

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th JUNE 2018

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí F. Kerins, P. Dineen, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Duggan Family on the death of Bridie Duggan.
- The O’Brien Family on the death of John O’Brien.
- The Herlihy Family on the death of Patrick Herlihy.
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Noreen O’Sullivan.
- The Roche Family on the death of Margaret Roche.
- The Hyland Family on the death of Mary Hyland.

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

- Scoil Banríon agus Eoin on their official opening.
- Knocknaheeny Celtic F.C. on winning the A.O.H. cup.
- Cork Traveller Visibility Group on the events marking Traveller Pride Week and flying the specially commissioned Cork Traveller Flag.
- Cork Sanctuary Runners on taking part in the Cork City Marathon.
- Cork City Council staff involved in organising Cork city Marathon.
- Michael Faulkner from the Northside Boxing Club on becoming the European Boxing Champion.
- Denis Murphy, Martin Dineen, Community Warden and the Foyer Garden Project on their support of Mayfield St. Luke’s Tidy Towns Project.

- Fr. Robert Brophy on his recent retirement and all the work done for the Togher Parish.
- Rebel Plunge on running a very successful swim in Sunday.
- Meitheal Mara on the Cork Harbour Festival.
- Fr. Declan Mansfield on his 40th year since his ordination.
- Lord Mayor on Lord Mayor’s Community Awards and unveiling of the portrait of Cllr. Donal O’Sullivan (Lord Mayor 1920 – 1923)
- Aiken Promotions on the success of the Marquee Festival
- Fr. Colin Doocey on his silver anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.
- Ballinlough Community Association on their 50th Anniversary of the Community Association.
- Michael O’Donovan, Capwell on the All Ireland 1500 metre Championship.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **ANNUAL MEETING**

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that the Annual General Meeting would be held at 6.30 p.m. on Friday 15th June 2018.

3.2 **INTERNATIONAL HEALTHY CITIES CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the exploration of partnerships with St Petersburg under the WHO European Politician Vision Group and International Relations Committee of Cork City Council

3.3 **DELEGATION TO KAUNAS, LITHUANIA – EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2022**

An Chomhairle approved a delegation to visit Kaunas, Lithuania during the coming year following on from a number of delegations who had visited Cork City.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **UPDATE ON CORE**

The Deputy Chief Executive informed An Chomhairle that it was intended to hold a meeting on 16th July 2018 to discuss matters related to CORE.

4.2 **CORK AREA STRATEGIC PLAN (CASP)**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle of the forthcoming CASP meeting scheduled for Wednesday 20th June 2018.

4.3 **SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Deputy Chief Executive informed An Chomhairle that Southern Regional Assembly related documentation would in future be forwarded to the Corporate Policy Group.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 28th May 2018.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **PUBLIC PARKS WITH PLAYGROUNDS TARGETED BY ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 25th June 2018:-

“Could the CE give an update on the number of Public Park with playgrounds *and M.U.G.A. (multi-user games area)* facilities in Cork City and *suburbs* that has been targeted and damaged as result of Vandalism and Anti-social behaviour including;

- a) What has been the investment made by Cork City Council in each park on the equipment and facilities, give a breakdown on equipment and each Park in each year 2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018;
- b) What has been the investment made by Cork City Council in each park on the replacement/repair of equipment and facilities damaged , give a breakdown on equipment and each Park in each year 2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018;
- c) How many individuals has Cork City Council pursued for the damages of the Park equipment /facilities in each year 2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018;
- d) Has Cork City Council pursued legal action for damages against person or persons responsible for the Vandalism and Anti-social behaviour which lead destruction/damage of equipment at the public facilities in each year 2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018;
- e) If Cork City Council has not pursued legal action for damages against person or persons responsible why not and give a breakdown of cost in each case for the year 2012,2013,2014,2015,2016,2017,2018;
- f) List the different kinds of damage to Public Park equipment and facilities and the overall cost to Cork City Council.

(Cllr. Chris O’Leary)

6.2 **FOOTBRIDGE AND PEDESTRIAN WALK WAY BETWEEN NEMO RANGERS AND TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

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

Where are we in relation to plans for footbridge and pedestrian way to allow footfall between Nemo Rangers and Tramore Valley Park. (condition of usage to be agreed as per events which might take place there). Discussions on this took place at least two year ago.

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The cooperation of Nemo Rangers in provision of access to its facilities on occasion for events in Tramore Valley Park is appreciated. Work to ensure pedestrian access both to and from the Club grounds will be advanced as part of the outstanding works to be completed in the coming months.

Valerie O Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.3 LOCATIONS ALONG THE CORK LIKE ROAD AND CORK RING ROAD

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

To ask the Chief Executive Officer to identify all the locations along the Cork Link Road and the Cork Ring Road that have sound reduction measures in situ and to state when they were put in place, the reason for their placement, the effectiveness of them and how they were funded; To ask the Chief Executive Officer why sections of Westgate and Elmpark do not have sound reduction measures in place and what process can be undertaken to ensure that they are provided as a matter of urgency; To ask what sound and noise mapping will be planned for and undertaken in the next six to twelve months on the Link Road and Ring Road and to publish as part of this answer baselines from previous mapping and surveys for these routes as well as national or local criteria for determining need for noise mitigation measures.

(Cllr. John Buttimer)
Deferred from meeting of 28th
May

REPLY

The noise mitigation measures on the N40 between Westside Estate and Tiffany Downs/Brampton Court are outlined on the accompanying eight drawings: (Larger print versions of these drawings are available upon request).

The measures were installed as part of the Sarsfield & Bandon Road Flyover Project during the period 2012 to 2015.

Noise mitigation measures are currently required when proposed works simultaneously satisfy the following three conditions as defined by the *Guidelines for the Treatment of Noise and Vibration in National Road Schemes*:

- 1) the combined expected maximum traffic noise level, i.e. the relevant noise level, from the proposed road scheme together with other traffic in the vicinity is greater than the design goal of 60dB during the day and 50dB at night;
- 2) the relevant noise level is at least 1 dB more than the expected traffic noise level without the proposed road scheme in place;
- 3) the contribution to the increase in the relevant noise level from the proposed road scheme is at least 1 dB.

The noise assessment undertaken as part of the EIS for the scheme determined that noise mitigation measures were required where tolerances were exceeded. No mitigation measures were provided in situations where tolerances were not exceeded. Note the assessment only looks at the additional contribution to noise generated by a proposed scheme rather than mitigation for existing noise levels i.e. the guidelines require a “with or without scheme” noise assessment.

The noise monitoring surveys undertaken to date demonstrate that the scheme including the mitigation measures is operating within the design standards.

The City and County Councils are preparing a new Noise Action Plan for the agglomeration of Cork. As part of this process updated noise maps are currently being prepared.

It is anticipated that an updated Noise Action Plan will be available for publication before the end of the year.

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

6.4 **COMPLAINTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF GOLF CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

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

Could the Chief Executive give an update on details on concerns and complaints raised by those who play and are members of Golf Clubs and Society and are annual green fee holders about Ted McCarthy/Mahon Municipal Golf Course?

- a) Has Cork City Council received complaints and reports of the neglect/abuse and lack of maintenance of the course over the past years, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. If yes, how many and what were the nature of the complaints in each year?
- b) Have Bunkers been out of play for 6 months and was it the case that they were put back in play without any sand being added or the grass trimmed around same?
- c) Has it been the case that Tee Box’s have been neglected for several years and now there are holes up to 6 inches on some?
- d) Grass up to 18 inches in places which is virtually impossible to find let alone play your ball from, this is leading to slow play and taking from the enjoyment of playing.
- e) Green hollow-tined and residue deposited in front of the Greens with Hollow tined-greens have not been sanded, is this normal practice? If not, why is this the case?
- f) Was a New practice range developed which is a cause of concern because of its location?. What did this development cost? Give a breakdown and details.
- g) How many Societies have cancelled bookings over these course conditions and complaints over the past years, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018?
- h) How much of a loss of income does the cancelled bookings amount to over the past years, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018?
- i) It is claimed and expressed that there is great upset and annoyance at the poor quality of the facility at Ted McCarthy/Mahon Municipal Golf Course and the apparent lack of time and financial investment into securing the high standards that is expected at the Ted McCarthy/Mahon Municipal Golf Course. Why is this the case?

- j) Can we have a full breakdown of running costs including fees and booking income and costs of maintaining the Ted McCarthy/Mahom Municipal Golf Course for the past years, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018?

(Cllr. Chris O'Leary)

REPLY

- a) A considerable number of complaints were received during the first week of May, 2018 concerning the presentation of some golf holes on Saturday 28th April and Sunday 29th April. The issue related to soil cores being left on the perimeter of the greens, this should not have happened, is not acceptable, and the issue has been addressed. Issues that were raised by the club committee for the other years above were addressed by either scheduled meetings or email and resolved in the context of the course layout, management and, available resources.
- b) Many bunkers were out of play since late 2017, partly due to the workload following Storm Ophelia, snow storm in early March and the continuous rain during March and early April, however, the period is still excessive and not acceptable, this issue has been addressed.
- c) Tee boxes have not been neglected and indeed a number have been renewed/upgraded in recent years as resources permit. Synthetic tee maps were installed on all par 3 holes during 2017 to facilitate winter play. Holes caused by burrowing rabbits appear from April to October and are reinstated as soon as possible.
- d) Mahon is an extremely tight golf course with little separation between many fairways, this presents challenges in the context of Health and Safety to protect golfers being hit from wayward golf balls from adjoining fairways. Allowing a section of natural/wildflower areas between the tighter fairways focuses golfers to avoid these areas and thereby minimize the risk of injury from a wayward ball. This method of segregating fairways to address this Health and Safety issue was commended by a judge in a PL claim the Council successfully defended some years ago.
- e) Hollow- tined greens were sanded following this operation.
- f) No new practice range has been developed. A new practice chipping green was constructed last year at the request of the club and local schools in Mahon to encourage juveniles from the Mahon area to take-up and learn the skills of golf. This initiative is running successfully. The cost of the chipping green, perimeter wall and railings to secure neighbouring properties was €20k
- g) One society cancelled in May 2018.
- h) Approximately €650.00
- i) The issues relating to course quality are addressed at a, b, c, d and e above. An independent review of the course layout and maintenance schedule will be undertaken in the coming weeks by a golf course management expert. Issues identified will be addressed in line with available resources.

- j) Running/maintenance costs... 2014- €611k, 2015 - €629k, 2016 - €616k, 2017 - €578k and 2018 - €588k. Income...2014- € 336, 2015- €362, 2016-€ 349, 2017- € 355

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.5 **HOUSING BUILD SCHEMES**

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

Mindful of the several housing build schemes in the system at present, and the apparent long delays inherent in them, can the CE outline (with Deanrock as the example) how long it takes from the passing of the Part 8 to both the start and completion of construction of these projects?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

Housing delivery, particularly on brownfield urban sites, is not a press button activity. Each project has its own particular circumstances depending on site conditions, key stakeholders, commercial considerations and scale/constructability which determine the progress and speed of construction from planning consent stage to detailed design, construction and handover. The Council’s housing construction procurement consists of traditional construction using the Capital Works Management Framework, the Competitive Dialogue procurement and limited “Turn Key” acquisitions. All projects require Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (DHPLG) budget approval at four stages from preliminary design, planning consent to full design, to tender & contract award.

The Council’s capital housing works delivery team coordinates and drives the complex system of consents, approvals, procurement, financing, contract awards and construction supervision for all these projects. As all these projects involve stakeholders and human involvement at all stages along the process, both hard and soft risks need to be constantly managed in order to achieve outcomes. Delivery times vary based on complexity and size but taking the Deanrock programme as an example:

The scheme received Part 8 approval from the Members of Council in September 2016. Because of the complex nature of the site, the ground conditions and utilities crossing the site, the Council commenced construction by way of a civil enabling works contract in December, 2016. It was decided to carry out the enabling works first in order to commence on site earlier while detailed design was being completed but more importantly to de-risk the project from delay and disruption to the main contract. In this case, the enabling works contractor encountered very unsuitable sub-soil conditions necessitating the importation of engineering grade material to site as required by the structural engineer as well as additional works required by utility service providers Irish Water and ESB, both of whom have significant and important trunk infrastructure crossing that site.

These additional works necessitated by key stakeholders and engineering requirements took 6 months extra to complete, but they were dealt with at a non-critical stage and the

main contract for construction was awarded within a month of completion of the enabling works (main design and procurement and DHPLG approvals proceeded in parallel with the enabling works) and the contractor, Conack Construction commenced the main housing contract in April, 2018 with a contract period of 20 months.

Urban housing schemes, which are now more often multi-storey apartment blocks are complex multi-million-euro capital schemes with considerable technical, commercial and stakeholder management input required along the way to delivery. The Council has set up a programme delivery team, is constantly seeking ways to improve its systems and is recognised as being a leader nationally in this area. There are several build schemes in the system at the moment; this combined with the planning and procurement of the project pipeline for the coming years to meet the targets set in Rebuilding Ireland and the North West Quarter Regeneration Programme makes for a busy capital delivery unit in the Housing & Community Directorate, which is making a major contribution directly to the local economy.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community.

6.6 **SOCIAL/AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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

How many Social or affordable houses have Cork City built in the past five years excluding houses in regeneration areas and where were they built?

How many newly built houses has Cork City bought in the past five years and where were they?

How many second hand houses has Cork City purchased in the past five years?

Does the CE believe that the Government's target of 2,230 new housing units over the next five years will be enough to solve the homeless and housing crisis in Cork City?

What resources does the CE estimate would be required to double the Government target of 2230 to 4460 housing units over the next five years in additional staff, other resources and funding?

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

REPLY

The City Council recommenced active procurement of social housing through construction throughout the City in 2016 as part of its capital programme in addition to ongoing housing construction in the City North West Quarter Regeneration Programme (CNWQR)

From 2016 to date, the Council has procured the construction of 430 housing units (excluding regeneration) with 38 no. units completed and a further 133 units well on course for completion before year end. The completed units have been constructed at Cappanoole, Mahon, Tory Top Road, Tramore Road & Ballinlough Road.

In addition to the above, the City Council has delivered 52 new social housing units in Knocknaheeny as part of the CNWQR Programme and an additional 47 units are currently under construction.

The City Council has purchased three newly constructed units, located in Blarney Street and at Knocknacullen.

From 2013 to date, the Council has acquired a further 247 existing housing units throughout the City.

The Council is working diligently and applying key resources to implement its part of the Government Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness which consists of a five-pillar approach to address the issues, one pillar of which is the provision of additional social housing stock. The Action Plan is designed by Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (DHPLG) to deal with the issues by a combination of measures. The City Council is one of the best performing authorities nationally in delivering its requirements under the Plan and is refining and improving its approach and resources to gain better outcomes and tackle the challenge locally.

The DHPLG notified the City Council of the delivery targets for the period 2017 – 2021 period based on the 2017 Summary of Social Housing Assessments (SSHA), which is considered as the most appropriate and objective basis to set targets. Based on the 2017 SSHA for Cork City Council, which indicated 4,373 households qualified for and were in need of housing support, the proportion of the national social housing target 2017 – 2021 for delivery by Cork City Council was 2,230 units. This is the target number of social housing homes to be provided for this period & was approved by the Members of Cork City Council in March 2018 and is for delivery via build, acquisitions and leasing under the following specific programmes:

- Local Authority (LA) Build (including turnkeys)
- LA Acquisitions
- LA refurbishments/vacant
- Buy & Renew
- Approved Housing Body (AHB) Build & acquisitions under the Capital Assistance Scheme and Capital Advance Leasing Facility
- Long Term Leasing via the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme
- Repair & Leasing Scheme
- Part V delivery

This target does not include the Housing Assistance Payment and the Rental Accommodation Schemes which will continue to provide significant additional housing solutions for the remaining households on the Council's waiting list.

To accommodate the fact that SSHA are now conducted on an annual basis and that the identified housing need of any individual local authority may increase or decrease between now and 2021, a total of 2,000 homes within the overall national target have been held in reserve and will be allocated proportionally in line with the 2018 and 2019 SSHA results.

Should the Rebuilding Ireland new housing delivery targets be doubled as suggested in the question; this would need to be firstly approved by the DHPLG, the funders and undertaken as part of a fundamental review of the entire Action Plan for the City. Clearly, if the housing delivery target was to be increased in any way by the DHPLG, this would require a matching increase in people and funding resources.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community.

6.7 **MAHON LOCAL AREA PLAN**

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

To ask the CE for an update on progress on the Mahon Local Area Plan?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Mahon LAP was adopted in March 2014 and contains a wide range of short medium and long term objectives for the Mahon area.

The Plan included an overall vision for the area covering issues such as population, employment and transportation and environmental strategies, as well as more detailed strategies for 9 sub-areas. It is not possible to give a full review at this point but progress is being made in the following areas:

- Measures are underway to improve access to and around the area including implementation of actions from the South East Corridor study, such as road widening and addition of bus lanes. Improvement of cycle and bus access is also underway, including the addition of a ramp from the former Passage Railway line to the Mahon link Road. Further improvements are planned for the coming years with the help of funding from the National Transportation Authority.
- New residential developments have been granted or are in planning for Bessboro and Jacobs Island, which will bring much needed housing supply to the area.
- The City Council is working to address the issue of dereliction and underutilization in the Avenue de Rennes area, including the redevelopment of key sites in the area. A detailed land ownership search as part of the Derelict Sites process has been undertaken by the SPED and action is being taken under of the Derelict Sites Process.
- The City Council is in the process of closing contracts on an exchange basis with the HSE on the former Health Centre at Lakeland Crescent. The future use of the building will be considered as part of the wider issue in the area.

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

6.8 **REPAING LUMINOIR MARKINGS**

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

Is the CE aware that Cork Corporation in the interest of public safety many years ago painted an orange luminous background at points along the quay walls on north and south channels of the River Lee to identify points where there were ladders fixed on the quay walls. In the interest of public safety therefore, can the CE please arrange to have those luminous markings repainted and in doing so note that three such ladders on the southern quay wall to the east of the North Gate (Griffith Bridge) have been removed and so the markings indicating ladders should be removed or replaced ladders erected?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Quotations are currently being sought for the manufacture and erection of replacement ladders at these locations. It is expected that the ladders on Kyril's Quay will be completed within the next three months. The repainting of the luminous backgrounds at ladder locations will also be undertaken over the coming months.

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

6.9 **CAR PARKS IN CORK**

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

Can the CE please provide details on the occupancy levels in each of the following car parks in Cork for each month of 2018, up to and including May:

Paul Street
North Main Street
Black Ash Park & Ride

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

REPLY

Occupancy levels for each car park:

	Paul Street	North Main Street	Black Ash Park & Ride
January 18	49,462	14,228	11,808
February 18	45,886	13,488	10,349
March 18	51,128	13,125	11,052
April 18	52,749	14,921	12,339
May 18	58,500	16,255	12,477

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

6.10 **REPORT ON INSPECTIONS IN VICARS ROAD**

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

Can the CE give the Council a full updated detailed report / reports on the recent (Jan / May) inspection / inspections at a commercial unit in Vicars Road concerning the cleaning and sealing of an asbestos roof at this Unit.

A resident in an area called The Acre, which is at the rear of this Unit, has huge concerns for her family's and her neighbour's health and safety if this matter is not dealt with properly.

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

Cork City Council received a complaint on the 13th December 2017 in relation to the demolition of an asbestos roof in Vicars Road.

The first inspection was carried out immediately on the 13th December 2017 by Cork City Council Waste enforcement staff.

They found that demolition of the roof was not taking place however there was power washing of the roof being undertaken. Also there were several small pieces of asbestos in the back garden of one of the houses bounding the site.

Contact was made with the HSA and the owners of the site and as a consequence work stopped immediately.

Since then several inspections of the site have been undertaken.

13/12/2017

14/12/2017

18/01/2018

15/05/2018

The Owners of the property have been written to by way of section 14 notice under the waste management act to fulfill a number of requirements and to date these requirements have been met.

- Analysis has taken place by recognized asbestos specialists with samples taken in relation to the Complainants property and also from the roof and surrounding area of the subject building.
- Specialist asbestos Contractor has sealed/encapsulated the roof area of the building which was power washed.
- And any asbestos material which was in the complainant's garden has been removed by specialist contractors.

Note although the pieces of asbestos in the complainants garden were removed by the owners of the site on vicars road. It cannot be proven that the material (a number of small

pieces of asbestos) which were in the complainant's garden came from the building on vicar's road.

Also please find attached report from Asbestos specialist.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.11 **RESOURCE ALLOCATION GIVEN TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH PLANNING REGULATIONS**

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

To ask the CE for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 what resource allocation was or is given to ensuring compliance with planning regulations, inspection of private rented properties and the number and status of prosecutions taken arising from the work of these two enforcement departments?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

Compliance with planning regulations is carried out by the Development Management and Enforcement Sections of the Strategic Planning and Economic Development (SPED) Directorate. This comprises the discharge of functions specified under the Planning Acts and is commonly referred to as Planning Enforcement.

In 2015, 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018 the Enforcement Section of SPED has been staffed by 1.5 full-time equivalent Administrative Staff and 1 Planning Inspector. The Enforcement Section is responsible for the general administration of complaints and initial inspections. The Development Management planners, on average over the period 2015 to date in 2018 comprising 6 staff at Assistant Planner, Executive Planner and Senior Executive Planner Grades, dealt with the assessment of the Planning Enforcement files. A Senior Planner is responsible for the management of both the Enforcement and Development Management Sections.

For the period 2015 to date in 2018 no prosecutions were made.

The resource allocation and details of enforcement actions taken with regard of the inspection of privately rented accommodation from January 2015 to June 2018 is detailed in Table 1 below.

Please note that the figures quoted are inclusive of all privately rented dwellings including the RAS and HAP schemes as well as non-assisted private tenancies between tenants and landlords.

Table 1 Inspection of Privately Rented Accommodation

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Personnel	3 Building Inspectors 1 Clerical Officer 1 Engineer (part time)	3 Building Inspectors 1 Clerical Officer 1 Engineer (part time)	3 Building Inspectors 1 Clerical Officer 1 Engineer (part time)	3 Building Inspectors 1 Clerical Officer 1 Engineer (part time)
Number of dwellings inspected	635	619	708	(Approx 700 expected)
Improvement Letters issued to Landlords*	269	445	388	89 (up to 7 th June)
Number of prosecutions	0	0	0	0

* Where an inspection identifies a non-compliance with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations, the landlord is directed to carry out the necessary improvement works by means of issuing them with an Improvement Letter.

Patrick Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community.

6.12 **REGULATIONS FOR AMPLIFICATION IN CITY CENTRE**

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

What are the present regulations governing the use of amplification in public areas of the city centre during business hours?

(Cllr. Tom O’Driscoll)

REPLY

Currently, there is no law dealing with noise amplification in public areas of the City. Noise amplification can be regulated by means of bye-laws made under the Council's general powers to enact bye-laws under Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Valerie Morrison,
A/Law Agent.

6.13 **TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY IN PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 25th June 2018:-

Will the CE inform Council on:

What, if any, traffic and mobility plans for the various events/matches that have taken place in Páirc Uí Chaoimh since its opening? Please lay before Council any that have?

What ongoing contact/meetings regarding mobility and traffic issues have taken place between the management of the Stadium and City Council officials?

Regarding the Environmental Impact Study that was carried out as part of the planning application, what levels of traffic were envisioned, what levels of environmental impact were envisioned and what proposals were identified in the EIS to mitigate their impacts?

Are the Management of Páirc Uí Chaoimh complying with all their conditions of planning i.e. infrastructure and EIS issues?

Will Council in conjunction with the Gardai and other bodies investigate the possibility of introducing new protocols to alleviate the major traffic and parking problems that now are part and parcel of events/matches taking place in the Stadium, including introducing a 2km parking exclusion zone around the Stadium, manned barriers at housing estates in Ballinlough/Boreenmanna Road/Skehard Road/Well Road/ Beaumont Park & Ride facilities and promote the use of city centre car parks, active enforcement of parking regulations and other measures deemed necessary by authorities?

(Cllr. Terry Shannon)

NOTE:- SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the suspension of Standing Orders to allow the consideration of Item 9.3 on the Agenda.

9.3 **PATHWAY CONNECTING SILVERSPRINGS LAWN AND ASHMOUNT ESTATE, MAYFIELD (held in Committee)**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, Chairman of the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

RETAIN FENCE AT ASHMOUNT ESTATE, TIVOLI (held in Committee)

‘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)

Following a discussion, on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan a vote was called for to retain the estate perimeter fence at Ashmount Estate, Tivoli where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, P. Dineen, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (11)

ABSTENTION: Comhairleoirí F. Ryan, M. O’Sullivan. (2)

As the Members voting in favour were in the majority – An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Motion approved.

It was agreed at the Functional Meeting of 2 October 2017 that I Cllr. Des Cahill and Council officials would meet residents of both Ashmount and Silversprings Lawn and explore the option of a six month pilot project, to allow for gated access during daylight hours.

I, Cllr. Des Cahill met with both Ashmount & Silversprings Lawn residents, along with Stephen Scully & Liam Casey, no agreement was reached, see minutes.

As promised both I & Stephen Scully met with Supt. Mick Comyn in Mayfield Garda Station.

As a result, please see attached police report, essentially no adverse behaviour occurs in the general vicinity of the fence.

As a temporary fence (limited opening hours) was accepted by Silversprings Lawn residents. I feel that as Chairman that the Committee should recommend to Council the temporary option offered.

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 5th JUNE 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Party Whips from its meeting held 5th June 2018.

7.1 **LORD MAYOR ITEMS**

7.1.1 **EVENT RECOGNISING FORMER LORD MAYOR**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the event recognising the contribution of Councillor Donal O’Callaghan (Donal Óg Ó Ceallacháin) who succeeded Terence MacSwiney as Lord Mayor of Cork from November 1920 to January 1924 on the 11th June 2018, to which former Lords Mayor of Cork would be invited.

7.2 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

7.2.1 An Chomhairle considered and approved that the Votes of Sympathy and Votes of Congratulations would be submitted to the Ard-Mhéara prior to the commencement of the Ordinary Meetings of An Chomhairle and would be subsequently read into the record.

8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th JUNE 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional committee from its meeting held 5th June 2018.

8.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

8.1.1 **REPORT ON VISIT OF CORK DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO – APRIL 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report on the visit of the Cork Delegation to San Francisco in April 2018. The report provided a comprehensive account of the delegations itinerary for the week.

8.1.2 **REPORT ON RENNES TOURISM FAIR 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of Noreen Mulcahy on the Rennes Tourism Fair 2018.

8.2 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 30th May, 2018 on Housing Estates from 1st January to 31st March, 2017.

8.3 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 30th May, 2018 on Planning Statistics from 1st January to 31st March, 2018.

8.4 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd May, 2017 on Planning Enforcement Statistics from 1st January to 31st March, 2018.

8.5 **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 30th May, 2018 on the Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.

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

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the draft drawings of the quay walls and a historic publication by Mr. J. Hegarty. The Heritage Officer and the Conservation Officer stated that this academic study of the quay walls would contribute greatly to the knowledge of the heritage of the city.

8.7 **PAINTING GRANT SCHEMES 2018 SHANDON AND SOUTH PARISH**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Shea, An Chomhairle approved the report on the Painting Grant Schemes 2018 for Shandon and South Parish.

8.8 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE**

DEVELOPMENT OF A STATUTORY AREA PLAN FOR BISHOPSTOWN

An Chomhairle considered the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would immediately begin a process for the development of a statutory area plan for Bishopstown – Wilton – College Road to replace the current non-statutory 2007 Bishopstown Wilton Area Action Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/176)

CHALLENGES FACING BISHOPSTOWN AND WILTON

‘That Cork City Council recognises the many and unique challenges facing Bishopstown and Wilton and will develop a coherent cross organisational approach, Planning, Roads, Environment, Recreation, to the management and remediation of these challenges, initially through the revision of the Bishopstown Wilton Local Area Actio Plan and then by the adoption of a statutory Local Area Plan which would set out clear objectives and timelines with full transparency and accountability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/310)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motions back to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee for further Report.

8.9 **DELIVERY OF THE EVENT CENTRE IN CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the Report of the A/Director of Services on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would present a full report on the delivery of the Event Centre in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/438)

The Report of the A/Director of Services stated that negotiations on the delivery of this development are ongoing. Engagement is continuing with Government, BAM Contractors and Live Nation.

Each party has agreed in principle to provide additional funding for the project. In the case of Government and City Council, this funding will be provided through facilities that maintain the integrity of the existing process. No additional funding has yet received final approval.

It is the position of Government and the City Council that any public funding will be only committed to the project on the proviso that the developer agrees funding available will enable it to complete the project.

8.10 **MASTER PLAN FOR AVENUE DE RENNES**

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

‘That Cork City Council reports on the master plan for the Avenue de Rennes area of Mahon as set forth in the Mahon LAP. What actions are the Council taking to deal with the increased dereliction & deprivation that is affecting this area, the centre of the Mahon Community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/055)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee for further Report.

8.11 **PLANNING CONDITIONS FOR A DRUG TREATMENT CENTRE**

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

‘That any group or organisation that applies for planning permission as a drug treatment centre in Cork City would have as a condition of their planning would have approval from the HSE for their drug treatment programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 18/080)

The Report of the A/Director of Services stated that planning conditions must be in line with the requirements of the Planning Acts, and the primary purpose of the Acts, which is the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. A condition attached to a planning permission requiring an applicant to have approval from another body before they are entitled to carry out their permission would be ultra vires.

8.12 **PLAYGROUND ON URSULINE CONVENT GROUNDS**

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

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

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

The Report of the A/Director of Services stated that this Motion has been referred to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee.

8.13 **HERITAGE PIECES UNDER CORK CITY COUNCIL CONTROL**

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

‘That Cork City Council would present Councillors with a written report on heritage pieces under control of the City Council. Per my Motion 13/380 which called for an annual audit of such pieces I have only heard reports of such pieces "going missing" , cast aside in Kinsale Road and Mahon Dept (Limestone), cast aside in Fitzgerald's Park (Fireman's Hut and Horse Trough). It is certain that much other valuable heritage of the City has come to be neglected and shamefully cast aside. A group of interested Councillors must visit these sites asap.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/189)

The Report of the A/Director of Services stated that this motion should be referred to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee and the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee as Strategic Planning, Economic Development Enterprise do not have information in relation to these pieces.

9. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th JUNE 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Environment and Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th June 2018.

9.1 **LOUGH CARP**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 was considered.

9.2 **BONFIRE NIGHT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31 May 2018 was considered.

9.3 **THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED ABOVE BEFORE ITEM 7**

9.4 **REFUSE BINS ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD (held in Committee)**

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

‘That three or four refuse bins be placed strategically along the footpath on Lower Glanmire Road in Tivoli between Kent Station and the Railway Bridge. There is currently none despite the presence of a number of businesses and B & B’s on this stretch of road’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/447)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 28th March 2018 stated that the resource attaching to the provision and servicing of Litter Bins for this area and the City as a whole is to be reviewed. The extent of the Lower Glanmire Road from City Centre as far as Water Street is provided for by a manual sweeping beat Monday to Friday.

9.5 **REMOVE TREE STUMPS FROM PUBLIC PARKS, PUBLIC ROADS AND HOUSING ESTATES**

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

‘That Cork City Council report on the plans in place to remove tree stumps from public parks, public roads and housing estates. Can the report list the order in which these works will be carried out? And is funding available from the Ophelia cleanup operation to cover the cost of these works?’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/082)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated A contract is in place for the removal of tree stumps from public parks, public roads, open space areas, cemeteries and housing estates. Works have commenced and will continue for the coming 8 to 10 weeks. Finance to cover the cost is available from the Ophelia cleanup fund.

9.6 **REFURBISHMENT OF THE GRATTAN HILL/O’MAHONY’S AVENUE PLAYGROUND**

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

‘That Cork City Council allocate funding for the much needed refurbishment of the Grattan Hill/O’Mahony’s Avenue Playground. This is long overdue and there are quite a few new young families after moving into the area and this playground while regularly

used by these families has fallen into disrepair in recent years. It is located in an isolated and secluded area and tends to attract certain elements of antisocial behaviour so refurbishment and subsequent security enhancement would be an important part of this much needed project.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/063)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that the Grattan Hill/O’Mahony’s Avenue Playground has been refurbished in the past two months including the painting of all play equipment, seats and railings. Floral boxes have been positioned around the perimeter of the playground. All works were done in consultation with local residents.

9.7 **CUT BACK BRANCHES AT BLACKWATER GROVE, DEANROCK**

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

‘That City Council would cut back the tree branches near the entrance of Blackwater Grove Deanrock. This request is logged now for a few years as this is a huge problem for elderly residents in the Autumn as the leaves gets very slippery when they cover the footpaths in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/079)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that A number of overgrown trees between Blackwater Grove and Araglen Court were pruned last year. The remaining trees will be inspected to determine if pruning will address to concern about fallen leaves in the autumn.

9.8 **PLANNING CONDITIONS OF WASTE COLLECTION COMPANIES**

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

‘That Cork City Council will report on the regulatory requirements and planning conditions of waste collection companies at John F. Connolly Rd, Churchfield, including pertaining to City Council permits and/or Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Licences issued, report should also include instances of non-compliance in recent years and planning implications, if any, of same.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. K. Collins 18/108)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that waste disposal and recovery activities in Ireland are required to hold an authorization in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.

A waste recovery or disposal activity at a facility is either:

- an [exempted](#) activity (no authorisation required), or
- requires a Waste (or IPPC) licence, or
- requires a Waste Facility Permit, or
- requires a Waste Certificate of Registration / Registration Certificate.

Depending on the authorisation required these activities are controlled either by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or by Local Authorities within their own areas. All non-exempted Local Authority waste facility activities are regulated by the EPA. The principal legislative texts governing the form of authorisation required for waste facilities are:

- Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004 to 2011
 - Waste Management (Facility Permit & Registration) Regulations 2007, as amended
- Waste disposal or recovery activities at IPPC installations are regulated by an EPA Licence under the EPA (Licensing) Regulations 1994, as amended.

There are currently 4 premises operating under licence in the John F. Connolly Rd, Churchfield, area they are detailed in Table 1 and shown on the attached Map1 below. Two of these facilities are operating under waste facility Permit which is authorised by Cork City Council (Churchfield Recycling and National Recycling) and Two sites are operating under an EPA waste licence (Ashgrove Recycling and Country Clean)

Map 1: Facility Locations



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Licence number 2013/05/CCMA/CorkCityCouncil.

Table 1: Facility Details

Licensing Authority	Facility Name	Address 1	Non Compliances 2017	Non Compliances 2018	Prosecutions
Cork City Council	National Recycling Co. Ltd.	John F Connolly Road	No	No	No
Cork City	Churchfield	John F	No (currently	No (currently	No

Council	Recycling Centre	Connolly Road	not operating)	not operating)	
EPA	Ashgrove Recycling	John F Connolly Road	Yes (40)	Yes (4)	1 Pending

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EPA	Country Clean Recycling	John F Connolly Road	No	No	January 2015
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Country Clean

The EPA prosecuted Country Clean Recycling at Cork District Court on 9th January 2015 for various breaches of the licence. The operator was convicted on six charges of causing odour nuisance and related failures, resulting in fines of €12,000 plus costs.

Since the prosecution, the operator made very substantial modifications to the site infrastructure and to procedures and management of activities at the facility. As a result, overall compliance with the licence has significantly improved, and the three most recent annual enforcement audits carried out at the facility (on 26/01/2016, 01/02/2017 and 13/03/2018) have been compliant. There are no outstanding works specifically required by the EPA.

Ashgrove Recycling

The EPA currently has a prosecution pending for Ashgrove Recycling Ltd. There were 40 non compliances in 2017 this has improved to 4 in 2018.

9.9 **PUBLIC EVENTS IN TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

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

‘That because much of the infrastructure is already in place, and not being used, Tramore Valley Park should re-open for public events - a youth run was held very successfully - until the official opening this summer and that a revised timetable for this official process be given also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/110)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that a works programme to address the essential works necessary prior to opening of Tramore Valley Park is presently underway with an opening scheduled for early autumn. It is not practical to host public events whilst the works are ongoing.

9.10 **TIDAL BARRIER AT BLACKROCK HARBOUR**

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

‘That Cork City Council would install a dwarf wall tidal barrier at Blackrock Harbour which would trap water at low tide and enhance the amenity look of the harbour at low tide’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/097)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that a full report on the above motion will be presented at the next Functional Meeting as the matters raised will require investigation.

9.11 **LITTER PROBLEMS ON MAGAZINE ROAD**

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

‘That City Council would take on board the serious concerns of the Magazine Road and surrounding areas Residents Assoc. in relation to the street litter problems that exist in Magazine Road and surrounding roads & parks. This entire area is becoming a litter blackspot with broken bottles, empty cans and general litter strewn across the streets. There are now over 22,000 students attending UCC and the vast majority of these pass through this area throughout the day and cast aside their litter. In addition, because of the serious antisocial issues after hours, there is a resultant increase of litter especially empty alcohol bottles/cans being left along the streets and parks. Another issue related to the antisocial behaviour is the tipping over of residents refuse bins with the resultant litter being scattered around the footpaths & roads. These residents request that you give serious consideration to intermittent use of one of your road sweepers trucks.

At present one of your sweeper trucks cleans Bandon Road up as far as Denroches Cross (Centra store) they request that occasionally (maybe once a month) this truck route to be extended to cover Magazine Road as far as the Kilcrea Park junction and also to include Highfield Avenue which is a regular bad black spot. If City Council are seen to be attending to the area then the general population especially students will react positively and they urge City Council to give this serious consideration. This area is still classed as an Architectural Conservation Area (latest Cork City Development Plan) but it is now deteriorating at an alarming rate with street dirt/litter a major issue and gives no incentive to new potential permanent residents to move into the area.’

(Proposers: Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. T. Moloney 18/120)

The report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that Magazine Road falls within a Mechanical Suction Sweeper Route, with a weekly frequency of at least once a week on a Wednesday. It can be the case when resources are limited that a helper with this suction sweeper cannot be provided, which has a detrimental impact of the effectiveness of this Mechanical Sweeper given the levels of on-street parking along Magazine Road. Magazine Road from its junction with the Bandon Road to Dorgan’s Road is part of a noncore manual sweeping beat but is generally covered.

Resource

College Road	-	Manually swept up to end of O’Donovan’s Road.
Magazine Road	-	Mechanical Suction Sweeper Route.
Horgan’s Building’s Area	-	Non-core manual sweeping beat, where resources allow
		it is swept manually twice a week.
Glasheen Road	-	Mechanical Suction Sweeper Route.

Also available to this area of the city upon request is:

- ‘Flying Squad’ - Waste removal truck with driver and General Operative.
- Dumping Investigation Unit - Waste removal truck with driver and General Operative.
This resource is available weekdays on Monday & Friday.

9.12 **REMOVE FENCING AT ARDCULLEN ESTATE, HOLLYHILL**

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

‘That Cork City Council remove the remaining fencing at ArdculLEN Est, Hollyhill that is serving no practical use, the fencing, located near the houses facing the reservoir, is providing cover for dumping while the area is overgrown compared to the rest of the green which is generally well maintained, the green area is protected by bollards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/143)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that this fencing has now been removed.

9.13 **PRUNE TREES IN AVONLEA COURT, BLACKROCK**

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

‘That Cork City Council prune the trees in Avonlea Court, Church Road, Blackrock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/146)

The report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that the trees in question will be inspected and placed on the tree works schedule if remedial pruning is required.

9.14 **UV BLACK LIGHTS IN PUBLIC TOILETS**

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

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

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/125)

The report of the Director of Services dated 31st May 2018 stated that the issue of intravenous drug use within the public toilets in Grand Parade is currently being addressed as part of an assessment of the wider drug use and anti-social behaviour issues within Cork City Centre. The outcome of this assessment and associated recommendations will be then feed through to a new City Centre public toilet policy, within which the issue of drug use in the toilets will be addressed.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

11. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the summary from Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll at the AILG Seminar held in Ennis on 24th May 2018.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

13. **TRAINING**

None received.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **SURVEY BEAUFORT PARK AND ST. ANNE’S PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would survey Beaufort Park and St. Anne’s Park with a view to reinstatement and resurfacing. Damage has been caused to these estates because of heavy vehicular traffic associated with redevelopment of Cork City F.C.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/069)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN ROSELAWN, TOGHER ROAD**

‘That additional public lighting be installed in Roselawn, Togher Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/129)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON CLASHDUV PARKS WALK WAY**

‘Considering the number of years Clashduv Park walkway has been left in such poor repair and the fact that funding has been secured out of the 2018 Capital Budget, for works to be done in Autumn 2018. I request that these works be fast tracked and carried out within the next couple of weeks so as the community will be able to enjoy this facility fully in the summer months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 18/181)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

An Chomhairle agreed that this Motion should be referred to the **Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

14.4 **REDUCE SIZE OF T JUNCTION BETWEEN KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE AND FAIRFIELD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council reduces the size of the T junction between Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Road as traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/185)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **RESURFACE HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council will resurface Hollymount Estate and install traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/187)

Roads & Transportation Functional committee

14.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN MCSWEENEYS VILLAS**

‘That traffic calming measures should be installed in McSweeneys Villas as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/196)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.7 **RESURFACE FOOTPATH ON LOWER KENT ROAD**

‘That the footpaths at the eastern side of Lower Kent Road be resurfaced as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 18/197)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.8 **PRUNE TREES ON WELLINGTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council in the interest of Public Safety undertake immediate action to prune trees on Wellington Road as they are dangerously overgrown and seriously impede street lighting such as to endanger the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. The trees need to be trimmed back like those on Clashduv Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/198)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.9 **PREVENT PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN ARBHAILE ESTATE, MAYFIELD**

‘That measures will be taken to prevent parking on both sides of the road at Ardbhaile Estate, Mayfield following a recent incident in which an ambulance was unable to enter part of the estate due to badly parked cars, and a seriously ill person had to be stretchered from their home to the ambulance parked some distance away. Safety measures are required to control parking within the estate including a significant number of non-residents who are parking cars there and taking the bus into the city centre. Other measures required include the installation of speed ramps to slow down traffic in the estate, noting that a special needs school will be moving into the estate later this year’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 18/200)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **FENCING AT ARDCULLEN ESTATE, HOLLYHILL**

‘That Cork City Council would replace fencing at the left side entrance to ArdculLEN est, Hollyhill with well appointed bollards which could protect the green area. The green area could then be developed as an amenity linked to the area around the nearby reservoir, earmarked for development as amenity under the Regeneration Masterplan, by a pedestrian crossing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/201)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.11 **REPORT ON ALL ROAD, FOOTPATH AND PUBLIC REALM SUBSIDENCE IN HILLSIDE DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a full report on all road, footpath and public realm subsidence in Hillside Drive over the last ten years (2008-2018) and would outline the causes of subsidence at these locations, what remedial measures have been taken and if there was any damage to adjoining residential properties what redress was provided.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 18/204)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

‘That Cork City Council would outline the parameters of the contract for the maintenance and upkeep of the Bandon Road Roundabout and approach roads to same and when the works will be undertaken and that Roads would meet with local residents who have serious concerns about the ongoing upkeep of the public realm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 18/205)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **TRANSFER LAND ADJACENT TO BALLYPHENANE HURLING AND FOOTBALL PITCH**

‘That the land adjacent to Ballyphehane Hurling and Football pitch be transferred to the club as soon as possible so as to enable them to apply for grant assistance for an all-weather pitch.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 18/206)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise
Functional Committee (Property Section)**

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **BUS EIREANN RESUME SERVICE TO MONTENOTTE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Bus Eireann immediately resume the service to Montenotte as it applied up to recently. Its failure to continue its turning point at Clifton Downes / Merrion Court means that lots of elderly people are being deprived of a service that Bus Eireann is being subsidised to provide and which has been running for many years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/199)

15.2 **ISSUE WITH TRADE IN ISRAEL**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘This Council supports Cork City becoming free from goods and services produced in Israeli settlements illegally established on stolen Palestinian land and therefore urges Senators to support Senator Frances Black’s Control of Economic activity (Occupied Territories) Bill, 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. S. O’Shea, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. C. O’Leary 18/202)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Shea, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, S. O'Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, P.J. Hourican. (5)

ABSTENTION: Comhairleoirí J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, S. Martin, F. Dennehy. (4)

As those voting in favour of the Motion was greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mheara declared the Motion approved.

15.3 **INDAVER PLANNING PERMISSION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council opposes An Bord Pleanála’s decision to grant Indaver planning permission to build an incinerator in Ringaskiddy and that Cork City Council supports the local communities in their campaign and objection to an Incinerator being built.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. H. Cremin 18/203)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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