

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir C. Kelleher.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Rying.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. B. Geaney, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. T. Rogers, Senior Engineer, Housing. Mr. S. Coughlan, Senior Engineer, Strategic & Economic Development. Ms. M. Carew, Arts Officer, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. K. Fitzgerald, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Ryan family on the death of Jim Ryan.
- The Quinn family on the death of Eileen Quinn.
- The Looney family on the death of Dr. Seamus Looney.
- The O’Callaghan family on the death of Edward O’Callaghan.
- The Abu Akleh family on the death of Shireen Abu Akleh.
- The Hourihan family on the death of Cora Hourihan.

- The Dennehy family on the death of Paddy Dennehy.
- The O’Loughlin family on the death of Bryan O’Loughlin.

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

- Mary Crilly on her conferring as a Freewoman of Cork city.
- Our Lady Crowned church Mayfield, on celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- The Echo on 130 years service to the people of Cork.
- Douglas GAA for their ongoing development plans.
- Nemo Rangers on reaching their milestone 100 years.
- Cork City Council on organising the Cork city marathon.
- Sundays Well Rebels on holding the Mixed Ability Rugby World Cup.
- Daniel Lehane and staff on taking over Blarney post office.
- Comhairleoir Kenneth Collins on his appointment as a commissioner of oaths.
- Ballymurphy families on the Ballymurphy Massacre Campaign and on winning significant court damages.
- Meitheal Mara on hosting the Ocean to City race.
- Kieran Donovan on his retirement after 40 years service with Cork City Council.
- Cáit Uí Ailin, of Na Piarraighe camogie club on reaching 50 years.
- Amy Lee on becoming Cork senior camogie captain.
- Cumann na mBunscoil Chorcaí on the success of Sciath na Scol and the City Sports.

## 3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

### 3.1 **LORD MAYOR’S THANKS**

On his last Ordinary Meeting as Lord Mayor, An tArdmhéara thanked An Chomhairle for their support during his term of office.

### 3.2 **SPECIAL MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An tArdmhéara reminded An Chomhairle that An Taoiseach, Mícheál Martin TD will address a Special Meeting of An Chomhairle on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 5.30pm.

### 3.3 **ANNUAL MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An tArdmhéara reminded An Chomhairle that the Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 6.30pm.

### 3.4 **FREDERICK DOUGLASS BOOK**

An tArdmhéara informed An Chomhairle that a copy of the book “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave” has been provided for each of them.

## 4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

None received.

5. **ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Report 2021.

6. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **VACANT HOMES OFFICER**

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

Has Cork City Council appointed a “Vacant Homes Officer?”

**REPLY**

Cork City Council has an assigned Vacant Housing Officer and for further details members can contact the undersigned.

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

7.2 **PHASE 2C REGENERATION SCHEME**

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

Can the CE provide a full report on Phase 2C of the Regeneration Scheme as there is concern if it will be completed on time?

**REPLY**

The appointed Contractor is on site and advancing works to deliver the 24 units to the required standard.

Cork City Council continue to work with the Contractor to mitigate construction challenges including the availability of suitable labour and materials.

Thomas Rogers,  
Acting Director of Services,  
Housing.

### 7.3 **ILLEGAL DUMPING**

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

Could the CE advise the Council how much money has been spent per year on clean up due to illegal dumping from July 2015 to 2022?

Also can she provide the amount of fines issued and successfully executed in the same time period?

#### **REPLY**

Data on waste collection costs going back 7 years is not readily available. However, I can confirm that for the last fiscal year (2021) the costs associated with the removal of illegally dumped waste materials by the Environment Division was approx. €500,000.

The data pertaining to the issuing of litter fines for the identified period are detailed below.

<b>Description</b>	<b>No. of Fines</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>No. of Fines Paid</b>	2,831	45%
<b>New Fines or Under Appeal</b>	409	6%
<b>Appeals Granted/Other</b>	749	12%
<b>Number of Fines Live in the Legal Process</b>	472	7%
<b>Unable to Prosecute</b>	1,410	22%
<b>No of Proceedings Won in Court</b>	359	6%
<b>Struck out in Court</b>	97	2%
<b>Lost in Court</b>	8	0%

As per previous engagements with Councillors, I can confirm that the application and enforcement of the “Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste” Bye-laws has been very successful to date. In black-spot areas where the bye-laws have been actively enforced, via door-to-door engagement or letter based engagements (more recently due to COVID), compliance levels with the proper and legal disposal of waste has been verified at approx. 98%.

It must be understood that the locations targeted for enforcement to date are known litter black spots whereby it is evident that households did not avail of proper collection services to date. This level of compliance is driven by the threat of financial penalties should households not comply with the legal requirement to properly dispose of their waste. The solution to illegal dumping is full compliance by households with the proper disposal of their waste and these bye-laws are a powerful tool which is being used to deliver this outcome.

During, 2020, 2021 and for the first half of 2022 more than 2,200 residential properties have been engaged with regarding their compliance with the Cork City Council (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household & Commercial Waste) Bye-laws, 2019. On the cases that began in 2021 (over 1,300) we have had to proceed to court with only 26 cases, all other households engaged with were able to provide information demonstrating that they were compliant with the bye-laws i.e. they disposed of their waste in a responsible and legal manner. Thus, from the household engagements in 2021, there is a compliance level of 98%.

The need to apply resources chasing compliant residents will soon be removed by the new Circular Economy Legislation. This legislation, once enacted, will allow Cork City Council identify households who do not avail of a kerbside collection service thus permitting us to focus our resources solely on those who are most likely to be dumping waste illegally i.e., focus on the 2% non-compliant households rather than the 98% who are compliant. This will significantly enhance the efficiency of our enforcement activities.

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

#### 7.4 **TELECOM MASTS**

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

With regard to the Telecom Masts that are being installed such as the Mast installed on St. Patrick's Road recently, can you please inform me what Risk Assessments have been carried out by Cork City Council and to furnish particulars of same, if any?

#### **REPLY**

The Commission for Communications Regulations (ComReg) is the licencing authority in Ireland for the telecommunications industry. A number of registered providers for the communications industry are authorised by ComReg to provide electronic communications networks and services. The authorisation from ComReg allows these providers to apply for licences for over ground electronic communications infrastructure. ComReg also monitors compliance with conditions attached to telecommunications licences.

The role of the planning authority, such as Cork City Council, is in relation to the location and siting of individual telecommunications masts and equipment. The scope of planning authorities in relation to this function is limited to the provisions of planning legislation. The documentation associated with a Section 254 licence application, including Planners Report, is available to view by contacting the Planning Department of Cork City Council. Cork City Council's website provides details of the Section 254 licence process, including details of all licence decisions, along with details of the process to appeal any decision on a licence to An Bord Pleanála.

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

7.5 **PLANS TO DEVELOP A RAILWAY STATION IN BLACKPOOL/KILBARRY & BLARNEY**

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

Can Cork City Council provide an update on plans to develop a railway station in Blackpool/Kilbarry and Blarney specifically in the context of SMATS & announced funding besides confirmation that discussions are ongoing between Irish Rail and the NTA?

**REPLY**

Discussions are ongoing between Irish Rail and Cork City Council. The €185million funding announced for suburban rail in the Cork Metropolitan Area relates to the electrification of the fleet and works required for signalling and the through run of suburban rail at Kent Station. It currently does not include funding for additional train stations. Furthermore, Irish Rail are advancing plans for additional suburban rail stations in the Cork Metropolitan Area. This includes consideration of an additional stations at Kilbarry/Blackpool and Blarney. Details of this will be available once the assessment is completed by Irish Rail.

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

7.6 **SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS**

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

Can the CE inform Council how many social housing applicants have been taken off the social housing list per month over the past two years?

**REPLY**

A total of 2,407 applications have been deemed ineligible or closed in the last 2 years, a breakdown per month is as follows:

May 2020	42
June 2020	42
July 2020	186

August 2020	39
September 2020	121
October 2020	30
November 2020	308
December 2020	811
January 2021	17
February 2021	66
March 2021	27
April 2021	45
May 2021	40
June 2021	41
July 2021	83
August 2021	79
September 2021	48
October 2021	63
November 2021	64
December 2021	113
January 2022	31
February 2022	39
March 2022	35
April 2022	37

Thomas Rogers,  
Acting Director of Services,  
Housing.

7.7 **FLOOD DEFENCE & PUBLIC REALM PROJECT FOR MORRISSON'S ISLAND**

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

Can Council be updated as to the current status of the proposed flood defence and public realm project for Morrison's Island?

**REPLY**

The Morrison's Island Public Realm Improvement and Flood Protection Scheme is being advanced by Cork City Council in association with the Office of Public Works (OPW). The scheme provides for a complete renewal of the public space from Parnell Bridge along Morrisons/Fr Matthew Quay to Parliament Bridge including enhanced flood protection measures. As Members will be aware the project was approved by Council following public consultation and it was subsequently approved by An Bord Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The Bord Pleanála decision has been the subject of third party legal challenge by way of judicial review proceedings. In 2021 the High Court upheld the Bord's decision on the Morrison's Island Public Realm Improvement and Flood Protection Scheme and the High Court also subsequently refused a request for leave to appeal. In early 2022, an application was made directly to the Supreme Court and leave to appeal was granted in May 2022. The appeal focuses primarily on the jurisdiction of An Bord Pleanála to conduct an EIA screening in an application made under s.177AE of the 2000 Act. In the interim work will be advanced on the development of the detailed design documents for the scheme, pre-qualification of potential future contractors and other necessary elements. It is expected that the scheme, when delivered, will be transformative in its impact and support additional private sector investment as well as new opportunities for public enjoyment of the overall area.

Gerry O'Beirne,  
Director of Services,  
Infrastructure Development.

7.8 **DERELICT SITES FEES**

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

Can the CE give a breakdown of the derelict sites fees collected from 2019 to date by Cork City Council?

**REPLY**

The breakdown of derelict sites collection from 2019-2022 is as follows.



Derelict Sites	Collection
Year	Amount
2019	189,976
2020	163,231
2021	570,000
2022 to End May	227,082

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

7.9 **BIODIVERSITY OFFICER**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the appointment by the Council of a Biodiversity Officer?

**REPLY**

Recruitment for the role of Biodiversity Officer will be commenced during the third quarter 2022.

Mike Larkin,  
 Director of Services,  
 People & Organisation Development.

7.10 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR GLEN AVENUE**

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

Can the CE report if traffic-calming measures are being considered for Glen Avenue, near the proposed housing development on Errigal Heights and other areas of concern for local residents?

**REPLY**

Funding has not been allocated from either the Road Safety Improvement Scheme or from LAC funds to undertake traffic calming works on Glen Avenue to date. In the coming months Roads Operations will bring forward, to the Members of the Area Committees, all requests for traffic calming (i.e., speed bumps) and locations for 2022 will be selected by the Members, subject to funds being available. Glen Avenue can be considered for the selection at that time. In the meantime, Glen Avenue will be recorded as an area to be considered for a future road safety improvement scheme or future traffic management works. Once funding is available all measures to improve road safety in the area can be considered.

As part of the Errigal Heights housing development, a pedestrian crossing across Glen Avenue is proposed and will be further developed at detailed design stage.

In the short to medium term, as advised in previous responses to Council motions, Council will review the condition of the existing lining and signs on Glen Avenue and any works deemed appropriate will be added to the roads programme and undertaken subject to priorities and available resources.

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

Thomas Rogers,  
Acting Director of Services,  
Housing.

7.11 **ATLANTIC POND VALVE**

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 fixing the Atlantic Pond valve problem?

**REPLY**

The delivery of the proposed works to the outer valve and associated localised quay wall repair has been delayed due to the backlog of work arising from Covid 19 as well as significant workloads associated with other functional areas e.g. planning applications for housing, responding to flooding and other emergency incidents etc.

As you are aware, this site consists of a twin valve configuration, with an inner and outer valve. The inner valve is fully functional with the outer valve in need of repair and re-installation. While this interim configuration is not ideal it does function, albeit without the redundancy of the twin valve setup.

The intention is to carry these works as quickly as possible. A sustained period of dry weather will be required to enable the works to proceed.

Funding for these works has been secured and they will be carried out as soon as capacity to do so is available.

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

7.12 **LEGAL OPTIONS – CEASE ADVERTISING ILLEGAL SHORT-TERM LETTINGS IN CITY OF CORK**

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 advise Cork City Council on legal options, including injunction, that may be brought against Airbnb (and other similar companies) so that it will cease advertising illegal short-term lettings in the city of Cork.

## REPLY

Cork City Council does not have power to oblige the advertiser of a short-term letting to investigate whether or not a particular short-term letting is lawful.

For Cork City Council to deem a short-term letting illegal, it must first prove that the letting is, in fact, illegal.

Section 3A of the Planning And Development Act 2000 (“**the Act**”) (inserted by Section 38 of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019) provides that the short-term letting of a property in a rent pressure zone (“**RPZ**”) is a material change of use of the property concerned, thereby requiring planning permission, unless otherwise specifically exempted from this requirement.

The Planning And Development Act 2000 (Exempted Development) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (“**the Regulations**”), which came into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019, set out the current exemptions for short-term lettings in an RPZ.

Use of a property for short-term letting in an RPZ which is not specifically exempted from the requirement for planning permission for change of use is unauthorised development.

Unauthorised development is dealt with by the Planning Authority, using the enforcement process set out in Part VIII of the Act. This process, typically, requires:

- the issuing of a Warning Letter under Section 152 of the Act,
- consideration of any written submissions or observations received in response to the Warning Letter, made within a period of four weeks,
- if appropriate, the service of an Enforcement Notice under Section 154 of the Act requiring the person carrying out the unauthorised use to cease such use within a specified timeframe,
- if the requirements of the Enforcement Notice are not complied with the matter proceeds to prosecution.

It is only after a conviction has been secured against the person carrying out the unauthorised development, that a short-term letting can be deemed illegal; prior to that it is an unproven allegation of illegality.

Section 160 of the Act provides that:

*“160.- (1) Where an unauthorised development has been, is being or is likely to be carried out or continued, the High Court or the Circuit Court may, on the application of a planning authority or any other person, whether or not the person has an interest in the land, by order require any person to do or not to do, or to cease to do, as the case may be, anything that the Court considers necessary and specifies in the order to ensure, as appropriate, the following:*

- (a) *that the unauthorised development is not carried out or continued;*

*(b) in so far as is practicable, that any land is restored to its condition prior to the commencement of any unauthorised development; .....*”

An injunction, as provided for in Section 160 is, therefore, an injunction to address the carrying out of unauthorised development. Advertising a short-term letting is not, of itself, unauthorised development.

At present it is not an offence to advertise a short-term letting.

The Short-Term Lettings Enforcement Bill 2022, which was introduced recently, proposes the following addition to the relevant legislation to address this:

*“(4) It shall be an offence to advertise or let a house or part of a house situated in a rent pressure zone for short-term letting purposes that does not comply with section 3A(2) and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Exempted Development) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.*

*(5) The Minister may make regulations permitting the issuing of spot fines to persons, estate agents or online platforms that advertises or lets properties for short-term letting purposes that are not compliant with section 3A(2) and the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Exempted Development) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.”.*

If enacted, the proposed legislation will provide Planning Authorities with a clear legal basis for pursuing the advertising of unauthorised short-term lettings directly.

In circumstances where there is currently no clear course of action that can be taken against such advertising it would seem best, in the short term, to await such further legislation as may be enacted to address the advertising of unauthorised short-term lettings.

Paul Moynihan,  
Director of Services,  
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

#### 7.13 **UPDATE ON RESPONSE TO MOTION NOVEMBER 2021**

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

I am enquiring if there has been any response to my motion of November 2021 (see below), regarding the negotiations between the trade unions SIPTU, UNITE, Forsa, and Connect with Irish Water and local authorities, whose aim was the transferring of 3,500 workers from the local authorities to Irish Water.

The citizens of Cork City have huge concerns about the privatisation of the water supply and other public utilities, such as sewage and water treatment services. I request that the CEO of the Council provide an update to the members of this Council as to the outcome of these negotiations.

*Sun, 21 Nov 2021 Motion*

*The trade unions SIPTU, Forsa, and Connect are currently in negotiations with Irish Water and local authorities, with the aim of transferring 3,500 workers from the local authorities to Irish Water.*

*If these negotiations are successful, they will have a major negative impact on the ability of local authorities, such as Cork City Council, to continue to provide essential services to its citizens, and furthermore, will lead to Irish Water becoming a private company, resulting in our water, waste water treatment, and sewage services falling into private ownership.*

*This privatisation would be a disaster for our public utilities, as well as for the conditions for workers in this sector. I therefore urge the Council to call on these trade unions to immediately terminate these negotiations, and that this motion is forwarded to the relevant trade unions.*

## **REPLY**

As agreed at the Council meeting held of the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December the Secretary Generals of FORSA, SIPTU and the Connect Trade Unions were written to and provided with a copy of the adopted motion (as shown above in italics). Only the Connect Trade Union have replied to this correspondence to date (correspondence dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of January and received on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January). Said correspondence was circulated in the Council pack for the 14<sup>th</sup> February Council Meeting and is still uploaded and available to view on SharePoint portal.

As agreed by all groups who are party to the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) process, who include the Unions, Government, Local Authorities and Irish Water, no information is being provided regarding the progress of the WRC engagements until the process has completed. All parties to the ongoing discussions have respected this agreement and as such, as this engagement is ongoing and not yet concluded, it is not possible to give any further update or confirm a discussion outcome, other than the fact that engagements are ongoing at this time.

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

## 7.14 **TAKING IN CHARGE MT EDEN RISE, BLARNEY STREET**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to carry out a site investigation on the condition of boundary walls, steps, walkways, footpaths and railings at Mt Eden Rise and to establish the estates status of council taking in charge.

## **REPLY**

The Estates Section of Cork City Council received a plebiscite from the residents on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. This will be verified, and the resident's representative will be advised of the outcome.

Following this, an initial inspection of the estate can occur by the Estates Section/Area Engineer with the objective of preparing a snag list of the works required and also to determine the costs involved to bring this estate up to taking in charge standard.

This cost estimate will be included when this estate is recommended to Council for consideration to take in charge the estate so that Council are fully aware of the cost implications for Cork City Council should they approve same.

Please note that no bond remains in place for this development and there is no alternative funding source available to Cork City Council to carry out works that may be required.

Council should be aware that it is quite possible that some of the issues in relation to this Estate may be with the private pipes owned by the residents themselves and not with the public sewer. If this is the case, taking the estate in charge will not transfer any responsibility to the City Council for such private issues.

The steepness of the steps (and thus narrow steps) is a function of the height change between the car parking area and the houses. It may not be possible to resolve this matter even if the estate is taken in charge (unless for example parking is taken out to create a 90 degree turn in the steps to provide more space for wider steps).

Depending on the nature of the cracks i.e. superficial vs structural if the estate is taken in charge they may not be deemed sufficiently severe for remedial works to be undertaken (given our limited budget for same).

Finally, if this estate were to be taken in charge, all of the signage designating "Private Parking", "Private Property", "Residents Only", registration numbers or reserved signs on individual parking bays, house numbers on individual parking bays and the steel bollards will have to be removed. This area would become part of the public road and any member of the public could park there. In addition, as this is within a Disc Parking Zone, the residents will need to qualify and pay for a Residents Parking permit if they wish to park in this area.

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

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

## **8. STATUTORY ITEMS**

### **8.1 PROPOSED UPPER GLANMIRE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendations of the

Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, following public consultation, on the proposed Upper Glanmire Pedestrian Safety Scheme pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

8.2 **PART 8 PLANNING PROPOSAL ELIZABETH FORT OUTDOOR PUBLIC SPACES SCHEME**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed Elizabeth Fort Outdoor Public Spaces Scheme and the attached report of the Director of Strategic & Economic Development thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Elizabeth Fort Outdoor Public Spaces Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Economic Development Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Elizabeth Fort Outdoor Public Spaces Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Strategic Economic Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022.”

8.3 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT NEWTON HEIGHTS, BOHERBOY ROAD, CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, in accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Newton Heights, Boherboy Road, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

An Chomhairle further noted Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh’s concerns about access at Ashmount Heights.

8.4 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 20 LOUGHVIEW TERRACE, THE LOUGH, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one, two bed unit of accommodation at 20 Loughview Terrace, The Lough, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, 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 €201,607 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one, two bed unit at 20 Loughview Terrace, The Lough, Cork.”

8.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 114 BANDON ROAD, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one, one bed unit of accommodation at 114 Bandon Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boylan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, 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 €206,782 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one, one bed unit at 114 Bandon Road, Cork.”

8.6 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 62 COMMONS ROAD, BLACKPOOL, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one, two bed unit of accommodation at 62 Commons Road, Blackpool, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, 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 €196,432 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one, two bed unit at 62 Commons Road, Blackpool, Cork.”

8.7 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 on the following property disposal:-

1. Disposal of property known as “Kiosk 2”, Grand Parade, Cork, by way of lease for a period of 10 years to “Three Fools Coffee Limited”, c/o Kiely Solicitors, 7-8 Liberty Street, Cork, subject to an annual rent of €20,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable).

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



An Chomhairle considered the report of the Chief Executive, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 on the following property disposal:-

2. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of land approximately 1.52 hectares, situated adjacent to Ashbrook Heights, Lehanaghmore, Cork to the Minister for Education, c/o Olga O’Hanlon, Chief State Solicitors’ Office, Osmond House, Ship Street Little, Dublin 8, for the sum of €2,000,000.00 (exclusive of VAT).

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

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, E. Ryng. (18)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Maher, O. Moran, F. Ryan, M. Finn, P. Dineen, C. Finn, T. Moloney. (7)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

As those voting in favour of the disposal were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote passed and the disposal approved.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 on the following property disposal:-

3. Disposal of freehold interest in an area of land approximately 3.08 hectares, situated at Brooklodge, Glanmire, Cork to the Minister for education, c/o Adrienne Grant, Chief State Solicitor’s Office, Osmond House, Ship Street Little, Dublin 8, for the sum of €1,500,000 (exclusive of VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. Keohane, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

## 8.8 **CORK CITY COUNCIL PARKING BYE-LAWS 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 in relation to Cork City Council Parking Bye-Laws 2022 and approved Cork City Parking Bye-Laws 2022 in accordance with Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED “CORK CITY COUNCIL PARKING BYE-LAWS 2022”** Cork City

Council having complied with the provisions of Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, and having consulted with the Garda Commissioner and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws and the report of the Director of Services, Roads and Environment Operations Directorate, it is hereby **resolved** to **make** the Cork City Council Parking Bye-Laws 2022 in accordance with the draft attached hereto AND Council hereby **FURTHER RESOLVES** that the Parking Fee Per Parking Period/Event referred to in Appendix 2 of the proposed Bye-Laws shall, with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, be €2.50, until varied by further resolution of Council.”

8.9 **PROPOSED CNWQR PHASE 3B RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITUATED OFF KNOCKNAHEENY AVENUE, KNOCKNAHEENY, CORK CITY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, in accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed CNWQR Phase 3B residential development situated off Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

8.10 **PROPOSED CNWQR PHASE 4A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITUATED ON KNOCKNAHEENY AVENUE, KNOCKNAHEENY, CORK CITY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, in accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed CNWQR Phase 4A residential development situated on Knocknaheeny Avenue, Knocknaheeny, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

9. **CORK CITY COUNCIL’S WOMENS CAUCUS**

An Chomhairle noted the update report from Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, chair of Cork City Council’s Womens Caucus.

10. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

10.1 **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation that the Lord Mayor would sign the requisite pledge for Cork to join the Trees in Cities Challenge.

10.2 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021**

10.2.1 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021 (UNAUDITED)**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Annual Financial Statement 2021 (Unaudited).

10.2.2 **RESOLUTION “THAT THE UNAUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021 AND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 104 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, THE OVER EXPENDITURE AS OUTLINED IN NOTE 16 ARE HEREBY APPROVED”**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“That the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for 2021 and, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in note 16 are hereby approved.”

11. **PARTY WHIPS – 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

11.1 **OUTCOME OF COUNCILLOR PORTAL PILOT SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle agreed that the Councillor Portal Scheme be rolled out to the remaining Elected Members, with a review conducted regarding same in Q3/Q4 2022.

12. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on recent activities in International Relations.

12.2 **A.O.B.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle agreed that Cork City Council would enter into a friendship agreement with Washington for execution by the Lord Mayor on behalf of the City Council.

13. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

13.1 **MOTIONS**

13.1.1 **REVIEW LITTER MANAGEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That a review of litter management in the city be conducted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/022)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in accordance with The Polluter Pays Principle primary responsibility for the proper disposal of litter and waste rests with the individual, household or business that generates the litter or waste. This key principle underpins all European and Irish Waste Legislation. Cork City Council’s policy on Litter Management is based on the principles of Encouragement, Education and Enforcement.

Cork City Council encourages and facilitates the proper and responsible disposal of litter and waste through the following activities:

- The provision of a network of public litter bins
- The facilities at the Civic Amenity Site and Bring Sites
- The provision of free Bulky Goods Collections
- Providing assistance to Community and Voluntary Groups to carry out clean-ups

The City Council actively engages in anti-litter education, awareness and information campaigns. Campaigns have been run on all the local radio stations, in the cinema, on buses and bus shelters and across the print media. Information and awareness material is also made available on the City Council’s website and across social media platforms and the public are encouraged to visit the mywaste.ie website for practical information on how to manage waste. School visits and roadshow type events are also carried out. In addition, household leaflet drops in relation to both the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the 2019 Segregation, Presentation and Storage of Household and Commercial Waste bye-laws were carried out.

Enforcement also plays a key role in litter management. In 2021 the Litter Warden Service issued 1204 litter fines and the Waste Enforcement Section either inspected or wrote to 1185 properties in relation to compliance with the 2019 Segregation, Presentation and Storage of Household and Commercial Waste bye-laws.

It is anticipated the upcoming legislation on the Circular Economy will enhance and strengthen Local Authorities investigative and enforcement capabilities and a

refocusing of resources will take place to optimize compliance activities in relation to the 2019 Segregation, Presentation and Storage of Household and Commercial Waste bye-laws.

### 13.1.2 **COMMUNICATION BOARDS AT CORK CITY PLAYGROUNDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That the Cork City Council install communication boards in all Cork City playgrounds, to help make our playgrounds more inclusive.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/166)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it is the intention of City Council to install communication boards in all playgrounds as resources become available. The boards cost approximately €1,000 each to supply and erect and with thirty playgrounds that amounts to €30,000. There is no provision in the 2022 estimates to cover this cost. A sum will be included in the 2023 draft estimates for consideration. Councillors may also wish to consider an allocation from the 2022 LAC Funds to part finance the cost.

### 13.1.3 **POLICY ON NON-REMOVAL OF AMENITIES**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘Going forward, Cork City Council will implement a policy of not removing amenities from the public realm such as benches or waste bins as a solution to anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 22/112)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current policy regarding the removal of fixtures and fittings in the public realm, parks and other amenities is that an item is only removed after all measures to address an issue have been exhausted. It is important to note that fixtures and fittings may have been inappropriately sited and are the source of ongoing nuisance and disturbance to nearby residents.

As issues are brought to our attention they are assessed, and a decision made in the context of maintaining the service and, ensuring the quality of life of residents is not compromised.

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion back to the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

### 13.1.4 **TREE PLANTING PROGRAMMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would make contact with the various companies within the city boundary all stakeholders with a view to identify areas where tree planting could take place and encourage them to sponsor some of the tree planting programmes. We should form a working group that set targets, source funding, and deliver an ambitious programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 22/127)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Parks and Recreation staff currently liaise with various organisations, voluntary groups, tidy district organisations and resident associations regarding tree planting at suitable locations throughout the city, in many cases the various groups assist with the planting. Annual targets are presently set in line with available approved budgets and staff resources.

The above proposals will be addressed in the Draft Tree Strategy, this draft strategy will be presented to this committee in the Autumn for consideration.

#### 13.1.5 **SUPPORT COMMUNITY GROUPS PLANTING TREES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘With the welcome development of many community groups planting trees in their local area, that Cork City Council would put in place measures to support such initiatives and publish guidelines to assist groups in locating suitable planting locations.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 22/147)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Parks and Recreation staff currently liaise with various organisations, voluntary groups, tidy district organisations and resident associations regarding tree planting at suitable locations throughout the city, in many cases the various groups assist with the planting. Annual targets are presently set in line with availability approved budgets and staff resources.

The above proposals will be addressed in the Draft Tree Strategy, this draft strategy will be presented to this committee in the Autumn for consideration.

#### 13.1.6 **UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO CITY PARKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will ensure there is suitable universal access to all city parks, including entrances that a disabled person can go through independently, disabled parking bays and dished kerbing, and in particular those parks with a high volume of family visits and disability swings installed (e.g. Popham’s Park).’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/153)

The report of the Director of Services stated that universal access is provided in all city parks, greenways and amenity areas.

Representations to provide additional access points to parks and other amenities are requested from time to time and these are generally given priority over other works in line with available budgets.

Disabled parking bays and dished kerbing is provided at all the large city parks and greenways and some local parks. An assessment of disabled parking facilities at all local parks and amenities will be added to the Parks Capital programme and progressed as resources allow.

All new parks, greenways and amenities are critically assessed to ensure compliance with universal access and disabled parking provision.

#### 14. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

##### 14.1 **ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, on the Arts & Culture Strategy.

##### 14.2 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

###### 14.2.1 **HORSE PROJECT IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture and Placemaking, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘Can the CE provide Council with a progress report on efforts by all the relevant stakeholders to establish a Horse Project in Cork City following the commitment in the Draft City Development plan re-affirming the Horse Project as a Council objective.’

‘An féidir leis an CE tuairisc a thabhairt don Chomhairle faoi conas mar go bhfuil an próiseas chun tionscnamh capaill a chruthú.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 22/243)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council Community team continue to work with stakeholders, including Traveller Visibility Groups, members of the Traveller Community, HSE, among others, to progress the identification of a suitable site for a pilot grazing project in the city. This work includes interface with private landlords, and well as colleagues in the Housing directorate to respond to the stated desires of horse owners in the Traveller Community.

#### 14.2.2 **ANNUAL IRISH LANGUAGE DAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture and Placemaking, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Dineen 22/060)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has funded or organised events during Seachtain na Gaeilge (1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March annually) including

- Table quizzes
- Creative writing workshops (*Peann agus Pár*)
- Interactive poetry and music events with Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh and John Spillane separately
- Organised an event in the Council chambers of all the Ciorcail Comhrá (conversation circles) in the city etc around Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Printed bookmarks with commonly used greetings and phrases distributed in the city libraries
- *Gnó le Gaeilge* seminar on the use of Irish as a promotional or marketing tool

Cork City Council will look to focus some of these events around a *Lá na Gaeilge* on St. Patrick's Eve.

A meeting of the Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge in the next month will take place to discuss options and canvass the Irish language community for ideas.

#### 14.2.3 **FRIENDSHIP BENCHES IN CITY PARKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture and Placemaking, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would, perhaps in conjunction with the HSE 'Connecting for Life Strategy', install on a pilot basis a number of 'Friendship' or 'Talking Park Benches' in City Parks, these benches would detail vital numbers for Mental Health Groups & Charities while also allowing a space for someone who would benefit from chatting to a volunteer, friend or even a stranger, an initiative that has worked abroad.’

‘Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí, i gcomhar le 'Stráitéis Ceangail ar feadh an tSaoil' FFS, b'fhéidir, roinnt 'Binsí Páirce Cainte' nó 'Cairdis' isteach i bPáirceanna na Cathrach. Thabharfadh na binsí seo eolas riachtanach do Ghrúpa Meabhairshláinte agus Catharnachtaí, ag tabhairt deise do dhaoine a mbeadh comhrá le hoibrí deonach,



cara nó stráinséir fiú cabhrach dóibh, tionscnamh a fheidhmíonn thar lear.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 21/510)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Community Culture and Placemaking Directorate through its Age Friendly City Programme has already been very active in this area, launching a €60,000 age friendly seating initiative earlier this year and ensuring that best practice in age friendly seating is followed in upcoming reimagining of Bishop Lucey Park. The programme manager will connect with the appropriate HSE personnel on the “Connecting for life strategy” with a view to progressing this issue in the near future

#### 14.2.4 **FLEADH CHEOIL NA HÉIREANN 2024/2025**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture and Placemaking, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That the Council seek to host the 2024/2025 Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. To promote the Irish cultural tradition in the greater Cork area. This is the world’s largest annual celebration of Irish music, language, song, and dance which attracts up to half a million visitors and contestants. Comhaltas Ceoiltoirí Eireann has been successfully running the Fleadh since 1951. Great credit goes to Lahrás Ó Murchú for his dedication and determination in keeping the Fleadh on the road in so many different host cities and towns throughout the country.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 22/217)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council provides support and funding to a number of events promoting culture in the city. However Cork City Council is currently not in position to seek the hosting of the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2024 and 2025.

Apart from the scale of resources that would be required to deliver this event in the City to bring the Fleadh to Cork would involve working with a number of significant constraints and logistics and because of this there is also a concern that it could have a negative impact on other important sectors with the city.

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion back to the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

#### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

#### 14.2.5 **MANDATORY CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture and Placemaking, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council make it mandatory with any new developments applying for housing that ‘Children at Play’ signs be included in any design plan and slow-down signs be included in any development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 22/066)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets (DMURS) aim is to put well designed streets at the heart of sustainable communities. Well designed streets can create connected physical, social and transport networks that promote real alternatives to car journeys, namely walking, cycling or public transport. Retrofitting residential estate layouts with signage does not address the broader issue of what elements of the road design encourage speeding. The design of the street environment needs to be addressed. To this end, it would be of more benefit to the community if the principles, approaches and standards set out in DMURS apply to the design of all urban roads and streets.

The Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) is the principal source of guidance on signage. The TSM warns against over providing signage and line marking. It states in relation to signage in general, *‘signs should only be erected where there is a demonstrable need, because unnecessary, incorrect or inconsistent signs detract from the effectiveness of those that are required and tends to lead to disrespect for all signs’*.

In this context therefore, the design and layout of new roads and streets in new developments should be consistent with the Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets (DMURS)

#### 14.2.6 **REMOVE KISSING GATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture and Placemaking, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘Given the accessibility issues of kissing gates, as outlined by several Irish accessibility activists, and now, BBC journalist Ellis Palmer, that Cork City Council will remove all remaining kissing gates in the city area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 22/207)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Operations Directorate will carry out a review of the number of kissing gates and review their use.

#### 15. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

## 15.1 **MOTIONS**

### 15.1.1 **STATEMENT ON ACCESSIBILITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing Directorate, and the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will provide a statement on accessibility to accompany proposed housing and transport infrastructure works brought before Council for consideration, such a statement should include identification of changes to the locations of disabled parking bays, addition or removal or drop kerbs, and other relevant changes affecting people with disabilities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/189)

The report of the Directors of Services stated that Cork City Council will provide for such a statement to be included for proposed housing developments, whereas these would generally be reflected on the drawings.

Cork City Council will provide a commentary of the type requested when reporting on any future infrastructure proposals which contain adjustments to disabled parking bays, access points such as drop kerbs etc.

### 15.1.2 **PORTAL FOR IMAGES OF ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will prepare a report on examples of best practice in design of shared surfaces, including to avoid conflict at junctions, and how to implement these practices in the city’s pedestrian and cycle infrastructure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/191)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the design of new public spaces in Cork City, including roads and streets, is informed by current National Design Standards, National Guidance Documents and in certain cases by International Guidance Documents. These standards continue to evolve as research and evidence builds up and examples of such documents include:- The National Cycle Manual, The Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets, Bus Connects Design Guidance etc. All these design documents seek to provide a set of rules and/or principles to aide designers. The ultimate aim is to provide a design solution that is safe and convenient for users of the space while also providing a layout that is compliant and appropriately balanced between the competing demands of the different user groups. The optimum design solution for each location will differ depending on local factors such as site conditions, function, likely volumes of different users, distribution or pattern of movement, site constraints such as available space, adjoining uses, street/road geometry and other factors such as budgets, etc.

Best practice for each location and the levels of priority afforded to each user group will therefore vary, depending on the needs and constraints of the location in question. A common theme running through design standards and guidance documents is that Designers must consider the needs of the pedestrian first, followed by the needs of the cyclist and then onto other users. This approach is guided by a safety first principle whereby the most vulnerable get the highest priority. Cork City Council Designers continue to monitor developments in design standards and adopt new design standards when they become available. As advised previously the National Cycle Manual is currently under review by the National Transport Authority with a view to updating same in 2022. In addition, the National Sustainable Mobility Policy also envisages that the Department of Transport will issue updated guidelines, standards and supporting legislation to allow for a range of solutions to be developed for road space reallocation/redesign to repurpose existing legacy car-based road design. These and other updates can be circulated to Members as and when received information.

#### 15.1.3 **REVISE BYELAWS ON TRAFFIC IN PATRICK STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That additional traffic calming measures accompany the introduction of 30km zones throughout the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/197)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland, once an area is selected by the relevant LAC as an area to be considered as a 30 km/hr slow zone having regard to the available budget, Cork City Council carry out speed surveys to establish the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed in the area in advance of implementing a 30 km/hr speed limit. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling and is a good reference point for the establishment of a speed limit. To date, 30 km/hr slow zones have not generally been implemented where the 85% percentile speed far exceeds 30km/h and consequently additional traffic calming measures have not been required. This approach has allowed the introduction of 30 km/hr slow zones on over 300 streets across the city with 100% funding being provided by the Department of Transport. Currently, there are still sufficient zones that match this criterion to continue this approach for a few years. Once these zones are complete, or if Members wish to change this approach, then a budget will need to be provided to facilitate the additional work traffic calming measures.

#### 15.1.4 **RESIDENTS PARKING PERMIST, ZONE Z**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That the CE will report on the number of residents parking permits issued for Zone Z for 2021. If she can also outline how the Council keeps track of the number of permits issued to each address.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 22/205)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in 2021, 443 permits were issued for Zone Z. Applications are linked to the property address and each application is checked against the number of permits, if any, already issued to the address.

#### 15.1.5 **DESIGN PLANS FOR PEDESTRIAN STREETS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, and the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That City Council show Councillors their design plans for the streets listed for pedestrians only. I think there would appear to be some discussion needed in relation to extending drinking areas and pedestrian areas and also clear paths for people with disabilities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 22/216)

The report of the Directors of Services stated that Cork City Council has secured an initial grant allocation of €100,000 from the National Transport Authority to enable the development of upgrade proposals for Princes Street, Cook St and Marlboro St. The Council will shortly be advertising for the appointment of a design team for this project and it is envisaged that the related preliminary designs will be prepared over the coming months and presented to Members in the new year. The project will be progressed through the planning, detailed design and tender/commencement phases thereafter subject to approval and continued funding.

Street furniture licenses are issued to hospitality premises on foot of applications received. These applications are submitted by the Roads Operations Division, to the Fire Department, Planning and An Garda Síochána for review prior to issuance. Every application is reviewed from the perspective of accessibility and modified if required.

The Roads Operations Division has carried out an audit of street furniture licenses on pedestrianised streets with the Cork Access Group in 2021 to ensure accessibility for all street users and specifically those with disabilities. The audit did not find any significant accessibility issues but any minor recommendations which were identified have been actioned by the roads Operations Division.

A further audit will be carried out in 2022 for the same purposes. The Roads Operations Division street inspectors continue to carry out day and night time audits of street furniture license to ensure compliance with the licenses and therefore ensure access for all street users. Where necessary enforcement proceedings are issued against street furniture license holders for non-compliance with street furniture license conditions.

The Operations Directorate welcomes feedback and if specific issues are identified they are followed up. As such if any Councillor has been specific location that is of concern to them, please make the Operations Directorate aware of same so that it can be investigated.

#### 15.1.6 **CAR-FREE CITY CENTRE ON SUNDAYS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on options for implementing a car-free city centre on Sundays, cooperating with Transport for Ireland to promote free public transport on Sundays with the launch of BusConnects Cork, and will seek to pilot a car-free city centre with free public transport on a Sunday close to Car Free Day in September 2022.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/234)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council area currently engaged in discussions with local community groups about organising a car free day. Once an outline of what form a car free day might take this will then be discussed with the NTA as any car free day would be dependent on their support.

#### 15.1.7 **TRAMPE BICYCLE LIFT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on the feasibility and sustainability of installing a trampe bicycle lift (like in Trondheim, Norway) on sections of the Alternative Cycle Facilities of “Corridor B – Mayfield to City” of the BusConnects Sustainable Transport Corridors, especially the York Street section.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/235)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the National Transport Authority recently published the Sustainable Transport Corridors Report as part of the Cork Bus Connects Programme. The report was issued in advance of the more detailed corridor proposals which are expected to be published in June 2022. This publication will be followed by a period of public consultation before revision and finalisation of the preferred corridor upgrades around year end. The Sustainable Transport Corridors Report details a potential cycle connection from MacCurtain St to Wellington Rd and beyond via York Street. The installation of cycling specific measures/aids such as a bicycle lift as suggested will be explored further with the National Transport Authority as the overall corridor proposals are progressed. The final proposals for each corridor will also be subject to further consultation as part of the planning approval process associated with the corridor improvement works.

#### 15.1.8 **REPAINT TRAFFIC CALMING RAMPS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council undertake a programme of re-painting traffic calming ramps across the city as a number are not very visible.’

‘Go ndéanfaidh an Chomhairle áth phéinteáil ar na rampaí tráchtá atá mórthimpeall an Chathair mar ná bhfuilid soiléir faoi láthair.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 22/242)

The report of the Director of Services stated that any specific requests to repaint speed bumps/ramps are added to the work programmes and work undertaken when resources and priorities permit. If the Members are aware of any particular locations, they may submit these as service requests.

#### 15.1.9 **SHARED BIKES SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, and the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That a review be undertaken of the management and promotion of the shared bikes scheme to restore the high levels of use it once had.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/248)

The report of the Directors of Services stated that the public bike scheme is managed by the National Transport Authority and the above request will be directed accordingly.

Cork City Council heavily promotes the use of cycling within the city particularly with the events such as bike week and as such the shared bike scheme plays a role within the overall promotion of cycling.

#### 15.1.10 **CLEAN ROAD DIRECTIONAL SIGNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That a programme of cleaning major road directional signs be undertaken in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/250)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a review of route directional signs is currently being carried out in conjunction with TII to rationalise and update all route

directional signs on main roads in the city. As part of this work any signs that require cleaning or replacement will be identified and if funding can be secured, added to the programme of works.

16. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

16.1 **2022 TWINNING GRANT APPLIATIONS – RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cauty, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 on recommended grant allocations under the 2022 Twinning Grants Scheme.

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

17. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

18. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

18.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

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

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

19. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

20. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.



21. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

22. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.

23. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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

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

25. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the correspondence received.

26. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted conference/seminar summaries as follows:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPB Insurance Annual General Meeting 2022 held at the Aisling Hotel, Dublin, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher at the CPD Climate Crisis and Local Government Workshop 2 held in Meath, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.
- Comhairleoirí S. Martin and T. Shannon at the AILG Module 2 Training, Climate Action and Role of Local Government held at the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- Comhairleoir C. Finn at the Dutch Irish Cycle Study held in Utrecht, the Netherlands, 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

27. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

None received.

28. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

28.1 **27<sup>th</sup> ECAD MAYORS' CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle considered and retrospectively approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cahill at the 27<sup>th</sup> ECAD Mayors' Conference held in Gothenburg, Sweden, 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

29. **TRAINING**

None received.

30. **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.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan An Chomhairle agreed that motion 22/230, Plaque on Customs House, be revised to read as follows:-

'In March of 1920, a Cork Corporation cost of living commission was established by Tomás MacCurtain, Lord Mayor of Cork, to determine a proper living wage of 70 shillings a week for workers. Sometime later, Robert Day and William Kenneally of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, set up by James Connolly led the Cork harbour workers in their campaign for a living wage. They set up the Cork Soviet and occupied the Customs House where they flew the red flag.

I call on Cork City Council to remember this event and place an appropriately worded plaque on the Customs House. I was approached by Don O'Leary, director of Cork Life Centre to submit this motion.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 22/230)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle agreed that motions 22/289, Attendance at Corporate Policy Group Meetings, and 22/305, Amend Standing Order 5B Corporate Policy Group, be referred to a meeting of Party Whips and Party Leaders instead of the Corporate Policy Group.

31. **MOTIONS**

31.1 **SUSPEND VAT ON HOME ENERGY BILLS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council, calls on the Government to temporarily suspend VAT from home energy bills.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 22/134)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council, calls on the Government to temporarily suspend VAT from home energy bills and to rapidly accelerate the national retrofit scheme to reduce energy dependency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 22/134)

31.2 **REDUCE LEGAL DRINKING AGE**

**The following motion was withdrawn:-**

‘That Cork City Council write to Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee to request that the government consider amending Part IV of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1988 (as amended) so as to reduce the minimum legal drinking age from 18 years of age to 16 years of age.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 22/269)

31.3 **PASSPORT OFFICE IN BELFAST**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence supporting calls in the Seanad and elsewhere calling for the opening of a passport office in Belfast, a matter of urgency in light of the current backlog and volume of applications on the island of Ireland including an unprecedented number from the North.’

‘Go scríobhfaidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí chuig an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Cosanta ag tacú le héilimh sa Seanad agus áiteanna eile chun Oifig na bPasanna a oscailt i mBéal Feirste ar bhonn práinne, de bharr an riaráiste agus líon na n-iarratas faoi láthair in Éirinn, lena n-áirítear líon nach bhfacthas riamh ón tuaisceart.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. E. Ryng, Cllr. K. Collins 22/288)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved motion revised to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence supporting calls in the Seanad and elsewhere calling for the opening of a passport office in Belfast, a matter of urgency in light of the current backlog and volume of applications on the island of Ireland including an unprecedented number from the North, and that we would also call on the Minister to establish a passport printing press in the Cork passport office to facilitate the citizens of Cork City and County.’

‘Go scríobhfaidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí chuig an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Cosanta ag tacú le héilimh sa Seanad agus áiteanna eile chun Oifig na bPasanna a oscailt i mBéal Feirste ar bhonn práinne, de bharr an riaráiste agus líon na n-iarratas faoi láthair in Éirinn, lena n-áirítear líon nach bhfacthas riamh ón tuaisceart, agus, chomh maith leis sin, go n-iarrfaidh an Chomhairle ar an Aire clóphreas pasanna a

bhunú in Oifig na bPasanna i gCorcaigh, do shaoránaigh an Chontae agus na Cathrach.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. E. Ryng, Cllr. K. Collins 22/288)

31.4 **ADDITIONAL STAFFING RESOURCES FOR DELIVERY OF CLIMATE ACTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the City and County Managers Association in their clear view that the additional specialist staffing resources identified by them need to be in place in 2022 to ensure that local authorities realise our ambition to deliver transformative change and measurable climate action across our cities and counties; and that this message will be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Peter Burke TD, and to all local authorities in Ireland.’

(Proposers: Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. C. Finn 22/296)

31.5 **MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN AN BORD PLEANÁLA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council reaffirms the motion of no confidence in the board of An Bord Pleanála passed by this Council on 13 July 2020; and that this message shall be forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Peter Burke TD, and to all other local authorities in Ireland.’

(Proposers: Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. L. Bogue, Cllr. C. Finn 22/297)

31.6 **ACTIONS OF THE ISRAEL DEFENCE FORCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council expresses its deep concern over the actions of the Israel Defence Force in the unlawful killing of the journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, and the intimidatory behaviour towards mourners at her funeral.’

(Proposers: Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. L. Bogue, Cllr. C. Finn 22/303)

31.7 **CONSTITUTE WOMEN’S CAUCUSES AS SPCS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to Minister of State Peter Burke, with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, requesting that he issue a circular to all local authorities constituting Women’s Caucuses as SPCs. This will ensure representation on CPGs. Furthermore, that resourcing would be provided for same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 22/306)

31.8 **WRITE TO THE MISSION OF PALLESTINE IN IRELAND**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council:-

- Recognises the importance of journalism and the protection of journalists worldwide.
- Recognises the bravery of journalists in War Zones in particular and salutes their courage.
- Condemns any military targeting of any journalist worldwide as a crime against truth and information.
- Recognises the respect and regard that the people of the Middle East, and Palestine in particular, had for Shireen Abu Akleh.
- Condemns her killing.
- Condemns the targeting of mourners at her funeral which resulted in her coffin being dropped by pall bearers under severe attack from Israeli forces.

And:

That Cork City Council would write to the Mission of Palestine in Ireland to express our deepest condolences and solidarity with her family.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Ryng 22/309)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council:-

- Recognises the importance of journalism and the protection of journalists worldwide.
- Recognises the bravery of journalists in War Zones in particular and salutes their courage.
- Condemns any military targeting of any journalist worldwide as a crime against truth and information, and in particular Russia’s targeting of journalists in Ukraine where an Irish journalist was recently killed.
- Recognises the respect and regard that the people of the Middle East, and Palestine in particular, had for Shireen Abu Akleh.
- Condemns her killing.
- Condemns the targeting of mourners at her funeral which resulted in her coffin being dropped by pall bearers under severe attack from Israeli forces.

And:

That Cork City Council would write to the Mission of Palestine in Ireland to express our deepest condolences and solidarity with her family, and to the Russian embassy in relation to Russia's targeting of journalists in Ukraine.'

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Ryng 22/309)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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