

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th MARCH 2018

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, 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, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. Hayes, Administration Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Smith Family on the death of Barry Smith.
- The Donovan Family on the death of Dan Donovan.
- The Connolly Family on the death of Anne Connolly.
- The Keane Family on the death of Bella Keane.
- The Donoghue Family on the death of Thomas Donoghue.
- The Flynn Family on the death of Paul Flynn.
- The Hornibrook Family on the death of Eddie Hornibrook.
- The Brosnan Family on the death of Pat Brosnan.
- The Hayes Family on the death of Andy Hayes.
- The Twomey Family on the death of Jerry Twomey.
- The Ginn Family on the death of William Ginn.
- The O'Donoghue Family on the death of Ann O'Donoghue.

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

- Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe and his wife on the birth of his son.
- Environment Department in Cork City Council on the success of Dog Fouling Awareness Week last week.
- English Market Management on organising the screening of the “Young Offenders” on the 10th March 2018.
- Blackpool Youth Club on organising a sleep-out to highlight the issue of homelessness.
- Cork Masons Historical Society on unveiling of the memorial stone to Irish Citizen Army Volunteers 1916 at the St. Finbarr’s Cemetery.
- Thomas Walsh Memorial Committee on the 100th year anniversary of the death of the death of Thomas Walsh, the Easter Rising Veteran.
- Cork City Council staff on dealing with the recent Severe Weather Event.
- Breda Twomey of Twomey’s Shop, Barrack Street on keeping the shop open during the Severe Weather Event.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **CORK CITY DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the visit of An tArd-Mhéara and Comhairleoirí S. O’Shea, S. Cunningham, P.J. Hourican, T. Shannon and P. Dineen as part of a Cork City Delegation to San Francisco from 22nd to 27th April 2018.

3.2 **INVITATION FROM THE HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL OF IRELAND IN GERMANY**

An Chomhairle considered and agreed to accept the invitation from the Honorary Consul General of Ireland in Germany and approved the attendance of the Deputy Lord Mayor at the St. Patrick’s Day Reception in Cologne on the 16th March 2018.

3.3 **ST. PATRICK’S DAY CEREMONIES**

An tArd-Mhéara reminded an Chomhairle of the St. Patrick’s Day arrangements and requested that the Elected Members would revert to the Meetings Administrator in this regard.

3.4 **LORD MAYOR’S CHARITY BALL**

An tArd-Mhéara reminded an Chomhairle that the Lord Mayor’s Charity Ball was taking place on the 18th March 2018.

3.5 **LORD MAYOR’S COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS 2018**

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle of his intention to award certificates to the emergency services that were involved in the response to the recent severe weather event.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the material contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 in relation to the construction of 66 No. residential units at Bessboro Road, Ballinure, Mahon under planning reference No. 17/37565.

It was brought to the attention of An Chomhairle by the Meetings Administrator that the incorrect section was referenced in the Resolution on the agenda. An Chomhairle was informed that the correct section was Section 34 (6)(iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Meetings Administrator read the correct wording of the Resolution into the record as follows:-

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning and Economic Development, it is hereby RESOLVED under Section 34 (6)(iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to approve the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning and Economic Development the permission be granted to Denis O’Brien Developments (Cork) Ltd. Under Planning Register 17/37565 for Permission for the construction of 66 residential units at Bessboro Road, Ballinure, Mahon, Cork.”

Following the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called for to approve the Material Contravention and associated Resolution where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (27)

AGAINST: Comhairleoir K. McCarthy. (1)

ABSTENTION: Comhairleoir T. Tynan. (1)

As those voting in favour was greater than the 23 votes required in accordance with Section 34 (6) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle agreed to approve the Report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise and agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning and Economic Development, it is hereby RESOLVED under Section 34 (6)(iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to approve the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning and Economic Development the permission be granted to Denis O’Brien Developments (Cork) Ltd. Under Planning Register 17/37565 for Permission for the construction of 66 residential units at Bessboro Road, Ballinure, Mahon, Cork.”

4.2 **NOAC – REPORT ON PERFORMANCE INDICATORS IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the National Oversight and Audit Commission on Performance Indicators in Local Authorities 2016 and they further agreed that the Report would be reviewed at the relevant Functional Committees.

4.3 **REPORT REGARDING RECENT SEVERE WEATHER EVENT**

The Chief Executive submitted a Report to An Chomhairle with regard to the recent Severe Weather Event. An Chomhairle noted the Report and congratulated Cork City Council staff, the public and the other agencies involved in the response to the Severe Weather event.

4.4 **CITY CENTRE UPDATE EVENT – 20TH MARCH 2018**

The Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle that Cork City Council and CORE were Holding a City Centre Update event and launch of the 2018 Cork City Centre brochure on the 20th March 2018 to which all members of An Chomhairle were invited.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 26th February 2018 with the following amendments:-

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, Cllr. Brosnan requested that his objection to the process, proposed to be commenced by the Strategic Policy Group, would be noted.

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.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **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 26th 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 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 not 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)
Deferred from meeting of
26th February

6.2 **NAMING OF MCCURTAIN STREET**

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

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)
Deferred from meeting of
26th February

REPLY

MacCurtain St was formally known as King Street from 1823 and previously Strand Street (1801).

The street was officially named MacCurtain Street in 1920. The rationale was to commemorate the late Lord Mayor Tomás MacCurtain.

It is still known as MacCurtain St.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

6.3 **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 26th 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)
Deferred from meeting of
26th February

6.4 **COST OF PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIMS**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following Question submitted by Comhairleoir H. Cremin would be deferred until the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 26th March 2018:-

Can the CE inform the Council what was the total cost to Cork City Council from public liability claims taken by claimants, due to falling on footpaths alone, across the city for each individual year 2010 to 2017?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

6.5 **FABRICATION UPGRADE SCHEME**

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

When will the fabrication upgrade scheme be carried out on the flats:

110 – 132 Pearse Road
 156 – 178 Pearse Road
 141 – 153 Pearse Road
 221 – 205 Pearse Road
 257 – 279 Pearse Road
 Connolly Green 15 – 29
 Pearse Place 11 – 19
 Father Dominic Road 158 – 172
 Killeenreendowney 62 – 78

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Cork City Council has received bids to carry out Deep Energy Retrofit works including upgrading the building fabric at the following apartment addresses:

261-279 Connolly Road – 12 units
 62-78 Killeenreendowney – 9 units
 14-24 Edward Walsh Road – 6 Units
 25-41 Edward Walsh Road – 9 units
 64-84 Edward Walsh Road – 12 units
 241-246 Pouladuff Road – 6 units

15-29 Connolly Green – 9 units
48-74 Fr. Dominic Road – 9 units
11-19 Pearse Road – 9 units
48-53 Fr. O’Flynn Place – 12 units
1-6 Bro. Rice Avenue – 6 units
54-59 Bro. Rice Avenue – 6 units
105-127 Wolfe Tone Street – 12 Units

The works to be carried out includes:

- a. External Wall insulation – 100mm depth
- b. Window upgrades to triple glazing where required.
- c. Installation of heat pump

The total cost of the works listed above is €6.2m.

The Council has applied to the DHPLG for funding and is awaiting an allocation prior to commencing the works.

This work will be 50% funded by the National Governments Department of Finance and 50% funded by the EU through the Southern Assemblies Regional Operational Program 2014-2020.

It is hoped that additional funding will be made available from the DHPLG through the Regional Operational Program to enable works to be carried out to additional apartment blocks in the city.

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

6.6 **COMMON AREAS OF RIVERVIEW RISE**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following Question submitted by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn would be deferred until the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 26th March 2018:-

Could Cork City please confirm that they have taken over the common areas of Riverview Rise as they indicated they would do in 2017, both by question and reply from Cork City CE?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

6.7 **POSTERS RELATING TO REFERENDUM**

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

That in view for the proposed referendum in May/June and the proliferation of posters re: same can the CE outline what measures the Council will take to 1. highlight the rules governing the erection of posters in the city and 2. mechanisms of dealing with unauthorized posters that have been erected.

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

REPLY

Cork City Council at its meeting held on the 22nd June 2015 approved a protocol for the erection of temporary meeting, event posters on its property under Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2002. The protocol came into force with effect from 1st August 2015.

The protocol is designed to control the number of posters erected across the city and sets out the do's and don'ts and safety guidelines to be followed while erecting posters.

Postering is monitored by the Litter Management Section and in general there is a high degree of compliance with the postering protocol. Unauthorised posters are removed by the Litter Wardens as soon as is practicable as resources allow and Litter fines are issued where appropriate.

I will arrange for the protocol to be published and retained on the home page of the City Council's website for a period of time to highlight the proper procedures in relation to the erection of temporary posters.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.8 **RAW SEWAGE OVERFLOWS**

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

Apart from the overflow at Crosses Green, can the CE please advise where there are other raw sewage overflows into (a) North Channel and (b) South Channel of the River Lee, what records are kept of incidences of sewage overflows into the River Lee and what plans do Cork City Council have to eliminate sewage outflows?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The only known sewage overflow to either the North or South Channels of the River Lee, within the Cork City agglomeration boundary, is from the St Patrick's Culvert, at St Patrick's Bridge, on account of a limited number of historic mis-connections, which were not resolved as part of the Cork Main Drainage project. To resolve this issue, Irish Water and Cork City Council has undertaken a study and survey works to identify these remaining mis-connections. The findings are now being incorporated into the broader Drainage Area Plan (DAP) study, currently underway by Irish Water, for the Cork City Agglomeration.

There are numerous Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), which overflow to the various rivers within the Cork City agglomeration during times of rainfall. However, these CSOs are registered on the Cork City Discharge License and overflow during rainfall is part of their intended operation.

In terms of recording sewage overflows (e.g. a pump station overflow or CSO overflow during dry weather), when such an event occurs, it is reported to the EPA via their EDEN

portal. The incident is then investigated by Cork City Council, and the findings reported to the EPA. The incident is then closed when it has been addressed and resolved to the satisfaction of the EPA.

In general sewage flows are avoided by a programme of routine inspection and maintenance to both pump stations and CSOs. Cork City Council has a dedicated outdoor operations crew solely responsible for the routine inspection and maintenance of CSOs. For the purposes of maintenance to pump stations, Cork City Council / IW employ the services of specialist contractors to carry out these works.

**DAVID JOYCE
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION DIRECTORATE**

6.9 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS OF OLD ODLUMS BUILDING**

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 planning applications for the old Odlums Building in Docklands, and have any approaches been made to the owner regarding considering the future use of this historic building?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The last planning application was TP 13/35859: Demolish and remove disused warehouses/stores, mill/silos, weightbridge and ancillary buildings on a site bounded by Kennedy's Quay, Mill Road, Marina Road & Furlong Street, South Docklands, Cork City. The buildings to be demolished are within the cartilage of the Odlums Building (protected structure ref. PS856), which along with an adjoining store to the west, will not be demolished and will be retained as part of this. This was granted permission and implemented.

Since then there has been no discussions with the owners, Origin Enterprises, regarding the property.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise.

6.10 **PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH**

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

To ask the CE for an up- to- date report to Council on any discussions that are taking place between the management of Páirc Uí Chaoimh and officials of Cork City Council regarding the outstanding conditions of planning for the redevelopment of the Stadium, which to date have not been implemented, in particular the public lighting on the roads and walkways surrounding the Stadium. Have these discussions included the forthcoming Ed Sheeran Concert due to take place in May and any concerns expressed by City Council

officials to the management of the Stadium and the concert promoter regarding any public safety/health concerns about the surrounding public realm.

(Cllr. Terry Shannon)

REPLY

Discussions are underway with the Cork GAA in relation to some outstanding conditions in relation to the planning permission granted for the redevelopment of Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The major unresolved issue relates to the contribution expected from the GAA to the public lighting of approaches to the stadium. However, at present, the degree of non-compliance does not necessitate issuing enforcement proceedings and both sides are endeavouring to resolve the issues still outstanding.

The Ed Sheeran Concerts will be dealt with by a separate process, the granting of an Event Licence. This is a separate process to the planning permission. Cork City Council stated at the Oral Hearing into the redevelopment of Páirc Uí Chaoimh that events such as concerts would be dealt with under the Event Licence process. The application for an Event Licence is being considered at present. The applicant is Aiken Promotions. If the Event Licence is granted, Aiken Promotions will be responsible for staging the concerts. The Event Licence, if granted, will contain conditions that address any public safety concerns in relation to the concerts.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 5th MARCH 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Party Whips from its meeting held 5th March 2018.

7.1 **REPORTING ROUTE FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the “Reporting Route for Community Grants” being routed through Finance and Estimates Functional Committee.

7.2 **COUNCILLORS’ EXPENSES 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the uploading of Councillors Expenses in respect of Quarters 3 and 4 2017 to Cork City Council Website.

8. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th MARCH 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Functional committee from its meeting held 5th March 2018 with amendment to reflect that Comhairleoir T. Moloney was present at the meeting.

8.1 **CREATIVE IRELAND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, dated 1st March 2018 on Creative Ireland.

8.2 **ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARY SERVICE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 1st March 2018 on Annual Report of Library Service 2017.

8.3 **FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN FÁILTE IRELAND AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR REGIONAL FESTIVALS AND PARTICIPATIVE EVENTS 2018**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 1st March 2018 on Funding Agreement between Fáilte Ireland and Local Authorities for Regional Festivals and Participative Events 2018.

8.4 **MOTIONS**

8.4.1 **FUTURE ARTS PLANS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 28th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council’s future Arts Plan be compiled and published.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/019)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current plan from 2011-2015 has been extended to 2017. The Council should be aware that the Arts Office prepares annual Operational Plans in line with the Corporate Plan and the Arts Plan and updates the Arts Committee and Functional Committee of same regularly throughout the year.

In my consideration the main aims and objectives of the plan continue to be relevant. With a broadening city council area, and the redevelopment of the Corporate Plan from 2019 onwards I recommend extending the current plan until 2019 so that all planning processes can move forward together. I further recommend that the Arts Committee undertake a status report on the existing plan to be brought to this committee in Quarter 4, with a view towards informing the development of the next plan in 2019.

8.4.2 **LIBRARY SERVICE IN MAHON/BLACKROCK AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 28th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council commits to the delivery and time scale for the development of a local library service in Mahon/Blackrock area (South East Ward) at the site of the old HSE Medical Centre at Lakelands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 18/053)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the former Health Centre at Lakeland’s Crescent, Mahon is not in the ownership of Cork City Council. Discussions in relation to this property have been ongoing with the Health Services Executive, but have not been

finally concluded. Until such time as the transfer of the property is concluded, the City Council cannot proceed to develop detailed proposals in relation to potential future uses. In relation to the use of the building and site for the local library service in the Mahon/Blackrock Area all available sites and building options will be explored but the development of a branch library will be dependent on the necessary capital funding programme being available.

8.4.3 **FUNDING FOR A NATIONAL MARITIME CENTRE IN THE DOCKLANDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 5th March 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Mindful of the fact that Fáilte Ireland has highlighted the lack of a major ‘must-see’ attraction in Cork City, that the City Council immediately puts in motion a plan to develop and secure funding for a National Maritime Centre in the Docklands that will relate and enliven Ireland’s rich maritime story with active linkages (to include sailings, rail or road) to centres in Cobh and Spike Island and other sites associated with that history and to include the history of transportation to Britain, the US, Australia and the world during the Famine Years as well as the unique ties with the Titanic and Lusitania.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/056)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members of the City Council and Senior Management Team attended at workshops recently with representatives from Fáilte Ireland. The workshops highlighted the potential for the creation in Cork City of an iconic tourist attraction of scale.

It is certainly appreciated that the maritime credentials and assets of Cork represent an opportunity for the creation of a new visitor attraction of scale. The City Council has committed to continue to work with Fáilte Ireland to develop a plan for the creation of a new attraction with the ability to create a high number of visitors. Further reports will issue to Members as this process progresses.

On the proposal Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn it was further agreed that the development of a “must see” attraction be a constant item to the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee meeting agendas.

8.4.4 **FLEADH CEOL NA hÉIREANN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 28th February 2018 on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council officials positively pursue the holding of Fleadh Ceol na hÉireann for Cork City for 2020 as one cultural way of commemorating the events of 1920.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/008)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members have previously been advised that the hosting of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann will require a very considerable financial commitment. At present the budget does not exist to meet this commitment. Accordingly,

the possibility of the City Council hosting Fleadh Cheoil nah Éireann can be considered in the context of preparing Budget 2019.

9. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th MARCH 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Finance and Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th March 2018.

9.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

9.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF JANUARY 2018**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to end of January 2018.

9.2 **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE COLLECTION FOR 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services on the Collector of Municipal Rate Collection for 2017.

9.3 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle agreed that those Motions which did not appear on the agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle on the 12th March 2018 would be included in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Finance and Estimates Functional Committee, scheduled for 8th May 2018.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

11. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

13. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance to the following Training Seminars:-

- Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, T. O’Driscoll, T. Brosnan and T. Shannon at the LAMA Spring Seminar in Donegal on the 6th and 7th April 2018.
- Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and M. Shields at the Seminar 2 Border & Western Region in Westport on the 19th May 2018.

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG Annual Conference in Park Hotel, Dungarvan on the 12th and 13th April 2018.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Seminar 2 Southern Region in Ennis on the 24th May 2018.
- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Seminar 3 Dublin, Eastern and Midlands Region in Dundalk on the 23rd June 2018.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **RESURFACE PEARSE ROAD**

‘That Pearse Road from the junction of Kent Road to the Church be immediately resurfaced. This is a busy road and the surface is badly eroded.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/023)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **RESURFACE TOGHER ROAD**

‘That Togher Road outside the Supervalu Shop be immediately resurfaced. This is a very busy location and the surface is in an appalling condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/024)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **UPGRADE PUBLIC LIGHTING AT WOODHILL PARK**

‘Now that Woodhill Park is being taken in charge can the substandard public lighting be upgraded in this estate. Also, can the footpaths that have never been maintained be upgraded and new footpaths put in place and the estate road be resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/060)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **SPEED RAMPS IN AVONMORE PARK, MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council would put speed ramps in Avonmore Park in Mayfield. The area in question is the stretch of the estate road just inside the entrance to the park and running parallel to the main road. This is being used by small motor cycles and cars speeding and is very dangerous for the many young children playing on the adjacent green area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/062)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **HEATING SYSTEM IN ARDBHAILE AND GLENAMOY LAWN, MAYFIELD**

‘That the City Council undertake a thorough investigation into safety and health aspects of the new air-to-air heating system installed in Ardbhaile and Glenamoy Lawn, Mayfield within the past two years. Residents are very concerned at possible health problems associated with the heating and are looking for assurances, supported by independent documentation from appropriate statutory bodies, to show that this system is safe and is suitable for domestic heating and that it complies fully with all relevant international and Irish standards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 18/074)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.6 **WORKS AT TINKERS CROSS JUNCTION, MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council will move to apply for the funding required to carry out all planned works at the Tinkers Cross junction in Mayfield. These works have been planned for quite some time, would enhance infrastructure on the north side of the city, and as such must be prioritised in 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 18/075)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.7 **CCTV IN SUNDAY SCHOOL LANE, BLACKPOOL**

‘That Cork City Council installs CCTV in Sunday School Lane Blackpool to counter act the illegal dumping and antisocial behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/076)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

14.8 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN ROSELAWN ESTATE, TOGHER ROAD**

‘That City Council would examine the public lighting in Roselawn Estate Togher Rd. There are a lot of elderly residents living here and they would love to see a big improvement here with either extra lamps or more modern street lighting. [LED's]’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/077)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **PLANNING CONDITIONS FOR A DRUG TREATMENT CENTRE**

‘That any group or organisation that applies for planning permission as a drug treatment centre in Cork City would have as a condition of their planning would have approval from the HSE for their drug treatment programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 18/080)

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

14.10 **PARKING AT GATELODGE, CASTLE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council roads directorate assess the issue of dangerous parking at the entrance to gatelodge on Castle Road, particularly at weekends, with a view to providing double yellow lines to make the junction safe for residents entering and exiting the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/081)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.11 **REMOVE TREE STUMPS FROM PUBLIC PARKS, PUBLIC ROADS AND HOUSING ESTATES**

‘That Cork City Council report on the plans in place to remove tree stumps from public parks, public roads and housing estates. Can the report list the order in which these works will be carried out? And is funding available from the Ophelia cleanup operation to cover the cost of these works?’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 18/082)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.12 **4X4 VEHICLES FOR EMERGENCY STAFF**

‘That Cork City Council invests in a fleet of 4X4’s and make available these type of vehicles to emergency staff such as Community Wardens, Plumbers, Electricians to combat our adverse weather conditions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/083)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **THE QUARRY, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would expedite completion and publication of Plans for the Quarry, Ballyhooley Road as I do not see any signs of progress being made.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/084)

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

14.14 **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA, CORKSCREW HILL**

‘That City Council officials expedite Architectural Conservation Area designation as discussed with residents of Corkscrew Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/085)

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

14.15 **TRAFFIC SURVEY ON ROAD LEADING TO NEMO RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

‘That Cork City Council Traffic Department could carry out a comprehensive traffic survey on the main road, and in all parks off it leading down to Nemo Rangers Football Club grounds on the South Douglas Road. This survey should also include a review of the timing of the green light to exit from here on to the South Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/091)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.16 **ARD MAHON ESTATE, WELL ROAD**

‘That double yellow lines and plastic bollards be installed at the top of Ard Mahon Estate, Well Road, where indiscriminate and dangerous parking is taking place daily, causing a real public safety issue for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/092)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **MAKE WAY DAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘Recognising that people with disabilities have the same right to use and enjoy public spaces that we all share,

Acknowledging the obstacles which people with disabilities face in their daily lives, including badly parked vehicles and bicycles, billboards, over-grown hedges and other ill-placed hazards,

Understanding that most obstacles are caused by thoughtlessness and genuine lack of awareness,

That Cork City Council:

- supports the establishment of an annual national “Make Way Day”,
- will write to an Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, TD, and to each individual Minister and Minister of State, calling on them to support, establish, fund and resource an annual national “Make Way Day” which would be localised in each region,
- will annually support and promote a local #MakeWayCorkCity campaign as part of the wider “Make Way Day”

(Proposers: Cllr. H. Cremin, C. O’Leary, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. F. Kerins 18/084)

15.2 **VERSATIS PAIN RELIEF PATCHES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister of Health, Deputy Simon Harris, and the Government to request the HSE to review the decision to restrict the use of Versatis pain relief patches to patients, in chronic pain, outside those experiencing post herpetic neuralgia. And to revert to the pre-December 2017 status while this review is being undertaken.’

(Proposers: Cllr. C. O’Leary, Cllr. S. O’Shea, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. M. Nugent 18/087)

15.3 **ANNUAL NATIONAL “MAKE WAY DAY”**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the establishment of an annual national “Make Way Day”.’

(Proposer: Ard-Mhéara T. Fitzgerald 18/088)

15.4 **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS UNIT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council agrees that there are better uses of public monies than the €5 Million Strategic Communications Unit (SCU) and believes the SCU should be scrapped rather than reviewed as the Taoiseach has announced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/089)

This concluded the business of the meeting

**ARD-MHÉARA
CATHAOIRLEACH**