate Management arrangements with respect to fire and public safety in its housing stock.

The fire alarm systems in multi-storey Council properties are checked and repaired on a regular basis. In addition, the emergency lighting in the common areas is inspected on a monthly basis.

Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services,
H.R. Management and Organisational Reform

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

8 **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group held 19th June 2017.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st May 2017.

8.2 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT – UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING AND CORK LEARNING CITY LEAD PARTNERS**

On the Proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement – UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning and Cork Learning City Lead Partners.

9 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee held 19th June 2017.

9.1 **DISPOSALS**

At this point of the meeting Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, T. O’Driscoll and N. O’Keeffe advised An Chomhairle that in order to ensure there was no conflict of interest in relation to the item f. under disposals they were removing themselves from the Chamber before the item was considered and did not return to the Chamber until the item had been addressed by An Chomhairle.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 15th June, 2017 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of property known as Apartment No. 9, Waterside Quay, off Washington Street, Cork, to Huruma CLG, trading as Wellsprings, having its registered office at Wandesford Quay, Cork by way of lease for a term of 4 years and 9 months subject to a rent of €250.00 per annum (inclusive of VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- b. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 6, Sullivan’s Lane, off Barrack Street, Cork to Sean Harrington & Donal O’Neill, c/o John Henchion & Co. Solicitors, The Bakehouse, Waterloo Road, Blarney, Co. Cork for the sum of €71,500.00 (plus VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- c. Disposal of freehold interest in premises known as No. 8, Pearse Square, Ballyphehane, Cork to Eoin Ryan, Receiver to certain personal assets of Joe O’Donovan, c/o Ronan J. Daly, Solicitors, No 2, Park Place, City Gate Park, Mahon Point, Cork for the sum of €35,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- d. Disposal of freehold interest of the former St. Mary’s Road Library, Blackpool, Cork to the HSE c/o Comyn Kelleher Tobin, Solicitors, No. 2, Georges Quay, Cork and, by way of exchange, the HSE shall transfer the former Health Centre, Lakelands Crescent, Mahon, Cork to Cork City Council.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- e. Disposal of freehold and leasehold interest in the property known as Nos. 7-9, Parnell Place, and Nos. 1-2, Deane Street, Cork to Tetrarch Capital Ltd. Heritage

House, No. 23, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 for the sum of €2,725,000.00 (exclusive of VAT).

Matter addressed under the Chief Executive's Items under Item 4.2.

- f. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as "Ringmahon House", Ringmahon Road, Blackrock, Cork, together with a Right of Way over the entrance and car park area to Cork Education and Training Board, No. 21, Lavitts Quay, Cork by way of lease subject to an annual rent of €30,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- g. Disposal of Cork City Council's freehold and leasehold interest in an area of ground at the entrance to Fairfield Meadows, Fairhill, Cork together with a right of way and wayleave to Coleman Brothers (Developments) Limited in Receivership & Aidan Murphy, Receiver, Crowe Horwath, c/o Coakley Moloney Solicitors, 49 South Mall, Cork for the sum of €30,000.00 (inclusive of VAT if applicable).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

9.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

9.3 **CARBERY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Carbery Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at Commons Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

"Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €63,550 be granted to Carbery Housing Association CLG for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 10 Russell Court, Commons Road, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme".

9.4 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT GURRANABRAHER, SHANAKIEL & BLARNEY STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Focus

Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of 3 units of accommodation at Gurrabraher, Shanakiel and Blarney Street, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €94,744 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG for the acquisition of 3 units of accommodation at 98 Gurrabraher Avenue, 59 Briarscourt and 2 Leevue Terrace, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

9.5 **THRESHOLD CLG – ACCOMMODATION AT HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 in relation to loan facility for Threshold CLG in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at Hollyhill, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €28,900 be granted to Threshold CLG for the acquisition of 1 unit of accommodation at 81, Hollywood Estate, Hollyhill, Cork subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

9.6 **REPAIR & LEASING SCHEME (RLS)**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 in relation to the Repair & Leasing Scheme.

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

9.8 **DEVELOPMENT OF OLD WHITECHURCH ROAD SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That in view of the recently announced infrastructure funding for the Old WhiteChurch Road Site, that Cork City Council consult at an early state with the residents of the area re any proposed or future developments for the site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/117)

The Report of the Acting Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is committed to consulting with the residents of the area regarding the proposed works for the Old Whitechurch Road site at the relevant development stage.

9.9 **O'KEEFFE SITE, LOWER MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 on the following motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

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

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

‘That Cork City Council acquire “O’Keeffe’s site” lower Mayfield with a view to building appropriate infill housing and eliminating a derelict site.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/150)

The Report of the Acting Director of Services stated that planning permission was approved for the construction of 3 housing units in December 2015 (TP : 15/36473). It is the City Council’s understanding that the development of the site will commence shortly. The Council will consider options such as compulsory purchase if development does not occur in the short term. The owner has been requested to clear the site of unauthorised dumping as a matter of urgency.

9.10 **PROCEDURES TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will report on the procedures to assist the homeless including outside of office hours, that council will ensure there are dedicated phone numbers operating 24 hours, 7 days a week for those that are homeless and needing assistance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/152)

The Report of the Acting Director of Services stated that if a person becomes homeless in Cork City, they should present as homeless to the Homeless Person’s Unit (HPU) at Drinan Street. The HPU is operated on an agency basis for Cork City Council by the Department of Social Protection. This is the vehicle through which accommodation is sourced and advice and guidance provided as to entitlements, available supports, etc. In practice, we often find that most people in this situation will have made advance contact with either the Local Authority or the other relevant agencies by the time they are actually without accommodation, so the services are prepared to deal with the particular situation.

Individuals are encouraged to present to the HPU during the day to ensure their needs are met at all times and not to present to the emergency shelters late in the evenings when all beds may be allocated. The HPU can also provide financial assistance to allow individuals to source their own accommodation in hostels other than emergency hostels. In the event however that a family or individual finds themselves unexpectedly homeless out of hours, they can present to one of the emergency hostels for accommodation.

Families who find themselves homeless can avail of temporary accommodation either in the emergency shelters or they may self refer to hotel or B&B accommodation once approved by the HPU. The HPU will fund the private emergency accommodation and this cost is recouped to the DSP under section 10 funding through Cork City Council.

Out of hours presentations by families are generally as a result of domestic violence and, in such situations, families may present to a domestic violence refuge operated by Tusla. Families can self refer to the domestic violence refuges out of hours.

While no level of homelessness is acceptable, with a figure of 6 to 8 on average of rough sleepers, out of total population in the city of 125,000, and in the county of 500,000 (as homeless people tend to gravitate to the City where the services are based), the cost of having a 24 hour, seven day a week phone service would be prohibitive. The current section 10 homeless funding allocation does not allow for this expense.

Cork City Council targets the avoidance of homelessness, particularly family homelessness, through its Tenancy Sustainment and Tenancy Protection measures operated by Threshold as prevention is obviously much more desirable. Our Housing Assistance Payment Unit also supports people in securing tenancies, and we will exceed our national target for HAP tenancies significantly in the current year.

9.11 **WEBSITE FOR TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th May, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council housing department assesses the feasibility of having an online website, similar to CBL- where City Council housing tenants could advertise and source suitable housing transfers that would be mutually beneficial to tenants looking to transfer. Once a mutually suitable transfer is identified, the official transfer process could commence through the housing department.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/154)

The Report of the Acting Director of Services stated that mutual exchanges are covered in the Allocation Scheme where a tenant of Cork City Council may apply to exchange his/her existing tenancy for a tenancy of another dwelling in the ownership of Cork City Council.

In considering applications by way of mutual exchange, Cork City Council shall have regard to the reasons for the exchange and determine same in the following priority:

- a) Overcrowding
- b) Under-utilisation of existing accommodation
- c) Medical or compassionate reasons

Pre-conditions must also be met in accordance with the Allocation Scheme including the maintenance of the dwellings, taking into account interests of estate management, and the necessity of clear tenancy records regarding compliance with tenancy agreements and rents.

Due to the volume of work involved in the administration of this scheme which is case by case in nature, it is not feasible at this time to create an online service for mutual exchanges. Cork City Council will, however, continue to make available the Choice Based Letting Scheme to transfer applicants once their transfer application has been accepted on the grounds of overcrowding, under utilisation or medical/compassionate grounds.

9.12 **DEVELOPMENT AT SHERIDAN PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th June, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would compile a snag list of residents concerns in the newly opened housing development in Sheridan Park, Tramore Road. Which would include:-

1. Finishing the landscaping properly by putting top soil and sowing grass seed in their green areas.
2. Erecting side gates to properties 9 to 14 just like all the other properties that have them erected.
3. Increase the height of the wall at the side of No 25 to the same level as the rest of the cul de sac thus preventing children climbing this which is happening presently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/153)

The Report of the Acting Director of Services stated that

1. The landscaping works with regard to the sowing of grass seed in the green areas of Sheridan Park is now complete.
2. Side gates have been erected to properties 9 to 14 Sheridan Park.
3. All works in relation to the completion of boundary walls in the estate are now carried out.

At this juncture an tArd-Mhéara re-entered the Council Chamber and assumed the duties of the Chair from this point on.

10 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 19th June 2017.

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 15th June 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork's Programme for the month ending May 2017.

10.2 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT THE FOOTPATH AT TRAMORE ROAD/HILLVIEW ESTATE, CORK**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this item to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee. It was further agreed that a report on the item would be included for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle dated 10th July, 2017.

10.3 **CORK CITY ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS) BYE-LAWS 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 15th June 2017 on the Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS

Resolving the making of Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2017

In the matter of the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2017 and in accordance with Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 and all other powers it enabling, Cork City Council having given notice to the Elected Members of Cork City Council and the Garda Commissioner and having considered any written representations received, having received the prior written consent of Transport Infrastructure Ireland and having complied with the provision of Section 9 (4) of the Road Traffic Act, 2004 and considered any written objection(s) received and respect thereto and having considered the Report of the Director of Services of the Roads and Transportation Directorate dated 15th day of June 2017 and the draft Bye Laws, as considered and recommended for approval and adoption (with the amendments as specified below) by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee at its meeting on the 19th day of June 2017, it is hereby resolved to **make** the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2017 in accordance with the draft Bye Laws attached hereto, subject to the amendment of Article 2 and the Section Schedule thereto as follows:-

“These Bye Laws shall come into operation on the 1st day of November 2017”

The Roads or Roads Segment referred to in the Section Schedule at No.21, No.22, No.23, No.24, No.25, No.32, No.35, No.36, No.37, No.38, No.39, No.40, No.41, No.42, No.43 shall be excluded.

10.4 **SYNCHRONISE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON THE CITY QUAYS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the signal controlled junctions traffic on the centre island and on the City quays be synchronised in order to ease traffic congestion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/160)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the operation of traffic signal control on the centre island and on the City Quays has been reviewed as part of the CCMS. Replacement of older equipment, upgrades to the communications network and optimisation of timings on all of the key junctions has been planned in detail. For example, the implementation of the Cork City Public Transport Initiative, which is currently underway caters for the upgrading of the equipment on all of the approaches to Christy Ring Bridge and will include the validation on site of SCOOT urban traffic control by the specialist associated with the manufacturer of the system.

The Transportation Division is satisfied that the proposed works will lead to improved reliability and, in particular, the key junctions will be synchronised to minimise delays to traffic flows.

10.5 **ASSESS PARKING SPACES OUTSIDE THE GLENFIELDS PRESCHOOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would assess (as a matter of urgency) the addition of parking spaces outside the Glenfields Preschool with the addition of approx 10 parking spaces to be developed from the green.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/178)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that this request for converting green areas to parking will be included in the agenda for the next North Central ward meeting. In the meantime the feasibility of the proposals will be investigated. The agreement of the residents affected will be required for the proposal to progress. There has been no ongoing funding of ‘green areas to parking’ schemes for a number of years and any works will be dependent on funding being available.

10.6 **ESTATE SIGN AT WOODLANDS DEMESNE, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council erect an Estate Sign on the Wall at the Entrance to Woodlands Demesne on Middle Glanmire Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/193)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplates 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.

The request to erect an estate sign on the wall at the entrance to Woodlands Demesne on Middle Glanmire Road will be assessed. If deemed suitable, it will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for implementation, subject to funding being available.

10.7 **INSTALL BOLLARDS AT GARFIELD TERRACE, WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would place and install a series of bollards on the footpath at Garfield Terrace, Wellington Road in the interests of the safety of residents as cars / vans etc frequently pull up onto the footpath and park on the footpath right outside front doors of residents. Because of road resurfacing the level of the road now facilitates the dangerous parking / turning.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/197)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that there are existing double yellow lines at this location and it is not possible to install bollards at all such locations where motorists park illegally on footpaths. In the first instance, this location will be targeted for increased parking enforcement and the effect of this will be monitored over the coming months. The situation will then be reviewed during August to determine if further measures are required.

10.8 **PARKING SPACES FOR RESIDENTS IN ARDMORE HEIGHTS, KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will provide designated parking spaces for residents in Ardmore Heights, Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 17/201)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the request to provide designated parking spaces for residents in Ardmore Heights, Knocknaheeny has been noted.

Although outside the remit of the regeneration masterplan it is understood that the Housing Directorate has agreed to prepare a submission to the DHPCLG for funding for works required to provide the parking for residents in Ardmore Heights.

10.9 **ELECTRONIC GATES AT THE TUNNEL UNDERNEATH SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would explore the feasibility of having the tunnel underneath the Skehard Road (along the Old Railway Line) fitted with electronic gates that would close in the evening and re-open early in the morning. Can the council report on all other suitable measures that can be taken by the local authority to address the increasing anti-social behaviour within this area, particularly in the tunnel.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/202)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that this motion is to be referred to the Environment & Recreation Directorate.

10.10 **TRAFFIC STUDY IN CONNOLLY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

That traffic calming measures be introduced at Connolly Park as soon as possible as this estate is being used by a large number of motorists to avoid the busy junction of Pouladuff Road and Connolly Road. The speed of many of these cars is a source of major concern to local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/155)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Connolly Park between Connolly Road and Pouladuff Road will be assessed. Any works deemed necessary will be put forward for the consideration of Ward Members in the context of the next allocation of Traffic Calming funds.

10.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT CONNOLLY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced at Connolly Park as soon as possible as this estate is being used by a large number of motorists to avoid the busy junction of Pouladuff Road and Connolly Road. The speed of many of these cars is a source of major concern to local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/155)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Connolly Park between Connolly Road and Pouladuff Road will be assessed. Any works deemed necessary will be put forward for the consideration of Ward Members in the context of the next allocation of Traffic Calming funds.

10.12 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated the 15th June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council extend the double yellow lines a few metres along the lower end of Church Road, Blackrock – near St Michael’s National School. Residents on the opposite side of the road are having difficulty exiting their driveways as a result of cars parked opposite their entrances.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/170)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that if the residents of the lower end of Church Road, Blackrock – near ST Michael’s National School are experiencing problems due to unregulated parking, a written request in the form of a plebiscite from all residents affected to introduce parking controls in the form of double yellow lines can be submitted to the Transportation Division and the works will be included in the lining programme.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following summaries:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin, The Fair Deal Scheme held in Carlingford, Co. Lough on the 10th-12th March 2017.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin, AILG Annual Conference held in Ennis, Co. Clare on the 6th and 7th April 2017.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin, IPB Insurance CLG held in Dublin on the 28th April 2017.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin, Module 3 2017 Training for Elected Members held in Dundalk on the 10th June 2017.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

IPB INSURANCE AGM

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPB Annual General Meeting at the Ashleigh Hotel Dublin on Friday 28th April, 2017.

14. **TRAINING**

None received.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **RESURFACE PROSPERITY SQUARE**

‘That Prosperity Square be immediately resurfaced given its proximity to Barrack Street and Elizabeth Fort.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/184)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.2 **PRUNE TREES IN HEATHERTON PARK**

‘That Cork City Council prunes the trees within Heatherton Park and Heatherton.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/185)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.3 **TRAFFIC SURVEY AT BROWNINGSTOWN WEST**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a traffic survey/count at Browningstown West to establish the extent of speeding traffic and the volume of traffic at this location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/215)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.4 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE PRIMARY CARE UNIT AT ST. MARY’S CAMPUS**

‘That Cork City Council implement short term measures discussed with an Garda Síochána and the residents association relating to traffic management, positioning of pedestrian crossing and alert council to the long term plans of traffic management in advance of the opening of the Primary Care unit at St. Mary's Campus. Bearing in mind the concerns of local residents regarding noise pollution during delivery times and the frequent parking in front of residents homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/220)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **RESURFACE THE REMAINING SECTION OF LIAM HEALY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council include the remaining section of Liam Healy Road for resurfacing and in the short term repair the potholes in the necessary areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/221)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **INSPECTION OF TREES IN GREEN LAWN, KINSALE ROAD**

‘That an inspection of the trees in Green Lawn, Kinsale Road be carried out in response to concerns of local residents that some of the ones in close proximity to their homes may be unsafe.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/223)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.7 **INSTALL ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING IN GLENFIELDS PARK, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City would install additional car parking spaces in Glenfields Park Ballyvolane. Also to install a drop off point area where parents who have children attending the Glenfields Community Childcare can use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/231)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.8 **REMOVE TREES IN FITZGERALDS PLACE**

‘That the trees in Fitzgeralds place that are causing serious damage to the footpaths and the road surface be removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/237)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.9 **INSTALL CAMERAS IN HORGANS BUILDINGS TO MONITOR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

‘Horgans Buildings has 127 homes largely populated by senior citizens-many living alone. The area is between College Road and Magazine Road. As Gardaí will testify many homes in this area have been targeted by gangs-breaking down doors with crow-bars, robbing and terrifying the elderly. They also have to endure students coming from a night out-shouting and roaring whilst taking a short cut through their area and also cars rat-running through as well. I am requesting that an appropriate number of cameras are installed in this area to monitor the activity especially at night time. This would go a long way in helping The Gardai identify the gangs and give more peace of mind to the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 17/238)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.10 **ASSESSMENT OF PARKING SITUATION IN GREEHILLS COURT, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes an assessment of the current parking situation within Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road. The findings of such an assessment should subsequently be actioned to alleviate the ongoing problems being experienced by residents within the estate in regards car parking as not only is there insufficient spaces, potential health and safety issues may arise owing to potential inability of emergency service vehicles accessing estates at certain times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 17/239)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **PRUNE TREES IN GREEN LAWN, CURRAGH ROAD, TURNERS CROSS**

‘That this council prune back the trees in Green Lawn, Curragh Road, Turners Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/240)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.12 **REVIEW PARKING POLICY IN THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a complete review and overhaul of its parking policy including its charges (onstreet, shopping centre car parks, residential) with a view to addressing the major imbalance between the city versus suburban shopping centres in a bid to ensure the survival of the city centre and its ratepayers. Creative initiatives such as a substantially discounted validated parking regime for customers/shoppers linked with paid-up rate payers to be rolled out as part of the solution as well as the possibility of the use of private multi-storey car parks for residents' parking in central areas of high parking demand and low provision of spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/241)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.13 **LAKELANDS CRESCENT, MAHON FOR BLACKROCK/LIBRARY SPACE**

‘That the newly acquired former HSE Health Centre Building at Lakelands Crescent, Mahon be considered as the Blackrock/Library space.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/243)

Tourism, Arts & Functional Committee

15.14 **RETAIN FENCE AT ASHMOUNT ESTATE, TIVOLI**

‘That the estate Perimeter fence at Ashmount Estate in Tivoli be retained in its current state and that no part of this fence be removed at any point or at any time in the future. This Council recently voted to retain this fence in its current format. When this fence was vandalised a number of years ago a number of bars were removed using an angle grinder this area became the source of significant levels of anti Social behaviour and residents in Ashmount were unable to leave their young children use the estate green area because of this. Since The Ashmount Estate perimeter fence was re-instated, these problems no longer exist. In March 2001, when Ashmount was being developed the residents of Silversprings Court wrote to Cork City Council demanding that;

“The Proposed Development by O’Brien and O’Flynn be devoid of walk ways and pedestrian ways.” The residents of Ashmount have signed a petition requesting that their perimeter fence be kept intact and “devoid of any Walkways or pedestrian ways.”

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/244)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.15 **CUT BACK TREES ON MILITARY ROAD**

‘That the trees on Military Road above the Island Tavern Pub leading up to Collins Barracks be cut back as they are interfering with adjacent properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/245)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.16 **CLOSE GATES THAT LINK BRIDEVALLEY PARK, BRIDEVALLEY VIEW AND FAIRFIELD AMENITY**

‘That Cork City Council will close permanently gates that link Bridevalley Park, Bridevalley View and the Fairfield Amenity, this would improve community safety in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/246)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.17 **INSTALL CCTV ON KILMORE ROAD AND NASHES BOREEN**

‘That Cork City Council will avail of a new funding stream to install CCTV on Kilmore rd & Nashs Boreen, primarily to protect sporting and recreational amenities in the area and to enhance community safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/247)

Finance & Estimates Functional Committee

**An Chomhairle agreed to refer this motion to the
Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.18 **FARRANREE AREA FOR REGENERATION PLAN**

‘That Cork City Council would consider a regeneration plan for Farranree Area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/250)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.19 **ROAD SURFACE AT COLLEGE SQUARE ADDED TO RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘At a recent meeting of the Cork South Central Safety Fora, residents concerns were raised with regard to the road surface at College Square, College Road and I ask for the roads & Transport dept. To add College Square to its road resurfacing programme for 2017.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/251)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.20 **BAN THE SALE OF SPRAY CANS BY WAY OF BYE LAW**

‘That due to the recent and very obvious rise in the defacing of private and public property with Graffiti I call on Cork City Council to (1) Ban the sale of spray paint by way of a bye law within the City Boundary unless the sale is to a legitimate business that would use spray paint in the work place. (2) That a log would be kept of the cost incurred by private businesses and the local authority in the removal of tags from their property and that this cost would be added to any fine/penalty imposed on the perpetrators when they are apprehended this cost would then be repaid back to the said businesses. (3) That Cork City Council would endeavour to create a space within Cork City that could be used legitimately by Graffiti artists to express themselves, this space could then in time become a tourist attraction similar to that in other cities around the globe.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. M. Finn 17/252)

Corporate Policy Group

15.21 **FOUNTAIN IN ENGLISH MARKET TO WISHING WELL**

‘To turn the fountain in the English Market into a Wishing Well. Pick a charity at the start of every year and in December clean out the fountain and give the proceeds to the charity chosen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/256)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

15.22 **REALIGNMENT OR RESTRUCTURING OF WILTON ROUNDABOUT**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake to consult with the resident Associations of Wilton Rd, Wilton Gardens and Liam Lynch Park/Roger Casement Park, Summerstown in advance of any realignment or restructuring of the Wilton Road, Dennehy’s Cross and Wilton Roundabout so as to minimise the impact of such works on local communities and local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/257)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.23 **STREET CLEANING REGIME IN AREAS AROUND UCC**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the street cleaning regime in areas around UCC, specifically the main thoroughfares, College Rd, Magazine Rd, Horgans Buildings, Glasheen Road, and adjoining streets and that a manual street sweeper resource would be allocated to this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/258)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.24 **REMOVE TREE AT ARIGDEEN LAWN DEANROCK**

‘That City Council would consider removing the tree on the grass margin on the left at the junction of Togher Rd. and Arigdeen lawn Deanrock. In the interest of safety this has to be examined as this tree is preventing drivers from having a clear view when existing Deanrock Avenue onto Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/259)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.25 **WORKS AT HALLDENE GROVE/CURRAHEEN ROAD**

‘That City Council would carry out the following works in the Halldene Grove/Curraheen Road areas. Maintain the green area properly with regular grass cutting. Trim back and the chestnut trees and the grass around the base of these trees.’

Have the road sweeper return to what used to be a weekly visit to clean up the litter that's gathering around the shores along the base of the footpaths. Hopefully this will all be done when their reinstated the green area and the opening of the new Curraheen bridge.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/260)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.26 **PLANS TO DEAL WITH JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

'That Cork City Council reports on what plans are in place to deal with Japanese Knotweed in City Council properties.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 17/261)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.27 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN PRIMARY SCHOOL VICINITYS**

'That Cork City Council roads & transportation SPC would look at implementing traffic management plans & guidelines; as a matter of policy; in areas in and around the vicinity of primary schools.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 17/262)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **REBUILDING IRELAND THE ACTION PLAN ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion and agreed to refer said motion to the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee:-

'Given the National crisis in housing provision it is agreed that cork city Council will receive a monthly update on the implementation of 'Rebuilding Ireland the Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness' and how it is being delivered in our Council area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 17/216)

16.2 **EMPLOY AND RECRUIT SPECIALISED STAFF TO IMPLEMENT REBUILDING IRELAND**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion and agreed to refer said motion to the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee:-

‘Given the National crisis in housing provision it is agreed that cork city Council will ensure that it has the specialist and technical posts and where there are vacancies urgent priority will be given to employ and recruit these specialised staff to give the critical attention required to deliver and implement 'Rebuilding Ireland the Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness' in our Council’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/217)

16.3 **REVIEW HSE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Health and Children and the HSE to review the role, function and operation of the HSE Regional Health Forum in order that they would be more meaningful and effective and not develop into a talking shop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/242)

16.4 **BUS EIREANN TO PURCHASE A NUMBER OF IMP BUSES TO PROVIDE SERVICE IN THE SILVERSPRINGS COURT AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council requests Bus Eireann to purchase a number of IMP Buses in order that a decent Bus service can be provided in areas such as Silversprings Court and Silverheights, where elderly and the disabled are not living on a serviced Bus route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/248)

16.5 **ADMONISH THE TAOISEACH AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE ON FAILURE TO BUILD GARDA STATION IN GLANMIRE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council admonishes the Taoiseach and Minister for Justice for their continued failure to build the long promised Garda Station in Glanmire while at the same time pandering to the whims of Shane Ross TD in relation to his constituency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/249)

16.6 **PASS INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (DEFENCE FORCES) BILL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council urge all parties in the Dáil to pass the Industrial Relations (Defence Forces) Bill 2017 through second stage which is aimed at providing union rights for Defence Forces personnel.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/254)

16.7 **REFERENDUM TO REPEAL THE 8th AMENDMENT**

‘That Cork City Council urge the Dáil Committee to report as early as possible and for a referendum to Repeal the 8th amendment be put forward to the people of Ireland as a matter of urgency, no later than Spring 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/255)

In accordance with Standing Orders the Meetings Administrator informed An Chomhairle that in his opinion the motion as submitted was irregular in that it contained two distinct motions. Each member shall be limited to proposing and moving a maximum of two motions at Council Meetings, either operational or policy.

As An Chomhairle had approved Comhairleoir F. Ryan’s 17/254 motion the Meetings Administrator informed An Chomhairle that only the first section of Comhairleoir F. Ryan’s 17/255 motion (referring to Referendum to Repeal the 8th Amendment) could be considered i.e.

‘That Cork City Council urge the Dáil Committee to report as early as possible.’

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Motion.

The Meetings Administrator informed An Chomhairle that the second section of Comhairleoir F. Ryan’s 17/255 motion would be included on the Agenda for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle. i.e.

“That Cork City Council urge for a referendum to repeal the 8th amendment be put forward to the people of Ireland as a matter of urgency, no later than Spring 2018”

An tArd-Mhéara so approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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