

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2018

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| PRESENT | An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy |
| NORTH EAST | Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh. |
| NORTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan. |
| NORTH WEST | Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan. |
| SOUTH EAST | Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keefe. |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin. |
| SOUTH WEST | Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. |
| APOLOGIES | Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald |
| ALSO PRESENT | Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. B. Geaney, A/Director of Services, Housing & Community. |

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Murphy Family on the death of Betty Murphy.
- The Norberg Family on the death of Frank Norberg.
- The O'Keefe Family on the death of John O'Keefe.
- The Meaney Family on the death of Delia Meaney.
- The Barry Family on the death of Joan Barry.
- The Duane Family on the death of John Duane.
- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of John O'Sullivan.
- The Terry Family on the death of Eddie Terry.
- The Conlon Family on the death of Frank Conlon.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Sean McCarthy.

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

- Thomas McCarthy on reaching the final at the Elite Boxing Championships in Dublin last weekend.
- Kerry Mountain Rescue Team on their mountain rescue.
- Matt Corthy M.E.P. on organising towards a united Ireland Conference on Saturday February 24th at Cork City Hall.
- Ballyphehane GAA on the opening of the new clubhouse.
- Nemo Rangers GAA on winning A-1 Club semi-final and reaching final on 17th March 2018.
- The Publicans of Newmarket Co. Cork for staying closed on Good Friday.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

EATING DISORDER WEEK

An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir Fergal Dennehy advised An Chomhairle that City Hall would be illuminated in blue to highlight Eating Disorder Week.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised Elected Members in relation to the forecasted Severe Weather Event.

4.1 **CORK ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL 2018**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Chief Executive on the "Proposed Holding of an Event by Cork City Council" under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Planning and Development Regulations 2001, dated 26th February 2018 relating to the Cork St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday 17th March 2018.

4.2 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION**

The Deputy Chief Executive informed the Elected Members that a Material Contravention (Bessboro area) would be coming before the next Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 12th March 2018 the details of which would follow. He also advised that the Ward Members would be briefed.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 12th February 2018.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **PLANNING FEES AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

Could the Chief Executive please make a statement to Council on the situation regards to monies lodged to Cork City Council by Builders, Developers or their agents for payments to cover planning fees and development contributions?

- (a) To give a breakdown on any cheques being left uncashed, the amounts and the name of these parties from which these cheques were payments from since 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (b) Have any cheques/payments been mislaid or have bounced/returned unpaid, how much does this amount to, and over what period of time and whom were these from.
- (c) What steps are and have been taken to recover these amounts?

(Cllr. Chris O'Leary)
Deferred from meeting of
12th February 2018.

REPLY

Planning application fees are recorded on the City Council's financial system. In the rare case that a cheque does not clear, the applicant (developer, builder or agent), is contacted and notified of same. If payment is not received within the requested timeframe, the planning application will be deemed invalid under the Planning and Development Regulations.

For development contributions, cheques received are registered on the financial system.

- a) No cheque payments are left uncashed.
- b) We have no instances of cheques being mislaid, as the cheques register is reconciled with the receipts register. In the rare case that a cheque does not clear, the applicant is informed and payment requested. **A paid in full letter will not issue until the account is cleared**
- c) Outstanding payments are reviewed on a monthly basis and reminders are issued. Where payment is due and a payment plan is not in place, the file is referred to the Law Department to commence legal proceedings in order to effect collection.

Please note our preferred method of payment is by electronic fund transfer and we are receiving less cheque payments as a result.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

6.2 **KINSALE INTERCHANGE**

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

Can the Chief Executive confirm that the Kinsale Interchange as constructed complies with the original planning granted for the Interchange. In my view it does not as the current built construction does not grade separate vulnerable road users i.e. separate pedestrians and cyclists, from vehicle traffic. For pedestrians and cyclists to cross from the South (Frankfield) to North (Kinsale Road) they need to cross a number of signalised junctions and in doing so are discouraged from using sustainable transportation modes which Cork City Council as the planning authority is trying to encourage.

Can the CE confirm the volume of pedestrians and cyclists using the signalised crossing and comment upon the success or otherwise of adopting this as grade signalised solution for vulnerable users?

The original design included the objective of grade separating cyclists and pedestrians from vehicles by detailing underpasses which I gather were removed from the construction phase due to antisocial concerns. However in doing so the construction phase also removed the objective of grade separating pedestrians and cyclists which was a cornerstone feature of the design which was granted permission.

(Cllr. Des Cahill)

Deferred from meeting of
12th February 2018.

REPLY

The original proposals for the Kinsale Road Flyover Project envisaged the provision of a grade separated pedestrian and cycle underpass between Kinsale Road on the northern side of the roundabout and Kinsale (Airport) Road on the southern side of the roundabout. This proposal was however superseded by a Part 8 Planning proposal which was brought before Council in January 2004. This proposal as approved provided for an at-grade crossing and this was brought forward due to fears that the below ground option would be less attractive for users etc. The revised at-grade crossing was constructed as part of the larger Kinsale Road Flyover Project. The area can be included in forthcoming movement counts if required. Also, as Members will be aware, detailed proposals have been prepared for a new pedestrian /cycle bridge across the N40 to improve connectivity between Grange, Frankfield etc and the City centre. The scheme is being advanced by Cork County Council with the support of Cork City Council and national funding agencies.

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

6.3 PROPOSED EVENT CENTRE

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

Can the CE present a detailed update on the financing of the proposed Event Centre and indicate new timeframes for decisions to be made by Government and the developers?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

I am unable to give a time frame for decisions to be made by Government and BAM Contractors in relation to the development of the Event Centre.

Engagement is continuing with Government, BAM Contractors and Live Nation.

Each party has agreed in principle to provide additional funding for the project. In the case of Government and City Council, this funding will be provided through facilities that maintain the integrity of the existing process. No additional funding has yet received final approval.

It is the position of Government and the City Council that any public funding will be only committed to the project when the developer confirms that the public funding available will enable the project to be completed.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

6.4 **RESTORATION OF ST. PATRICK'S BRIDGE**

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

Could the CE please give a full breakdown of the 1.2 m restoration of St. Patrick's Bridge?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

The rehabilitation of St. Patrick's Bridge will be undertaken in two phases.

SSE Airtricity Utility Solutions Ltd. has been selected by Cork City Council to undertake phase 1 preliminary works. The original four heritage standards (lamp columns) on St Patrick's Bridge have recently been removed and they together with a further four in storage have been sent to Italy for repair and restoration. This will involve returning the columns to their original unpainted bare metal state, repairing weather damage, protecting and repainting the standards. As part of this process, moulds will also be created to make additional duplicates columns. Upon completion, 12 restored/replicated standards will be returned to the bridge in September complete with new lantern heads with LED fittings where they will be remounted just as when the bridge was first constructed.

Cork City Council has recently issued a request for tenders for phase two of the works (the substantial element of the project) which it expects will commence in May. This phase of the works involves the removal of all vegetation and algae from the bridge, the cleaning and repair of all stonework and the re-pointing of missing or defective masonry joints. Proposed works also include the replacement of the footpath and carriageway surfacing together and new road markings. Existing traffic lights, elevation and architectural lighting and directional signage will also be upgraded.

Gerry O'Beirne
Director of Services
Roads & Transportation Directorate.

6.5 OLD WHITECHURCH ROAD SITE

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

How much money was paid to purchase this site?

Given that we are applying for €10m to bring this site up to standard, what is this money being used for?

In light of the above, who sanctioned this purchase and evaluated the site as fit for housing?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The land acquisition costs of the Old Whitechurch Road Site consisting of circa 22 hectares in total amounted to €25,034,235. The largest parcel of these lands known as the O'Mullane lands cost €18,835,550 and the value was ordered by an independent Arbitrator appointed under the Arbitration Act, 1954 following the completion of a Compulsory Purchase Order process. The costs of developing these lands was considered by the Arbitrator in his determination of the value of the lands.

The primary enabling infrastructure required to facilitate normal development of these lands which are in the City Council jurisdiction is the undergrounding of the linear national grid infrastructure which is estimated at €4.8 million. This cost together with other infrastructural costs for works such as approach entrances, spine access route and provision of trunk drainage/utility services is included in the recently approved €9.89 million by the City Council under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) announced by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government. The primary purpose of the Fund is to enable the delivery and provision of reasonably priced new housing to the marketplace; in this case the pent-up demand in the Northside of the City.

The purchase of the land was sanctioned by the City Council. The site is zoned for residential purposes and is suitable for housing.

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

6.6 GALLERY AT WANDESFORD QUAY

An Chomhairle agreed that the following Question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Dineen would be deferred until the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 12th March 2018:-

Can the CE inform me as to what the plan is for the Gallery at Wandesford Quay when it is vacated if not already vacated by CIT. The property which is owned by the City Council is one of many properties that the City Council has provided to artists and art organisations for the realisation of their work over many years and at little or no cost to the residents of these properties. As a member of the arts committee I would ask the CE to consider rehousing the Cork Arts Society who were founded in 1963 at this location so as to ensure their viability going forward.

(Cllr. Paudie Dineen)

6.7 **NAMING OF MCCURTAIN STREET**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following Question submitted by Comhairleoir K. Collins would be deferred until the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 12th March 2018:-

Can the CE please inform me when McCurtain was officially named McCurtain Street and what the rationale behind doing so and is it still recognized as McCurtain Street?

(Cllr. Kenneth Collins)

6.8 **ATLANTIC POND CAR PARK**

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

Can the CE indicate if and when the Atlantic Pond car park will be reopened for use?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

Issues in regard to the final layout for the car park in the context of safe access and egress to the stadium and, segregation of pedestrians from the parking area are being reviewed at present.

An objection to reopening the car park is being examined in the context of the historic use of the area as a car park and the current planning approvals for both the Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Marina Park developments.

The intention is to complete the review/examination in early summer with a view to implementing what is decided immediately.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation Directorate.

6.9 **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION IN 2017 AND 2018**

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

Will the CE comment on the fact that Cork City Council recouped just E97,000 out of an available fund of E1.1 Million for the purpose of Traveller Accommodation in 2017?
What level of funding is available to the Council in 2018 and what is earmarked for same?

(Cllr Mick Nugent)

REPLY

Cork City Council drew down €97,000 following Storm Ophelia for replacement mobile homes and emergency accommodation.

Cork City Council was unable to draw down the remainder of this funding which was allocated for refurbishment works at the Spring Lane Site, as there are some residents residing under the cliff area at Spring Lane. The works have been put on hold until such time as the residents concerned vacate this area as this is a safety concern for Cork City Council. Cork City Council would welcome any help from the Chair of the LTACC in resolving this issue so that the refurbishment works can commence in 2018.

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

6.10 **MARINA PARK DEVELOPMENT**

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 Marina Park development to date?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Demolition works on the Munster Agricultural Showground Buildings and the pre-qualification of contractors for the main contract are now complete. The tender for the main contract will be issued first week in April with works scheduled to commence mid- summer.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation Directorate.

6.11 **DISPUTED LANDS AT MAYFIELD HEIGHTS**

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

Following the Managers response to my Question re MO 2220/17 given on 12 Feb 2018 can the CE please advise when if ever City Council placed its claim of possessory title (squatters rights !) in relation to the disputed lands at Mayfield Heights before the Circuit Court. When Corporation lodged a claim to Spillane Estate back in 1999/2000 wouldn't it have also claimed possessory title, assuming of course it knew then that it would rely on an historic claim to such title.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The land that was previously (prior to CPO) held by Cork City Council under possessory title was part of Folio CK56051 County Cork. The Registered Owner of Folio CK56051 was MF Holdings Limited which was registered as owner on the 9th September 1969. The possessory title arose by virtue of long possession; this was never the subject of a claim before the Circuit Court.

There was no “claim to Spillane Estate”. The application to the County Registrar was an application to acquire the freehold interest in a 1767 Lease (from the Reverend Robert Austen, Samuel Austen and William Austen to George Dowman). The leasehold interest in that property had been acquired from Margaret Spillane by Deed of Assignment dated the 13th July 1933 (between Margaret M. Spillane of the one part and the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Cork of the other part).

Paul Moynihan
 Director of Services
 Corporate & External Affairs Directorate.

6.12 **PURPOSE BUILT STANDARD ACCOMMODATION BUILDINGS**

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

To ask the CEO to publish the name and address of all purpose built standard accommodation buildings or of dedicated student residences of 15 beds or more for which planning permission has been granted since 2000 to date?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

| Scheme | Location |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Abbeyville | Model Farm Rd (opposite Apache Pizza) |
| Arcadia Hall | Lower Glanmire Road |
| Blackmore Court | Sullivan’s Quay |
| Brookfield & Jennings Pool Apartments | College Rd |
| Carraigbarre House | 2 Bishops Street |
| Carraigreed | Barrack Street |
| Carraigrua | 25 Washington Street |
| Copley Court | Copely Street |
| Davcon Court | Barrack Street |
| Deans Hall | Crosses Green |
| Deans Hall | Curraheen Rd, Bishops town |
| Eden Hall | Model Farm Rd (former Tennis Village) |
| Farranlea Hall | Victoria Cross |
| Fuller’s Lodge | College Road |
| Leeside | Bachelor’s Quay |
| North Quay Place | Pope’s Quay |
| Parchment Square | Model Farm Road |

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| Sheares Gate | Glasheen Rd |
| Sheraton Court | Glasheen |
| South Mall Court | Beasley Street |
| The Spires | Bandon Road |
| The Village | Victoria Cross / Carrigrohane Rd |
| UCC Castlewhite Apts | Western Road |
| UCC University Hall | Victoria Cross |
| UCC Victoria Lodge | Victoria Cross |
| UCC Victoria Mills | Western Rd / Carrigrohane Rd |

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

6.13 **COMPENSATION PAYMENTS MADE AGAINST CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following Question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary would be deferred until the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 12th March 2018:-

Could the Chief Executive please give details on the compensation payments made against Cork City Council to road users due to poor road conditions including potholes etc, for the years 2014,2015,2016,2017 and to include the following for each year,

- a) List the name of each road in which a claim was made against in each ward,
- b) The number of claims in each ward,
- c) The amount compensation payment made in each claim by ward
- d) Was compensation made to any individual or 3rd party more than once and if so how many times was payment made in each ward?
- e) Give a breakdown per ward of the type of road user’s involved ie pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, vehicle passengers, horse-riders and passengers of on-road and public transport.
- f) List claims in regards to personal injury and or damage to property .ie car tyres.

(Cllr Chris O’Leary)

7 **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th FEBRUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 19th February 2018.

7.1 **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE ON RATE COLLECTION FOR 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Collector of Municipal Rate on Rate Collection for 2017.

8 **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 12th FEBRUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 12th February 2018.

8.1 **DRAFT BYE LAWS FOR THE SEGREGATION, STORAGE AND PRESENTATION OF WASTE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the presentation on proposed draft bye laws and agreed to the commencement of public consultation.

Following a discussion, Comhairleoir T. Brosnan requested that his objection to the process, proposed to be commenced by the Strategic Policy Group, would be noted.

9 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th FEBRUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Functional committee from its meeting held 19th February 2018.

9.1 **PROPERTY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 15th February, 2018 in relation to the following:

- a. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground situated adjacent to the former South Presentation Convent, Douglas Street, Cork to South Presentation Convent Ltd., Evergreen Street, Cork for the sum of €1,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 15th February 2018 in relation to the following:

- b. Proposal regarding Derelict Ste at No(s) 11-13 Straw Hall, Gerald Griffin Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

9.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for January 2018.

9.3 **DEVELOPMENT AT ST. JOHN'S WELL, FAIRHILL**

On the proposer of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th February, 2018 in relation to development at 66-68 St. John's Well, Fairhill, Cork.

9.4 **STORM DAMAGE AT HALTING SITES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th February, 2018 on storm damage at the halting sites in Spring Lane and Carrigrohane Road.

9.5 **REBUILDING IRELAND HOME LOAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th February, 2018 on the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan.

9.6 **LOAN FACILITY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 19th February, 2018 on proposed €1 million Loan Facility. As already advised, Members will be briefed on the list of individual Projects to be funded by this Loan Facility, once the relevant tendering processes have been completed.

9.7 **ENERGY RATING STANDARD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th February, 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'Cork City Council would seek funds to ensure that all council properties are brought up to a minimum of B3 energy rating standard.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 17/419)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council continuously seeks opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of its social housing stock including those that bring the stock to a measured Building Energy Rating of B3 and higher. Approximately 650 units of Cork City Council's social housing stock has a measured Building Energy Rating of B3 and higher. Since 2011 the Council has secured approximately €25m in funding to improve the energy efficiency of its social housing stock.

The Council has recently completed a program to install attic and/or cavity wall insulation into eligible properties in its social housing stock. The provision of insulating material in the attic reduced the rated energy consumed by an apartment by an estimated 800Kwhr/yr and of house by an estimated 1100Kwhr/yr. The provision of insulation in the cavity walls

reduced the rated energy consumed by an apartment by an estimated 2050 Kwhr/yr and of a house by an estimated 3250Kwhr/yr.

The Southern Regional Assemblies Regional Operational Plan 2014-2020 seeks to improve the energy rating of:

- (a) Older apartments and of houses by at least one energy efficiency grade rating (25KWhr/m2/yr). The number of houses targeted nationally for the project is 13,000 and the number of apartments is 2,000
- (b) Vacant housing stock. The Council has returned almost 1,000 vacant properties to productive use utilising this scheme.

The Regional Operational Programme is 50% funded by the EU and 50% funded by the Government (DPER). The fund is distributed by the DHPLG. It is expected that these two projects will commence this year. The funding available for improving the fabric of the vacant housing stock and of the older housing stock is limited.

The Council also seeks collaboration from private bodies and community based organisations to secure part funding from the SEAI's better energy community scheme to improve the energy efficiency of its housing stock. Since 2012 almost four hundred properties have had their energy efficiency improved utilising this scheme.

Cork City Council has submitted applications to SEAI under the national deep retrofit pilot scheme to improve the energy efficiency of forty properties to bring them back to productive use with a building energy rating of A3 or higher (NZEB standard). If these applications are approved by SEAI, it is anticipated that the DHPLG will agree to co-fund the proposed works.

Northside Community Enterprises has included forty six social houses for inclusion in its application to SEAI under the Better Energy Community (BEC) scheme 2018. If successful, and if co-funding can be provided to the Council by the DHPLG under the Fabric Upgrade Program (Phase 2), then this project will proceed.

Cork City Council also seeks opportunities for funding energy efficiency improvement works by collaborating with other cities in applying for EU funded projects.

9.8 **HOUSING LED SERVICE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th February, 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will introduce a scheme similar to that in operation at Dublin City Council where members of the public can alert the Council to people who are sleeping rough, the information is then passed to the ‘Housing First Service’ who attempt to make contact with and assist the rough sleepers. This system could also facilitate the tracking of those rough sleeping and progress by various agencies in moving people in to emergency accommodation and eventually in the housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/010)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has tendered for and received submissions for the provision of a Housing Led service for Cork City.

A Housing Led Service will be broader than just Housing First and will target people who are in homeless services for 6 months or more.

Housing First targets individuals with very high support needs, long term homeless by using scatter site housing, with a visiting support team with no time limit on their engagement.

Housing Led targets all individuals with any level of support needs, that are homeless, to be accommodated in suitable types of housing, and the support team could be visiting/on-site, for any length of time.

This service will aim to free up spaces in emergency hostels. This will allow those that are currently in private emergency accommodation long term to be key worked more effectively and avail of the free spaces created.

Cork City Council and Cork Simon Community both provide outreach services and instances of rough sleeping are identified by those services who will make contact with the individual and make every effort to engage these individuals with the necessary services. Unfortunately, people do not always wish to engage with services and it can take time to encourage people to avail of emergency accommodation or other supports, in particular mental health service supports.

The general public can report instances of rough sleeping directly to the Cork Simon Rough Sleeper Service or directly to Cork City Council at homeless@corkcity.ie.

10 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th FEBRUARY 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Roads and Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 19th February 2018.

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 15th February 2018 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork's Programme for the month ending January 2018.

10.2 **GREEN FILTER ARROW DIRECTING TRAFFIC FROM BLACKPOOL DIRECTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put a Green Filter Arrow on the Traffic Lights directing traffic coming from the Blackpool direction and turning right on the Ballyhooly Road at the Ballyvolane/Mayfield/Ballyhooly Road junction. This is currently a very dangerous junction particularly traffic wishing to make a right turn on to Ballyhooly Road. It needs to be urgently addressed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/398)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the configuration of the traffic signal control sequence implemented on junction referred to above is in line with the recommended guidance as set out in the Traffic Signs Manual. In addition, the traffic signal junction currently is optimised by MOVA, a proprietary traffic control facility utilising multi-lane detection, to optimise traffic flows. With regard to the demand for right turning vehicles from the NRR onto Ballyhooley Road, there is currently a vehicle loop detector to cater for the extension to Green time on this approach. At the same time the arrangement also extends the red signals on the opposing movement from Mayfield to facilitate the right-turners on to Ballyhooly Road in a safe manner. It is to be noted that the upgrade of this junction, incorporating the above mentioned signal changes, will form part of the next phase of improvement works (outbound) of the Ballyvolane to City route improvement scheme.

10.3 **RIGHT OF WAY TO BELGRAVE PLACE OFF WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council commence the process of extinguishing the right of way to Belgrave Place off Wellington Road. The property owners have consented to refurbish the car park, repair and install new perimeter railings which have been damaged over time, install wheelchair access to the properties and oversee the security of this area which has been an area of increased levels of serious anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/444)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee.

10.4 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION AT TURNERS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put a yellow box junction on the road outside John Banks Tyres, Turners Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/002)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the area in the vicinity of John Banks Tyres, Turners Cross can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. If deemed

appropriate, the measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken.

10.5 **FILTER LIGHT AT JUNCTION OF HOLLYMOUNT AND BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will install a filter light at the junction of Hollymount and Blarney Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/007)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the junction of Hollymount and Blarney Road can be assessed, to determine the extent of the problems that exist and identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the roads programme and undertaken as soon as resources area available.

10.6 **RAILINGS OF BELGRAVE TERRACE, WELLINGTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council restore the railings of Belgrave Terrace, Wellington Road along with properly pruning Roadside Trees and making negligent landlords cut back overgrown vegetation where it is hazardous to pedestrians and unsightly in general.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/009)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this Motion back to the Roads and Transportation Committee.

10.7 **ILLEGAL PARKING AND SPEEDING AT CHURCH YARD LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council roads department assess the impact of illegal parking and speeding at Church Yard Lane, off the Ballinlough shopping parade, as a matter of urgency, with a view to introducing measures to alleviate the problem such as, but not limited to: Introducing an one-way system through the laneway. Extending the footpath and introducing bollards to prevent illegal parking. Increasing signage in the area. Exploring the possibility of other traffic calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/011)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Council received a request from a local resident to have bollards installed and the footpath widened on Churchyard Lane so as to alleviate issues associated with parking in vicinity of his entrance. The matter was examined and it was determined that there is insufficient width to put bollards on the

footpath. It was also confirmed that there was insufficient carriageway width to add a footpath on the opposite side of the road without the road being made one way at this location. Ward Members may wish to further consider the installation of traffic calming measures and/or the making of the roadway a one way route. It is however to be noted that the introduction of a one way system usually results in an increase in traffic speeds. The Transportation Division will undertake a traffic survey to determine the volumes of traffic and current speeds of traffic using the road. It will be noted that the car parking area adjacent to the commercial properties to the north of Churchyard lane are not under the control of Cork City Council and consequently pay parking rules are not in operation. However the roadway between Ardmahon and Churchyard lane is subject to parking restrictions and double yellow lines are maintained on both sides of the roadway where appropriate. The area will be inspected again by Traffic Wardens to ensure that the restrictions are enforced as appropriate.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting past 8p.m.

10.8 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MEADOW PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Cork City Council place a pedestrian crossing at the exit of Meadow Park to the Dunnes Stores Ballyvolane Shopping Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/422)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the area in the vicinity of the exit of Meadow Park to the Dunnes Stores Ballyvolane Shopping Centre and adjoining estates can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken.

10.9 **CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would erect CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS on these approach roads [Whitebeam Road / Tara Lawn] to Maple Place Togher. Children from Maple Place have to cross over these roads in order to play on the only green area on the opposite side.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/013)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Whitebeam Road / Tara Lawn to Maple Place Togher will be assessed to identify potential road safety signage that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the signage will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken.

10.10 **PUBLIC LIGHTING AT FARRANFERRIS CRESCENT, FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will upgrade the public lighting in Farranferris Crescent Farranree before the development commences.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/017)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that apart from normal PL maintenance, the Transportation Division has focused on the replacement and renewal of obsolete and degraded equipment rather than installing additional public lights. Improved lighting levels with significant energy savings for these particular schemes have been achieved as a result.

The upgrading of the public lighting in Farranferris Crescent, Farranree will be assessed to determine the extent of upgrading required. Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the public lighting upgrading programme and undertaken as soon as is practical.

10.11 **REPLACE MISSING STREET PLAQUES AT DALTON’S AVENUE AND SHEARES STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the missing street plaques be placed at Dalton’s Avenue and Sheares Street, as well as the Sráid An Chapail Bhuí at the Roundy Housing pub side of Castle Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/018)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the nameplate for Sheares Street is in stock and will be fitted in the coming weeks, the new nameplate for Daltons Avenue has been fitted. A new nameplate for the Grand Parade is being ordered and will be fitted as soon as it is in stock.

10.12 **REMOVE SEATS AT SOUTH GATE BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 15th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I ask that Cork City Council would see to it that the seats situated near the bike stand at the South Gate Bridge be removed as quickly as possible as they are an attraction for anti social behaviour and promote on street drinking of alcoholic beverages. This area is steeped in history with many tourist attractions close by and the area has become an eyesore on this particular tourist trail. The seating is also causing difficulties for local rate payers who’s trade is effected and tarnished through no fault of their own.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/340)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this Motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

14. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG Annual Conference to be held at Park Hotel, Dungarvan on 12th – 13th April 2018.

15. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for January 2018.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **RESURFACE ROADWAY AT GREENHILLS ESTATE**

'That Greenhills Estate from the South Douglas Road to Greenhills Court be immediately resurfaced. The roadway here is in appalling condition.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/021)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.2 **RESURFACE SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

'That the section of road i.e. South Douglas Road be immediately resurfaced outside the Centra Super Market.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/022)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.3 **DITCH BETWEEN MEADOW PARK AND MEELICK PARK**

‘That the ditch between Meadow Park and Meelick Park be cut back and investigated for rodent infestation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/037)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.4 **UPGRADE LIGHTING IN LANDSDOWNE COURT**

‘That lighting be upgraded in Lansdowne Court, Cork and that additional lighting be placed adjacent to no 40 Lansdowne Court.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/038)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.5 **NEW LIGHTING AT SHANDON**

‘Can Cork City Council put in place new lighting at Shandon. The Shandon steeple and particularly the clocks are iconic features on the City Scape of Cork City and we should look at highlighting this historic feature with lighting in order to ensure it be truly visible at night.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/039)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

16.6 **REPLACE CRASH BARRIERS ON THE NORTHERN RING ROAD**

‘That the damaged crash barriers on the footpath on the Northern Ring Road be replaced by galvanised reinforced railings similar to what is already in place adjacent to this as a public safety measure. Also can the vegetation, i.e. the bushes and trees, which often overhang the footpath at this location be seriously cut back or even removed, hence cleaning up this very busy pedestrian walkway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/040)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.7 **EXPAND BIKE SCHEME TO SUBURBS**

‘That City Council would expand the Bike Scheme to the Suburbs Particularly to areas like C.I.T. and Páirc Uí Chaoimh , and that secure bike stands would be introduced immediately around Páirc Uí Chaoimh for cyclists who presently attend G.A.A. matches.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/054)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.8 **ROAD SURFACE OUTSIDE POST OFFICE ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That City Council would remove all the loose bricks outside the Model Farm Road P.O. and replace them with a proper road surface for the safety of pedestrians who use this facility.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/055)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.9 **DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE LOUGH**

‘That Cork City Council installs a defibrillator at the Lough and other high-use recreational areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/061)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.10 **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN BALLINTEMPLE VILLAGE**

‘That the City Council review the safety of pedestrians in Ballintemple Village. Regular speeding is not helped by fact it is still 50kph through the village. It suffers from poor design with zero traffic calming features. Sweeping bends, irregular parking, limited crossings points, dangerous bus stops all feature. Crab Lane road to the local school is also devoid of footpaths making it very dangerous at school times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/065)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.11 **POTHoles IN GREENHILLS ESTATE**

‘That the City Council patch as appropriate the larger potholes in Greenhills Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/066)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.12 **OLD WHITECHURCH ROAD LANDBANK**

‘That Cork City Council recognises that 4,500 people are on the City Council waiting list, rents are at historically high levels and that many working people are unable to afford to buy at market rates. Given that the Old Whitechurch Road is the only significant land bank in the city in council hands, we are opposed to any plans for this land to be used for a private development, with the majority of the homes sold on the open market for profit. We call for:

- 50% of the homes on the Old Whitechurch Road to be social housing
- 50% to be sold by the council on the basis of a genuine affordable mortgage scheme.
- The site to be developed on the basis of 800 units
- That appropriate community facilities be provided for, including plans for a community Centre with a dedicated youth Centre/cafe; green open space including football grounds; and a re-opening of the train stop at Kilbarry’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 18/067)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.13 **TRAFFIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT ON BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council roads department carry out a full safety assessment of traffic, speeding and parking in the vicinity of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School on Ballinlough Road, with a view to proposing suitable measures that will provide safe crossings for students of the school and enhance the safety of all road users and pedestrians using the road and footpaths in the vicinity of the school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/070)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.14 **ALLEVIATE DANGERS AT BALTIMORE LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council roads department takes action to alleviate the dangers associated with exiting Baltimore Lawn onto the Douglas Road. The view is very limited. Can the possibility of traffic lights, or assistive mirrors or any suitable alternative method be provided before a serious accident occurs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/071)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.15 **PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT**

‘That Cork City Council report on the planning conditions pertaining to the proposed housing development at the former Good Shepherd Convent site at Sunday’s Well including how these conditions will be monitored through the construction process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/072)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

17 **MOTIONS**

17.1 **INTEGRATION OF THE IRISH DEFENCE FORCES INTO THE EU MILITARY APPARATUS**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council expresses grave concern at the recent decision to integrate the Irish Defence Forces in to the EU military apparatus under the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), furthermore Council believes that this decision shows a disregard for the long standing and principled position of Irish neutrality.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/073)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, F. Kerins, H. Cremin (9)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, T. Shannon, T. O’Driscoll, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican (5)

ABSTENTION: Comhairleoir T. Moloney (1)

As the number voting for the Motion was greater than those voting against the Motion, An Lead Ard-Mhéara declared the Motion carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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