

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017

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| PRESENT | Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill. |
| NORTH EAST | Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh. |
| NORTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí 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, 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. |
| APOLOGIES | Comhairleoir F. Ryan. |
| ALSO PRESENT | Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallihan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. |

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Burns Family on the death of Tony Burns.
- The Kelleher Family on the death of Keith Kelleher.
- The Hoare Family on the death of Julia Hoare.
- The Hyland Family on the death of David Hyland.
- The Kenny Family on the death of Gretta Kenny.
- The Ruddock Family on the death of Robert Ruddock.
- The Hennessy Family on the death of Michael Hennessy.
- The Hourican Family on the death of Joe Hourican.

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

- Peter O’Keeffe, Corinthians on winning the Irish Amateur Open Championship Evan Cup (National Competition).
- An Taoiseach Enda Kenny on his retirement from the office of An Taoiseach and his contribution to Irish life.
- Sean Abbott, CEO COPE Foundation on 60 years providing services to people with disability in Cork.
- Leanne Murphy on winning the County, Munster and All Ireland Titles in Girl 4 66kg.
- Everton Football Club on winning the Senior First Division Munster Senior League Title.
- Coláiste Choilm on winning the Lord Mayor’s Cup.
- Cork City Council Fire Service on winning the Lord Mayor’s Inter Firm and Inter Services Dragon Boat Race Challenge.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **LORD MAYOR’S CIVIC AND COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS 2017**

An tArd-Mhéara advised members that the Lord Mayor’s Civic and Community & Voluntary Awards would take place, Wednesday 31st May 2017, and encouraged their support for the event.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for April 2017.

4.2 **GROWSMARTER 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The Chief Executive advised members that the GrowSmarter 2017 General Assembly would be hosted in Cork from 31st May 2017 to 1st June 2017.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 27th May 2016.

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 8th May 2017.

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

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 11th May 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **PLANTING IN OPEN SPACES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive in respect to planting in open public spaces and taken-in-charge estates; was is the official City Council policy with regard to the selection of trees, shrubs and other plants; what criteria are used to judge the appropriate height and spread of mature trees (branches and roots) in residential areas and their impact on adjoining properties; what processes and procedures are in place to assess trees in residential areas; has City Council looked to develop any strategic plan for the collection and composting of leaves from Council owned trees and shrubs either on its own or with other stakeholders; what protocols are in place with statutory bodies with regard to the pruning and cutting of trees on public lands?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)
Deferred from meeting of
8th May.

REPLY

1. Tree planting in open public spaces and taken-in-charge estates; what is the official City Council policy with regard to the selection of trees, shrubs and other plants; what criteria are used to judge the appropriate height and spread of mature trees (branches and roots) in residential areas and their impact on adjoining properties?

The height and crown spread of all tree and shrub species is established and well documented. The tree and shrub species selected for individual areas is determined by the specific location for planting, the space available to enable the selected species to reach its maximum size in terms of height, spread and root spread, distance from houses and other properties and, the presence of utilities.

2. What processes and procedures are in place to assess trees in residential areas?
General observation of trees on public lands is undertaken by the relevant Parks Area Foreman and their staff. Where they identify a particular issue with an individual tree, a more detailed inspection is carried out by trained personnel in the Council's tree section and, where appropriate, by an external Arboriculture specialist.

3. Has the City Council looked to develop any strategic plan for the collection and composting of leaves from Council owned trees and shrubs either on its own or with other stakeholders?

The majority of fallen leaves during Autumn in parks and open space areas remain in situ and decompose naturally in shrubberies and hedgerows. Where necessary, leaves are swept, collected and deposited in these areas to decompose.

Leaves are collected in Fitzgerald's Park for composting and used as mulch as appropriate.

The majority of leaves collected on streets are collected along with litter and other materials, segregating the leaves from these other materials would be extremely labour intensive, expensive and therefore not a viable option at present in the context of current scarce resources.

4. What protocols are in place with statutory bodies with regard to the pruning and cutting of trees on public lands?

Requests from Statutory bodies, to prune trees adjacent to utilities are made to the Council from time to time in the context of Health & Safety. Prior to the embargo on recruitment, the Council had a dedicated tree gang assigned to this service. The current arrangement is that the Statutory body engages a competent Arboricultural Contractor and undertakes the necessary pruning works agreed with the Council.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.2 **RETAIL STRATEGY FOR THE NORTH WEST WARD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to publish the findings of the retail strategy for the North West Ward, if any, and to convene a meeting with the relevant partners involved in retail from the Hollyhill Shopping Centre with a view to establish if the Centre can be upgraded given the recent availability of premises in the Shopping Centre.

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

REPLY

The retail strategy for the North West Ward is not yet complete. The relevant stakeholders in the Hollyhill Shopping Centre have been consulted and further engagement will take place when the draft report is finalised by end of Q3, 2017.

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

6.3 **EXECUTIVE HOUSING OFFICERS**

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

How many Executive Housing Officers does Cork City Council have?

How many houses has each Executive Housing Officer to manage and according to best practice, what should the ratio for Executive Housing Officers to council tenant housing be?

What additional resources / staff is Cork City Council investing in the housing department to prevent or reduce anti-social behaviour by Cork City Council tenants?

What safeguards are in place for Cork City Council staff when dealing with problem Tenants

The Tenancy Enforcement Officer is also responsible for Traveller Accommodation, why are these jobs combined. Is it a result of Government cuts or the staff embargo or lack of funding?

Does the CE acknowledge that Cork City Council Housing Department does not have enough staff or resources in place to deal with the amount of anti-social behaviour reports the council has received?

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

REPLY

Cork City Council's Housing Directorate currently employs nine Executive Housing Officers (EHOs).

Each EHO is responsible for on average 995 housing units.

A study carried out by UCC in 2000 recommends a maximum of 500 housing units per EHO.

Currently, it is not possible to recruit any additional resources to prevent, reduce and address anti-social behaviour issues within Council estates / properties. However, this will be kept under review and considered in the context of the annual budgeting process.

The present safeguards include the following:

1. Supervisors always informed as to the location of EHOs in particular properties.
2. EHOs require the assistance of Gardai when deemed necessary.
3. Dog distracter electronic devices

The role of Tenancy Enforcement Officer and Traveller Accommodation Officer has been combined for many years and this is not due to cutbacks.

I am satisfied that reports of anti social behaviour are addressed to the best of our ability, and as promptly as possible, within existing available resources. The staff involved are very dedicated and are to be commended for their work in combating this issue, which is by its nature, very challenging.

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

6.4 **SCHEDULE FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES**

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

Could a schedule for grass cutting services which Cork City Council provides for each estate it services within its boundaries be provided to Members?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

Council Estates

Maintenance of grass areas within Council Estates is on a 14 – 16 day cycle and includes litter collection and general grounds maintenance duties.

Private Estates

Maintenance of grass areas within private estates consists of two mowings, one in March and the second in October. Mowings in between are either undertaken by the residents either by themselves or through the services of a contractor. The Council does assist with additional cuts, as resources permit, when individual estates appear to struggle with providing the required number of mowings to maintain their areas in a satisfactory condition. In addition to assisting with grass maintenance, the Council undertake clean-ups as and when required and, the maintenance of trees, shrubs and floral planting.

Grass Verges

Maintenance of grass verges adjacent to roads and paths in both Council and private estates varies from a 14 – 16 day cycle to two mowings a year (in areas considered appropriate to set aside as nature/biodiversity areas).

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.5 ART SCHEMES IN 2014, 2015 AND 2016

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

How much money was collected by the per cent for Art Schemes in 2014, 2015, 2016?

What works were carried out under this Scheme?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The Per Cent for Art scheme is an initiative, whereby 1% of the cost of any publicly funded capital, infrastructural and building development can be allocated to the commissioning of a work of art. Since 1997 this scheme has been made available to all capital projects across all government departments.

Capital programmes where the Per Cent for Art applies include: - public housing projects, (social and affordable schemes); transport and roads; environmental schemes such as drainage schemes, pump stations and reservoirs; public buildings such as libraries, public offices, schools, hospitals, medical centres, prisons, cultural buildings - cinemas, theatres, art centres; conservation works carried out to public buildings and sites and, urban and village renewal schemes.

2014 - Cork City Council did not commission a % for Art Commission in 2014

2015 - Cork City Council commissioned a % for Art project for Hollyhill library development. The Commission amount was €24,000. Three writers Billy O'Callaghan,

William Wall and Doireann Ní Ghríofa and photographer John Minihan created prose, poetry and photography published in a book called ‘The Berries’.

2016 – Cork City Council secured €80,000 from the Phase 1 A, Phase 1B and Phase 2A of the North West Quarter regeneration development. There was an international public commissioning process undertaken in 2016 and UK based artist Mark Storor was awarded the commission in 2017. The artists socially engaged commissioned will be completed by end of 2018.

A % for Art scheme of €33,000 was secured from the development of St Anthony’s park, Hollyhill. Artist Leanne McDonagh was awarded the commission to develop a permanent sculpture informed by the traveller community to mark the year ethnicity status was recognised by Government. The project will be completed by November 2017.

The % for Art scheme budget included in Cork City Council works to date over the next few years are;

- **Deanrock** - €51,000 - estimated completion housing scheme by 2019 – large housing estate and community centre: % For Art commissioning process will begin 2018
- **Churchfield Place East** – €5,500* estimated completion of housing works 2018 – % For Art commissioning process will begin 2018
- **Gerald Griffin Street** - €51,000 estimated works completion 2019/2020– large apartment complex with community facility - % For Art commissioning process will begin 2019
- **St. John’s Well** - €9,752* estimated works completion 2018 –% For Art commissioning process will begin 2018
- **Shandon Street/ John Philpott Curren street** – €28k –estimated completion date 2017/2018- % For Art commissioning process will begin 2018
- **Boyces Street**-€ 51k estimated works completion date 2019/2020 - % For Art commissioning process will begin 2020
- **Bramble cottage**– €10k estimated works completion 2019. % For Art commissioning process will begin 2019

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs.

6.6 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred.

With reference to traffic management in the South West Ward, to ask the Chief Executive Officer;

- i. The dates by which Management Mobility Plans were submitted for review to the City Council from major employers in the Ward, namely, CIT, UCC, Bons Secours Hospital and CUH/CUMH and the period of time for which they are valid;
- ii. A description of the process for review and enforcement of Management Mobility Plans by City Council, the dates of such reviews, the Directorate(s) undertaking such reviews and outcomes from those reviews;
- iii. An outline of granted planning applications to each of the above named institutions, CIT, UCC, Bons Secours and CUH/CUMH from 2012.

- iv. To identify plans and strategies for traffic management and modality shift over the next five years in the South West Ward.

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

6.7 **VACANT LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING UNITS IN CORK CITY**

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

That the CE would report on the number of vacant local authority housing units in Cork City currently and the level of funding available and approved by the Department for turning around these vacant units?

(Cllr. Mick Nugent)

REPLY

The total number of vacant houses as of 18th May is 290. This represents 3.2% of housing stock. The number of units within the 290 which for various reasons, as listed in the report to the Housing Functional Committee A2/8, are at present unavailable for repair is 96. The remaining 194 units include the following:

- units for which the Council is awaiting the return of keys
- Purchased units
- Units under repair/contract

Therefore, the number of units capable of repair is 110 or 1.2% of total stock.

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government has approved an allocation of €871,000 towards the cost of refurbishing and retrofitting 43 vacant units subject to certain constraints.

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

6.8 **LOADING BAYS ON PATRICK STREET**

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

Can the CE indicate how many loading bays are located on Patrick Street?
Where are the closest loading bays to lower Patrick Street (Merchants Quay side)?
Are there any plans currently to provide more loading bays in the city centre?

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

REPLY

There are seven (7) loading bays located on Patrick Street.

The nearest loading bay to Merchant's Quay shopping centre is located on Merchant's Quay. On Patrick Street, the nearest loading bay to Merchant's Quay is outside the Savoy

- Merchants Quay;
- outside Savoy;
- outside Penneys;
- outside Le Chateau bar;
- outside Monsoon;
- outside Superdry (formerly The Moderne);
- outside HMV;
- outside Oasis/ Burger King;

There are currently no plans to provide more loading bays in the area. The number of local bays is reviewed frequently in the context of demand and use. It is also reviewed as part of the Council's ongoing capital works programme.

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

6.9 **DEVELOPMENT AT WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

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

In relation to the development at The White Street Car Park, when this is completed the drains which serve the houses in the adjacent St Johns Mews will be located in the back gardens of the new social housing development and will be inaccessible for general maintenance.

Will there be plans put in place to alleviate this potential problem and can Cork City Council take these in charge or will Irish Water be responsible for the maintenance of these drains when the development is completed?

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

The storm and foul water sewers within the extent of the White Street site will be taken in charge by the City Council as part of the proposed housing development.

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

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 15th MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held 15th May 2017.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th APRIL 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30th April 2017.

8. **JOINT MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 9th MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee and The Local Community Development Committee from its meeting held 9th May 2017.

8.1 **REPORT ON THE CORK CITY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN – IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2017-2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise and the Chief Officer of the LCDC on the Cork City Local Economic and Community Plan – Implementation Plan 2017-2018.

9. **ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 8th MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 8th May 2017.

10. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 15th MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing and Community Services Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 15th May 2017.

11. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 15th MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 15th May 2017.

11.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services on Housing for April 2017.

11.2 **SUMMARY SOCIAL HOUSING ASSESSMENT (SSHA) 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 11th May, 2017 in relation to the Summary Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) 2017.

11.3 **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AT BISHOPSGROVE, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 11th May, 2017 in relation to supported student accommodation project at Bishopsgrove, Bishopstown.

11.4 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME – MONTHLY UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 11th May, 2017 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

11.5 **WALL CAPPING – GREEN AREA AT MARKET GARDENS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 13th April 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would complete the wall by placing Capping’s on the cavity block walls dividing the private property and the green area at Market Gardens Togher. This wall is located between properties No. 56 and 57 and is a huge cause of concern for residents here as youths are climbing this wall and getting into residents back gardens. By putting these capping’s in place it would drastically reduce this type of behaviour and give residents in this area some peace of mind.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/096)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the site was visited, inspected and residents were consulted. The subject wall is already complete with capping, albeit flat.

11.6 **FARRANCLEARY FLATS AND GARAGES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 11th May, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would include in its programme of works for 2017 the repainting of the Farran Cleary flats and repair the soffits and shoots of the Farran Cleary garage in Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/085)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will arrange an inspection of the Farrancleary flats and garages with a view to carrying out any necessary painting and repairs to soffits during 2017. The ability and timeframe to carry out any identified work is dependent on the extent of the work required.

11.7 **TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 11th May, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘In the context of Traveller Accommodation issues, City Council to report on: The mid-term review of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2014-2018, Funds available for Traveller accommodation this year and plans for same. The process and timeline for the next Traveller Accommodation Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/125)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the mid-term review of the Traveller Accommodation Plan was sent to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) in September 2016. The review was presented to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee and was approved by the Director before being submitted to the DHPCLG.

Capital funds have been sought to build a retaining wall on the Spring Lane Halting site. Funds have also been requested to carry out upgrade works on the site.

The following has been provisionally approved pending a further review of the projects. This represents funding of 50% of the estimated costs involved. The Council needs full funding for these projects to proceed.

- General Refurbishment: €365,415
- Cliff Re-stabilisation Phase 2: €188,757

The process and timeline for the next Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019-2023 will be set by the DHPCLG.

As a point of information, the circular relating to the current Traveller Accommodation Plan 2014-2018 was circulated to local authorities in August 2013. It is expected the timeline for the new plan will be similar, i.e. initial Circular Letter due in 2018.

11.8 **APPLICATIONS FOR DOWNSIZING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 11th May, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would forward a full report on our position and the status of our downsizing applications list and what progress if any is being made in reducing this list.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/130)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council accepts applications for lettings under the downsizing scheme in the following circumstances and in order of priority as follows:

- Persons who are living in unfit or unsuitable accommodation for their needs;
- Elderly persons who wish to surrender their family home and move to smaller/more suitable accommodation; and
- Persons who are in need of housing on medical, compassionate or similar grounds.

There are currently 68 approved downsizing applications on hand, of which 53 are from applicants over 50 years of age. Cork City Council has, within its rented stock, certain designated dwellings which are more suitable for the needs of elderly persons (e.g. Barrett's Buildings) and such applicants may be considered for these properties as vacancies arise.

Applicants approved for downsizing may also access and bid on available properties on the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system.

11.9 **TASK FORCE FOR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing and Community Services dated 11th May, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would put a task force together to tackle the issue of unruly tenants and tenants that cause anti-social behaviour in their communities. That the task force would include officials from Cork City Council Housing Department, community guards and a senior member of Gardaí management also with a senior member of Cork City Council housing department and any other persons that would be of assistance in combating the increasing levels of tenants causing anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/132)

The report of the Director of Services stated that City Council staff work closely with Gardaí in a number of fora already including Safety Forums and Joint Policing Committees.

Council staff have built up strong working relationships with Gardaí and work closely with Gardaí to combat anti-social behaviour.

Cork City Council's Tenancy Enforcement Officer recently met with our own Law Department and a Garda Superintendent to review legislation in relation to anti-social behaviour and a new process has been agreed for the reporting and follow up of anti-social behaviour, using the legislation to maximum effect.

25 tenants were removed from their homes during 2015/16 due to anti-social behaviour. 2 court orders were secured last month.

The Council will look to remove tenants where anti-social behaviour can be substantiated based on neighbours and/or Garda evidence. This is not achievable in all cases.

12. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 15th MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 15th May 2017.

12.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork's Programme for the month ending April 2017.

12.2 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE JUNCTION LEADING TO SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion (as amended) referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council put in place double yellow lines at the upper side of this estate adjacent to the junction on Boherboy Road leading to Silverheights Road. While residents park outside their houses, a growing number of motorists are now leaving their cars in this area and taking the bus to town. This unwelcome car congestion is presenting a serious public safety hazard to both residents and children using the local school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/063)

The report of the Director of Services stated that if the residents of Silverheights Road are experiencing problems due to unregulated parking, a written request in the form of a plebiscite from all residents affected to introduce parking controls in the form of double yellow lines or pay parking controls should be submitted to the Transportation Division.

12.3 **RE-PAINT ROAD SIGNS IN BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That all road signs in Ballyphehane be immediately re-painted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/103)

An Chomhairle further agreed that the issue of funding such works over a number of years would be examined.

The report of the Director of Services stated that this proposal was considered previously by the Commemoration Motions Committee of Cork City Council and it was deemed that resources were not available to undertake the work required.

12.4 **REPAINT ROAD SIGNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the following road (street) signs which have been painted over be re-painted to their original status St. Endas Road, Templeacre Avenue, Rathmore Road, Springfield Estate (Mayfield), Kilnap Place, St. Brendan’s Road, Kerry Road, North Mon Road, St. Joseph’s Terrace, Killeens Place, Pophams Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/104)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will assess the road (street) sign requests for St. Endas Road, Templeacre Avenue, Rathmore Road, Springfield Estate (Mayfield), Kilnap Place, St. Brendan’s Road, Kerry Road, North Mon Road, St. Joseph’s Terrace, Killeens Place, Pophams Road.

If deemed appropriate they will be inputted into the roads programme and will be undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

12.5 **NAMEPLATES ON FRIARS WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That mindful of the fact it is one of the longest streets in Cork, nameplates be erected along Friars Walk from its junction at Tower Street to its junction with Tramore Road a distance of some 1.7km, currently without any designation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/106)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplate signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs.

The appropriateness of the sign for, Friars Walk from its junction at Tower Street to its junction with Tramore Road will be assessed. If deemed suitable, it will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for execution, subject to funding being available.

12.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING IN FRIARS WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

That in light of the re-routing of the 203 bus in Ballyphehane (that was often cited as an impediment to this proposal), traffic-calming or other necessary safety measures are undertaken on the stretch of Friars Walk from the Credit Union to the former Barbers Shop to facilitate residents’ access to their home...the work perhaps to be undertaken in conjunction with mooted calming works at nearby Morning Star NS.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/112)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Friars Walk from the Credit Union to the former Barbers Shop will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration by Ward Members to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

12.7 **SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO MOUNT FARREN ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would erect a sign at the entrance to Mount Farren Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/118)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplate signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs.

The appropriateness of the sign at the entrance to Mount Farren Estate will be assessed. If deemed suitable, it will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for execution, subject to funding being available.

12.8 **PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FROM OLD YOUGHAL ROAD TO BALLYHOOLEY ROAD, THE QUARRY STEPS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would now permanently extinguish the public right of way from Old Youghal Road to Ballyhooley Road, known locally as the Quarry steps. This matter has been delayed for many years by officials and now it must be closed permanently in the public interest and the common good.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/123)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a detailed scheme for the future use of the quarry steps area is currently being prepared by a number of City Council Directorates being led by the Strategic Planning and Development Directorate. When agreement is reached on the exact nature of the area, consideration can then be given to extinguishing the public right of way as part of a holistic solution to current issues.

12.9 **PARKING AT THE BALLINLOUGH SHOPPING PARADE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council reviews and assesses the feasibility of increasing parking provision within the Ballinlough shopping parade, near the Silver Key Bar. There are five businesses trading within the area and parking is not adequate. This is causing problems for customers of the businesses and illegal parking is an issue for nearby residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/127)

The report of the Director of Services stated that parking near the Ballinlough shopping parade adjacent to the Silver Key Bar can be assessed to determine the issues that exist in order to identify any improvements that can be provided there.

It may also be useful for the five businesses to engage with their customers in relation to appropriate parking and also in relation to logistics associated with deliveries to their premises.

12.10 **REVIEW OF SPEEDING ON GLASHEEN RD, MAGAZINE RD AND O’DONOVAN’S RD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of speeding on the Glasheen Road, Magazine Road and O’Donovan’s Road and would develop a plan for speed reduction and noise mitigation measures to ensure increased safety for all road users especially pedestrians, that this report would also consider the need for traffic calming measures in estates off these roads and that improved access and egress for local estates on these roads would also be augmented and enhanced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/128)

An Chomhairle further agreed that locations in the area be included for consideration in the roll out/relocation of speed warning signs.

The report of the Director of Services stated that Glasheen Road, Magazine Road and O’Donovan’s Road are all situated within the 50kph speed limit zone which is the maximum speed at which vehicles may legally travel. It is the responsibility of the driver to obey a speed limit at all times such that the speed at which their vehicle is been driven is appropriate for the conditions even if that speed is lower than the speed limit. Enforcement is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

A reduced speed limit can help as a noise mitigation measure. However, due to their strategic nature, Glasheen Road, Magazine Road and O’Donovan’s Road are not suitable to be considered for a reduced speed limit of 30kph.

Noise mitigation measures to counter traffic noise, which are being encouraged on a city wide basis include:

- the encouragement of more environmentally friendly forms of transport such as walking and cycling;
- the encouragement of the use of public transport;
- the installation of traffic calming, where appropriate;
- the use of low noise road resurfacing, where appropriate.

Specific estates requesting traffic calming measures can register this request with Cork City Council so that they can be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration by Ward Members to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

Improvements to access and egress to local estates will be improved as part of the improvement schemes proposed in the Corridor Study.

12.11 **REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC REALM AT UAM VAR, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a major review of the public realm, road network and footpath network in Uam Var, Bishopstown, and would liaise with the Residents Association to develop a plan to remediate identified deficits and that anti-dog fouling litter signs would be erected as well as the provision of bins for the deposit of such waste.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/129)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the request for anti-dog fouling litter signs and the provision of bins for the deposit of such waste is a matter for the Environment Directorate and will be passed onto them for their attention.

The roads and footways in the Uam Var area will be assessed with a view to creating a rolling programme for any necessary repairs in the general area.

12.12 **INSTALL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would install pedestrian crossings in the following areas in Togher:-

1. On Togher Road between Deanvale and Market Gardens to accommodate the residents of Deanrock Estate and particularly with the new development under construction. These residents have nowhere to cross Togher Road safely between Tramore Rd. and Vicars Rd.

2. Tramore Road residents have been lobbying Cllrs. for a pedestrian crossing on this road for some years now since the removal of the traffic lights at this junction with Togher Rd. Ideally they would like this to be installed between that junction and their local Shop / Post Office.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/131)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in the context of the new Deanrock Housing Project, it is proposed to undertake an upgrade of the existing traffic signal control junction to include a revised geometric layout. This proposal incorporates an improved level of service for pedestrians using the crossing facilities at the junction Clashduv/Togher Road junction. A funding allocation has been secured in relation to this work and the scheme is currently at design stage.

Significant improvements have been incorporated into the revised layout at the Togehr Road – Tramore Road Roundabout with the provision of Zebra Pedestrian Crossings and much reduced lane widths on approaches. Further proposals to upgrade the network have been considered in the context of the South West Strategic Corridor Study and measures, including the provision of pedestrian facilities, are assessed with regard to needs that would support more sustainable travel for which NTA funding may be allocated on future Roads Programmes.

12.13 **ROAD RESURFACING ON CATHEDRAL ROAD, CATHEDRAL STREET, ROMAN STREET, UPPER JOHN STREET AND GERALD GRIFFIN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would carry out urgent road resurfacing on Cathedral Road, Cathedral Street, Roman Street, Upper John Street, Gerald Griffin Street and surrounding roads because of the shocking state of the roads following the works Irish Water carried out and because of the lack of investment by the Government.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/133)

The report of the Director of Services stated that sections of Cathedral Road, Cathedral St and Roman St are included in the 2017 Road Resurfacing Programme. The extent of works carried out will be dependent on tender prices received and available funding. Upper John St and Gerald Griffin St will be assessed for possible inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

12.14 **ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Connolly Park be included in the 2017 Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/109)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface at Connolly Park will be assessed and considered for inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

12.15 **UP TO DATE FOBS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘To ensure the residents of Shandon Way are issued with up to date fobs to ensure access for cars/those with mobility assistance etc. For residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/113)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion is to be forwarded to the Housing & Community Directorate.

12.16 **REPLACE THE MISSING NAMEPLATES FROM PARKLANDS, COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would replace the name plates that is missing from each of the estates in Parklands Commons Road,’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/135)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplate signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs.

The replacement of missing name plates from the estates in Parklands Commons Road will be assessed. If deemed appropriate, they will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for execution, subject to funding being available.

12.17 **RESURFACE FOOTPATHS ON EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would examine all the footpaths on Edward Walsh Road with the intentions of a total new resurfacing programme for this area. These footpaths are in a terrible condition and dangerous for pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/139)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the footpaths on Edward Walsh Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in any future footpath replacement programme, subject to resources being available.

12.18 **FULL INSPECTION AT HAZEL ROAD, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council roads section would carry out a full inspection on the condition of the road surface at Hazel Road Togher. In particular I would ask the two cul de sacs on this road be given serious consideration for resurfacing as some of the residents have had serious falls in these areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/140)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface including the cul de sacs at Hazel Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

12.19 **CITY CENTRE MOEVEEMENT STRATEGY PARKING TIMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would amend the City Centre Movement Strategy parking times and revert back to its original times covering the areas around the Mercy University Hospital from Little Hanover St to Grenville Place and including Sheares St, Henry St, Moore St and Coach St. There is a lot of very sick patients using these Roads to park while receiving treatment along with the medical staff that work in the hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/141)

An Chomhairle noted that it was also advised that the scheme provides for review post completion.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the changes to the parking within the Middle Parish area were put forward following consideration of issues raised by the Middle Parish Residents Association during the consultation for the City Centre Movement Strategy Phase 1&2 scheme and were agreed by Council as part of the Planning process.

The changes are designed to better balance the needs of residents in the area. They also ensure that those who visit the area with short term needs for parking can be accommodated by ensuring turnover of on street spaces during the day and early evening whilst those working or with longer term requirements can use off street parking. The hours of the North Main Street car park have been extended to facilitate this.

12.20 **REVIEW PARKING IN THE FOYLE AVENUE AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Given the increase in services at the community buildings and senior citizens centre at Foyle Avenue Knocknaheeny that council review the parking allocation in the Foyle Avenue area keeping in mind local residents, people with medical needs and older people attending the services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/142)

The report of the Director of Services stated that parking allocation in the Foyle Avenue Knocknaheeny can be assessed to determine the issues that exist as well as identify any improvements that can be provided there.

Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

12.21 **REVIEW OF PARKING AND ROAD LAYOUT OUTSIDE THE SHOPPING PARADE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the Council review the parking situation and road layout outside the shopping parade near the Silver Key bar. At present there is very little parking for the five businesses trading here. There can be a lot of congestion and illegal parking around busy times and this affects business and causes problems for local residents who are left with no option but to call the Gardaí. A strip of cycle lane on the main road was formerly much used and greatly appreciated parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/143)

The report of the Director of Services stated that parking near the Ballinlough Shopping Parade adjacent to the Silver Key Bar can be assessed to determine the issues that exist in order to identify any improvements that can be provided there.

It may also be useful for the five businesses to engage with their customers in relation to appropriate parking and also in relation to logistics associated with deliveries to their premises.

12.22 **RESURFACE ROAD OUTSIDE GALVIN’S OFF-LICENCE ON DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the Council resurface the stretch of road outside Galvin’s Off-Licence on Douglas Road. It has been in a deteriorating state for many years now.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/144)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface at the Douglas Road between Endsleigh and Woodview will be renewed as part of the 2017 resurfacing programme.

12.23 **TWO STOP STRATEGY FOR BLACK ASH PARK AND RIDE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Taking into consideration that the Black Ash Park and Ride is under performing I propose that the Roads and Transportation Directorate of Cork City Council review and replace its current one stop fits all strategy on Lapps Quay and replace it with a new two stop strategy. One stop being on the Grand Parade and the second stop being on Patrick Street. It is my belief that this would enable the Black Ash Park and Ride to reach its full potential while also increasing foot fall into the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 17/145)

The report of the Director of Services stated that we are currently reviewing operations to identify optimum arrangements and will have regard to the motion. It should be noted however that Lapps Quay is approximately 640m from the Fountain in Grand Parade and 340 m from Patrick Street. If the Black Ash Park & Ride bus was to access the proposed stops on Grand Parade and St. Patrick Street, the longer route and the subsequent increased bus journey time will reduce the attractiveness and efficiency of the service. This could outweigh any benefit of walking time to/from Lapps Quay.

12.24 **FULL ESTATE RESURFACING AT MERRION COURT HOUSING ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Merrion Court Housing Estate be considered for full estate resurfacing as the roads in this estate have deteriorated considerably.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/146)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface at Merrion Court will be assessed and considered for inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

12.25 **SIGNS ON THE N40 – BOTHAR CUMANN NA MBAN**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, dated the 11th May 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to erect signs informing road users entering the N40 South Ring Road that the name of this road has been changed to N40- Bothar Cumann Na mBan, as agreed by this Council at a Council meeting in early 2015, to commemorate the vital role of women in the struggle for independence. This omission is another example of women being treated as 2nd class citizens. The Council has shown further disrespect by making no effort to correct the media such as Cork 96 FM, Cork Red FM etc when they refer to the road by its former name.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 16/313)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the South Ring Road is located within the functional areas of both Cork County Council and Cork City Council and as a National Road falls within the responsibility of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (previously the National Roads Authority).

While the purpose of the motion is understood in terms of commemorating Cumann na mBan, it would not be possible for the Council to erect signage or contact media outlets in relation to the use of N40- *Bóthar Cumann na mBan*. A change of name in the case of a National Road traversing two authorities requires the approval of the two Councils and should have the agreement of TII. The relevant statutory procedures (Local Government Act 1946 as amended) also require the local authorities to have the consent of not less than the majority of the qualified electors. For the purposes of this provision qualified electors means every person who in relation to the road is a registered local government elector or rated occupier (excluding full abatements).

The matter has been the subject of previous discussion by Cork City Council and Cork County Council. This includes this Councils previous support for renaming the road as *Bóthar Cumann na mBan*. In its communications with the National Roads Authority it is understood that Cork County Council was advised that the renaming of the road would be contrary to safety of use, strategic future proofing of signage, ease of wayfinding and National Policy. It is also understood that Cork County Council recently discussed a further motion on the matter and it decided to refer the issue to its Commemoration Committee for further consideration as to how Cumann na mBan might be best commemorated.

As agreed by the committee, the TII were written to in relation to the matter and enquiries were made to Cork County Council. The TII responded as follows:

Thank you for your letter of 28th March 2017 regarding the above. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

At the outset, I wish to advise that TII has no statutory function in relation to the naming of roads. Notwithstanding this, TII does have an obligation to provide a safe and efficient network of national roads and it is considered that the renaming of the N40, as proposed, would not be compatible with this.

As mentioned in our previous correspondence of 16 March 2015, the N40 is a major significant and strategically important road in the Cork Area. You may be aware that when the route was reclassified from N25 to N40, an extensive re-signing project was undertaken and the route was designated as “N40 Cork Ring Road”. This was to future-proof the signing strategy for when the full ring eventually is completed. The idea is that the signs will indicate, either N40 Cork Ring East/ N40 Cork Ring West (as they currently do), or N40 Cork Ring North/ N40 Cork Ring South, depending on the section of the ring road the motorist is on and the direction of travel. Renaming the road would potentially require a costly resigning exercise and would undermine our signage strategy for the whole ring road.

Policy for naming of roundabouts, as set out in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport’s Traffic Signs Manual, states that “The naming of roundabouts is used in principle to assist in guiding and directing traffic. However the names used should bear some geographical significance such as Kinsale Road Roundabout or the Kilheffernan

roundabout outside Clonmel. The name should be of assistance in directing traffic to a destination with reference to a map or satellite navigation system. Putting random names which have no geographical significance or that don't relate to destinations on a map will be of little or no assistance in way-finding and would be counter-productive in that it spoils an opportunity to show more useful information." It is considered that the same principles would apply to the naming of strategic routes such as the N40.

In summary, TII would not be in favour of the renaming of the N40 Cork South Ring Road as proposed as it would interfere with out carefully planned signage strategy, would cause confusion to the motoring public and would not be compatible with national policy.

I hope that the above information clarifies the position for you.

A vote was called for, on whether to accept or reject the report of the Director of Services, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: (0)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, M. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (24)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to reject the report of the Director of Services, An tArd-Mhéara declared the report rejected and the motion carried.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from the Office of the Minister for Social Protection dated 5th May 2017.
- Letter from the Department of Social Protection dated 5th May 2017.
- Letter from the Department of Health dated 16th May 2017.

14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries by members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

15. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

16. **TRAINING**

None received.

17. **MOTIONS**

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

17.1 **SYNCHRONISE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON THE CITY QUAYS**

‘That the signal controlled junctions traffic on the centre island and on the City quays be synchronised in order to ease traffic congestion.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/160)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.2 **HEDGING/SHRUBS AT GLENTHORN PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would cut back the Hedging/Shrubs at the Dublin Hill entrance to Glenthorn Park’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/162)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.3 **GREEN PALISADE FENCING IN PARK COURT, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council should continue the Green palisade fencing in Park Court, Ballyvolane to the junction of Meelick Park and the back of Meadow Park, Ballyvolane, Cork allowing access to the areas through a turn-style gate that can be closed and opened during the day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/171)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.4 **FUNDING FROM THE I.P.B. TO BE USED FOR ESTATE ROAD RESURFACING**

‘That the funding (once off) accruing to Cork City Council from the I.P.B. be exclusively used for estate road resurfacing and Council would match the grant from its own funding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/174)

Finance and Estimates Functional Committee

17.5 **REPORT ON ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS**

‘That Cork City Council would compile, publish and present annually to Council a report on organisations and institutions that are required to publish one or all of the following;

- Campus Masterplans
- Traffic Management and Mobility Plans
- Risk Assessment Plans
- Emergency Response Plans
- Environmental Impact Statements

- Other required plans or appropriate assessments

and that such a report would document the date of submission, the lifespan of the report, the date it was reviewed and accepted, the Directorate with responsibility for oversight, recommended actions and the date an updated report is required and would provide sufficient other detail to allow for a good insight into compliance and enforcement.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/175)

Party Whips

17.6 DEVELOPMENT OF A STATUTORY AREA PLAN FOR BISHOPSTOWN

‘That Cork City Council would immediately begin a process for the development of a statutory area plan for Bishopstown - Wilton – College Rd to replace the current non-statutory 2007 Bishopstown- Wilton Area Action Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/176)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee

17.7 REJUVENATION PLAN FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY ESTATE IN MAYFIELD

‘That Cork City Council produce a comprehensive rejuvenation plan for the local authority estate in Mayfield which is now almost 50 years old. Such a plan should not only involve refurbishment of housing units but should also include assessment and rejuvenation of the built environment. Such a plan should address mistakes of the past including the passageway known as the Tarry Path which runs between the blocks of houses. Unfortunately a minority continue to use this area as a focus for anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping. This is a reasonably large area which could be used for infill housing, especially 1 or 2 bedroom units which are so badly needed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/177)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

17.8 ASSESS PARKING SPACES OUTSIDE THE GLENFIELDS PRESCHOOL

‘That Cork City Council would assess (as a matter of urgency) the addition of parking spaces outside the Glenfields Preschool with the addition of approx 10 parking spaces to be developed from the green.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/178)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.9 **MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS AND WARD COUNCILLORS IN RESPECT OF PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS**

‘That Cork City Council planners resume the policy of meeting residents and Ward councillors in respect of planning developments occurring in their ward as was practice and custom in recent years.’

(Proposers: Cllr. S. Martin, M. Shields, T. O’Driscoll, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe 17/192)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee

17.10 **ESTATE SIGN AT WOODLANDS DEMESNE, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

That Cork City Council erect an Estate Sign on the Wall at the Entrance to Woodlands Demesne on Middle Glanmire Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/193)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **CONSIDER ‘MCSWINEY BRIDGE’ AS THE NAME FOR THE NEW FOOTBRIDGE**

‘That Cork City Council would consider the name "McSwiney Bridge" as part of the naming process of the new footbridge being constructed from Merchants Quay to Patricks Quay leading to McCurtain Street in ‘The Victorian Quarter.’”

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/194)

Party Whips

17.12 **INSTALL BOLLARDS AT GARFIELD TERRACE, WELLINGTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would place and install a series of bollards on the footpath at Garfield Terrace, Wellington Road in the interests of the safety of residents as cars / vans etc frequently pull up onto the footpath and park on the footpath right outside front doors of residents. Because of road resurfacing the level of the road now facilitates the dangerous parking / turning.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/197)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.13 **COMMEMORATION OF MARY ELMES**

‘That Cork City Council would create an event or at the least a plaque to commemorate ‘Mary Elmes’. This Cork born woman who saved so many during World War II and who received the highest honour from the Jewish Community, should be recognised by her native Cork also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 17/199)

Party Whips

17.14 **SEEK FUNDING FOR CORK CITY NORTH WEST REGENERATION SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council will seek capital and regeneration funding to action the proposed active recreation area element of the City North West Regeneration Scheme. Such a project would facilitate clubs like Knocknaheeny Celtic with secure playing facilities. Council will also bring forward options for the existing Kilmore Park, the active recreation area could incorporate a new regional park for the North-West of the city which will see an increased population in the years ahead.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/200)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

17.15 **PARKING SPACES FOR RESIDENTS IN ARDMORE HEIGHTS, KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council will provide designated parking spaces for residents in Ardmore Heights, Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 17/201)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.16 **ELECTRONIC GATES AT THE TUNNEL UNDERNEATH SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would explore the feasibility of having the tunnel underneath the Skehard Road (along the Old Railway Line) fitted with electronic gates that would close in the evening and re-open early in the morning. Can the council report on all other suitable measures that can be taken by the local authority to address the increasing anti-social behaviour within this area, particularly in the tunnel.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/202)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.17 **TREES IN LIAM LYNCH PARK, GLASHEEN**

‘That City Council would carry out an inspection of all the trees in Liam Lynch Park Glasheen with the intentions of pruning / trimming them as they are getting out of hand with the size of some of the overhanging branches.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/204)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **INCREASE WAGES OF THE IRISH DEFENCE FORCES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister Paul Keogh to increase wages of the Irish defence forces to at least to recommended living wage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/166)

18.2 **LEGALISATION OF THE USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls upon the Minister for Health Simon Harris to support the legalisation of the use of cannabis for medical purposes. The benefits of medicinal cannabis have been demonstrated by independent medical experts such as a Prof. Mike Barnes (author of the Barnes report on medical cannabis) and Prof. David Finn (professor of pharmacology and cannabinoid research). Medical cannabis is available in other EU states. I salute the courage and determination of campaigners such as Vera Twomey, who has campaigned tirelessly on behalf of her daughter Ava.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/180)

18.3 **LEGISLATION FOR A 1.5 METRE DISTANCE BETWEEN A VEHICLE AND A CYCLIST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write a letter to the Minister to bring forward legislation of a distance of 1.5 metre distance between a vehicle and the cyclists to help reduce further casualties on our roads which was promised by minister Shane Ross back in February. 8 cyclists have already died this year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/181)

18.4 **EQUIP ALL NEW CARS WITH A FULL SIZED SPARE WHEEL AND PNEUMATIC JACK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Road Safety Authority and the Society of the Irish Motor Industry to introduce a safety requirement that all new cars would be equipped full sized spare wheel and a pneumatic jack in the interests of safety of motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/196)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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