

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir C. Kelleher.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. O'Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí C. Finn, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Shannon, S. Martin, F. Dennehy.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Housing. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Ms. R. Loughry, Senior Executive Officer, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Ms. S. O'Meara, Cedo & Rapid Coordinator, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O'Brien family on the death of Owen O'Brien.
- The Magee family on the death of Conor Magee.
- The McCarthy family on the death of John (Dinny Bobs) McCarthy.
- The Dennehy family on the death of Henry Dennehy.
- The O'Connell family on the death of May O'Connell.
- The Mooney family on the death of Brendan Mooney.

2. VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/BEST WISHES

- Clogheen/Kerry Pike Community Association on their Ballycannon remembrance event and on the launch of their local history book.
- Chris Dorgan and Cork City Council on the Concert for Ukraine.
- St. Vincent's GAA club on the documentary Ballycannon Boys Remembered.
- Michael O'Riordan on the restoration of Lady Well Spring.
- Donnacha O'Connell on running 100 miles in Galway to raise awareness for children with autism.
- Adrian Breathnach on the song of solidarity with the people of Ukraine.
- Catherine Kirwan on her writing success.
- Noel Sheehan on his ability to entertain people by singing while cutting their hair.
- Jim Hegarty on his book The Hegartys of the Laurels, A Story of Unsung Heroism.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir E. Ryng, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss the following motion at the end of the meeting:-

‘That Cork City Council acknowledges:

That Ballincollig Fire Station has been closed for several months.

That this closure means a reduction of operational pumps in the City Area from 4 to 3, representing a 25 percent reduction in capacity.

That Summer is approaching with drier weather combined with the welcome return of sporting, musical and cultural events bringing thousands of visitors to the City.

Further, that Cork City Council:

Acknowledges and commends the ongoing efforts to recruit a retained fire service in Ballincollig.

And without prejudice to this process calls upon the Executive to explore every possible option, to reopen and staff Ballincollig fire station in the interim from existing staff to ensure safety and adequate cover is available across the City and beyond.’

‘Go nglacann Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí :

Go bhfuil Stáisiún Dóiteáin mBaile an Chollaigh dúnta le chúpla mhí anuas.

Go gciallaíonn seo go bhfuil laghdú ó 4 go 3 ó thaobh pumpa de, laghdú 25% ó thaobh ábaltacht.

Go bhfuilimid ag druidim i dtreo an Samhradh, am go mbeidh aimsir níos tirim ann, agus eachtraí spórt, chultúrtha agus ceol ag tabhairt na mílte isteach sa chathair.

Le seo, Glacann an Comhairle:

Go bhfuil iarrachtaí iontach á dhéanamh ag oifigeachai an Chomhairle chun fóireann páirt aimsire nua a chur chun cinn i mBaile an Chollaigh.

Gan cur isteach ar an bpróiseas seo agus fad is go bhfuil an bpróiseas ag dul ar aghaidh, go ndéanfar gach iarracht Stáisiún Dóiteáin Bhaile an Collaigh a oscailt suas ag úsáid baill den briogáid dóiteáin atá ag obair faoi láthair chun go mbeidh an Chathair slán sábháilte.’

(Proposers: Cllr. E.Ryng, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. F. Kerins)

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **BRAVERY AWARD**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle of his intention to present a Bravery Award to Ms. Priya Galvin whose actions during a medical emergency saved her mother’s life.

3.2 **MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT**

An tArdmhéara briefed An Chomhairle on the Code of Conduct for Council meetings.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **UKRAINIAN REFUGEES ARRIVING IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Chief Executive, dated 11th April 2022 on the response to Ukrainian refugees arriving in Cork City.

5. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Draft Annual Report 2021.

6. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 14th March 2022.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 15th March 2022.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **ESTATE ROADS RESURFACING IN SW WARD**

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

Can we receive a report on all the estate roads resurfacing works carried out in the SW Ward for each of the following years and a spend on each year as well – 2019/2020/2021.

REPLY

2019

There was no specific funding for estate roads in 2019 and as such none was undertaken.

2020

€200,000 was made available by Councillors for estates roads resurfacing, corresponding to €40,000 for each LEA. The SW LEA voted for sections of following estates:

- Castle Avenue, Ballincollig
- Muskerry Estate, Ballincollig;

Expenditure on the above totalled €40,000.

2021

As was the case in 2020, €200,000 was made available by Councillors for estates roads resurfacing, corresponding to €40,000 for each LEA. The SW LEA voted for a section of the following estate:

- Riverview Estate, Glasheen;

Expenditure on the above totalled €40,000.

A further €250,000 was subsequently made available to each LEA in 2021, in the form of an LAC Fund to be spent by LAC Members on projects of their choosing. Councillors in the SW LEA voted to allocate the entire LAC Fund amount to estate roads resurfacing and voted to complete sections of the following roads:

- Croaghta Park, Glasheen;
- Greenwood Estate, Togher;
- Halldene Gardens, Curraheen;
- Rosewood, Ballincollig;
- Sandown Crest, Togher.

Expenditure on the above totalled €250,000.

Thus the total expenditure in 2021 on estate road resurfacing in the SW LAC was €290,000.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

7.2 **REBUILDING IRELAND HOME LOAN / LOCAL AUTHORITY HOME LOAN SCHEME**

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

I ask if the CE can provide the following information on the Home Loan Credit Committee.

Who are the Credit Committee, are the committee members directly employed by the City Council and how often do they meet?

REPLY

Background:

On 4 January 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, introduced a new Local Authority Home Loans Scheme for delivery by Local Authorities.

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) replaced the existing Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) which is currently being phased out. Cork City Council is rolling out the provisions of this new LAHL scheme, and in tandem concluding the processing of applications made under the RIHL.

The Housing Loans (Credit Policy) Guidelines 2021 state:

Each Local Authority providing Local Authority Loans will have in place a Credit Committee. The Committee shall have at least three members with a minimum of one member each from the Housing and Finance divisions. Two of the members shall be at Senior Executive Officer level or above. The Credit Committee should be chaired at Director level, where possible. The Credit Committee has the power to delegate its authorities to appropriately skilled staff subject to ongoing monitoring of loan quality. This will be in the form of an approved delegated authority document. Details of membership may be requested by the Department.

The Credit Committee should meet on a monthly basis. The minimum quorum shall be three members of the committee.

Who are the Home Loan Credit Committee ?

The Credit Committee (CC) consists of the following Cork City Council staff:

- Senior Executive Officer, Housing.
- Director of Service, Housing
- Head of Finance

Are the committee members directly employed by the City Council ?

Yes. All members of the Committee are directly employed by Cork City Council.

How often do they meet?

The Credit Committee reviews applications requiring approval on an on-going basis which they receive from the Credit Committee Operations Group (CCOG) which is comprised of the following Cork City Council staff:

- Senior Staff Officer, Housing Loans & Grants Section
- Administrative Officer, Housing Loans & Grants Section
- Accountant, Finance Department
- Senior Executive Solicitor, Law Department

The Credit Committee Operations Group currently meet fortnightly or more frequently, as and when required, to meet any additional application workload and volume.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

7.3 **DERELICTION AT CONNIE DONOVAN'S PUB SITE**

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

Could the Manager please update us on the ongoing dereliction at the site formerly known as the Connie Donovan's Pub?

REPLY

This site was recently placed on the Derelict Sites Register, ownership of this site is complex. We also understand the site has been recently sold. This is a positive step towards the removal of dereliction as a sale can often indicate a site will be developed. Cork City Council will continue to work with the site owners to address the matter of dereliction.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic & Economic Development.

7.4 **HEATING SYSTEM IN DUNARD ESTATE**

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

To ask the CE to report on the district heating system in Dunard Estate, Lotamore, recent issues with the system and efforts to remedy the situation for the residents?

REPLY

Dunard is a housing estate located in the Lotamore area of the North East of Cork City. The estate was constructed circa 2001 as a Local Authority housing scheme. It consists of a 51 property loop design, enclosing a private courtyard space for the use of residents. Currently 50 of the properties remain in the ownership of Cork City Council with one property privately owned.

As part of the original design a gas fired group scheme heating system was installed. This is based on a communal boiler house, using industrial boilers to serve the full scheme. The gas distribution pipes run under the courtyard following the loop shape with a spur pipe to each property. Originally the gas usage from each property was individually metered as it entered the property, however a number of years ago problems arose with this system and these meters were bypassed. The Housing Maintenance section of the City Council is responsible for repair calls at the estate. The boiler house and industrial boilers are managed, repaired and serviced by the Plant and Machinery section of the City Council.

The heating supply system has developed minor leaks in the district heating loop system. The original pipes have degraded over time. A certain level of this is normal and common in single domestic heating systems and has little effect, however when we consider the scale of this heating loop and the age of the system the problem is intensified and has caused the heating system to become clogged and no longer provide the heat output required. An additional complication of the system is that should a repair be required in the boiler house, a knock on effect can be experienced throughout the full estate. Over the past number of years there is an increase in the number of repair calls logged for this estate.

In order to address ongoing issues, to properties where the provision of heating has effectively failed, we have installed individual gas heating systems, approximately 15% of properties. All urgent cases have and are being addressed. A mains gas supply is available to the front of the properties making the installation of individual metered gas boilers a practical solution for the remainder of the properties. Housing would not have the current budgetary provision for the necessary wholesale upgrades but is currently looking at a business case to make available Capital funding for same and we would hope that over the duration of 2022, a large portion of the properties will receive the necessary heating upgrades.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

7.5 **SAFE SCHOOL ZONES**

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

Can I ask the CE for an update on the roll out of safe school zones in the city?

REPLY

The NTA have made funding available for a Safe Routes to Schools Programme across the Country as part of a national programme. Cork City Council very much welcomes this initiative and is fully supporting the delivery of this programme in Cork City. In 2021 the NTA undertook a process with An Taisce to invite all schools in the Country to participate in the programme. Applications were reviewed by the NTA and An Taisce and were evaluated. The outcome of this process was that six schools were selected in Cork City for inclusion in the initial 2021/2022 programme. An Taisce are presently in the process of carrying out walkability audits at these schools to feed into the design process. Tender documents are currently being prepared to appoint a consultant to design these six schemes.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

7.6 **REMOVAL OF TREES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the current status of trees removed from these locations (see below) and what plans if any exist to replant trees at these sites?

Approximate Location	Number of Trees
Colmcille Avenue (Opposite Colmcille Park)	c.12
Grand Parade (Adjacent to MTU building and National Monument)	1 tree
Western Road (Outside EL Giraldo and Acton Lodge)	1 tree
Anglesea Street (outside St. Joachim and Annes)	2 trees
Douglas Road (Cork side of underpass to flyover; adjacent to Riverbank)	2 trees
South Mall (in front of Cenotaph/Peace Park)	2 trees
Junction of Mar Walsh's Road and Marina, Blackrock	1 tree
Pope's Quay. Quay side of road. Opposite number 25 Pope's Quay	1 tree

Shandon Street, Junction with Blarney Street	3 trees (from a group of 5 on Broguemakers Hill)
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REPLY

Cork City Council has an extensive tree planting programme planned for 2022. We plan to plant approx. 4,000 trees across the city. This will be a magnificent achievement and could only be achieved through the continued dedication and commitment of staff in the City Council who work to continually improve the City and it's environment.

The replacement of specific or individual trees, which is the subject of this Council question, has to be evaluated on a case by case basis. It is not always possible to replace a tree in the exact location from whence it came. There are many reasons for this including underground infrastructure, over ground infrastructure, proximity to the roadway, changes to the streetscape since the tree was planted or quite simply the cost of removing the roots of the old tree (which may extend far under the footpath and road) to make room for the new tree.

However, as can be seen from the very detailed response below, ever effort has been made in the locations listed below to place a new tree in the vicinity of trees that had to be removed due to age, condition, disease, storm impacts or were simply damaged in an accident.

Approximate Location	Number of Trees
Colmcille Avenue (Opposite Colmcille Park)	<p>c.12</p> <p>20 additional trees were planted this year in the adjacent Colmcille Park</p> <p>Colmcille Avenue is provisionally on the 2022/2023 planting list but there are significant challenges with overhead and underground services which require additional preparation and planning to ensure trees are retainable long term.</p>
Grand Parade (Adjacent to MTU building and National Monument)	<p>1 tree</p> <p>1 tree is being planted on Grande Parade as part of this year's planting program and will be complete in the coming weeks.</p>
Western Road (Outside EL Giraldo and Acton Lodge)	<p>1 tree</p> <p>2 trees are being planted on Western Road as part of this year's planting program and will be complete in the coming weeks.</p>

Anglesea Street (outside St. Joachim and Annes)	<p>2 trees</p> <p>3 trees are being planted on Anglesea Street as part of this year's planting program and will be complete in the coming weeks.</p>
Douglas Road (Cork side of underpass to flyover; adjacent to Riverbank)	<p>2 trees</p> <p>This location is provisionally on the 2022/2023 planting list as detailed planning is required to ensure trees are retainable long term in this location.</p>
South Mall (in front of Cenotaph/Peace Park)	<p>2 trees</p> <p>2 trees will be planted on South Mall as part of this year's planting program and will be complete in the coming weeks.</p>
Junction of Mar Walsh's Road and Marina, Blackrock	<p>1 tree</p> <p>5 trees have been planted in adjacent green space.</p> <p>There are issue with proximity to vehicle movement at exact location the tree was damaged and had to be removed and thus the a replacement tree cannot be reinstated at the original location.</p>
Pope's Quay. Quay side of road. Opposite number 25 Pope's Quay	<p>1 tree</p> <p>This location is provisionally on the 2022/2023 planting list in order to ensure trees are retainable long term in this location.</p>
Shandon Street, Junction with Blarney Street	<p>3 trees (from a group of 5 on Broguemakers Hill)</p> <p>This location is provisionally on the 2022/2023 planting list in order to ensure trees are retainable long term in this location.</p> <p>It should be noted that there is strong local opposition to the reinstatement of these three trees.</p>

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 2022 PROJECT FUNDING

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed description of the process which City Council officials engaged in to determine which applications for Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2022 Project Funding were deemed eligible for project grant funding and which applications were deemed ineligible and the basis upon which Council officials recommended some applications as being eligible for funding and other applications as being ineligible for funding, including but not restricted to:

- Details regarding how and upon what basis applications by Ashdene/Alderwood Residents Association, Ballyphehane Community Association, Castlegardens Residents Association, Douglas Tidy Towns, Eagle Valley Association of Residents and Home Owners, Elmgrove Residents Association, Grange Heights Residents Association, Hampstead Residents Association, Killowen Action Group and Douglas/Frankfield Men's Shed were deemed by Council officials to be ineligible for funding, either partially or entirely on the basis that said applications were more suitable for grant funding from the Parks and Recreation Division of the Operations Directorate even though no such grant funding from the Parks and Recreation Division existed.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis applications by Ashdene/Alderwood Residents Association, Ballyphehane Community Association, Castlegardens Residents Association, Douglas Tidy Towns, Eagle Valley Association of Residents and Home Owners, Elmgrove Residents Association, Grange Heights Residents Association, Hampstead Residents Association, Killowen Action Group and Douglas/Frankfield Men's Shed were deemed by Council officials to be ineligible for funding, either partially or entirely on the basis of incorrect information.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis the councillors on the Community Culture and Placemaking SPC could have made a proper and informed decision on 24th March 2022 regarding applications by Ashdene/Alderwood Residents Association, Ballyphehane Community Association, Castlegardens Residents Association, Douglas Tidy Towns, Eagle Valley Association of Residents and Home Owners, Elmgrove Residents Association, Grange Heights Residents Association, Hampstead Residents Association, Killowen Action Group and Douglas/Frankfield Men's Shed in circumstances where they were advised by Council officials that the aforementioned applications had been deemed by Council officials to be ineligible for funding, either partially or entirely on the basis of information, which it subsequently transpired was incorrect.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis the decision of the Community Culture and Placemaking SPC dated 24th March 2022 regarding applications by Ashdene/Alderwood Residents Association, Ballyphehane Community Association, Castlegardens Residents Association, Douglas Tidy Towns, Eagle Valley Association of Residents and Home Owners, Elmgrove Residents

Association, Grange Heights Residents Association, Hampstead Residents Association, Killowen Action Group and Douglas/Frankfield Men's Shed could have been valid in circumstances where said decision was based on incorrect information regarding the availability of alternative sources of funding, which did not, in fact, exist.

- Details regarding how and upon what basis the application for €39,000 in funding made by Foróige was deemed by Council officials to be an eligible application in circumstances where the City Council's advertisement inviting applications for grant funding Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2022 Project Funding specifically stated that *"the maximum grant that can be applied for will be €2,500"*.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis Council officials recommended that Foróige be granted €20,000 in funding (a sum which amounted to almost one third of the total Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2022 Project Funding budget of €62,674) in circumstances where the City Council's advertisement inviting applications for grant funding Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2022 Project Funding specifically stated that *"the maximum grant that can be applied for will be €2,500"*.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis the application for €6,000 in funding made by Le Chéile School Completion Programme was deemed by Council officials to be an eligible application in circumstances where the City Council's advertisement inviting applications for grant funding Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2022 Project Funding specifically stated that *"the maximum grant that can be applied for will be €2,500"*.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis Council officials recommended that Le Chéile School Completion Programme be granted €4,000 in funding in circumstances where the City Council's advertisement inviting applications for grant funding Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2022 Project Funding specifically stated that *"the maximum grant that can be applied for will be €2,500"*.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis the creation of a Community Garden for Douglas was deemed to not be a suitable or worthy project by Council officials.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis the maintenance of the area of landscaping known as the "Riverwalk" in Douglas by Douglas Tidy Towns was deemed to not be a suitable or worthy project by Council officials.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis the purchase of equipment by Gurrabraher Men's Shed was deemed by Council officials to be a suitable project worthy of funding whereas the purchase of equipment by Ballyphehane Men's Shed was deemed not to be a suitable project worthy of funding.
- Details regarding how and upon what basis the purchase of equipment by Bishopstown Community Playgroup was deemed by Council officials to be a

suitable project worthy of funding whereas the purchase of equipment by Ballyphehane Community Association was deemed not to be a suitable project worthy of funding.

- Details regarding how, having regard to the matters outlined above, it can be maintained that the process which City Council officials engaged in to determine which applications for Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2022 Project Funding were deemed eligible for project grant funding and which applications were deemed ineligible was not flawed.
- Details regarding how, having regard to the matters outlined above, it can be maintained that the decision of the Community Culture and Placemaking SPC dated 24th March 2022 to approve the recommendations made by Council officials in respect of the applications for Cork City Council Community Development Grants 2022 Project Funding was a legitimate, valid or informed decision.

REPLY

Cork City Council have been delivering the Community Development Grants since 2002, these grants began with the purpose of supporting the running and maintenance of Community Associations across the city through the community section of Community and Enterprise. Cork City Council has also supported Summer Schemes by way of an annual grant since 2004. In 2012 through the Rapid process project grants were introduced as a need was identified through the groundwork by the community team to support small scale grants across communities to enable them establish new small scale projects within their areas. In 2020 the community section assumed responsibility for the area maintenance grants.

These grants are advertised annually in late January/ early February, they are advertised through the Cork City Council website and social media, via the community newsletter and through a mail shot to all community groups registered with the Community section. All elected members are written to in relation to the grants ahead of them being advertised. Each year we give approx. 4 weeks for community groups to apply for the grants.

The team in community works in partnership with communities to support them to apply for the grants. All grants are assessed under the criteria with a primary focus on the support of Community Associations as this is the main purpose of the grants. This is a lengthy process as there are a large number of applications received annually. Each application is gone through, assessed and a recommendation is made based on the criteria. These recommendations go to the Community, Culture and Placemaking SPC from the Director Of Services, they are discussed on the night with any questions being answered. Following ratification from the SPC they go to full council for approval.

The total budget available for the Community Association Development grants, Summer Scheme Grants and Project grants is €200,000. Due to Covid there was no summer scheme grants in 2020 and 2021 through prior arrangement with Foroige as

they were not in a position to run summer schemes under the government guidelines. The total ask for the grants was €611,150.40 across the 3 grant schemes.

The team works closely with communities across the city and ensures it reflects on the feedback from communities on each round of grant awards and this is reflected throughout the assessment process and is reflected in the recommendations. Feedback in relation to the project grants from groups as well as a number of elected members indicated the need from communities that many groups found it difficult to deliver on the projects they applied for with only a small portion of the total grant applied for being awarded. Therefore some of the recommended awards have increased to allow for the successful delivery of full projects applied for within the budget available while ensuring as many community groups as is feasible receive grants towards their project once it is within the grants criteria.

In 2022 the project grants were assessed by the senior team in Community and a recommendation was made by the Director of Services to the Community, Culture and Placemaking committee under the project grants of grants totaling €67,674, this was endorsed by the SPC and is to be agreed by full council.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

7.8 **BICYCLE HIRE STATION, MORRISON'S ISLAND**

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 the repair of the bicycle hire station on Morrison's Island by the College of Commerce?

REPLY

The NTA has been asked for an update in relation to same. Once the information is available it will be shared with Councillors.

Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.

7.9 **DELAYS IN PROCESSING PLANNING ENFORCEMENTS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to report on delays in processing planning enforcements by Cork City Council?

REPLY

Cork City Council has investigated enforcement complaints notwithstanding the challenges faced during the covid restrictions. In 2021 a total of 139 cases were investigated by the Planning Authority. While Covid restrictions limited the number of cases where enforcement proceedings (prosecutions) were taken, cases are under investigation and it is anticipated that any delays will be overcome as we progress in 2022.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

8. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

8.1 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 31st March 2022 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of a plot of ground approximately 43.27m², situated adjacent to the “Toll House”, 2, Victoria Cross, Cork to Patrick & Anne O’Brien, c/o Michael Powell Solicitors, 5, Lapps Quay, Cork for the sum of €1.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

2. Disposal by way of exchange of the freehold interest in an area of ground approximately 17.9m² situated to the rear of No. 8, Brooklodge Grove, Glanmire, Cork to Patricia Ryan Cotter & Trevor Cotter, c/o Kevin Hegarty Solicitor, Brian Dillon House, Dillons Cross, Cork subject to the payment of costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

3. Disposal of two plots of ground situated adjacent to No. 211, Comeragh Park, The Glen, Cork to Aaron Landy & Katlynn Roche, c/o McCoy Solicitors, 30, South Bank, Crosses Green, Cork for the sum of €1.00 (if demanded).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

4. Disposal of a plot of ground approximately 15m², situated at 3, Short Range, Powder Mills, Ballincollig, Cork to Susan Lehane, c/o John M. Quirke & Co. Solicitors, Kilcronan, Whitechurch, Co Cork, for the sum of €1.00 (if demanded).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

5. Disposal by way of lease of property known as No. 67, Lus Na Meala, Banduff, Cork to The Bessborough Centre, c/o DBG Law – Rúiari De Búrca, DBG Law, Classic House, First Floor, Washington St, Centre, Cork, for a term of 4 years and 9 months subject to a rent of €500.00 per annum (plus VAT if applicable).

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

6. Disposal of freehold interest in an area of ground (3.81 hectares approximately) on land situated at Hollyhill, Knocknacullen West, Cork to Industrial Development Agency (Ireland) c/o Susan Mollen, Strategic Property Division, IDA, Athlone Business & Technology Park, Athlone, Co. Westmeath for the sum of €1,250,000.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Bogue, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Ryan, a vote was called for on the approval of the disposal where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, D. Forde, M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng. (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí F. Ryan, L. Bogue. (2)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Tynan. (1)

As those voting for the disposal were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the disposal approved.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

8.2 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME 14 LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 24th February 2022 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of two units of accommodation at 14, Lower Glanmire Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, 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 €472,325 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 2 no. units of accommodation at 14, Lower Glanmire Road, Cork.”

8.3 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME NO. 6 SOUTHBROOK APARTMENTS, 21/22 SOUTH TERACE, CORK – PETER MCVERRY TRUST CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 24th March 2022 in relation to a loan facility for Peter McVerry Trust CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at No. 6, Southbrook Apartments, 21/22 South Terrace, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, 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 €222,200 be granted to Peter McVerry Trust CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one unit of accommodation at No. 6 Southbrook Apartments, 21/22 South Terrace, Cork.”

9. **VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES**

9.1 On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination of Comhairleoir K. Collins to the Arts Committee following the resignation of Comhairleoir E. Ryng.

9.2 On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the nomination of Comhairleoir M. Nugent to RAPID ABC – City Wide Steering Committee, and the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) following the resignation of Comhairleoir E. Ryng.

10. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 4th APRIL 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 4th April 2022.

10.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 28th FEBRUARY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 28th February 2022.

10.2 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Audit Committee Annual Report 2021.

10.3 **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER 2022**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Audit Committee Charter 2022.

10.4 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Audit Committee Work Programme 2022.

11. **PARTY WHIPS AND PARTY LEADERS – 10th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips and Party Leaders from its meeting held, 10th March 2022.

12. **PARTY WHIPS – 28th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 28th March 2022.

13. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 21st March 2022.

13.1 **REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 21st March 2022 on recent activities to support the Tourism sector.

14. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 22nd MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 22nd March 2022.

14.1 **REPORT ON WASTE FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th March 2022 on waste facilities.

14.2 **REPORT ON CASHLESS TRANSACTIONS AT THE CIVIC AMENITY SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th March 2022 on cashless transactions at the civic amenity site.

14.3 **MOTIONS**

14.3.1 **DNA SAMPLING FOR DOG FOULING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th March 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will investigate and report on the approach of Leitrim County Council for use of DNA samples taken under the Animal Health and Welfare Act to identify dog owners responsible for dog fouling and to issue fines as appropriate, and the feasibility of replicating the approach in the City of Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/042)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Leitrim County Council recently gave a presentation to Local Authority Staff on their Dog DNA sampling programme. They have adopted this approach due to the constraints Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 places on issuing of fines for dog fouling i.e. The Warden must observe the dog fouling and the owner/person in charge failing to clean up after the dog.

The approach adopted by Leitrim County Council involves dog owners voluntarily providing their personal information together with saliva samples from their pets which are then DNA sequenced and stored on a database. The Local Authority then collects dog faeces, send it for DNA sequencing and matching against the records held on the database and where a match is found a fine would then issue to the registered owner of the dog recorded on the database.

Leitrim County Council have reported a mixed reaction from the public in relation to the approach advising that feedback ranged from welcoming the innovative approach to the public saying the Council were out of touch with reality and were pursuing an unworkable and costly scheme.

To date Leitrim County Council have taken 20 saliva samples and 11 dog faeces samples have been taken and analysed with no matches being found.

Both the DNA sequencing and the creation and maintenance of the database is carried out by PooPrints, an American based company.

The costs associated with the scheme are as follows:

- Saliva Sampling Kit (per kit) €50.00
- Faeces Collection Kit (per kit) €15.00
- DNA Test (per test) €65.00

Leitrim County Council have acknowledged that the cost associated with the scheme are prohibitive and that it is more likely that only responsible dog owners, who already clean up after their pets, would participate in the scheme.

Leitrim County Council outlined that there are approximately 600,000 dogs in the country and thus the cost of fully implementing the scheme nationally would be €55million to set it up and €5million annually thereafter to take samples and sequence

DNA of new puppies. The costs of collecting and DNA testing poo samples would be in addition to the above costs (€80 per sample).

For the scheme to work, national sampling (at vaccination) would have to be mandatory for all dog users and would thus have to replace the current microchipping scheme. For such a scheme to work changes to legislation would be needed and the scheme would have to be heavily subsidised by Central Government to make it affordable for dog owners.

It was noted that no prosecutions have been brought before the courts in any of the jurisdictions that this scheme is in operation at present.

The scheme being operated by Leitrim County Council is in its infancy and it would not be appropriate for Cork City Council to introduce such a scheme until: -

- 1) The GDPR implications of transferring and storing personal data outside the State or across Local Authorities are examined in detail.
- 2) The Courts recognise and adjudicate on the validity of such forensic evidence.
- 3) A National policy and scheme with appropriate subsidisation and underpinned by new legislation exists.

15. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 24th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 24th March 2022.

15.1 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

15.1.1 **MACCURTAIN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture & Placemaking, on the following motion:-

‘With the redevelopment of MacCurtain St. apace with proposals to honour former Ardmhéara Chorcaí Tomás MacCurtain included, Cork City Council will ensure the area is only known as MacCurtain St. in any of its publications on any format and not the ‘Victorian Quarter’. Council encourages all the relevant stakeholders to follow suit including websites promoting the area online.’

‘Le hathfhorbairt Shráid Mhic Churtáin faoi lán seoil, le moltaí chun onóir a thabhairt d’iar-Ardmhéara Chorcaí Tomás Mac Curtáin san áireamh, cinnteoidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí nach nglaofar ach Sráid Mhic Churtáin ar an limistéar in aon foilseachán dá cuid in aon fhoirm, ní ‘an Cheathrún Victeoiriach’. Molann an Chomhairle do na páirtithe leasmhara amhlaidh a dhéanamh, lena n-áirítear suíomhanna idirlín ag cur na háite chun cinn ar líne.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. E. Ryng 22/094)

The report of the Director of Services stated that following on from the proposed city centre movement strategy and associated public realm works in the MacCurtain Street

area, the City Council is addressing the issue of an appropriate memorialisation in acknowledgement of the Decade of Commemorations and the importance of the area to the history of that period. It is felt that such memorialisation would be a fitting acknowledgement of that history and there will be a process of engagement in relation to same. The Victorian Quarter initiative was a branding initiative driven by the traders on the Street a number of years ago when they were mobilising to re-imagine and re-vitalise the area. It will be acknowledged that the efforts of the traders over the past number of years have been transformative and hugely successful, resulting in the street becoming an attractive, vibrant and diverse commercial hub. It is not thought appropriate to enforce a change in the overall branding and marketing strategy for the area, other than in consultation and agreement with the businesses and traders on the street.

15.1.2 **ACCESSIBILITY IN THE CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture & Placemaking, on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council:

- Recognises the importance of accessibility in the city centre
- Notes stakeholders have highlighted significant issues resulting from pedestrianisation in reducing accessibility in the city centre
- Welcomes that an accessibility audit was conducted in the city in 2021

And agrees to:

- Publish the results of and actions resulting from the Accessibility Audit
- Utilise Universal Access Guidelines at planning stages
- Employ a full-time Disability Liaison, Equality and Access Officer, with preference for a qualified person with Disabilities given in the recruitment process, who will:
- Undertake an accessibility impact study on all Public Realm planning going forward engaging with the local disability community
- Create a timeline for, and rollout, accessibility audits right across public spaces in the local authority area
- Engage with the broader Disability Community
- Plan the rollout of Changing Places toilet facilities across Cork city
- Liaise with Community, Culture and Placemaking directorate to plan fully accessible family and social events in the city.’

‘Go:

- n-aithníonn Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí tábhacht na hinrochtaineachta i lár na cathrach
- dtugann an Chomhairle faoi deara go bhfuil páirtithe leasmhara tar éis aird a tharraingt ar fhadhbanna móra a tháinig ó rinneadh teorannú do choisithe i lár na cathrach, i dtaobh inrochtaineacht a laghdú
- gcuireann an Chomhairle fáilte roimh an iniúchadh inrochtaineachta a rinneadh sa chathair i 2021

Agus go dtabharfaidh an Chomhairle faoi:na torthaí agus gníomhartha a thagann chun cinn ón Iniúchadh Inrochtaineachta a fhoilsíú

- Threoirlínte Uilíocha Inrochtaineachta a úsáid sna céimeanna pleanála
- Oifigeach lánaimseartha Míchumais, Comhionannais agus Inrochtaineachta a fhostú, ag tabhairt tús áite do dhuine cáilithe le míchumas sa phróiseas earcaíochta, a:
- thabharfaidh faoi staidéar tionchair inrochtaineachta ar an bpleanáil ar fad sa Ríocht Phoiblí, ag dul i dteagmháil le daoine áitiúla le míchumas
- chruthóidh amlíne do, agus a leathaidh amach, iniúchtaí inrochtaineachta ar fud na spásanna poiblí i limistéar an údaráis áitiúil
- rachaidh i dteagmhail leis an bpobal míchumais ginearálta
- dhéanfaidh pleanáil ar leathadh áiseanna leithreas 'Changing Places' ar fud Chathair Chorcaí
- rachaidh i mbun plé le Stiúrthóireacht Phobail, Chultúir agus Chomhfhobartha Áite chun imeachtaí teaghlaigh agus sóisialta iomlán inrochtana a phleanáil sa chathair'

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. E. Ryng 22/090)

The report of the Director of Services stated that an Audit of Street Furniture and Pedestrianised Streets in Cork City was carried out in conjunction with the Cork Access Group. It must be noted and acknowledged that while some minor issues were identified during the audit, that overall, the results of the survey showed that City Centre remains accessible. Cork City Council always have and will continue to regularly inspect Street Furniture License installations to ensure that same are compliant with their conditions.

15.1.3 **PRIDE CROSSING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture & Placemaking, on the following motions:-

‘That Cork City install’s a permanent Pride crossing in a suitable location in our city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/107)

RAINBOW CROSSING

‘That Cork City Council will install a rainbow crossing in cork city, preferably using the progress pride flag.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 22/110)

The report of the Director of Services stated that traffic Ops do not have the resources to undertake this type of work but have no objection to the principle of CCP or business developing, funding, delivering and maintaining such a project, similar to the street art project on Oliver Plunkett St. If such a project was possible, Traffic Ops will happily provide comments and feedback on the proposal, the proposed location, the proposed materials to be used etc.

Regarding the legality of such a crossing, the statutory white lines and signs as prescribed must be in place.

15.1.4 **ANNUAL IRISH LANGUAGE DAY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture & Placemaking, on the following motion:-

‘I ask the Director of the Community, Culture and Placemaking directorate to consider an annual Irish Language Day for Cork City. I would further propose that should an Irish Language Day become a reality that this day should be on March 16th so as to coincide with St. Patrick's day annually. The Irish language has been taking a step back in many ways for many years and it is being lost bit by bit over time. We all know some words however we do not use them enough and having a day where everyone uses the Irish language even in a small way would I feel be a very worthwhile initiative.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dinneen 22/060)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through its Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge has for over 15 years supported many organisations in their bid to make Cork a more bilingual city. It has provided funding and support to the prominent Irish language organisations in the city such as Gael Taca and Gaelgoirí Cois Laoi to organise such events as Gradaim Pádraig Uí Chuanacháin (awards for the business sector for prompting Irish language signage) and Trath na gCeist Oíche Pádraig.

Among the more innovative events it has organized are

- A Presentation at midnight in the Central Library, Grand Parade, of Brian Merriman's Midnight Court (Cúirt an Mhéanoiche) by a professional acting troupe.
- A public showing of Cré na Cille, a full-length feature film of Martín Ó Cadhainn's famous text in the Kino Cinema followed by a Q and A with the director and producer.
- **An dán ó m'óige ab ansa liom** My favourite childhood poem – a night with Micheál ó Muircheartaigh reading people's choices.
- **An Amhráin ó m'óige ab ansa liom** A night with John Spillane singing people's favourite Irish language childhood songs.

During the Covid 19 pandemic it also funded a virtual Christmas concert with 4 city gael scoileanna in December 2020.

I understand our Irish Development Officer has also recently circulated elected representatives with an Irish phrasebook for council meetings and virtual events.

I would encourage Cllr Dinneen to contact An Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge with his suggestion for a *Lá Na Gaeilge* on March 16th, 2023, and expect it would find a supportive response.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

15.1.5 **READER PENS IN CITY LIBRARIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture & Placemaking, on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council ensure the availability of Reader Pens throughout our libraries in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/108)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Libraries are keen to utilise whatever means or technologies that can be provided to enhance the experience and usefulness of the services we offer. The Reader Pens are portable, pocket-sized reading pen that reads text out loud with a human-like digital voice. We have no recorded demand for them in any of our libraries over the last number of years. While Reader Pen is designed to promote independent learning and is a useful tool for any student suffering from reading difficulties such as dyslexia, they are relatively expensive item that would cost circa €3100 to provide at a rate of just one unit per location. While their provision can be kept under review, subject to any demand developing, it should be noted that Cork City Libraries provide TTRS (TTRS (Touch-Type, Read & Spell). TTRS is an online literacy programme that has helped many children and adults in Ireland improve their reading and spelling and to learn touch-typing. It is specifically designed for those with learning differences such as Dyslexia and Dyspraxia but can be used by all. This commitment is by way of a three-year commitment costing €12470 invested with funding from the Dormant Account Fund.

15.1.6 **LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture & Placemaking, on the following motion:-

‘That the solution for the long-term storage of the Cork City and County Archives will include a local history museum located in Blackpool village, notwithstanding any other proposals to display archival material at the new City Library.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/152)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion will be considered by the Cork City and County Archives Executive Committee, which is meeting on 30 March, who will approve a response

15.1.7 **LEARN TO CYCLE OUTDOOR TRACK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture & Placemaking, on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council report on Ireland's first 'Learn to Cycle' outdoor track in Dungarvan Co. Waterford and commit to examining sites for a track in the Cork City area. Tracks allow young children to learn to cycle on a 'real life' road structure with lines, signs and pedestrian crossing - but without the traffic.’

‘Go dtabharfaidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí tuairisc ar an gcéad raon faoin aer 'Foghlaim an Rothaíocht' i nDún Garbháin, Co. Phort Láirge agus go ngealann sí go bhféachfaidh sí ar shuíomhanna do raon i gCathair Chorcaí, raonta a ligfidh do pháistí óga an rothaíocht a fhoghlaim ar struchtúr bóthair ón bhfíorshaol, le línte, comharthaí agus trasrian coisithe - ach gan an trácht.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 22/146)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will liaise with Waterford County Council who have recently installed an outdoor track to help to identify possible areas for funding and expertise required. This is a cross departmental project, and we will include the Operations directorate at the appropriate time.

15.1.8 **INTRODUCE MUNICIPAL PADEL TENNIS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community Culture & Placemaking, on the following motion:-

‘That this Council explore the feasibility of introducing municipal Padel Tennis to Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Forde 22/070)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the feasibility of having Padel tennis developed in Cork will be explored and a further report brought back to the next Committee Meeting for consideration

15.2 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, on the Community Development Grants.

An Chomhairle noted Comhairleoir T. Moloney’s declaration of a conflict of interest.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle approved the Community Area Maintenance Grants, and the Community Development Grants Community Associations Grants, and further agreed that a special meeting of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee would be arranged to re-consider the Community Development Project Grants.

16. **CENTENARY COMMEMORATION 2019-2023 STEERING COMMITTEE – 21st MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee from its meeting held, 21st March 2022.

16.1 **2022 COMMEMORATION FUND REPORT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 16th March 2022 on the 2022 Commemoration Fund.

16.2 **ITEMS HELD IN COMMITTEE**

16.2.1 **RENAME ROAD FROM WESTERN ROAD TO WELLINGTON BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 1st April 2021 on renaming the road from Western Road to Wellington Bridge and the subsequent Resolution referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT pursuant to the provisions of Section 48 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011 (which applies in circumstances such as this ie where Council wants to change a placename), it is hereby resolved that the existing placename Western Road, road segment code R-846-1 (which is 342.29 metres long and situated in the City of Cork in the Local Electoral Area of Cork City South Central and commences on the Northern End at the Junction of Sunday’s Well Road and Lee Road and runs South-East for 342.29 metres to the Junction of Western Road and Western Road (Thomas Davis Bridge) and is more particularly delineated, for identification only, in the map attached hereto and marked in blue) be hereby renamed Slí de Bhailis/Wallaces Way.

An Chomhairle further approved the renaming of the road from Western Road to Wellington Bridge with the following wording:-

That following the report from Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 1st April 2021 on renaming the road from Western Road to Wellington Bridge, Cork City Council reaffirms a desire to change the existing placename on a section of Western Road [road segment code R-846-1 - (which is 342.29 metres long and situated in the City of Cork in the Local Electoral Area of Cork City South Central and commences on the Northern End at the Junction of Sunday’s Well Road and Lee Road and runs South-East for 342.29 metres to the Junction of Western Road and Western Road (Thomas Davis Bridge) – to Slí de Bhailis/Wallaces’ Way, pending departmental approval.

17. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 30th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 30th March 2022.

18. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 4th APRIL 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 4th April 2022.

18.1 **FINANCIAL RELATED REPORTS**

18.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF FEBRUARY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of February 2022.

19. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th March 2022.

20. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th March 2022.

21. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th March 2022.

22. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th March 2022.

23. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 29th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 29th March 2022.

24. **SPECIAL SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 29th MARCH 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 29th March 2022.

25. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for February 2022.

26. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

27. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

28. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle noted Section 141 reports as follows:-

- Comhairleoir D. Forde – Everyman Theatre, Q4 2021.
- Comhairleoir D. Forde – Wandersford Quay Art Centre, Q4 2021.

29. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

29.1 **IPB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPB AGM to be held in Dublin on 6th May 2022.

29.2 **FORUM OF MAYORS**

An Chomhairle retrospectively approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Finn at the Forum of Mayors, held in Geneva, Switzerland on 4th/5th April 2022.

29.3 **EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of an tArdmhéara Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, and Comhairleoir K. McCarthy at the European Maritime Day to be held in Ravenna, Italy 18th/19th May 2022.

29.4 **LAMA AWARDS**

An Chomhairle retrospectively approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the LAMA Awards, held in Dublin on 9th April 2022.

30. **TRAINING**

30.1 **DUTCH CYCLE STUDY TOURS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Finn at Dutch Cycle Study Tours 2022 to be held in Utrecht, the Netherlands, on the 21st/22nd May 2022.

31. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle noted the motions on Appendix 1, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

32. **MOTIONS**

32.1 **SUPPORT TO REDUCE THE COST OF OUTDOOR FURNITURE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council requests Government support to reduce the cost of outdoor furniture for businesses for 2022 and 2023 to enable the good work that has been done with placing of parklets, outdoor furniture, facilities etc. to extend that to businesses to support them through the difficult period of Covid and post Covid.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 22/061)

32.2 **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to the National Transport Authority and An Taisce asking them to consider selecting Gaelscoil an Teaghlaigh Naofa for inclusion in the second round of funding under the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme.’

(Proposers: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. D. Boyle 22/175)

32.3 **PRIVATE HOUSING MARKET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls upon the Minister of Housing to debate and secure that in the private housing market vendors are obliged to supply a current engineer’s status report to potential buyers, and that vendors are obliged to provide evidence of ownership prior to the house being placed on the market; that these latter measures be implemented in order to limit the exposure and costs of buyers in the private housing market.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 22/183)

32.4 **MOORE STREET, DUBLIN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises;

- That Moore Street, Dublin, as the site of the last HQ of the Easter Rising is a site of National historic importance, relevant and linked to all Irish Citizens.
- That as such, the area is deserving of regeneration as a cultural historical site.
- Recognises and commends the work done by Save Moore Street and the 1916 Relatives groups in protecting, highlighting and championing the area.
- And further, commends them on their innovation in designing a plan for the area which would protect and promote the history of the area in a fitting way, while also reinvigorating this urban area in a way which serves communities and adds real value to the surrounding area.
- Recognises that the State has an interest in this area both in terms of historical and cultural preservation, and the public ownership of several buildings at the location.

Therefore,

Cork City Council would write to the Government to:

1. Call on them to meet with Save Moore Street and the 1916 Relatives Groups to discuss their proposed plan,

And

2. That Cork City Council, recognising the national significance of Moore Street Area, would express support for the creation of a Historical Cultural Quarter in this area.'

(Proposers: Cllr. E. Ryng, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. K. Collins 22/213)

32.5 **PRIVATE RENTAL MARKET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recognises that:

- the private rental market is at its lowest in terms of supply since online records began
- the amount of properties within HAP limits advertised continues to decline
- that potential homes are being lost to short-term let solutions
- Cork City is a rent pressure zone
- that homelessness is a serious issue in Cork City
- there are thousands of people waiting on Cork City Council's social housing waiting list

And agrees to:

Write to the Minister for Housing calling for urgent action, through legislation, if necessary, to:

1. Bring potential homes back into the traditional rental market.

2. Consider what actions could be taken to disincentive the use of homes as short term lets, especially in rent pressure zones.'

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Ryng 22/215)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8pm.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An tArdmhéara invited Comhairleoir E. Ryng to address An Chomhairle in relation to the following motion, after which a discussion took place:-

'That Cork City Council acknowledges:

That Ballincollig Fire Station has been closed for several months.

That this closure means a reduction of operational pumps in the City Area from 4 to 3, representing a 25 percent reduction in capacity.

That Summer is approaching with drier weather combined with the welcome return of sporting, musical and cultural events bringing thousands of visitors to the City.

Further, that Cork City Council:

Acknowledges and commends the ongoing efforts to recruit a retained fire service in Ballincollig.

And without prejudice to this process calls upon the Executive to explore every possible option, to reopen and staff Ballincollig fire station in the interim from existing staff to ensure safety and adequate cover is available across the City and beyond.'

'Go nglacann Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí :

Go bhfuil Stáisiún Dóiteáin mBaile an Chollaigh dúnta le chúpla mhí anuas.

Go gciallaíonn seo go bhfuil laghdú ó 4 go 3 ó thaobh pumpa de, laghdú 25% ó thaobh ábaltacht.

Go bhfuilimid ag druidim i dtreo an Samhradh, am go mbeidh aimsir níos tirim ann, agus eachtraí spórt, chultúrtha agus ceol ag tabhairt na mílte isteach sa chathair.

Le seo, Glacann an Comhairle:

Go bhfuil iarrachtaí iontach á dhéanamh ag oifigeachai an Chomhairle chun fóireann páirt aimsire nua a chur chun cinn i mBaile an Chollaigh.

Gan cur isteach ar an bpróiseas seo agus fad is go bhfuil an bpróiseas ag dul ar aghaidh, go ndéanfar gach iarracht Stáisiún Dóiteáin Bhaile an Collaigh a oscailt suas ag úsáid baill den briogáid dóiteáin atá ag obair faoi láthair chun go mbeidh an Chathair slán sábháilte.’

(Proposers: Cllr. E.Ryng, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. F. Kerins)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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