

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th JULY 2014

PRESENT	An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. D. Buggy, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. O'Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. F. Keane, Project Accountant, Finance. Mr. D. O'Mahony, A/ Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance. Mr. S. Coghlan, T/ Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. T. O'Sullivan, Senior Engineer, Roads & Transportation.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to

- The Dunlea Family on the death of Martin Dunlea.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Margaret McCarthy.
- The People of the Gaza Strip, Palestine and all those civilians in Palestine/Israel who have lost their lives recently.
- The Lyons Family on the death of Denis Lyons.
- The Corr Family on the death of Lillian Corr.
- The Kavanagh Family on the death of Mrs. Kavanagh.
- The MacCurtain Family on the death of Kathleen MacCurtain.
- The Cotter Family on the death of Barry Cotter.

- The Creedon Family on the death of Tom Creedon.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Dinny McCarthy.
- The Browne Family on the death of Katrina Browne.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/ BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-

- Cork YMCA on the 10 young people starting and finishing a STEP training course.
- The Cork Hurling Team on winning the Munster Final.
- Cllr. Maighread Condon Simmons c/o The Mayor of Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea.
- Jimmy Barry Murphy, Cork County GAA Board on winning the Munster Hurling Final.
- Clíodha Sargent on winning 150th cap as a hockey international.
- Cork City Sports Committee on the successful hosting of the 2014 City Sports.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

1.3.1 An t-Ardmhéara had no items to raise.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

The Chief Executive said that the tendering process in relation to the Events Centre is ongoing and that he would report to An Chomhairle on the outcome of the process once it is completed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer proposed the Suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the event centre. The Lord Mayor pointed out that Standing Orders No. 29 required in relation to a proposal for the suspension of standing orders that “the proposer of the motion, should where possible consult with An tArdmhéara before moving the motion”.

An tArdmhéara agreed to allow the motion to suspend standing orders but indicated that in future she is to be consulted before proposing a motion to suspend standing orders. An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to facilitate a discussion on the event centre.

DISCUSSION ON THE EVENT CENTRE

A discussion took place regarding Event Centre.

The Chief Executive indicated that he would not make any further comment as he had not received the report of the committee evaluating the proposals.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW A MEETING BETWEEN WHIPS AND MANAGEMENT

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer proposed a suspension of Standing Orders to allow a meeting to take place between the Party Whips and Management to agree a timeframe for the communication of information to An Chomhairle in relation to the event centre.

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to allow this meeting to take place. The meeting adjourned at 18.40.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

The Meeting of An Chomhairle resumed at 19.30.

Comhairleoir T. Shannon said that it had been agreed that Management would meet again with the Party Whips & Party Leaders on Monday 28th July.

An Chomhairle approved this arrangement.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO TAKE ITEMS 4.1, 5.1, 6.1 & TO DEFER ALL OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered the suspension of Standing Orders to take items 4.1, 5.1 & 6.1 and to defer all other items on the agenda to the meeting of the 8th September 2014.

A vote was called where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O' Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J Hourican. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Sheehan, K. McCarthy, P. Dineen, T. Moloney. (8)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir M. Shields. (1)

As the numbers voting in favour of the proposal were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and An Chomhairle agreed to take items 4.1, 5.1 & 6.1 and to defer all other items on the agenda.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing orders to continue the meeting to 8.30pm.

4. **STATUTORY ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 23RD JUNE 2014.**

4.1 **APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Chief Executive on the appointment of Ms. Ann Doherty as Chief Executive of Cork City Council and recommendation to adopt the following resolution:-

‘**RESOLVED THAT** Cork City Council, on foot of a recommendation from the Public Appointments Service Ref: 1421605 /LA13/6/2014 dated 30th May, 2014, agrees to appoint Ms. Ann Doherty, Glinny, Riverstick, Cork as Chief Executive of Cork City Council with effect from 8th September, 2014 in accordance with Section 6 (4) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and the provisions of the Local Government Reform Act 2014’.

An tArdmhéara stated:

A previous decision by Council to seek a meeting with Ms Doherty, ahead of her ratification, created difficulties which, I suspect, were never intended. I believe Council is now better informed. There was no legal provision for the process which Council wished to embark on and Ms Doherty quite correctly declined to meet the Council on the basis of the decision it had made.

I convened a meeting between the Party Whips and Ms Doherty on Friday night last. It was just a brief, informal meet and greet and very pleasant. There is no doubt in my mind that Ms Doherty will engage fully with the Council on her views and hopes for the city at the appropriate time, after her appointment.

I am now asking Council to ratify Ms Doherty’s appointment as Chief Executive of Cork City Council.

As Lord Mayor and Chair of this meeting, I am asking Council to reflect very carefully on what it is entitled to do and what it is not entitled to do. I am going to play this exactly by the book, with reference to the clear advice that I and you have been given. On that basis, I am not prepared to allow any discussion on the recommended appointment which was the result of an independent, rigorous process carried out by the Public Appointments Commission. I earnestly request Council to do the correct thing for the City.

Comhairleoir L. O’Donnell indicated that the objections of the Anti Austerity Alliance related to the salary attaching to the position.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, a vote was called for on the appointment of Ms. Ann Doherty as Chief Executive of Cork City Council and to adopt the following resolution:-

‘**RESOLVED THAT** Cork City Council, on foot of a recommendation from the Public Appointments Service Ref: 1421605 /LA13/6/2014 dated 30th May, 2014, agrees to appoint Ms. Ann Doherty, Glinny, Riverstick, Cork as Chief Executive of Cork City

Council with effect from 8th September, 2014 in accordance with Section 6 (4) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 and subject to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 and the provisions of the Local Government Reform Act 2014’.

Where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O’ Keeffe, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (23)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. O’Sullivan. (3)

As the numbers voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried, the appointment of the new Chief Executive approved and the resolution adopted.

5. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

5.1 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Acting Director of Service Corporate & External Affairs which listed the recommended nominees to the Local Community Development Committee and which outlined the following should be resolved:

Cork City Council hereby resolves to appoint the following to be members of the Local Community Development Committee:

Private Sector nominees

Name	Appointing Body
Dr. Joan Power	Cork City Partnership
Mr. Lawrence Owens	Cork Business Association
Ms. Marie Therese Conere	Environmental Pillar
Mr. Gene Mealy	ICTU
Mr. Finbar Ronayne	IBEC
Mr. Derek Connolly	Social Inclusion representative
Ms. Liz O'Halloran	Social Inclusion representative
Ms. Lorraine O'Sullivan	Community representative
Mr. Maurice McCarthy	Community representative

Public Sector Nominees

Name	Address
Mr. Dan Buggy	Chief Executive Cork City Council
Chief Supt. Mick Finn	An Garda Síochána
Mr. Ted Owens	CEO Education & Training Board
Ms. Adrienne Rodgers	Head of LEO
Cllr. Fergal Dennehy	City Councillor

Cllr. Chris O'Leary
Cllr. P.J. Hourican
Ms. Rebecca Loughry

City Councillor
City Councillor
HSE South

A discussion took place regarding the selection of the community representatives and the acting Director of Services explained that a process was put in place to select the community representatives and that the Community representatives had agreed that their appointment was for a twelve month period pending the establishment of the Public Participation Framework.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn a vote was called where there appeared as follows.

FOR: Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (18)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, M. O'Sullivan. (3)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O'Leary, S. O'Shea. (7)

As the numbers in favour of the resolution were greater than those voting against the membership of the Local Community Development Committee was resolved as above. Comhairleoir C. O'Leary asked that he concerns regarding the process employed be noted.

6. **PARTY WHIPS – 7th JULY 2014**

6.1 **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS JULY – DECEMBER 2014**

The Party Whips considered the Draft Schedule of Meetings July – December 2014

Decision of Party Whips

It was agreed to refer the Draft Schedule of Meetings to An Chomhairle for approval with the insertion of additional Planning & Environment Functional Committee Meetings on Monday 28th September 2014.

An Chomhairle considered the submitted schedule and amended it as below:

Monday 29th September

Strategic Planning Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee:	4.30pm
Environmental Functional Committee: -	4.30pm
Special meeting of Council to discuss Finances in relation to Local Property Tax.	5.30pm

The meeting of Party Whips, Party Leaders & Management Team on 28th July to discuss the event centre is also to be added.

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All other items were deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

6.2 **JOINT HOMELESSNESS CONSULTATIVE FORUM**

The Party Whips considered the Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum

Decision of Party Whips

It was agreed to refer this appointment to An Chomhairle for nomination.

6.3 **MEMORIAL ON MARDYKE WALK IN MEMORY OF NOEL CANTWELL**

The Party Whips considered the following Motion.

‘That a suitable memorial be placed on Mardyke Walk in memory of former Soccer International Noel Cantwell give his close association with that part of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/232)

Decision of Party Whips

It was noted that this motion was similar to a previous motion from Comhairleoir M. Finn which was with the Commemorative Committee and had been discussed by the Party Whips.

It was agreed to recommend to Council that the pedestrian walkway opposite the main gate of Fitzgerald’s Park would be named “Noel Cantwell Walk” and that the proposal be referred to the Roads Directorate for processing.

6.4 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Following a request from Comhairleoir M. Barry to Tadhg Keating, it was agreed to recommend to An Chomhairle for approval that Comhairleoir M. O’Sullivan be replaced on the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee by Comhairleoir L. O’Donnell.

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 30th June 2014**

To consider the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 30th June 2014.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MAY 2014**

The Financial Statement to 31st May 2014 was presented by the Head of Finance.

Decision of Group

It was agreed to refer the Financial Statement to 31st May 2014 to An Chomhairle for consideration.

7.2 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

7.2.1 It was proposed by An tArd-Mhéara and agreed to recommend to An Chomhairle that the Government be requested to notify 2015 grant levels as soon as possible.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 30th JUNE 2014**

To consider the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 30th June 2014.

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Members considered the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services on Housing for the month of May, 2014.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.2 **VOIDS RECOVERY SCHEME 2014**

Members considered the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services dated 30th June, 2014 in relation to the Voids Recovery Scheme 2014.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.3 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME (CAS) PROGRAMME 2014 – 2016**

Members considered the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services in relation to the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) Programme 2014-2016.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.4 **GATES OUTSIDE 136 – 148 COMERAGH PARK**

Members considered the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘For gates to be erected outside 136 – 148 Comeragh Park, to ensure security for tenants.’

(Proposer: K. O’Flynn 14/142)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.5 **ELECTRIC GATES AT DISTILLERY COURT**

Members considered the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would erect electric gates operational by remote control at Distillery Court and that each resident in Distillery Court be issued 2 remote controls to operate gates.’

(Proposer: K. O’Flynn 14/144)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.6 **CHAPEL FIELD ESTATE**

Members considered the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council Housing Department present a report on the Chapel Field Estate outlining what work has been done recently in relation to the drainage system in the estate including what issues have been identified & any necessary work required, a copy of the drainage plans to be made available to the Residents Committee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/191)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.7 **WALL TO REAR OF HOUSES IN ILEN GARDENS**

Members considered the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would investigate the wall at the rear of all the houses in Ilen Gardens Deanrock Togher. There is a large crack in this wall from which water is leaking and leaving huge stains of moss and mildew. Residents in Ilen Court are not a bit happy with this as this is what they are looking at when they open the front door of their houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/160)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

8.8 **AUDIT OF HOUSING UNITS IN MAYFIELD**

Members considered the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council undertake an Audit on all of our Housing Units in The Mayfield area as a matter of urgency in the interest of public safety. We need to identify works that need to be done and in particular issues that need to be addressed as a matter of urgency and as a matter of priority. We have a duty of care to our tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/060)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Senior Engineer, Housing & Community Services and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 30th JUNE 2014**

To consider the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 30th June 2014.

9.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

Members considered Report of the Director of Services, dated 26th June, 2014 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended May, 2014.

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE.**

9.2.1 **UPGRADE TRAFFIC ISLANDS**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would take immediate action to upgrade the traffic islands at the following locations where they are quite dilapidated and a danger to motorists particularly at night.’

1. Skehard Road by Skehard Lawn.
2. Boreenmanna Road at Rockboro

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/121)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.2 **SPEED RAMP AT IONA GREEN**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place a speed ramp at the lower entrance to Iona Green in the interest of public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/139)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.3 **REINSTATE THE WHITE LINE AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE WESTERN END OF CLASHDUV ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would reinstate the white line at the traffic lights at the western end of Clashduv Road which was resurfaced in the past twelve months. Traffic is now stopping at the end of the resurfaced section approx 20 feet from the traffic lights because there is no white line there and if the first car is turning right onto Glasheen Road there is not enough room for traffic to turn left if the green arrow is showing. This is causing damage to the kerb and traffic is also backed up the Clashduv Road regularly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/163)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.4 **YELLOW HATCH BOX WOULD BE PUT IN PLACE ON THE SKEHARD ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a yellow hatch box would be put in place on the Skehard Road at the entrance to Clover Lawn to allow the residents to exit and enter in safety as this entrance is continuously blocked by traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 14/165)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.5 **RESURFACE FAIRHILL DRIVE AND UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE REPAIRS TO FAIRFIELD ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I would appreciate if Cork City Council would resurface Fairhill Drive and undertake immediate repairs to Fairfield Road from the entrance from Na Piarasaigh GAA pavilion as there are many potholes and the road is in need of repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/167)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.6 **ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include Rathpeacon Road in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/168)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.7 **YELLOW BOX AT THE EXIT OF KNIGHTS COURT, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place a Yellow Box at the exit of Knights Court housing estate on Old Youghal Road in order to enhance the safety of residential traffic to and from the estate on to the very busy Old Youghal Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/170)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.8 **RESURFACING WORKS AT BONAVENTURE PLACE, GREENMOUNT**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That necessary resurfacing works be carried out on Bonaventure Place, Greenmount.’

(Proposer: E. O’Halloran 14/185)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.9 **ADD MCCURTAIN VILLAS TO THE RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2014**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would investigate the condition of the road surface in McCurtains Villas and include this area in the resurfacing programme for 2014.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/188)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.10 **BANTRY PARK ROAD, FAIRHILL**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In relation to Bantry Park Road, Fairhill, Cork City Council will:

- Install traffic-calming measures
- Install a footpath around the perimeter of O'Leary's Field to ensure the safety of local residents, particularly children.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/189).

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.11 PLACE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE ENTRANCE/EXIT OF BELMONT TERRACE

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place double yellow lines at the entrance/exit of Belmont Terrace (outside No. 147) in order to prevent cars parking at this point which blocks cars coming and going from Belmont Terrace. Also, can the existing double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road which have faded significantly be re-painted.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/171)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.12 SIGN BE PUT IN PLACE AT THE END OF BEAUMONT LAWN

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a stop Sign be put in place at the end of Beaumont Lawn so as the residents can exit in safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 14/179)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.13 ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council include the roundabout for painting, and upgrade the pedestrian crossing at the Farranree Credit Union at the junction of Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Avenue given the high usage of pedestrian traffic at this junction.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/184)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.14 **ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Cork City Council include Churchfield square in the roads resurfacing programme’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/187)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.15 **RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2014**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That City Council would take action on the condition of the road surface at Birch Place Togher and carry out remedial work in this area and also that it be included in the resurfacing programme for 2014.

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/190)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.16 **RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2014**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Croaghtamore Square and the laneway leading from Loughview Terrace to the Lough be prioritised for resurfacing/repair work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/194)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.17 RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2014

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths on Evergreen Road (from junction with Quaker Road/Tower St) be included on the schedule of works’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 14/198)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.18 REVIEW THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN IN THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE CITY

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council review the traffic management plan in the western side of the City in conjunction with the Cork City Development plan in order to tackle the serious issue of traffic congestion which effects so much of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Gibbons 14/211)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.19 REMOVE PART OF GREEN AREA IN ROCKWOOD ESTATE MAHON

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That part of the green area in Rockwood Estate Mahon would be removed so as the residents in this estate can park in safety.’

(Proposer: D. O’Flynn 14/178)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.20 **DRAINS IN BALTIMORE LAWN**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the drains in Baltimore Lawn be checked and drained as appropriate; one in particular outside house no’s 8-12 needs to be drained/ cleaned out’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/212)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.21 **DRAINS AT LINDEN AVENUE/ BEAUMONT DRIVE**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the drains where Linden Avenue meets Beaumont Drive be checked and drained / cleaned as appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/213)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.2.22 **REVERSE DECISION NOT TO PROVIDE ANY FUNDING FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN CORK CITY FOR 2014.**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 26th June, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would reverse its decision not to provide any funding for traffic calming measures in Cork City for 2014. Following a serious accident on Innishannon Road, Fairhill highlights again the urgent need for the provision of traffic calming measures where the residents and the community require.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/192)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.3 **TO RECONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN COMMITTEE.**

9.3.1 **YELLOW HATCH BOX OUTSIDE HILARION ON THE WELL ROAD**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th February, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install a yellow hatch box outside Hilarion on the Well Road, to allow the householders to exit and enter in safety and avoid the present situation that they delay traffic while attempting to enter their residences, which is continuously blocked by traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 13/071)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

9.3.2 **PUBLIC GREEN AT TIFFANY DOWNS, BRAMPTON COURT**

Members considered Report of Director of Services dated 27th February, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would initiate meaningful discussion and dialogue with the residents of Tiffany Downs, Brampton Court and local councillors to identify and implement effective strategies and remedies to secure a permanent boundary wall and fencing of the public green, ensure adequate visual and sound screening to the adjacent flyover and Ring Road, and develop an appropriate planting scheme for the estate. It is also recognised that any response requires inter-Directorate working and cooperation as well as possible engagement with the NRA.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/076)

Committee Decision

It was agreed to accept the Director of Services Report and recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th JULY 2014**

To consider the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 7th July 2014.

10.1 **MOTIONS**

To consider the reports of Tim Healy, Head of Finance, dated the 3rd July 2014 on following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

10.1.1 **SCHEME WHERE BY DERELICT OR EMPTY PROPERTIES ACROSS THE CITY ARE CHARGED RATES**

‘That Cork City Council look at introducing a scheme whereby derelict or empty properties across the City are charged rates. Many properties are in a derelict and dangerous state and have a huge negative impact on residents.’

(Proposer: G. Gibbons 14/146)

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the report of the Head of Finance and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

11. **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7th JULY 2014**

To note the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 7th July 2014.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To note correspondence, if any.

13. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle to note Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

14. **MOTIONS**

To approve the referral to the relevant Committee of the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

14.1 **UPGRADE THE FOOTPATH ON SHANAKIEL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council

- a. Repair and upgrade the footpath on Shanakiel Road from the end of Strawberry Hill to the T junction at Shanakiel Road as its condition is of concern to residents with mobility issues and is on the main tourist route from Fitzgerald's Park to the City Gaol.
2. Replace the street furniture with new poles to assist pedestrians crossing the road.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/205)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

That Cork City Council includes Farranferris Close, Farranree in the Traffic Calming Programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/215)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **HOUSING REGENERATION AND REFURBISHMENT**

That mindful of the huge investment in northside regeneration, future funding for council housing regeneration and refurbishment be invested on the southside, to include Noonan's Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/220)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.4 **WARMER HOUSE SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council include the flats in Desmond Square in the S.E.A.I. Warmer House Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/228)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.5 **WARMER HOUSE SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council seek Government funding and include the following flats in the S.E.A.I Warmer House Scheme. These buildings are over 40 years old and require a maintenance programme to improve the quality of life.

137 to 157 Pearse Road
175 to 191 Pearse Road
156 to 178 Pearse Road
110 to 132 Pearse Road
205 to 221 Pearse Road
11 to 19 Perase Place
257 to 279 Connolly Road
15 to 29 Connolly Place
241 to 246 Pouladuff Road
62 to 78 Killeenreendowney
50 to 74 Father Dominic Road
14 to 24 Edward Walsh Road
25 to 41 Edward Walsh Road

This work has been carried out in Sarahville Place and Michael Fitzgerald and it enhances the quality of life and the appearance of the structure.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/229)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.6 **RATE FREEZE**

‘That Cork City Council introduce a rate freeze across the city to owners to allow community social groups, short term activity in vacant sites or short term lets in the Arts, Crafts and Artisan Food Sector.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/242)

Finance Functional Committee

14.7 **PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY BETWEEN SILVERSPRINGS LAWN AND ASHMOUNT**

‘That Cork City Council would install a pedestrian pathway between Silversprings Lawn and Ashmount as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 14/256)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.8 **CARERS & THE HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY TAX**

‘That Cork City Council give a commitment that we will extend local property tax exemptions to include household where a high level of care is provided. Local Authorities will have power to control local property rates after 2015, make a household where a high level of care is provided exempt from property tax and at the very minimum commit to maintaining the local property tax at current rates for all other houses where care is provided.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/258)

Finance & Estimates Functional Committee

14.9 **EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION PRINCIPLES**

‘That City Council officials and specifically Engineers would fully comply with the standards identified by the Councils own working group on Consultation and in particular that Engineers would note sections of the Council's Toolkit pertaining to Important elements of Effective Participation and Consultation Principles and pay particular attention to " Clarity of Purpose " and " Provide all relevant information". Council has failed the standard dismally in relation to some public consultations in recent years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/260)

Corporate Policy Group

14.10 **RAILING AND SCREENINGS MAINTAINED TO A HIGH LEVEL**

That private and public companies, as well as schools and colleges, be asked to ensure that railings and screenings associated with their properties that are in the public view be kept and maintained to a high level.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn. 14/263)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.11 **LAMP ON ST PATRICK'S BRIDGE**

'That the north west lamp on St Patrick's Bridge, closest one to Camden Quay, be fixed.'

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/266)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **TOUR BUS PARKING BAY BE RE-INSTATED**

That in light of numerous tour buses parking by St Finbarr's Cathedral, that a tour bus parking bay be re-instated

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/267)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **RELAX LITTER BYE-LAWS INFAVOR OF BUSINESSES**

'That Cork City Council would in these difficult times for business relax the littering bye-laws, which pre-vent business sign on a sandwich board or poles/lamp-posts outside or near or at near the business. The guidelines are set up with the business community and their representative organisations are part of the process in formalising the guidelines with Cork City Council.

Special conditions for such signs could be put in place with the agreement of both Business and Cork City Council'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Leary 14/269)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.14 **2015 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

That the western part of Fr Dominic Road be included in the 2015 resurfacing programme as it is in very poor condition.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 14/271)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.15 **PROTOCOL FOR HOLDING OF CONCERTS AND OTHER MAJOR OUTDOOR EVENTS IN THE CITY**

That Cork City Council establish an unambiguous protocol for the holding of concerts and other major outdoor events in the City.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 14/272)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

14.16 **FOOTPATHS IN COURTOWN PARK, KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council will survey footpaths in Courtown Park, Knocknaheeny & carry out repairs where required.’

(Proposer: M. Nugent 14/275)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.17 **ASSESS THE TREES ON THE PUBLIC GREEN IN HALLDENE GROVE**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the trees on the public green in Halldene Grove and would trim branches that are overhanging the public footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/276)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.18 **MUGA IN MURPHY'S FARM**

‘That Cork City Council would prioritise the development and delivery of a MUGA in Murphy's Farm as previously agreed with Councillors and local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/277)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.19 **TREES AT HARLEY WOOD COMPLEX, TOGHER**

‘That City Council would make contact with the owner of Harley Wood Complex Togher to insist that he/she cut down/trim back the trees that are overhanging into Residents properties in Argideen Lawn and Togher Road as these residents are experiencing huge issues in their back gardens, due to lack of sunlight, ensuring constant dampness, and slippery conditions etc, becoming a huge health and safety hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/278)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.20 **REFUSE BIN ON THE LEE FIELDS WALKWAY**

‘That City Council would put in place a refuse bin on the Lee Fields Walkway near the seats on the western side of the Kinsley Hotel to avoid the constant littering and increase the amount of bins from the Magazine Road through to the end of Barracks Street. (It only contains 2 at present, which is subsequently low considering the amount of potential litter opportunities with the high volume of pedestrians that use this road).’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/279)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.21 **HOUSING STOCK**

‘That Cork City Council will return No's 25, 27, 29, 31, 33 & 35 Harbour View rd Knocknaheeny to its housing stock whose householders were previously decanted to allow the houses to be used as offices for the City North West Regeneration team, as the houses have not been used as offices & are currently partially shuttered Council should avail of recently announced Government funding to make these houses available to social housing applicants.’

(Proposer: Cllr Kenneth Collins 14/280)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15. **MOTIONS**

To consider the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

15.1 **PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION**

That Cork City Council engages with the departments of the Environment, Community and Local Government to ensure the 80% raised from all property tax is ring fenced for local spending as originally promised.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/241)

15.2 **TRADE UNION FEES**

That the large Trade Unions cut their affiliation fees by at least 50% for a period of 5 years for employees on salaries less than the average industrial wage and by 25% for employees on salaries above that level in order to help those employees from an economic perspective.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/261)

15.3 **WATER CHARGES TO CARERS & THEIR FAMILIES**

With the impending water chargers, can Cork City Council ensure that carers & their families are going to be assured of water affordability strategies being put in place to support family carers with high essential water needs due to dialysis, peg feeding , ventilators, showers, washing sheets blankets etc...?

Carers cannot be worried about the cost of water bills when they are caring for a family member.

The volume of water a carer will use when caring within the home is needs-based & considering how much carers save the government every year by the work they do, the very least we can do as a society & as a council is make sure they have one less stress in their already over stressed lives as carers.

Make sure that they get an exception in their water bill. This should be a must for this council.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 14/259)

15.4 **ADJUSTMENT TO LOCAL PROPERTY TAX ACT**

"That Cork City Council calls upon the Minister for the Environment to publish immediately the regulations regarding the local adjustment factor as per the Local Property Tax Act and, notwithstanding those regulations and the restrictions in the Act, declares its intention to begin the process of reducing ,by the maximum possible level, the rate of LPT payable by householders."

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O'Shea, Cllr. S. Cunningham, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. C. O'Leary Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. H. Cremin 14/270)

15.5 **NOTES THE SCANDAL THAT OCCURRED AT THE BON SECOURS SISTERS INSTITUTION THAT CORK CITY COUNCIL**

Notes:

The scandal that occurred at the Bon Secours Sisters institution in Tuam, County Galway, where almost 800 children died while in the 'care' of a religious order, in a State-regulated institution, and were placed in a mass unmarked grave over a period of five decades, from the 1920s to the 1960s

Recognises:

That the abusive practices which occurred at the Bon Secours Sisters mother and baby 'care' home were not unique to that one institution and were replicated in similar institutions across the State

Welcomes:

The establishment of a commission of investigation with full statutory powers to investigate both the Tuam case and the wider issues surrounding mother and baby homes

Calls for:

- The terms of reference for the investigation to be comprehensive
- For the scope of the investigation to be inclusive taking into account related issues regarding forced adoption and vaccine trials; and institutions including the Magdalene Laundries and Protestant mother and baby homes
- That consultation take place with survivors and their advocates

- That supports for survivors such as counselling services be put in place
- That appropriate memorials to the dead buried in unmarked graves be erected
- That the report of the investigation be published in a timely manner befitting the gravity and depth of hurt felt on this issue

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 14/274)

15.6 **UNFAIR STUDENT SERVICE CHARGE TAX LEVIED ON APPRENTICES**

‘That Cork City Council calls upon the Government to scrap the unfair Student Service Charge tax levied on apprentices.’

(Proposer: Cllr S. Cunningham 14/281)

15.7 **FAIRER AND EQUITABLE COMMERCIAL RATES SYSTEM BASED ON TURN OVER**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to introduce a more fairer and equitable commercial rates system based on turn over, one which is reflective of the size and scale of the business and should be affordable.’

(Proposer: Cllr C. O’Leary 14/268)

Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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