

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keefe, S. O'Shea.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Comhairleoir N. O'Keefe
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. Hayes, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Ms. L. Kidney, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. L. Casey, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. B. Geaney, Programme Manager, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O'Mahony Family on the death of Mrs. Ann O'Mahony.
- The Bickerstaffe Family on the death of Mr. Antony Bickerstaffe.
- The Corcoran Family on the death of Ms. Jane Corcoran.
- The Aherne Family on the death of Mr. Patrick Aherne.

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

- The Lifetime Lab on the re-opening of the new tourism centre, ten years since they first opened.
- Comhairleoir T. Brosnan on 25 years a member of Cork City Council.

- Cork Ladies Football Team on winning the Munster Senior Football Championship.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **TO APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF AN CHOMHAIRLE TO THE CORK EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD**

An Chomhairle considered the above appointment. On the proposal of the Lord Mayor, Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican to the Cork Education & Training Board.

3.2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders at the end of the meeting to discuss the potential downgrading of Accident & Emergency/Trauma Unit of the Mercy University Hospital.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No items were raised.

5. **VACANCY ON STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the resignation of Comhairleoir H. Cremin from the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee. Comhairleoir H. Cremin subsequently withdrew his resignation and this was approved by An Chomhairle.

6. **STUDENT GRANT SCHEME 2016**

An Chomhairle considered the Student Grant Scheme 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Student Grant Scheme 2016.

7. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of An Chomhairle held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, to be included as an apology for non attendance at both meetings.

8. **QUESTION TIME**

8.1 **VACANCIES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE**

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

Has the embargo been lifted on the filling of vacancies in the public service?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

**REPLY**

With effect from the beginning of 2016, the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government has advised local authorities that the filling of vacancies will be considered with reference to the specific post involved, overall staffing numbers and available finances within the approved budgets.

**Michael Burke,  
A/Director of Services,  
Human Resource Management  
& Organisational Reform**

8.2 **LOANS AND ADVANCES OF FUNDS TO ORGANISATIONS**

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

In relates to loans and advances of funds (not annual grants) to organisations in Cork by Cork City Council or its former entity Cork Corporation since 1986 and requires answers to the following elements. The reason that it is necessary to go back to 1986 is that I believe that substantial sums of money were advanced to organisations that are still outstanding and due to be repaid to Cork City Council under special circumstances relating to each loan and I believe it is imperative that Cork City Council should conduct an immediate audit to see how much of its money could be repaid now by organisations.

- a) How many loans or advancement of funds have been made to organisations since 1986?
- b) What is the total of these loans or funds advanced?
- c) Which organisations have been advanced funds or loans and how much were each?
- d) Were these loans interest bearing or interest free?
- e) How many loans or advancement of funds were made to projects that only required the sum to be repaid on the sale of assets or buildings?
- f) How many and which of the overall organisations that were advanced loans or funds have met the criteria fully?
- g) How much money was advanced in loans or otherwise to organisations that has been converted into shares or other structures and is this money repayable and under what circumstances?
- h) How many organisations were advanced funds or loans that have never been repaid in any way?

- i) How many organisations that were advanced loans or monies have since gone out of business without paying back the monies advanced and how much is left outstanding?
- j) What is the value of loans or funds advanced to organisations since 1986 that has been written off?
- k) How are loans or funds that have been advanced by Cork City Council treated in the annual statement of accounts and are performing loans or advancement of monies treated in the accounts in the same way as non performing loans and advancement of monies?
- l) Does Cork City Council receive any annual dividend from any organisation that it has funded by way of loans or advancement of monies since 1986?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

### 8.3 **DEVELOPMENT OF MARINA PARK**

*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 development of Marina Park?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

#### **REPLY**

Specification and Tender Documents for the demolition of the existing Showground Buildings and other derelict structures within the area of Marina Park are presently being prepared, tenders are scheduled to be issued for these works in late September, 2017.

Detailed design for the park is scheduled to commence in early October, 2016, tenders will be issued for these works in late 2016/early 2017.

It is anticipated works will commence early summer 2017.

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

### 8.4 **HORGANS BUILDINGS**

*The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Moloney was deferred.*

Following on from the number of question & motions I & others have put down about the works in Horgans Buildings, can the CE tell me -

What are the results of the survey carried out on all the houses in Horgans Buildings?

What is the current situation with works being carried out in Horgans Buildings?

How many houses has work done on them?

What type of work has been done?

How many more houses need works to be done?

Has the budget being secured to carry out all the necessary works?

Is there a start & finish date for this work?

We are all aware that there is a major works programme needed for Horgans Buildings, not least with the roof/chimney & skylight repairs to name just a few but we must also take a serious look at all the houses that still have poor window & doors within their homes and make sure when works are being done that all works are carried out to bring the homes of the residents of Horgans Building up to the very highest of standards, the very least the residents of Horgans Buildings deserve.

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

#### 8.5 **BREAKDOWN OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

*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 report on the intermittent breakdown of the traffic lights at the junction of Farranferris Avenue/ Popham's Road and to provide possible solutions to maintain the operation of the traffic lights.

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

#### **REPLY**

The traffic lights at the junction of Farranferris Avenue and Popham's Road are back in operation since Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

The junction continues to be a significant drain on resources as the traffic signal controller is being kicked or damaged with footballs on a regular basis.

It is advisable that the Community Warden and the local representatives, Community Garda and local resident's group arrange to discuss the matter collectively with the view of engaging with and educating, those responsible for the damage, on the importance of providing vulnerable persons in their community, including persons in their own family, with a safe place to cross the road.

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

#### 8.6 **CUAN MHUIRE STEP-DOWN FACILITY**

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

Can the CE report on the Cuan Mhuire step-down facilities on the Western Road and in Farnanes said to have 19 beds available for homeless men and 16 for homeless women respectively? Is the CE aware of any efforts being made to make these beds available? What assistance can the City Council give in this regard?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

## REPLY

The Western Road building was purchased in the second half of 2007 for €2.1m. According to Cuan Mhuire a CAS application was submitted to Cork City Council in October 2009 for funding in the order of €2.6m, however, Cork City Council has no record of this CAS application having been submitted.

In July 2010 a new proposal for Section 10 Revenue Funding was submitted to Cork City Council from Cuan Mhuire to provide a 13 unit complex to accommodate up to 19 homeless males post treatment.

The Chair of the Cork Homeless Forum wrote to Cuan Mhuire to advise that “ *at this time the services available in the City are adequate for the needs and, as you are aware, current financial restrictions do not allow for any further expansion of services except those previously approved by the Strategic Management Committee of the Homeless Forum.*”

In 2012 the Section 10 proposal was re-submitted and was again raised at the meeting of the Strategic Management Group for the South West Regional Homeless Consultative Forum and having considered the matter Cuan Mhuire were advised as follows:-

- The Allocation for the Social Housing Programme 2012 to 2014 was announced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government
- The final date for receipt of proposals for the Social Housing Programme expired on 15<sup>th</sup> June and this was advised to your representative Liam Keane, at the meeting held in City Hall, Cork on the 28<sup>th</sup> June
- The SMG are not aware of any proposal by the DOE for a further call for CAS project as at this time

For the reasons outlined above, the proposal could not be considered at that time.

A joint meeting of the South West Regional Forum and the Cork Local Forum took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015 and representatives from Cuan Mhuire made a presentation setting out the service they wish to provide in this region.

The members of the Fora were asked to provide feedback to the SMG who would consider the proposal taking account of the need for the service, how it fits in with other services in the SW Region and the availability of funding once the 2016 budget has been allocated.

As the facility is a step down treatment centre, the HSE would also be required to support the service and fund the in care costs identified.

The approximate revenue funding for the additional 33 beds is in the region of €500,000 per annum. The proposal outlined at that meeting was for revenue funding, i.e. Section 10 funding which is 90% funding from the DOE and the 10% from the local authority, for both the facility in Farnanes, 8 unit complex to accommodate 16 females and at Western Road, 13 unit complex to accommodate 19 males.

The Project has also incurred capital costs in the region of €1.9 million for the facility in Western road and to date, no application for capital funding has been lodged by Cuan Mhuire.

This revenue funding proposal has come before the SMG on 2 previous occasions and the SMG made the decision not to proceed with the proposal in the light of other homeless services which had already been prioritised for funding in the South West Regional Action Plan and which were at an advanced stage in regard to the commitment for capital funding from the DOE and the grant of planning permission for the provision of additional treatment beds in the region.

The SMG Group will be deciding on the allocation including the Cuan Mhuire proposal for step down treatment as part of the 2016 Budget in the coming weeks.

To note the situation in regard to the provision of revenue funding has not changed as there has been no additional funding granted in the South West Region in 2016.

The Statutory Management Group for the South West Region remains committed to the provision of appropriate services for those who find themselves homeless in the Region and will look at other proposals for this premises that will assist those who find themselves in need of homeless services at this time.

The DOE are now accepting applications for capital funding for the delivery through either the construction or acquisition of housing accommodation to cater for priority groups such as homeless persons. Any proposals approved for capital funding must demonstrate that the necessary revenue funding is in place.

There is currently no proposal with the Statutory Management Group for the provision of emergency accommodation at these premises. (The Statutory Management Group, (SMG), has the statutory responsibility for the provision of homeless services in the South West Region, Cork City, Cork County and Kerry County.)

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

8.7 **YELLOW BOX ON SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

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

Following confirmation from officials at the recent North East Ward meeting that a Yellow Box would be painted on Silversprings Lane at its junction with Silversprings Court, can the Chief Executive please give Council a clear indication of when this work will be carried out. Lives are being risked on a daily basis at this junction and it is imperative that officials, having decided that the Yellow Box is warranted, proceed to complete the work without further delay.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

## **REPLY**

A yellow box to facilitate those turning right from Silvercourt onto the North Ring Road (R635) is scheduled to be undertaken as part of the current lining works programme. Subject to approval from An Garda Síochána as well as favourable weather conditions, this work will be undertaken on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

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

### 9. **PARTY WHIPS - 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

### 9.1 **NAMING OF AN EXISTING UNNAMED ROAD AS SIDNEY DRIVE AND UNNAMED STEPS AS SIDNEY STEPS**

An Chomhairle considered the above item and agreed to refer to Roads & Transportation Functional Committee.

### 10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

#### 10.1 **REPORTS CONSIDERED**

#### 10.1.1 **CORK ROAD SAFETY PLAN 2016/2020 (ROAD SAFETY WORKING TOGETHER GROUP)**

An Chomhairle noted and endorsed the report of the Director of Services on Cork Road Safety Plan 2016/2020 (Road Safety Working Together Group) dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

#### 10.1.2 **CORK CYCLE NETWORK PLAN.**

An Chomhairle noted and endorsed the report of the Director of Services on Cork Cycle Network Plan dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

### 11. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Policy, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016.



11.1 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA GRANT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the updated report of the Director of Services dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2016 in relation to the Architectural Conservation Area Grant Scheme.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle approved the three applications requiring further information pending the receipt of satisfactory further information and that An Chomhairle would be notified when these grants were paid.

11.2 **BUILDING IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR GRANT SCHEMES 2016 – CITY CENTRE BUILDING FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2016 & REGENERATION AREA BUILDING IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME 2016**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016 and addendum in relation to the Building Improvement & Repair Grant Schemes 2016 – City Centre Building Facade Improvement Grant Scheme 2016 & Regeneration Area Building Improvement Grant Scheme 2016 and the addendum to Grant Recommendations.

11.3 **ADDITIONS TO THE RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2016 in relation to the Additions to the Record of Protected Structures and that structures listed in Table 1 to be added to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with the recommendations of the Director of Services (including the combining into a single entry of nos. 2 and 3, but excluding the railway shed).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2016 in relation to the Additions to the Record of Protected Structures and further approved that structures listed in Table 1 to be added to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with the recommendations of the Director of Services (including the combining into a single entry of nos. 2 and 3, but excluding the railway shed).

11.4 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT MARCH 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in relation to the CASP Policy Committee Report March 2016.

11.5 **COVENANT OF MAYORS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 in relation to the Covenant of Mayors and on the Proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT Cork City Council would become a signatory to the Covenant of Mayors”.

12. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

12.1 **REPORT ON IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016, in relation to Ireland's Ancient East.

12.2 **CORK AIRPORT PASSENGER NUMBER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016, in relation to passenger numbers at Cork Airport.

13. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

13.1 **ARTS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motions coming forward from the Arts Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

- a) The Arts Committee propose that a five year strategy be developed for St. Peters with funding allocated on an annual basis for management and programming of same.
- b) The Arts Committee propose that the 1916/2016 Working Group not be disbanded but continued to prepare a plan to commemorate the birth of the nation, and that elected members be nominated to same.

13.2 **ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of A/Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 on Updated 2016 St. Peters Church Programme 2016.

13.3 **IRELANDS ANCIENT EAST – CAPITAL INVESTMENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 on Irelands Ancient East – Capital Investment Scheme.

#### 13.4 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Deputy Chief Executive dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and Disposal Notice on the following disposal:-

Disposal of the freehold interest in the premises known as No.1, Lapp's Quay and No. 16, Parnell Place, (the former Cork Savings Bank), Cork to University College Cork, c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors of No.2, Park Place, City Gate Park, Mahon Point, Cork for the sum of €1,425,000.00 exclusive of VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was taken on the disposal of the freehold interest in the premises known as No.1, Lapp's Quay and No. 16, Parnell Place, (the former Cork Savings Bank), Cork to University College Cork where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, T. Gould, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney (23)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, M. O'Sullivan, P. Dineen (4)

As those voting in favour of the disposal was greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried, and disposal approved.

#### 13.5 **CORK AIRPORT PASSENGER NUMBERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, on Cork Airport Passenger Numbers.

#### 13.6 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the A/Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

##### 13.6.1 **ERECT AN EXTRA STAND ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2017 AND ONWARDS**

'We propose that Cork City Council would erect an extra stand on St. Patrick's Day 2017 and onwards for children & families from right across Cork who otherwise would find it difficult to come in and watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We believe Cork City Hospitals Children Club is in a unique position to administrate this request as they work with a cross representation of children and families all across Cork City & County, thus we request that they would be the body to administrate who sits in the stand on St. Patrick's Day for the parade.'

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. H. Cremin 16/128)

The report of the A/Director of Services dated 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016 stated that this proposal will be taken into consideration in 2017 but will be dependent on available budget.

13.6.2 **REPLACE ROOF OF ENGLISH MARKET AND CORK CITY LIBRARY WITH SOLAR PANELS**

‘That Cork City Council would take inspiration from leading companies such as Google, Apple, Mars, Ikea and in particular Sainsbury’s Stores who have installed 135.500 PV panels across their stores in the UK, USA and Europe. We would look to do the same with our English Market and Cork City Library by replacing the roof in solar panels. This would not only reduce Cork City carbon foot print also allowing the energy to be sold back to main grid and help minimise energy cost for the City.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/169)

The report of the A/Director of Services dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 stated that regarding the front section of the central library roof, as the natural lighting of the top floor of the library relies almost entirely on a series of linear rooflights taking up most of the roof area, it would not be practical to accommodate PV panels on this roof.

Further to the conclusion of a programme of emergency repair and opening up works for the roof of the English Market, detailed surveys are now being undertaken to inform the next phase of the design strategy for the roof. In any new design, emphasis will be placed on investigating how best any new roof achieves the highest standards possible in terms of thermal efficiency, energy performance and production, through the provision of PV panels etc, for a building of this type and size. Consideration will also be given to rain water harvesting and other energy and cost saving measures to help ease the operational costs of the building for the Council and traders but to also highlight the importance of incorporating “Green” design principles in this important public building.

13.6.3 **SECURE ROOF OF THE OLD BUTTER EXCHANGE SHANDON**

‘That a rescue plan be put in place to secure the roof of the old Butter Exchange in Shandon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 16/176)

The report of the A/Director of Services dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 stated that an internal Working Group has been established to avail of funding opportunities that may exist under Ireland’s Ancient East. Plans will be advanced in conjunction with Failte Ireland. This is likely to happen over the coming months and we will keep Council updated regarding same.

13.6.4 **RESTORE SPOTLIGHTS ON ST. ANNE’S CHURCH**

‘That the spotlights on St Anne’s Church Shandon be restored. The historic building was once lit up to great effect in the early evenings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 16/177)

The report of the A/Director of Services dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 stated that the Environment & Recreation Directorate have advised that there is no provision in the 2016 budget to restore the spotlights on St. Anne’s Church in Shandon.

13.6.5 **PROVIDE PREMISES OR LAND FOR CORK CITY MISSING PERSONS, SEARCH & RECOVERY GROUP AND THE ATLANTIC DIVERS ORGANISATION**

‘Considering the enormous and invaluable role that the Cork City Missing Persons, Search & Recovery group and The Atlantic Divers Organisation have both played in assisting the authorities in the search for missing persons, I request that Cork City Council meet with these groups jointly with a view to providing a premises or land for these voluntary, non-profit making organisations to store boats and other equipment which would be in relatively close proximity to, and accessible to the river Lee. This facility could also be used as a hub for other voluntary and statutory organisations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 16/008)

The report of the A/Director of Services dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 stated that Staff in the Environment, Recreation and Amenity Directorate are presently working on a proposal that may be able to incorporate a base to facilitate Cork City Missing Persons, Search & Recovery Group and The Atlantic Divers Organisation.

They aim to work with these groups over the coming months to assess the viability and feasibility of this proposal. However any proposal will be subject to the availability of funding.

I will keep the members informed of progress and a further report will issue in due course.

13.6.6 **CORK’S PRESENCE ON THE NEW IRELAND’S ANCIENT EAST WEBSITE**

‘That the City Council liaise with Failte Ireland with regard to maximising Cork's presence on the new Ireland's Ancient East website.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 16/197)

The report of the A/Director of Services dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 stated that Members are advised by my report included in this Agenda, that Irelands Ancient East was formally launched in April. This follows on the launch of the Collective Tourism strategy in January, following a detailed process driven by Cork City Council, Cork County Council and Fáilte Ireland, which included substantial engagement with industry interests and other stakeholders.

It is our intention to liaise closely with Fáilte Ireland, and indeed with the broader range of stakeholders to ensure that Cork benefits to the optimum level from Fáilte Ireland investment in terms of capital spend and marketing. I will keep An Chomhairle informed of developments.

14. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee and considered the following recommendations from its meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

14.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

14.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of May 2016.

14.2.1 **PROVIDE QUARTERLY UPDATES IN RELATION TO LEGAL ACTIONS INITIATED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Law Agent, dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and subsequently approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council members be provided with quarterly updates in relation to legal actions initiated by City Council officials- such updates to include an estimates of likely legal costs, the Solicitors and barristers retained by Council officials. In addition Council members should be provided with a summary of judgments to cases which result in costs having to be borne by Council (public funds).’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/159)

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

16. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

There were no conference/seminar summaries to note.

17. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

18. **TRAINING**

None received.

19. **MOTIONS**

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

19.1 **TAKE IN CHARGE MARKET GARDENS ON THE TOGHER ROAD**

‘That City Council would accelerate the process of taking in charge [ Fully ] Market Gardens on the Togher Road as this can be a huge obstacle for Cllrs. when trying to get various types of works carried out in this estate because the reasons given to us is that it has not been taken in charge.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/163)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise  
Functional Committee**

19.2 **'GREEN' FILTER ARROW ON THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS FROM MCCURTAIN STREET AND UP TO SUMMERHILL**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a “Green” filter arrow on the Traffic Lights which would safely filter traffic turning left from McCurtain Street and up Summerhill towards St Lukes Cross, independent of the traffic going straight on down Lower Glanmire Road and traffic turning right down Brian Boru Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/181)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.3 **STOP SIGN AT JUNCTION WHICH EXITS THE STEEPLES**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a Sign advising motorists to stop and be aware of pedestrians crossing this junction which exits “The Steeples” at the side of Our Lady Crowned Church on to the North Ring Road. At times, due to the high walls at either side of this junction, children could be at risk while crossing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/182)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.4 **FLOODING PROBLEM AT NO.2 ALBERT ROAD**

‘That City Council would solve the flooding problem that the resident living in no.2 Albert Rd is experiencing since there was road works carried out on the roadway / footpath recently. The roadway is now level with the footpath and anytime it rains heavily the resident has huge problems with floodwater entering his property. This footpath / kerbing has to be reinstated properly in order to prevent this.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/193)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.5 **ASSESS ROAD MARKINGS ON NORTH GATE BRIDGE**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the Road Markings on the North Gate Bridge and surrounding approach roads with a view to re-painting same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/203)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.6 **PRUNE THE TREES AND HEDGES ON THE BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council prune the trees and hedges overhanging the footpath on the Ballyhooley Road between Gordon’s Hill and the North Ring Road intersection.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 16/204)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

19.7 **GROWTH OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

‘That Cork City Council would attempt to address the increased growth of Japanese Knotweed in the ArdPatrick Estate, Rathmore Rd and Popes Rd area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/205)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

19.8 **MULTI-AGENCY TASK FORCE IN MAYFIELD**

‘I call on the Council to set up a multi agency task force in Mayfield including Garda Síochána, Health Service Executive, and Cork City Council, along with youth and social workers, and other community groups and clubs to address the social problems in the greater Mayfield area. With effective organisation and funding, this task force could provide a new opportunity to transform the social environment of the Mayfield area to create a vibrant and positive neighborhood.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/208)

**Joint Policing Committee**

19.9 **STATUS OF TAKING IN CHARGE ESTATES IN NORTH WEST WARD**

‘To ask Council for an update on the current status of taking in charge estates in the north west ward and what is the expected timeframe for each estates completion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/209)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise  
Functional Committee**



19.10 **UPGRADE OF BELGRAVE PLACE, WELLINGTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a complete upgrade of Belgrave Place Wellington Road in view of its connection to the late former Lord Mayor Terence Mac Swiney. The upgrade should include reinstatement and restoration of the antique railings fronting onto Wellington Road and the complete removal of overgrown shrubbery that is undermining the railings and acting as cover for anti social behavior.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/210)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

19.11 **BLOCK OFF OVERGROWN LAND TO THE SOUTH OF LAGAN GROVE, MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council would in consultation with Mayfield East Community Association block off the overgrown land to the south of Lagan Grove, Mayfield and convert it for use as allotments for local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/211)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

19.12 **CCTV ON ST. MICHAEL’S DRIVE, MAHON**

‘That Cork City Council put in place CCTV cameras and/or other suitable measures to combat the increasing amount of litter that builds up regularly along St. Michael's Drive, Mahon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/213)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

19.13 **HOUSING ADAPTATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY**

‘That the housing department report on the following in relation to housing adaptations for people with a disability:

The current number of applicants waiting for a housing adaptation? How many of these are priority 1? What funding has become available during 2016 and what impact will this funding have on the waiting list?

Is there an estimated figure on how much it would take to clear the waiting list?

Has there been any indication of what funding may be available next year?’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/214)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

19.14 **UNDERTAKE WORK IN WILTON AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake the following work in Wilton Ave (with particular attention to the Cul de Sac adjacent to the pedestrian entrance to the CUH campus):

- Reinststate the double yellow lines that are currently or were previously in place
- Enforce current parking regulations
- Assess and repair footpaths’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/215)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.15 **CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE ALONG THE N40**

‘That Cork City Council would outline the terms and conditions of the contract for maintenance along the N40 with particular reference to the locations from the Sarsfield Road Flyover to the Bandon Road Flyover and the approaches to the city via Bishopstown, that the report would also contain detail on planting that has taken place at these locations, the current status of the planting scheme and planned maintenance, if there has been full compliance with the maintenance contract and the mechanism for dealing with breaches of the contract.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/216)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.16 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL SCHEME, CLARKES ROAD**

‘That upper Clarkes Road be added to the footpath renewal scheme’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 16/217)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

19.17 **SURVEY GREEN AREAS AT MULBERRY ESTATE, COMMONS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will survey green areas within and adjacent to Mulberry estate, Commons rd, including between No's 7 & 8, to determine the best options in enhancing community safety in the area.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 16/218)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

19.18 **HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES THROUGH HOUSING ESTATES IN FAIRHILL AND FARRANREE**

‘That Cork City Council will further report on work done to date by the Roads Directorate quantifying the use of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) of the road network through housing estates in the Fairhill & Farranree areas including what measures have been identified to address this issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/219)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20 **MOTIONS**

20.1 **CITY CORONER’S TOXICOLOGY EXAMINATIONS**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to allow Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn to be present:-

‘That Cork City Council requisitions all City Coroner’s Toxicology examinations to include testing for the presence of, but not limited to, the following: anxiolytics and hypnotics, drugs used in psychosis and related disorders, antidepressant drugs and CNS (Central Nervous System) stimulants.

Coroners should also be required to keep a database, of the incidents and the drugs they find.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/192)

20.2 **COMMUNITY GARDA POLICING UNIT IN MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the Government, Minister for Justice and senior Gardaí to immediately reinstate the community Garda policing unit in the greater Mayfield area, and for this unit to be fully equipped and resourced so as to urgently address the needs of the greater Mayfield area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/207)

20.3 **DEMOCRATIC WISHES OF THE NORTHERN IRISH PEOPLE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council, noting the outcome of the UK Referendum on membership of the European Union, recognises:

- The huge progress that has been made since the Good Friday Agreement in removing barriers between communities North and South and improving island-wide co-operation and integration.
- That a majority of voters in the North of Ireland voted to remain within the European Union
- That a new EU border in Ireland would be disruptive for trade, damaging for the economy and services North and South; and cause hardship for businesses, communities, farmers and workers, particularly in the border region.

Calls on the Irish Government to:

- Work with the Northern executive to ensure that the democratic wishes of the people of the North of Ireland to remain within the EU is respected and facilitated.
- Ensure that an island-wide solution is found that ensures that the interests Of communities, workers and employers North and South, as well as the achievements of the Peace Process are safeguarded.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 16/212)

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

### **MERCY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle approved the Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the potential downgrade of Accident & Emergency/Trauma Unit of Mercy University Hospital.

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer and Comhairleoir F. Kerins declared their interest in the above discussion and subsequently withdrew from the meeting.

Following discussion An Chomhairle agreed to the following motion:-

“That Cork City Council call on the Minister for Health to assure the status of the Accident and Emergency Department, Mercy University Hospital, Cork”

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Tynan, Cllr. J. Sheehan)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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