

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2019

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| PRESENT | ArdMhéara Comhairleoir J. Sheehan |
| NORTH EAST | Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane. |
| NORTH WEST | Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, T. Gould, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan. |
| SOUTH EAST | Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde. |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins. |
| SOUTH WEST | Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, H. Cremin. |
| ALSO PRESENT | Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Ms. C. Kelly, Meetings Administrator. Ms. K. Fitzgerald, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing. Ms V. O’Sullivan, Director of Operations. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance Department. Mr T. Duggan, City Architect Ms A. Murnane, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. |

An tArdMhéara recited the opening prayer.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir H. Cremin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a vote was called for the approval to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would support the request from the Border Communities Against Brexit to light up the City Hall in yellow (colours of the B.C.A.B) on the 16th of October which is the eve of the meeting of the European Council to

discuss whether Britain will leave the European Union with or without an agreement.’

(Proposers: Comhairleoirí H. Cremin, F. Kerins 19/412)

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane, ArdMhéara J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, L. Bogue, K. McCarthy, D. Forde, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, D. Canty, C. Finn, G. Kelleher, H. Cremin (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Kavanagh, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, D. Boyle, S. Martin, F. Dennehy, C. Kelleher (8)

As those voting for the proposed suspension of standing orders were greater than those voting against, an tArdMhéara declared the vote carried and agreed to discuss this motion at the end of the meeting.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The McCarthy family on the death of Pat McCarthy.
- The McCarthy family on the death of Helen McCarthy.
- The Hodnett family on the death of Frank Hodnett.
- The Higgins family on the death of David Higgins.
- The Hourihan family on the death of Timothy Hourihan.
- The Glavin family on the death of Nancy Glavin.

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

- Cork City Council staff for the Strategic Placement of Dog Fouling Bins pilot scheme in Mayfield.
- Ballincollig Tidy Towns on winning their 8th Gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns.
- Scoil Eoin on achieving their 8th Green Flag.
- Ger Looney for the Cork City Hospitals Children’s Club on a successful trip to Disneyland Paris.
- Pat Talbot and Marion Wyatt on a successful production of Dockers and the opening up of Fr. Matthew Hall to Cork theatre audiences.
- St. Finbarr’s U-16 hurling team on winning the County Championship.
- SARS Senior Camogie Team on winning the County Championship.
- The Lord Mayor and the delegation which included UCC President Pat O’Shea, CIT Deputy President Áine Ní Shé, CETB Chief Executive Denis Leamy, Denis Barrett CETB and Cork City Council Director of Service Adrienne Rodgers at UNESCO City of Learning Conference in Columbia and all associated with the selection by UNESCO as one of the lead cities in a global network focussing on health and wellbeing in cities.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **REMINDER TO EMAIL REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE TO CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

An tArdMhéara reminded An Chomhairle to send requests for attendance to conferences and seminars to motions@corkcity.ie to be included in the Agenda for forthcoming meetings.

3.2 **2019 CHINA INTERNATIONAL IMPORT EXPO SISTER CITIES COOPERATION FORUM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of An tArdMhéara J. Sheehan and Comhairleoir D. Canty at the 2019 CIIE Sister Cities Cooperation Forum in Shanghai from 3rd November 2019.

3.3 **COMMEMORATION STEERING GROUP**

An tArdMhéara requested An Chomhairle to support the creation of a cross party Commemoration Steering Group for the lifetime of the current Council.

The structure of the group was approved by Party Whips to consist of three members from Fianna Fail, three from Fine Gael, two from Sinn Fein, two from Green Party and three from Independent/individual members.

An Chomhairle considered the following nominations to the Commemoration Steering Group:-

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the nominations of Comhairleoir S. Martin, Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald and Comhairleoir T. Shannon to the Commemoration Steering Group.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the nominations of Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, Comhairleoir D. Boylan and Comhairleoir G. Kelleher to the Commemoration Steering Group

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle approved the nominations of Comhairleoir D. Boyle and Comhairleoir J. Maher to the Commemoration Steering Group.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle approved the nominations of Comhairleoir K. Collins and Comhairleoir H. Cremin to the Commemoration Steering Group.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy to the Commemoration Steering Group.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle agreed to defer the nominations of the two remaining members to Party Whips.

3.4 **WELCOME TO UCC STUDENTS**

An tArdMhéara welcomed MBA Students from University College Cork in attendance in the Public Gallery.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **ROUGH SLEEPING**

An Chomhairle noted the verbal report of Mr B. Geaney, Director of Housing, on the situation of Rough Sleeping and the initiatives in place.

The executive joined An Chomhairle in the extension of their sympathies to the family of Timothy Hourihan.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 9th September 2019.

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

- Ordinary Meeting (LPT) of An Chomhairle held 26th September 2019, subject to the following amendment:-

“ Comhairleoir D. Boyle dissented to the lack of discussion following the Chief Executive's report.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 30th September 2019

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN FOR CITY COUNCIL**

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

Could the Chief Executive please produce an air quality action plan for City Council?

(Comhairleoir. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

An air quality action plan is currently being drawn up and it is envisaged that the plan will be finalised in early 2020. The action plan will include current and future proposals for the monitoring and reporting of air quality throughout the City.

The following activities will form an integral part of the action plan:

Currently, air monitoring is ongoing at two no. locations in Cork City. One is representative of an urban residential background (Heatherton Park, South Douglas Road) and the other is a monitoring station where the effect of traffic is measured (South Link Road, entrance gate to Tramore Valley Park). The monitoring data is hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency on their website (<https://www.epa.ie/air/quality/data/>).

In keeping with EU and national regulations, Cork City Council is also working with the EPA to assess a suitable location for a roadside reference monitoring unit to measure nitrous oxides (NOx) associated with car exhaust emissions. A trial survey of NOx emissions has been ongoing in the city for over 18 months and is due to conclude in December 2019. The results of the trial will inform the EPA and the City Council on the most suitable location for the NOx monitoring unit.

In addition to the above, City Council air monitoring staff are working in conjunction with UCC's Centre for Research into Atmospheric Chemistry to assess the usability and adaptability of low-cost sensors for measuring airborne particulate matter, specifically Particulate Matter 2.5 microns (PM 2.5). This trial is due to conclude in late 2019. Cork City Council air monitoring staff will then assess the feasibility of deploying the PM 2.5 sensors at several locations across the city.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.2 **ROAD SURFACE MACCURTAIN STREET TO CLAYTON SILVERSPRINGS**

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

Given the extensive pipe laying works on the Lower Glanmire Road in recent months, can the CE please confirm exactly when the road surface extending from MacCurtain Street out to Clayton Silversprings Hotel will be fully resurfaced as originally planned?

(Comhairleoir. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

The Lower Glanmire Road resurfacing contract is scheduled to be fully complete by the end of October 2019 subject to favourable weather conditions in the intervening period.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.3 **DOG WASTE BINS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan was deferred to the next meeting of An Comhairle to be held on Monday 11th November 2019.

To ask the Chief Executive:

- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there were in Cork City in 2015;
- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there were in Cork City in 2016;
- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there were in Cork City in 2017;
- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there were in Cork City in 2018; and
- how many public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers there are in Cork City at present (to include details of how many of those public bins, dog waste bins and dog litter bag dispensers are located in the area which has recently become part of the City as a result of the boundary extension).

(Comhairleoir. Shane O’Callaghan)

REPLY

Deferred to the next meeting of An Comhairle to be held on Monday 11th November 2019.

6.4 **BLACKROCK/MAHON LIBRARY**

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

I would like to place this question for the next council meeting: That council clarify the status of the proposed library for the Blackrock/Mahon area. What is the current standing of this project and what are council plans and timeline to further the project to completion?

(Comhairleoir. Deirdre Forde)

REPLY

The provision of a library was included in the Mahon Local Area Plan 2014. Cork City Council Staff from Planning Policy, Property, Libraries and Community visited the area on 2nd August 2019 to review potential sites for consideration.

A follow up meeting of this group will take place on 20th September 2019 to discuss options available based on a mapping of the lands in Mahon to identify those lands that are privately or publicly owned at this point in time and explore the position further with a view to engaging with the local communities to agree a way forward.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking.

6.5 **PARKING FINES & TRAFFIC WARDENS**

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

Can the CE give the most recent data on the number of parking fines that have been issued by Traffic wardens for parking in a cycle lane or on double yellow lines in Cork City on an annual basis? In particular what is the data with regard to the city area covered by the rent a bike scheme?

How many traffic wardens are employed by Cork City Council and how many posts are vacant?

(Comhairleoir. Colette Finn)

REPLY

Parking in cycle lanes is not specifically defined as an offence in the current byelaws. The offence for a parking fine of this type is “Parking a vehicle in a manner in which will interfere with normal flow of traffic or which obstructs or endangers other traffic”. In the period of January 2019-August 2019 174 fines were issued for vehicles parked on a cycle lane and 1,108 fines were issued for vehicles parked on double yellow lines.

There is no provision in the reporting system to extract fines issued in the city area covered by the rent a bike scheme.

Currently there are 16 Traffic Wardens and 2 Supervisors employed by Cork City Council and there are no vacancies.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.6 **GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for estimates of greenhouse gas emissions by sector (Transport, Housing, Agriculture, etc.) in the city of Cork and current policy efforts of Cork City Council to reduce these in each sector.

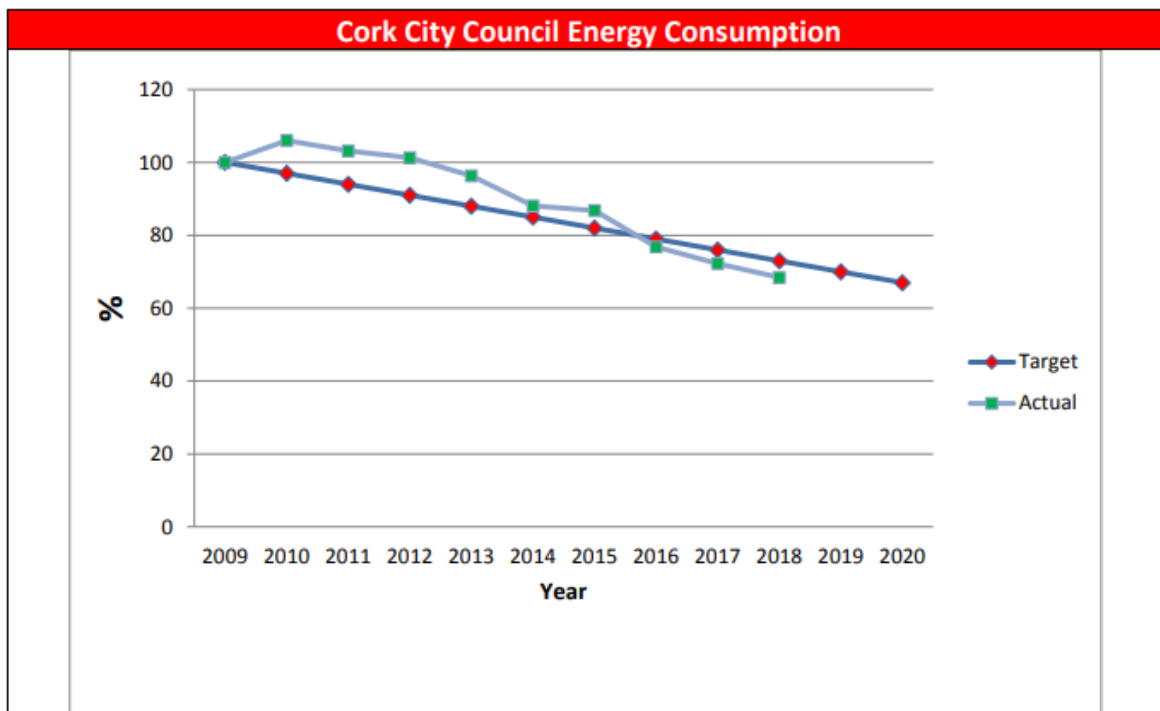
(Comhairleoir. Oliver Moran)

REPLY

The emissions per sector for Cork City and County are set out in the table below. These figures are provided by Energy Cork, which is an industry led cluster of energy related businesses and organisations that is supported by Cork City Council and Cork County Council. These are the most recent figures available disaggregated at a municipal level and are pre-Cork City’s boundary extension in May 2019.

| Cork Energy Master Plan (City & County) – 2016 Emissions | | |
|--|---|---|
| Sector/User Group | CO ₂ Emissions (kt) 2016 Cork City | CO ₂ Emissions (kt) 2016 Cork County |
| Residential | 312.9 | 1078 |
| Non-Residential | 329.6 | 1,103.4 |
| Municipal & Local Authority | 20.4 | 40.0 |
| Fisheries & Agriculture | 0 | 122.5 |
| Transport | 197.9 | 791.4 |
| TOTALS | 860.8 kt (= 0.8608 Mt) | 3,135 kt |

Cork City Council has made significant progress in reducing energy consumption over recent years to reduce energy consumption as set out below.



It is understood that Cork City Council will be requested to prepare a Climate Change Mitigation Strategy, which will set out how the Council will continue to reduce energy consumption and emissions.

Reduction in emissions of residents, transport, industry and other sectors will require each sector to prepare a mitigation strategy, led by the agency or Government department with responsibility for that sector. To support this, Energy Cork, working with the EPA

and other agencies prepared a Cork Energy Masterplan. This sets out key actions to help a broad range of sectors in Cork City and County reduce emissions.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Strategic & Economic Development

6.7 **FIRE SERVICE CAPACITY – HIGH RISE BUILDINGS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if she is satisfied that the Council's Fire Service has sufficient capacity to deal with fires occurring within high rise buildings, given proposals to construct an increasing number of such buildings in the city of additional size, and what measures are being taken to increase such capacity?

(Comhairleoir. Dan Boyle)

REPLY

Cork City Fire and Building Control Department are dealing with a number of applications for tall buildings under the Building regulations legislation.

There are specific guidelines on what would be termed high rise buildings. For firefighting purposes, a high-rise building is defined as a building containing floors at such a height or position that the deployment of external firefighting equipment and rescue operations may not be feasible.

In Ireland the Building Regulations require all buildings over 18m in height to make provisions for firefighting and search rescue and evacuation. These buildings are designed with built in fire compartments to impede fire spread and have inherent firefighting facilities to aid the Fire Department in firefighting. Fire safety management of these buildings and interaction with the Fire Department in pre incident planning is a critical component of their safety.

Cork City Fire Department has always adapted in line with the development of the City. We endeavour to ensure our fire-fighters are trained in the most up to date international best practices have the latest in personal protective equipment and avail of the latest technology and guidance.

Cork City Council is planning a recruitment campaign which is to commence this quarter, and this will ensure we have a full complement of fire personnel. The Department of Environment runs a Fire Service Capital Programme and we have made a number of applications for funding for new appliances and equipment.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking.

6.8

PUBLIC TOILETS ON GRAND PARADE

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

Can the CE report on the public toilets on the Grand Parade which have been out of use for some time? Are alternative facilities being looked that can cater for locals & tourists alike?

(Comhairleoir. Fiona Kerins)

REPLY

The public toilets at Grand Parade are at their end of life, arising from mechanical wear and tear since their opening in 2008, as well as several instances of vandalism and protracted periods of being out-of-order, which had been occurring more and more frequently. The satisfactory sourcing of new parts has proven unsuccessful to date.

Cork City Council is aware that the level and standard of service provided within the public toilets at the Grand Parade had begun to fall short of what Cork City Council, and members of the public, should expect from such a facility and hence, took the decision to close them.

Full replacement of the facility has been considered but would be extremely costly and is not currently provided for within the Council's budget. In addition, any investment in reopening the toilets must be based on the actual level of demand for such a facility from the general public. Considering that the toilets had been experiencing increase levels of anti-social behaviour in recent years, it is the Council's understanding that actual public demand for the facility had waned. Thus, in the absence of significant public demand, there is no immediate justification for the significant investment required to reopen the toilets. Cork City Council will continue to monitor this situation.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.9 **PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS – MATHEW HILL, COLLKELLURE, MANOR FARM**

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

Can the planning department officials compare what was in the original planning applications for the following developments – Matthew Hill, Coolkellure, Manor Farm – and what works were left uncompleted by the developers, ie. Play area's for children / lack of speed ramps / Lights not working / proper footpaths.

As all this work will be the responsibility of City Council when we take them in charge so would it not be in our interest and particularly in the interest of the residents of these estates that this work be completed now.

(Comhairleoir. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

A comparison exercise has commenced between works granted permission and the reality on the ground for Cork County Council granted planning permissions for developments: - Matthew Hill, Coolkellure and Manor Farm. Works uncompleted will be reviewed. Cork City Council has entered into discussions with a representative of the original developer in terms of the necessary steps to bring the estate up to taking in charge standard. A recommendation to take the estate in charge cannot be made until all outstanding works are completed. Note that the developer is responsible for maintenance of the estate until such time as the estate is taken in charge.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking.

6.10 **NORTH WEST REGIONAL PARK**

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

Can the CE update on progress re the North-West Regional Park/Active Recreation area off Kilmore Road, Knocknaheeny?

(Comhairleoir. Kenneth Collins)

REPLY

It is intended to engage landscape consultants during Q 4 2019 (resources permitting) to prepare draft proposals for the park for consultation with NW Ward Members and the local community.

Valerie O' Sullivan
Director of Operations

6.11 **EVENT CENTRE**

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

Can the CE detail the current situation regarding “funding certainty” and planning for the Event Centre and outline any new timeline for its realisation, and can a monthly update be given under CE items given the public interest in and appetite for the project?

(Comhairleoir. Mick Finn)

REPLY

Planning permission was granted for the Event Centre 10th October 2019

The recent announcement by government indicating that it has agreed to allocate the “necessary funding within spending ceilings” to allow the City Council enter final contractual arrangements with BAM and Live Nation is welcome. The Council is now initiating detailed discussions in relation to the terms and conditions and other contractual matters in the context of the ongoing process.

Further updates will be provided as these negotiations progress in so far as the process will allow.

John Hallahan,
Head of Finance

6.12

DOUGLAS LIBRARY

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

To ask the CE about work to restore Douglas Library in a temporary premises and work ongoing to save the book stock?

(Comhairleoir Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Douglas Library suffered considerable damage as a result of the recent fire in Douglas Village Shopping Centre. Since the fire, Council officials have been working to try and restore a library service to the community in Douglas and environs, as quickly as possible.

The Council proposes to provide a pop-up library facility initially on a three days per week basis, in a suitable location in Douglas. I expect that this will commence early in November 2019. Discussions are continuing with the owners of the premises involved and I hope that these will be concluded in a satisfactory manner in the very near future.

The Council is also making progress in restoring a full library service in Douglas on an interim basis. This would be in a smaller location than the Library damaged by the fire, but would be on the basis of a 5-day, 40 hours per week service. It is expected that there would be some refurbishment to be carried out to enable this interim solution, and Council officials are urgently progressing this matter. Refurbishment is likely to take a number of months, but I would hope to have more detailed information for Comhairleoirí in the near future.

As Douglas Library was a lending facility, like other local libraries, one third approximately of the stock was in circulation outside of the premises at the time of the fire, and this stock will be available to initiate the resumption of service in Douglas. The

Council is in discussions with the relevant government department to secure funding for additional stock, and is hopeful of a positive outcome.

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

7. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: MONASTERY ROAD, ROCHESTOWN CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 19th September 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 2, Abbotswood, Monastery Road, Rochestown, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, 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 €296,700 be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 2 Abbotswood Mews, Monastery Road, Rochestown, Cork”.

8. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: MOUNT OVAL VILLAGE, ROCHESTOWN, CORK – CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 19th September 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 35 Granary Hall, Mount Oval Village, Rochestown, Cork.

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

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €209,000 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 2 bed apartment at 35 Granary Hall, Mount Oval Village, Rochestown, Cork”.

9. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION:18, HANOVER MEWS, CORK – FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 19th September 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 18, Hanover Mews, Hanover Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €213,900 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 2 bed apartment at 18 Hanover Mews, Hanover Street, Cork”.

10. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: 19, HANOVER MEWS, CORK FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Housing dated 19th September 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 19, Hanover Mews, Hanover Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, 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 €217,250 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 2 bedroom apartment at 19 Hanover Mews, Hanover Street, Cork”.

11. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: LEE ROAD, CORK – FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report Director of Housing dated 19th September 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 3 Lee Vista, Lee Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boylan, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, 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 €204,100 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 2 bed apartment at 3 Lee Vista, Lee Road, Cork”.

12. **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME ACQUISITION: EDEL HOUSE, GRATTAN STREET, CORK – GOOD SHEPHERD CORK CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report Director of Housing dated 19th September 2019 in relation to a loan facility for Good Shepherd Cork CLG in respect of the provision and refurbishment of accommodation at Edel House, Grattan Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €7,537,428.70 (previously approved €5,595,568.50) be granted to Good Shepherd Cork CLG subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme in respect of the provision and refurbishment of accommodation at Edel House, Grattan Street, Cork”.

13. **COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE GRANTS SCHEME 2019**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Operations Directorate dated 12th September 2019, on the Community Maintenance Grants Scheme 2019.

14. **SWITCH ON OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2019**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 10th October 2019, on the proposed holding of an event by Cork City Council under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Planning and Development Regulations 2001. The event is the Switch On Of The Christmas Lights 2019.

15. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from the meetings held on

- Ordinary Meeting of 17th September 2019
- Special Meeting of 23rd September 2019
- Ordinary Meeting of 7th October 2019

15.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 31st AUGUST 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st August 2019.

15.2 **CORK CITY COUNCIL’S BANK OVERDRAFT FACILITY Y/E DECEMBER 2020**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution after considering the report of the Head of Finance, dated 1st October 2019, on the Bank Overdraft Facility Y/E December 2020.

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €25m (twenty-five million euro) for the twelve-month period to 31st December 2020”.

16. **PARTY WHIPS AND PARTY LEADERS – 30th SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Party Whips and Party Leaders from its meeting held 30th September 2019.

17. **INTERIM ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY - COMMITTEE – 16th SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Interim Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 16th September 2019.

18. **INTERIM COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 16th SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Interim Community, Culture and Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 16th September 2019.

19. **INTERIM INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 16th SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Interim International Relations and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 16th September 2019.

20. **FINANCE AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance and Estimates Committee from its meetings held 3rd September 2019 and 4th September 2019.

21. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting of 23rd September 2019.

22. **SOUTH-CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the South-Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held 23rd September 2019.

23. **SOUTH-WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the South-West Local Area Committee from its meeting held 23rd September 2019.

24. **NORTH-EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the North-East Local Area Committee from its meeting held 23rd September 2019.

25. **NORTH-WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the North-West Local Area Committee from its meeting held 23rd September 2019.

26. **SOUTH-EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the South-East Local Area Committee, from its meeting held 24th September 2019.

27. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter to Mr. T. Barry, Oversight Committee, dated 6th September, 2019.
- Letter from Sligo County Council dated 10th September, 2019.
- Letter from Department of Public Expenditure and Reform dated 16th September, 2019.
- Letter to Mr. T. Barry, Oversight Committee, dated 4th October, 2019.
- Email from Wicklow County Council dated 7th October, 2019.
- Letter from Sligo County Council dated 9th October, 2019..

28. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None Received.

29. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at Conferences/Seminars as follows:-

- Comhairleoirí S. Martin, D. Cahill and D. Boyle to attend Audit Training in Dublin, 27th October 2019.
- Comhairleoir D. Canty to attend Irish Plastic Waste Conference in O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork from 25th – 27th October 2019.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin to attend IPB Training in Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, 24th October 2019.

30. **PLAN MAKING – BEST PRACTICE AND EMERGING TRENDS CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the Plan Making – Best Practice and Emerging Trends Conference held at the Grand Hotel, Malahide on the 4th October 2019.

31. **ICSH BIENNIAL NATIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING CONFERENCE 2019**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the ICSH Biennial National Social Housing Conference 2019 held at the Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford from the 10th to 11th October 2019.

32. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance at the following Training:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG – The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk on the 12th October 2019.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the LAMA 2019 Autumn Training Seminar held at the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 17th, 18th, 19th October 2019.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 8 p.m.

33. **CHIEF EXECUTIVES MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's monthly management report for August 2019.

34. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle considered and 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.

35. **MOTIONS**

35.1 **FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CYCLE LINK FROM GRANGE ROAD TO TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council recommend to the National Transport Authority and to Transport Infrastructure Ireland that the planned pedestrian and cycle link from the Grange Road through the Vernon Mount Valley and over the South Ring Road to Tramore Valley Park be given priority in terms of funding to proceed to tender and construction in 2020 and 2021.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir. S. O'Callaghan 19/391)

35.2 **ACCESS TO DISABLED PARKING SPOTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to the Minister for Transport to ask that a review of legislation governing access to disabled parking spots via designated lanes take place as soon as possible. An example of issues with current legislation being access to disabled parking spots on Patrick Street.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir. L. Bogue 19/416)

35.3 **REVERSE CUTS TO REHABILITATIVE TRAINING ALLOWANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports #AllowUsLearn campaign to reverse cuts to the rehabilitative training allowance for people with disabilities returning to education and call on the government to reverse same.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir. T. Gould 19/439)

35.4 **THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the government to bring pressure on the European Union to call on Turkey for an immediate withdrawal of its forces from Northern Syria and to refrain from attacking the Syrian Democratic Forces (the SDF) who were to the fore in defeating Islamic State (ISIS)’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir. T. Gould 19/440)

35.5 **IMPROVED 203 BUS SERVICE FOR COMMUNITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would organise a meeting with Bus Eireann to discuss the ongoing problems with the 203 bus service to see what can be done to alleviate the pinch points and look for an improved service for the community.’

(Proposer: Comhairleoir. T. Gould 19/437)

36. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir H. Cremin, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins, An Chomhairle considered agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the following motion: -

‘That Cork City Council would support the request from the Border Communities Against Brexit to light up the City Hall in yellow (colours of the B.C.A.B) on the 16th of October which is the eve of the meeting of the European Council to discuss whether Britain will leave the European Union with or without an agreement.’

An Chomhairle approved the motion.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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