

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014.**

- PRESENT** An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. Clancy in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir M. Finn.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. D. Buggy, Deputy City Manager.  
Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs.  
Mr. N. Carroll, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs.  
Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation.  
Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.  
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects.  
Mr. S. Coughlan, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.1 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Lynch family on the death of Thomas Lynch .
- The Towler Family on the death of Liam Towler.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

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

- Mayor Ed Lee of San Francisco on hosting 5 CoderDojo kids from Cork City.
- Nemo Rangers on winning the City Division U21 Football Championship.
- Coláiste Choilm on winning the Senior B All Ireland Football Cup.
- Cork U21s on winning the U21 Football Championship.
- Thomas McCarthy of Mayfield Boxing Club on winning his fourth National Boxing Title.

### 1.3.1 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

An tArd-Mhéara informed An Chomhairle that the conferring of the Freedom of the City of Cork on President Michael D. Higgins will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in the City Hall.

### 1.4 **DEPUTY CITY MANAGERS ITEMS**

The Deputy City Manager had no issues to raise.

## 2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the minutes of the following:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24<sup>h</sup> March 2014.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called to Suspend Standing Orders to discuss the site at Deanrock, Togher at Item No. 6 on the Agenda, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.  
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As the numbers voting in favour of Suspension of Standing Orders were greater than the  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of those present and voting., An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the discussion on the site at Deanrock, Togher to be taken at Item 6.

## 3. **QUESTIONS**

### 3.1 **PROPOSED CHANGES AFFECTING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES**

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

Can the Manager comment on proposed changes affecting Local Development Companies?

Can the Manager clarify if Local Authorities will now be responsible for two core funding programmes of Local Development Companies (LDCs), the Local Community Development Programme & the Rural Development Programme (Leader), can the Manager confirm if these programmes will be open to public tendering with the possibility for profit companies becoming involved? Those involved in LDCs fear for the viability of their company & services they provide as a result of these changes.

**REPLY**

We have just received the documentation on the proposed changes affecting Local Development Companies. We are being briefed nationally at the end of April regarding these structures and we will revert to Council to advise of the new LDC structures being proposed in due course.

3.2 **CONFIRM THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE ON DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS**

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

Can the Manager confirm the amount of money available on Disabled Persons grants for local authority housing?

**REPLY**

In the past Cork City Council provided for minor adaptations required to cater for tenants with a disability / medical issues via the annual Housing Revenue budget. Where extensions were required, these were funded as far as possible through use of Internal Capital Receipts.

In recent years, the City Council's Revenue Budget funding was supplemented by Department of the Environment and Local Government grant aid, which was available to cover only up to 90% of the cost of the necessary works.

In both 2013 and again in the adopted budget for 2014, the City Manager advised Council that no City Council Revenue funding was available for these works and that the level of such worked undertaken would thus be limited to the amount of funding received from central government.

As reported to Housing Functional Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014, no grant allocation for such works in 2014 was received by CCC from Dept of the Environment and Local Government, who stated that Local Authorities should fund these works out of Internal Capital Receipts.

The availability of any ICR funds for such works in 2014 is currently being assessed. However due to diminishing level of ICR resources following termination of Tenant Purchase schemes, Council might consider revenue funding in future years.

3.3 **PUBLIC HOURS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN DOUGLAS POOL**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, a written reply was circulated as outlined as above:-

To ask the City Manager what public hours are currently available in Douglas Pool? For how many hours a day is the pool not being used by clubs or schools?

Will he consider making more permanent public hours available, outside of the summer schedule?

What the operational cost per hour is, to open the facility to the public?

Considering this is a public facility – the number of hours available to the general are extremely limited.

**REPLY**

The Gus Healy Pool at Douglas is open during the following hours for public hire;

Monday to Friday 7am to 10pm.

Saturday 9am to 4pm

(there are a number of afternoon hours not being used)

The public pay as you go hours are as follows;

Monday to Friday 1pm to 2pm

Saturdays 1pm to 4pm

July/August 10am to 6pm

The average attendances during the lunchtime hour are less than 25 ( capacity 120), with average attendances for each hour on Saturday being less than this and similar figures for the summer months. There is no demonstrable demand at present for additional public pay as you go hours. The operational costs of the facility vary depending on the time of use ( w/end/weekday), staff required , length of shift etc.

The Douglas facility is widely used by clubs and schools 6 days of the week from early morning to late at night. The issue of greater public pay as you go use will be kept under review should it be demonstrated that there is a need for same.

3.4 **REFUNDS TO CUSTOMERS WHO HAD OVERPAID THEIR REFUSE CHARGES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, a written reply was circulated as outlined as above:-

Can the Manager tell me how much was refunded to customers who had overpaid their Refuse Charges prior to Cork City Council discontinuing the service?

**REPLY**

Cork City Council has refunded a sum of €233,191 to customers whose accounts were in credit at the time the domestic refuse service was transferred to Country Clean Recycling in 2011.

3.5 **MANY PROPERTIES (VOIDS) IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD HAVE NOT PAID RENT OVER SINCE JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons, a written reply was circulated as outlined as above:-

Could the Manager please inform the Members as to how many properties (voids) in the South West Ward have not paid rent over since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and what is the plan to get such properties back into use?

## **REPLY**

There are 25 vacant properties in the South West Ward where no rent has been paid since 1 January 2013.

The Housing Maintenance Section has introduced a revolving fund with the aim of reducing the overall number of voids citywide.

A request has also been made to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in relation to Circular: Housing 11/2014 regarding Returning Vacant Properties to Productive Use for grant assistance to cover the cost of both repair works and energy upgrade measures for vacant units. A response is awaited on this request.

### 3.6 **STREET LIGHT OUTAGES IN THE TURNERS CROSS/BALLYPHEHANE AREAS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir E. O'Halloran, a written reply was circulated as outlined as above:-

Can the Manager outline to Council the following:

- What caused the delay in repairing street light outages in the Turners Cross/Ballyphehane areas over the last few weeks?
- What measures have been taken to ensure that the administrative delays in carrying out repairs will not be repeated?
- Does the Service Level Agreement with Airtricity cover all possible aspects of street light maintenance?
- Will the new public tender process for public lighting include provisions for all possible aspects of street light maintenance?

## **REPLY**

The Public Lighting Inventory includes 6,256 lanterns which are mounted on ESB networks poles. All the lighting in the Turners Cross/Ballyphehane area is mounted on such network poles and the street light outages resulted from faults on the associated switch wires and contactors. The delay in repairing faults the Turners Cross/Ballyphehane area in recent weeks was exacerbated by difficulties in identifying all the faults involved and also the fact that the authorisation for Airtricity Utility Solutions Ltd., individual staff members to work in close proximity to live networks had to be renewed. The required evaluation of Health & Safety documentation submitted by AUS and associated audits had to be completed prior to Cork City Council issuing the requisite approvals.

The Service Level Agreement with Airtricity Utility Solutions Ltd. for 2014 provides for a fixed payment per month based on a description of works to reflect anticipated faults, including, among other things, night time scouting patrols, re-lamping, traffic management designer duties, utilisation of the lighting asset database, and other specified fault repairs. Provision is also made for variable payments to cover additional works to respond to cable faults, vandalism, damage resulting from road traffic accidents, replacement of obsolete equipment and improvements approved by

Council Members at Ward Meetings. The procurement of a new maintenance and electrical services contract for street lighting is currently underway. Tenders have been advertised with a closing date of 30th April 2014. The advertised tender provides for an enhanced level of service and penalty clauses. It is anticipated that the tender process will be completed in the coming months leading to a new service arrangement.

3.7 **SPEEDING CARS AT BISHOPSTOWN GAA CLUB**

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

Would it be possible that in order to stop cars speeding in and out of Bishopstown GAA Club and considering the volume of traffic using the Club itself at all hours of the day and night, this road is very dangerous and many parents who live there have requested speed ramps be installed to safeguard their children using this road.

I am requesting that as a matter of urgency an appropriate number of speed ramps are installed asap?

**REPLY**

The Transportation Division advises that that the access road to Bishopstown GAA will be will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will have to be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify the most appropriate physical measure that can be provided there. Any identified measure will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

It should also be noted that the Road Safety Authority (RSA) in association with the FAI, GAA, IRFU and Cycling Ireland has developed road safety guidelines for sporting organisations, entitled 'Play it Safe'

These guidelines present information on:

- organising sporting events with road safety in mind;
- encouraging the use of high visibility material;
- safe driving practices;
- other important road safety information

Having regard to the above, it is advisable that the residents living adjacent to the access to Bishopstown GAA Club, engage with Bishopstown GAA Club, as well as their local representatives and the Community Gardaí to discuss their concerns and collectively identify 'soft' or behavioural change measures that can used to influence the driving behaviour of the Bishopstown GAA Club patrons, on the access road to their Club.

3.8 **HOW THE COST TO THE CORK CITY COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING IS CALCULATED**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir L. Kingston, a written reply was circulated as outlined as above:-

To ask the Manager to inform Council how the cost to the Cork City Council for public lighting is calculated?

**REPLY**

Public Lighting Maintenance caters for a total inventory is 14,551 units, 6,256 of which are mounted on ESB network poles. Maintenance work is contracted and the current service provider is Airtricity Utility Solutions Ltd. The service arrangements with Airtricity Solutions Ltd provide for a fixed payment per month and periodic variable payments. The former covers a list of works to reflect anticipated faults including, among other measures, night time scouting patrols, re-lamping, traffic management designer duties, utilisation of the lighting asset database and specified fault repairs. The variable element covers additional works to respond to cable faults, vandalism, damage resulting from road traffic accidents, replacement of obsolete equipment and any improvements approved by Council Members at Ward Meetings.

The procurement of future maintenance and electrical services for street lighting is being progressed and related tenders were recently published with a closing date of 30 April 2014. It is anticipated that the tender competition will be completed in the coming months and a new service contract entered into. The energy supply cost associated with public lighting is determined separately on the basis of a national tender process.

3.9 **LETTER FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR**

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

In the interest of accountability and in the public interest, will the Manager please circulate Councillors with a copy of the November 2013 letter from Local Government Auditor, Eamonn Daly which the Manager circulated to the Management Team. Making the Annual Budget is a reserved function and information proffered by the Local Government Auditor should properly be given to Councillors to inform them in their exercise of this function. Withholding such information could be viewed self serving on the part of Council Management.

**REPLY**

In undertaking the annual audit of accounts it is normal practice for the Local Government Auditor to consult with the City Manager. The correspondence referred to above forms part of this regular cycle of communication which is crucial to the effectiveness of the audit process and the ongoing improvement in financial performance. The correspondence does not form part of the annual audit report and it is not prepared or issued for circulation but for ongoing engagement and communication between the parties.

The Local Government Audit Service provides independent oversight through the Local Government Auditor. The annual audit results in the auditor giving his audit opinion (which has always been unqualified for the Council) and he also issues a detailed Audit Report to the members in which he highlights areas of concern. This report is also given to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and is publicly available on the Council's website. The LGA's report for 2012 issued in November 2013 and was considered by the CPG, the Finance Functional Committee, the Audit Committee and by the full Council.

Preparatory work in respect of the next annual budget will commence later in the year. Members will be provided with the information and other supports necessary for the effective discharge of the related reserved functions. Schedule of budget meeting will be decided in the coming months and regular financial reports will be submitted as usual.

3.10 **TAKE IN CHARGE CHAPEL FIELD**

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

To ask the Manager to take in charge:

Chapel Field as the development was a City Council Part VIII planning application.

**REPLY**

Chapel Field is a private development but was developed as a Part 8 Planning Scheme as the site was in City Council ownership and only the housing plots were disposed of to the developer. This a private estate and latent defects are the responsibility of the Developer.

3.11 **CONTACT TO MAINTAIN THE STREET LIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon was deferred.

To ask the Manager to give a detailed report to City Council on the present contract to maintain the Street Lights throughout the city, between Airtricity and City Council.

What does he expect of Airtricity under the conditions of this contract?

What is the monthly cost to City Council under this contract?

How long has it to run?

Apart from bulb replacement, what else does Airtricity do as part of this contract?

How many street lights are not working at present throughout the city?

In each case, what is the issue/fault, ie new bulb required, new lantern, metal fatigue etc?

What is the estimated outage time in each of these cases?

Is he happy at the present situation where so many public lights are not working for extended periods?

Is there additional capital funding available from Central Government to correct these problems?

Have City Council applied?

3.12 **CITY COUNCIL PAYROLL**

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

Can the Manager please inform us as to the size of the Cork City Council payroll today as compared to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008?

Can the Manager inform us as to the number of GATEWAY trainees being taken on this year and the start date for their employment?

**REPLY**

The figures you have requested are as follows;

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Earnings</b>	<b>No. of employees</b>
2007	88,622,032.59	2,745
2013	73,010,122.16	2,279

The number of employees in 2007 also include CIT/VEC pensioners which we no longer pay now.

The City Council has been allotted 110 positions under the Gateway Scheme.

It is anticipated that in the order of 40 will commence in mid year and the balance over the remainder of the year.

3.13 **UPDATE ON THE REVAMP OF BOOLE HOUSE**

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

To ask the Manager for an update on the revamp of Boole House on Bachelor's Quay?

**REPLY**

A conservation study was prepared for 5, Grenville Place (Boole House) for Cork City Council. The structure of the building has been stabilised. Cork City Council is in discussion with University College Cork regarding the future of the property. Once these discussions are completed and a clear pathway to renovation and ownership has been identified, the preferred option is for Cork City Council to acquire the building.

3.14 **INTERACTION BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC ON THE BALLINCOLLIG BY-PASS**

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

What is the relationship and system of interaction between the City Council and County Council regarding the management of traffic on the Ballincollig By-pass, how

many vehicles per day use the western exits off the Ballincollig By-pass and enter Bishopstown, what is known of the end destination of these vehicles/journeys, how many use Uam Var Estate as a rat-run to CIT or the Model Farm Road, what measures can be put in place to prevent the western end of Bishopstown being used as a rat-run by commuters to CIT, CUH and Model Farm Road?

3.15 **GRAFFITI AND FLY-TIPPING ON AND AROUND CORK'S ICONIC SHAKY BRIDGE AT SUNDAYS WELL**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan, a written reply was circulated as outlined as above

Can the Manager advise when some response will take place, from my motion of one year ago, to combat the rust, graffiti and fly-tipping on and around Cork's iconic Shaky Bridge at Sundays Well?

**REPLY**

Cork City Council made application for funding under the Specific Grant Improvement Programme 2014 to undertake remedial works to Daly (Shaky) Bridge.

No grant allocation was received in 2014. A further application will be submitted for 2015.

3.16 **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent was deferred.

To ask the city manager to provide in tabular form :

- I. The number of housing allocations excluding transfers in 2013?
- II. The number of allocations there were in 2013 to people/households on the homeless priority list.?
- III. The number of allocations to each household size from the housing list and the number of allocations to each household size from the homeless priority list in 2013?.
- IV. The number of allocations to household who had been on the homeless list for less than 6 months, 6 months to 1 year, 1-3 years, 3-6 years, 7 years-10 years and 11 years+, and the same information for allocations excluding transfers from the housing list in 2013?
- V. The number of allocations to households from the homeless list where the head of household was in the 18-25 years age range, 26-35 age range, 36-45 age range, 46-55 age range, 56-64 age range and 65+ age range, and the same information for allocations excluding transfers from the housing list in 2013?
- VI. The total number of allocations excluding transfers to local authority stock, to approved housing bodies and to RAS and other leasing schemes and the number of allocations from the homeless list for each category?

3.17 **ANTI-FLOOD MEASURES IN PARKCOURT, BALLYVOLANE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, a written reply was circulated as outlined as above

When will all anti-flood measures be carried out in Parkcourt, Ballyvolane?

**REPLY**

Arising from the flooding of Parkcourt, Meelick and Mervue in 2012 the assessment, proposal and installation of flood relief measures was included in the brief for the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme commissioned by the Office of Public Works.

Work on this scheme has been ongoing and a commitment has been given that recommended proposals will be open for consultation at the end of July. Once detailed proposals of amelioration measures has been agreed a timescale for implementation can be confirmed.

If proposed works are not of a major nature a specific contract could be put in place with a relatively short lead-in time. If more extensive works are proposed, it may well have to come within the ambit of the broader project.

The City Council have, since the flooding, carried out a number of small scale works which facilitate re-entry of flood waters to the culvert system. These are monitored and if necessary further interventions will be carried out.

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4. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

5. **RECOMMENDATION FOR SCHOOLS MEALS SCHEME**

5.1 An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the School Meals Committee to approve the inclusion of Scoil Cholmcille, Blarney Street for the 2014/2015 School Meals Scheme.

6. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its minutes held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**SITE AT DEANROCK, TOGHER**

Further to Section 183 Notice previously circulated and following a discussion, on the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, a vote was called on whether or not to adopt a resolution to obtain independent legal advice where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O’Callaghan, D. Cahill, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons. (27)

As the numbers voting in favour of adopting a resolution to obtaining independent legal advice were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the following resolution adopted.

“An Chomhairle hereby resolves that independent legal advice is to be sought on the Section 183 Notice procedure.”

The Deputy Manager advised the meeting that there was a number of legal challenges relating to this disposal pending.

He also stated that the advices to him were that the existing Section 183 Notice could not be re-entered on the Agenda.

It was also agreed that Ward Councillors would be invited to attend the special meeting of Party Whips which has been arranged for 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014.

## 7. **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

### 7.1 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the reports of the Director of Services dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

#### 7.1.1 **DEVELOP AND PROMOTE A HISTORIC QUARTER**

‘That Cork City Council, via T.E.A.M. would establish, develop and promote the City Quarter from Shandon, Old Blackpool Village, Coburg Street, McCurtain Street, Summerhill, St Lukes Cross, Montenotte, Dillons Cross, Collins Barracks and Patricks Hill as a "**Historic Quarter**" ( *To be Named* ) in Cork City. A marketing Strategy enhancing and highlighting the Tourist potential of this Historic Quarter of Cork City should be formulated with a view to breathing new life into this Quarter of our City which is steeped with a variety of historical events, landmarks, people and folklore. The incredible underlying potential that this "**Historic Quarter**" could yield to the promotion of the History of our City to the Tourism Industry, the Education sector and most importantly the retention and portrayal of our City's History into the future would be significant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 13/432)

The report stated that the City Council's Tourism Strategy 2012-2015 is currently utilising all of the resources available to TEAM in relation to the bid for the National Diaspora Centre, the opening of Elizabeth Fort, the festivals programme, the legible cities programme, the roll out of Wifi in the city centre and the extensive marketing programme with Bordeaux, Rennes, Edinburgh, Manchester, Munich and Cologne. A considerable number of ancillary projects are also currently underway. Whilst the motion contains considerable merit, it would require external expertise to develop a cohesive strategy and such a strategy might lack balance if it did not include other quarters which might lay claim to having an equally historic pedigree. TEAM will investigate the possibility of including funding for such research as part of its budgetary submissions for the 2015 fiscal year.

#### 7.1.2 **REGULAR STREET MARKET ON THE GRAND PARADE**

‘That Cork City Council will facilitate a regular street market on the Grand Parade.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 13/433)

The report stated that the City Council will consider the possibility of holding a weekly market on Grand Parade. It has also received a request to consider a weekly market on Emmet Place and will proceed to examine the suitability and viability of both. There are a number of issues to be taken into account in considering these submissions, including available resources, the adjoining businesses and stakeholders, the existing markets at the English Market and every Saturday at Cornmarket Street, and the financial viability of such a market. A further report will issue in due course following consideration of these submissions.

#### 7.1.3 **LAUNCHING OF A CORK DOMAIN**

‘In light of the recent launch of the recent Generic Top Level Domains that Cork City Council would engage with the relevant agencies to investigate the possibility of launching a .Cork domain. This has already been rolled out in New York, London & Paris in an effort to give local businesses an opportunity to differentiate their business from international competitors.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O ‘Halloran 14/011)

The report stated that this motion is not for the Tourism, Arts and Cultural Functional Committee.

#### 7.1.4 **AMERICA’S CUP SAILING COMPETITION**

‘That the Council and City and Region would campaign to host a leg of the America’s Cup sailing competition.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/016)

The report stated that the TEAM unit recognises the potential tourism value of Cork harbour and is currently examining a number of potential maritime events which can enhance the profile of the city quays in particular as part of a number of events and competitions which occur annually or multi-annually. Included in this is the

America's Cup, Volvo week (formerly Ford Week), the Venture Cup and a number of other sailing competitions which may be suitable. The TEAM Unit has had discussions with a number of operators and with the Royal Cork Yacht Club which will host its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. TEAM will keep members of the committee informed of developments.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to take Item 15.14.

#### 15.14 **INFILL HOUSING AT CHURCHFIELD PLACE EAST**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

"That Cork City Council will not proceed with the proposed infill housing at Churchfield Place East in line with the wishes of the Residents."

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O'Callaghan 14/075)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the infill scheme in a disused open site at Churchfield Place East is currently in the Part 8 Planning process. The site had been advertised and observations have been received and a planning report is being prepared. The planning process, however, is in abeyance pending the outcome of legal proceedings being brought by a local resident. Any issue that the residents have will be dealt with in the planning process.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, a vote was called For/Against the following amended motion:-

"That Cork City Council will not proceed with the proposed infill housing at Churchfield Place East in line with the wishes of the Residents and Members."

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O'Callaghan 14/075)

where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Tynan, M. Barry, C. Clancy, T. Gould, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. O'Callaghan, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons. (22)

As the numbers voting in favour of the amended motion were greater those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the amended motion approved.

#### 8. **FINANCE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

An Chomhairle noted minutes of the Finance Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

## 8.1 FINANCE RELATED REPORTS

### 8.1.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF FEBRUARY 2014

An Chomhairle noted the Financial Statements to end of February 2014.

### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting to 9.00pm.

### 8.2 REPORT OF JIM O' DONOVAN, DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION DATED THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 ON THE VALUE OF ASSETS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO IRISH WATER

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Environment & Recreation.

The report of the Director of Services stated that with the formation of Irish Water it is intended that all Water Services Assets are to be transferred from Local Authorities. The legal transfer has as yet not occurred.

In valuing the assets being transferred the valuation model used is the Fixed Asset Measurement and Valuation Model for Water Services Infrastructure, sponsored a number of years ago by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. This was updated last year.

The model essentially estimates the Gross Modern Equivalent Value of the infrastructure and then applies a depreciation factor based on age.

The Cork City Water Services Infrastructure being transferred is:

#### **Water**

1 No. Treatment Plant (Lee Road),  
4 No. Reservoir installations,  
672 kilometres of watermains

#### **Wastewater**

1 No. Wastewater Treatment Plant (Carrigrenan)  
1 No. Pre-treatment Installation ( Ballinure Header Chamber)  
27 No. Pumpstations  
434 kilometres of sewers

The net valuation of these assets is:

Water	€109,646,891
Wastewater	€273,329,445
Management Assets (Telemetry etc.)	€ 262,960

**TOTAL**

**€383,239,296**

Members considered the report of the Director of Environment & Recreation and a detailed discussion took place. The Head of Finance responded to questions raised.

### 8.3 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of Tim Healy, Head of Finance dated the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 on the following motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

#### 8.3.1 **PROPERTY LEVY**

‘That Cork City Council welcome the announcement that Council will be able to vary the property charge downward in 2015 by 15% as a direct result of the very high percentage paid by citizens so far. 80% of which will be returned to City Council to provide local services.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 14/038)

The report of the Head of Finance stated that sections 19,20 and 21 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, provide that a local authority may by resolution vary the rate of Local Property Tax (either upwards or downwards) by a specified percentage (less than 15%) in respect of relevant properties situated in the local authority’s functional area.

Where a local authority passes such a resolution, it must notify the minister in writing that it has passed the resolution and of the local adjustment factor and must also notify the Revenue Commissioners.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 is appointed as the day on which sections 19, 20 and 21 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act will come into operation and it is anticipated that the 30<sup>th</sup> September will be the latest date to advise the Revenue Commissioners of the adjustment factor for the following year. The Minister for the Environment may make regulations under this act and the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

A vote was called, For/Against the motion where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, M. O’Connell, J. O’Callaghan, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. (10)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí, T. Tynan, T. Gould, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, F. Kerins, M. Shields, H. Cremin, (10)

**ABSTAIN:** Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, S. Martin.

As the numbers voting in favour of the motion were equal to numbers voting against the motion, An tÁrd-Mhéara had the casting vote, and voted in favour of the motion, accordingly the motion was approved.

### 8.3.2 **LORD MAYOR'S OFFICE**

'That Cork City Council by way of vote is to approve any future works carried on Lord Mayor's office'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 13/429)

The report of the Head of Finance stated that expenditure of a routine or general maintenance nature in respect of The Lord Mayor's Office form part of the Revenue Budget provision for Maintenance of Municipal buildings and it is considered that this works well and is appropriate.

Any major refurbishment or upgrade works would usually form part of the Capital Programme and would be presented to members as part of that process. For example a provision of €250,000 was provided for in the Capital Programme presented to members for 2011-2013 in respect of refurbishment and upgrade of the Lord Mayors Office, Council Chamber and the entrance areas leading thereto. Works were subsequently carried out in the following areas:

1. Vestibule to entrance Foyer at Anglesea Street.
2. New lighting scheme to Vestibule/Entrance Foyer at Anglesea Street.
3. Council Chamber.
4. Lord Mayor's Office and Suite
5. Lord Mayor's Kitchenette and Toilet.
6. Lord Mayor's Reception.

It would be recommended that any non-routine items would similarly be considered as part of the Capital Programme in the future.

### 9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence from the following:-

- Letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from Department of Transport acknowledging receipt of letter from Tadhg Keating.

### 10. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

- Cllr Mary Shields– Local Government Law Update 2014 – Carlingford, Co. Louth – 21/23 February 2014.
- Cllr Mary Shields– Budgets and Financing of Local Authorities – Wexford – 28<sup>th</sup> February – 01 March 2014.

11. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

A vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of Councillors at Seminars & Conferences at items 11 & 12 & 19 here listed, where there appeared as follows:-

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O’Callaghan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, G. Gibbons. (13)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Nugent, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, F. Kerins, H. Cremin. (8)

As the numbers voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the attendance of Comhairleoirí at the various seminars & conferences approved, as listed under relevant items hereunder:-

**BUDGETS & FINANCING OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Comhairleoir M. Shields at the “Budgets & Financing of Local Authorities” seminar, held in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford, on the 28<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at conferences/seminars which were tabled on the night

**EUROPEAN ELECTION INFORMATION**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the “European Election Information” seminar held in the The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the “Building Control amendments” conference held in held in the The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at the “Public Relations and the Media” seminar held in the Gold Coast Hotel, Ballinacourty, Dungarven, Co. Waterford on the 28<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**RETIREMENT ENTITLEMENTS & TAXATION BENEFITS FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at the “Retirement Entitlements & Taxation Benefits for Councillors” seminar, held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork, on the 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at conferences/seminars tabled on the night.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS IDENTIFIERS**

Comhairleoir Michael Martin at the “National Register of Health Services Providers Identifiers” seminar at The Connacht Hotel, Old Dublin Road, Galway City.

**MABS AND THE INSOLVENCY SERVICE OF IRELAND**

Comhairleoiri E. O’Halloran and S. Martin at the “MABS and the Insolvency Service of Ireland” seminar at the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery on the 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

**CRIME AND ITS IMPACT ON QUALITY OF LIFE**

Comhairleoirí B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons, S. Martin at the “Crime and its Impact on quality of Life” seminar at the Quality Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Comhairleoirí S. Martin, M. O’Connell at “The Elected Members, the Environment and the Community at the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise, Co. Laois on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

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13 **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from it meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

13.1 **REPORTS**

An Chomhairle agreed that the NRA representatives be invited to meet again with the Committee to review progress on the study over the next month or two.

14. **SPORTS COMMITTEE – 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Sports Committee from it meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

14.1 An Chomhairle noted that the Sports Committee meeting was arranged to consider 2014 Sports Capital Grant applications. It was noted that the funding balance to be allocated was €185,000 bringing the total grant amount to €750k for the period 2012-2014.

14.1.2 **MINOR GRANTS: 0-€5K**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved twenty nine grant applications.

14.1.3 **MAJOR GRANTS: €5K - €10K**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons, An Chomhairle considered and approved twenty six applications.

15 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE -7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

15.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of Cork City Council’s interest in land situated to the rear of No. 187, Old Youghal Road, Cork to Ms Xiu Zhen Jiang, c/o Hickey Dorney Solicitors, The Square, Passage West, Co. Cork for the sum of €10,500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 24, O’Connell Avenue, Turners Cross, Cork to Margaret Creech, c/o Martin A. Harvey & Co., Solicitors, Parliament House, No. 9/10, Georges Quay, Cork for the sum of €10.16 together with costs in the sum of €550.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons, the disposal was approved.
- c. Disposal of Cork City Council’s interest in property known as No. 100, Wolfe Tone Street, Cork to Mary McCarthy, c/o Kevin Hegarty, Solicitor, Brian Dillon House, Dillons Cross, Cork for the sum of €6.35 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, the disposal was approved.

15.2 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the Community Development Grants.

15.3 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager on Housing for the month of March, 2014.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting to 9.15 pm.

15.4 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager on Housing for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014.

15.5 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD – UNIT AT MOUNT NEBO AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the proposed development of 1 no. unit of accommodation at No. 26, Mount Nebo Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork by Clúid Housing Association Limited.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had approved an increased funding application from Clúid Housing Association under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility for a loan not exceeding €7,728 (Previous loan being €6,350) in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 26 Mount Nebo Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork. The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover 10% of total capital outlay plus 1.5% of expenses incurred for the purchase of 26 Mount Nebo Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork for social housing use under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme.

The report also stated that the granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Assistant City Manager recommended that the required loan facility be granted and that the following resolution be referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €7,728 (Previous loan being €6,350) be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

15.6 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD – UNIT AT TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the proposed development of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 60 Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, Cork by Clúid Housing Association Limited.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had approved an increased funding application from Clúid Housing Association under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility for a loan not exceeding €30,325 (Previous loan being €27,500) in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 60 Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, Cork. The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover 25% of total capital outlay plus 1.5% of expenses incurred for the purchase of 60 Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, Cork for social housing use under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme.

The report also stated that the granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Assistant City Manager recommended that the required loan facility be granted and that the following resolution be referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €30,325 (Previous loan being €27,500) be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”..

#### 15.7 **NEW CORK PRISON AT RATHMORE ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the construction of the new Cork Prison at Rathmore Road, Cork.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it had been noted that both the Lord Mayor and other Councillors had expressed concern that social housing adjacent to the construction site for the new Cork Prison at Rathmore Road is being adversely affected by the ongoing construction works. In this regard, the Housing Functional Committee should note that, as part of the Irish Prison Service consultation with Cork City Council in 2012 regarding the proposal, Housing Maintenance considered the Irish Prison Service Environmental Impact Statement provided and raised concerns about the negative impact on adjacent social housing units of noise, vibration and dust during construction and also the permanent negative impact in relation to visual intrusion, shadowing / loss of sunlight, light pollution and lettability. These concerns were incorporated into the overall Cork City Council submission to the Irish Prison Service rapporteur, which was co-ordinated and submitted by Cork City Council Planning & Development Directorate.

Housing Maintenance has now been advised by the Planning & Development Directorate that they have no information as to whether any of the concerns raised by Housing Maintenance, or the additional monitoring and protection measures recommended, were incorporated into the current construction contract. It should be noted that the Planning Authority has advised that as the development is not subject to a Planning Permission issued by Cork City Council, that the issues raised are therefore a matter for housing to deal with.

The report also stated that Housing Maintenance had written to the Irish Prison Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014 requesting information urgently as to:

- a) Whether all or any of the concerns expressed were addressed in the construction contract,
- b) What ongoing monitoring of noise and vibration levels is being carried out,
- c) Whether any pre condition surveys were carried out of the adjacent social housing,
- d) Whether any design, height or layout changes to the original design were implemented to address the concerns raised and to mitigate the potential adverse impacts,

- e) Which organisation and individual is managing the construction contract on behalf of the Irish Prison Service and to whom both residents and Cork City Council's concerns should be addressed.

The Committee will be kept informed as to the Irish Prison Service response.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to take the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would install monitoring systems in the homes of tenants of Cork City Council to ensure that the vibrations arising from the major construction works being undertaken on the site of the New Cork Prison in the Glen does not cause cracks, subsidence or other damage to the resident’s homes. In my view Cork City Council, as landlord, has a responsibility in relation to the above issues. I am also requesting a meeting would be held with the residents group as soon as possible to discuss these matters.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/107)

Following a discussion, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed the motion no. 14/107.

### 15.8 **DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY & LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOIDS RECOVERY SCHEME 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government Voids Recovery Scheme 2014.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Cork City Council received details of the above scheme by way of Circular Housing 11/2014, dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The report also stated that it should be noted that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government will provide grant assistance to cover the cost of both repair works and energy upgrade measures for vacant housing stock, subject to the stated conditions, the scope of works items listed and the predetermined maximum costs per item of works. Cork City Council Housing & Community Services Directorate has duly submitted addresses and estimated repair costs for 390 no. vacant units to the Department for consideration. Whilst details of the national level of funding available were announced in October 2013, details of the scheme were only announced on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014, with the stipulation that all works must be completed by mid November 2014, in order that grant claims can be processed before year end. Cork City Council is awaiting notification of a grant allocation under this scheme.

The report further stated that it must be noted that the number of vacant housing units that can be repaired and the drawdown of any funding under this scheme will be constrained by:

- a) The capacity of in house resources within Housing Maintenance to oversee and manage the scheme,
- b) The availability of Cork City Council co-funding to cover both costs arising over and above the predetermined scope of works and maximum limits per work items; along with specific costs not eligible for grant aid such as, BER and asbestos survey costs,
- c) Arrangements for the carrying out of works will be considered once an allocation is made

## 15.9 **CITY NORTHWEST REGENERATION PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the City North West Regeneration Programme.

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Members had sought an update on the implementation of the Masterplan. The Build Programme consists of 5 Housing Demolition/Construction Phases over a 10 year period. The decanting and demolition for Phase 1 has been completed with Phase 1A, the construction of 23 no. units commencing on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. Phase 1B is at Design Stage with planning and construction procurement to be completed by the end of the year. Phase 2 demolition will commence in the final quarter of 2014. Phase 2A construction of 55 no. units to commence in 2015. Decanting for Phase 2A will be completed by end of 2014.

The report also stated that further Build Programmes will be made available closer to their execution.

Other Projects being considered for 2014/2015 are as follows:-

- Refurbishment of Long Term Voids to facilitate the decanting of tenants
- Completion of Phase 1 Demolition of Nos. 49 – 59 Ardmore Avenue
- Works on Hollyhill Lane following closure
- Foyle Avenue/Harbour View Road Public Realm Works
- Clover Avenue duplexes
- Phases 3 & 4 refurbishment (2 properties)
- Town Centre Plaza Design
- McSwiney Sports Hall Refurbishment
- Reservoir Amenity
- Community Cottage at Coolmaine Crescent – Refurbishment
- Sustainable Communities Plan for Ard Sionnach
- Infrastructure Strategy to be completed
- Design Code and Public Realm Strategy to be completed

### **Socio-Economic and Environmental Plan**

The report further stated that a Plan costing €300,000 is suggested for 2014 to include family interventions, enhanced walking amenities, a number of small local community based projects, support for community and enterprise and other community facilities. The compilation of a socio-economic and environmental impact study to include a baseline profile and an evidence based evaluation process. The progress of all projects is contingent on Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government

approval for each project and having in place the necessary staffing arrangements to manage the Programme.

The Members considered and approved the Build Programmes and Socio-Economic and Environmental Plan as outlined.

15.10 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the Taking in Charge of Public Housing Estates. The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Housing & Community Directorate undertook an exercise in 2011 to define the extent of the status of taking in charge of the services of public housing estates including drainage, water, public lighting and open spaces and have set up a schedule identifying the issues to be addressed in each of the developments. At present there are a significant number of constructed public housing estates (approximately 40 No.) which have not been taken in charge by the relevant directorates of Cork City Council.

The report further stated that there are varying degrees of work to be completed on the estates listed in the report. Final accounts on these schemes have been completed and it is unlikely that other further capital funding will be made available from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government for any of the works outstanding. The problem arising in the estates can be latent or patent defects post construction or those considered to be normal maintenance issues. The distinction between those types of repairs will be addressed and a further report will issue to Council.

15.11 **COMMUNITY CENTRE & YOUTH CLUB AT BALLYVOLANE/DUBLIN HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council engage with all stakeholders in the Ballyvolane/Dublin Hill area with a view to setting up a Community centre and Youth Club in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/031)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council is willing to facilitate a meeting of all the stakeholders in the Ballyvolane/Dublin Hill area to explore the feasibility of establishing a community centre and youth club in the area. However, in the current economic climate, funding for a community centre may be difficult to secure.

15.12 **DISTRICT HEATING SYSTEM AT ARDBHAILE AND GLENAMOY LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Council calls on the City Manager to initiate, as a matter of urgency, repairs and a full assessment of the district heating system for the flats at Ardbhaile and Glenamoy Lawn, Mayfield. Despite recent maintenance of the system, many residents are continuing to experience problems with the heating in their homes. To additionally ask the Manager to investigate the situation where resident’s payment cards are being debited for heat which is not delivered. Given the time of year and the ongoing inclement weather, council calls for this issue to be investigated as a matter of urgency.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 14/035)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that significant leak detection works, replacement of damaged / leaking valves and installation of additional isolation valves were carried out to the overall distribution pipework of this district heating system during 2013 at a cost of approximately €135,000. Thereafter a systematic programme of repairs and upgrades to individual properties, comprising additional circulatory pumps, radiator replacements and upsizing of pipework to improve flow was implemented and is ongoing. All of these works have resulted in a significant drop in the number of repair requests regarding inadequate heating.

The report further stated that Cork City Council do not believe that residents’ payment cards are being debited for heat not delivered. The payment card meters are, however, outdated and difficult to maintain, and it has been a Housing Maintenance objective to modernise the payment meters for a number of years. An application for funding to modernise the metering and payment system will be made to the City Council as soon as possible, in order that the ongoing subsidisation of the heating costs of these properties from the Housing Maintenance budget can be addressed.

#### 15.13 **REFURBISHMENT WORKS AT EDEL HOUSE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would advance and prioritise the agreed programme of refurbishment works at Edel House with the Department of Environment, Community and local Government, for CAS funding on the basis of their contribution to meeting identified local housing need.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer, J. Kelleher, S. Martin, M. Finn, C O’Leary 14/074)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the proposal by the Good Shepherd Services to upgrade and refurbish Edel House in Grattan Street as a refuge for mothers and children had been forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government seeking funding on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 in the latest call for proposals in the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) 2014 -2016. It has been given a priority in the submission based on the significant needs being met by the services provided in Edel House.

15.14 **INFILL HOUSING AT CHURCHFIELD PLACE EAST**

This Item was taken was taken before Item 8.

15.15 **REPAIRS TO ROOFS AND CHIMNEYS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will provide extra resources to its Housing Department to deal with work required on roofs & chimneys of many local authority housing due partly to the effect of recent severe weather & also recognising that there are many tenants with outstanding issues of water leaks that need attention.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/079)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the adopted budget for 2014 did not include specific provision for these works, and the overall adopted budget for 2014 was approximately equal to the amount available in 2013, once account had been taken of payment of the social housing Local Property Tax and increased Public Liability Insurance costs. Allocation of additional financial resources to Housing Maintenance is a matter for Council.

The report also stated that a claim for the costs of roof repairs arising specifically as a result of storm damage during December 2013 and January 2014 had been submitted to Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government. Such central funding is not available, however, to cover the cost of necessary roof or chimney repairs arising otherwise than from those specific storms.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J.Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. McCarthy, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue to meeting to 9.30pm.

16. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

16.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended March, 2014.

## **N22 VICTORIA CROSS JUNCTION 2014 NATIONAL ROAD LOW COST SAFETY SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 on the N22 Victoria Cross Junction 2014 National Road Low Cost Safety Scheme.

The Report stated that Victoria Cross is a key junction in the Cork City road network, comprising the junction of the N22 Carrigrohane Road, the R641 Wilton Road and the Western Road. The junction has a 50kph speed limit and experiences significant traffic flow as well as pedestrian activity due to its urban location adjacent to key trip attractors such as Cork County Council headquarters in County Hall, University College Cork, adjacent residential and commercial properties, student accommodation buildings and the popular Lee Fields amenity walk.

The existing Victoria Cross junction arrangement is vehicle centric and there is a distinct absence of pedestrian facilities at the western side of the junction across Carrigrohane Road and Wilton Road. In addition, all pedestrian movement across Victoria Cross junction is forced to utilise the existing central refuge island. The staging of the traffic signals dictates that the progression through the junction for pedestrians requires a double-movement/two stage crossing through this island.

The need to improve safety for vulnerable road users at Victoria Cross junction was identified by the National Roads Authority (NRA) in 2008 during their assessment of the Risk Rating of Ireland's Major Roads for the Euro RAP Program. The R641, from Victoria Cross to the N40 South Ring Road was identified as having a medium-high risk rating in the review of 2006 to 2008 collision data. On analysis of the collision data by, the NRA's Regional Road Safety Engineer and Cork City Council's Transportation Division, it was noted that there have been a high proportion of collisions between Victoria Cross and Orchard Road. Further analysis of the collision data confirmed that a number of the collisions involved pedestrians crossing the road on the route between Victoria Cross and Orchard Road.

Having regard to the above, in 2013 Cork City Council commissioned a study to assess Victoria Cross junction both in its existing scenario and under a number of alternative scenarios whereby agreed junction improvements to improve pedestrian and vulnerable road user facilities are implemented.

The final recommendation for Victoria Cross junction consists of comprehensive junction improvement works as follows:

- The upgrade of traffic signals at Victoria Cross, Cork.  
It is proposed to upgrade traffic signals at Victoria Cross to improve facilities for pedestrians using the junction. This will result in the provision of signalled crossings along pedestrian desire line i.e., at the end of the N22 Carrigrohane Straight and across the R641 at the Crow's Nest.
- Improved road markings at the Orchard Road Junction in the form of a staggered yellow box. This is proposed to aid vehicular traffic turning right out of Orchard Road towards Victoria Cross while crossing 2 lanes of traffic.

The proposed works include:

- New traffic signal heads and controllers;
- New pedestrian crossings facilities;
- Removal of small triangular island;
- New road signs and road markings;
- Upgrade of existing footpaths to provide dropped kerbs and tactile paving;
- Ducting to signals;
- Resurfacing works where required;
- Other necessary associated works.

In addition it is proposed to put yellow box arrangement at the intersection of Wilton Road with Orchard Road, to facilitate right turners from Orchard Road.

The National Roads Authority (NRA) has assigned 2014 Low Cost Safety funding to Cork City Council for the implementation of the proposed junction improvement works at Victoria Cross. These enhancements will reduce the risk of occurrence of pedestrian as well as cycling collisions in the area. They will also enhance the urban fabric and public realm of the area, creating a stronger sense of place that is not wholly vehicle centric.

As the budget costing for the project are in excess of €126,000, a Part 8 planning procedure in accordance with Article 81(2)(d) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended in 2006, is required. This process will also provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposals.

The Part 8 for the proposal was advertised on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Plans and particulars are available for inspection at:

- Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork;
- Cork County Council, County Hall, Cork

on working days from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 from 9am to 4.30pm.

Plans and particulars of the proposal are also available for purchase for a fee of €10 at:

- Cork National Roads Office, Richmond, Glanmire, Co. Cork on working days from Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2014 to Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 from 9am to 4.30pm.

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing to Administrative Officer, Cork National Roads Office, Richmond, Glanmire, Co. Cork, on or before 5.00 p.m. on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2014.

In accordance with the Part 8 procedure, a further Report will be made to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee regarding the proposed N22 Victoria Cross Junction scheme, following the conclusion of the period for submissions and observations.

### 16.3 JUNCTION UPGRADE SCHEMETHOMAS DAVIS BRIDGE/ SUNDAY'S WELL – LEE ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 on the Thomas Davis Bridge/ Sunday's Well – Lee Road.

The Report stated that the Thomas Davis Bridge is an important link across the river Lee. The junction currently operates as a typical priority T junction with traffic on western road giving way to traffic from Lee Road and Sunday's Well Road. The predominant movements through the junction are western road to Sunday's well road and Sunday's well road to Western Road. Traffic signals were installed previously but were not made operational due to objections.

At present, at times during the day and particularly during evening peak traffic backs up on over the bridge causing delays onto the western road (N22), resulting in increased congestion and delays to both commuters and public transport. The current junction layout does not provide any facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

Four options for improving the junction layout were examined as follows;

1. A redesign of previously proposed signalled junction and providing full pedestrian circulation
2. New junction with left turn slip lane between Sunday's well road and western road with triangular pedestrian island.
3. A mini roundabout with informal pedestrian crossing on the southern and western approaches.
4. Alternative priority arrangement with Lee road becoming minor road – this was discounted for road safety reasons without detailed analysis.

Option 2 is the most suitable option for this junction and results in reduced queues on all approaches during both the morning and evening peaks. It is now proposed to proceed with this option. In addition it is proposed to provide a pedestrian crossing to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists using the riverside walkway. An indicative layout drawing is attached.

The proposed works include:

- A new splitter island
- New pedestrian crossings facilities to the south of the bridge ;
- New road signs and road markings;
- Some restriction on parking
- Upgrade of existing footpaths to provide dropped kerbs and tactile paving;
- Ducting to signals;
- Resurfacing works where required;
- Other necessary associated works.

As the budget costing for the project are likely to be in excess of €126,000, a Part 8 planning procedure in accordance with Article 81(2)(d) of the Planning and

Development Regulations 2001, as amended in 2006, is required. This process will also provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposals.

The Part 8 for the proposal will be advertised in the coming weeks. Plans and particulars will then be available for inspection at Reception Desk in City Hall on working days from from 9am to 4.30pm.

In accordance with the Part 8 procedure, a further Report will be made to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee regarding the proposed Thomas Davis Bridge Junction Upgrade scheme, following the conclusion of the period for submissions and observation.

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

16.4.1 **NO PARKING SIGN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That the following road issue supported by An Gardaí is dealt with speedily.

‘The erection of a 'No Parking on the Footpath' sign at Wycherley Place, to prevent parked cars from blocking-in residents or obstructing delivery or emergency vehicles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/423)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that Wycherley Place will have to be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify the most appropriate measure that can be provided there.

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

16.4.2 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a pedestrian crossing from Connaught Ave to Donovan's Road be delivered - in association with UCC - conscious of the existing roadscape.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/424)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that the appropriateness of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Donovan's Road and Connaught Avenue will be investigated.

If deemed appropriate it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 16.4.3 **ROAD RESURFACING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously Report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council includes the stretch of road between St Joseph's Church and St Joseph's Community Centre on Old Youghal Road in Mayfield for resurfacing as this stretch of road has deteriorated badly in recent months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/057)

The Report stated that, there is currently no funding available in 2014 for Traffic Route Resurfacing. The road will however be inspected and if localised repairs are required, these will carried out in the coming months.

#### 16.4.4 **ROAD RESURFACING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council includes the stretch of road between St Luke's Cross and The Montenotte Hotel in the 2014 roads resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/058)

The Report stated that, there is currently no funding available in 2014 for Traffic Route Resurfacing. The road will however be inspected and if localised repairs are required, these will carried out in the coming months.

#### 16.4.5 **FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Clover Hill Estate Skehard Road would be included in this years programme for footpath replacement as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 14/064)

The Report stated that, due to a lack of funds, Roads Asset Management/Maintenance are unable to deliver a programme of footpath renewal/replacement. The location will be assessed and essential repairs will be carried out as required.

#### 16.4.6 **REPAIR POT HOLES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department fill the pot holes on the access road from Nursery Drive down to the swimming pool and the Ardfallen premises as a priority. Some of the residence need to keep exercising but there is a worry that there might be an accident if someone steps or trips on a pot hole.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 14/067)

The Report stated that, the location will be inspected by Roads Maintenance South to ascertain condition of road with pothole repairs to follow as required.

#### 16.4.7 **CLOSURE OF QUARRY STEPS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the quarry steps leading from Old Youghal Road to Ballyhooly Road be permanently closed in the interest of Public Safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/070)

The Report stated that, this location was gated in 2011, minor repairs are required to the gates due to vandalism, new locks will be placed on the gates on completion of same. If the location is to be permanently closed, Roads Maintenance Asset Management would require approval from the elected members and a broad consensus for the closure to come forward from the residents and stakeholders in the area

#### 16.4.8 **INCREASE NO. 9 BUS SERVICE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To ask that 'Cork City Council to engage with Bus Eireann to increase the no. 9 bus service on Pouladuff Road or to incorporate into the no. 14 timetable (for some of the bus services) to redirect its route to turn left on Noonan's Road and continue to Pouladuff Road and then turn right onto Pearse Road, The Lough again. This is to facilitate the residents on Pouladuff Road and also to encourage people to use public transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 13/073)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that any amendments to Bus Eireann routes No. 9 or No 14 are subject to approval by the National Transport

Authority (NTA). Therefore, Cork City Council will forward this request to the NTA for their attention.

#### 16.4.9 **FOOTPATHS ASSESSMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would assess the footpaths in Clashuv Estate to investigate for ponding and pooling of water and to implement remedial measures as appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/077)

The Report stated that, the location will be assessed during wet weather to establish extent of ponding issues on footpaths at Clasduv Estate with remedial works programmed as resources allow.

#### 16.4.10 **ROAD PAINTING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would re-paint/replace the broken white lines on the stretch of road from the Bandon Road Roundabout/Flyover to the junction of Waterfall Road/Bishopstown Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/083).

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that the need to re-paint/replace the broken white lines on the stretch of road from the Bandon Road Roundabout/Flyover to the junction of Waterfall Road/Bishopstown Road will be assessed.

If appropriate, the work will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be done as soon as is practical, subject to funding being available.

#### 16.4.11 **SPEED RAMPS/TRAFFIC CALMING TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install speed ramps/traffic calming on Tory Top Road between the roundabout and Aldi supermarket.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’ Halloran 14/017)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that Tory Top Road between the roundabout and Aldi supermarket will have to be assessed to determine

the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify the most appropriate measure that can be provided there.

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

#### 16.4.12 **PUBLIC BIKE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would now review the proposed sites for the docking stations for the public bike scheme around the city and get all the stakeholders gardai/ taxi drivers/bus eireann/ pedestrians/bicycle enthusiasts representatives and agree the positioning of these docking stations, thus preventing the same scenario that is now happening in Washington Street and Parnell Place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/018)

The Report stated that, as Members will be aware the Public Bike Scheme was the subject of a public consultation process over the period from 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2013. In addition to the normal display and related public notices a public information session was held in City hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. A dedicated email address was also established to facilitate comments/submissions. Following consideration of all comments received the locations of the docking stations were finalised. Details of all submissions received together with the final locations of the proposed docking stations were presented to Council by way of report dated 31/10/13. Council considered the matter and resolved that the scheme be proceeded with as proposed on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013

The scheme is due to be completed by September 2014.

#### 16.4.13 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Council, in co-operation with UCC, provide a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Donovan's Road and Connaught Avenue to facilitate students and local residents, utilising existing road crossings that are in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 13/430)

The Report stated that the Transportation Division advises that the appropriateness of a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Donovan's Road and Connaught Avenue will be investigated.

If deemed appropriate it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 16.4.14 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT MERVUE LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That extra protection and traffic calming procedures be put in place near Mervue Lawn to prevent any further vehicle crashes or damage to property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/062)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that Mervue Lawn 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 to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 16.4.15 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS BETWEEN NORTH RING ROAD , BALLYVOLANE AND BALLYHOOLEY ROAD CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a right hand arrow be put at the traffic lights between, north ring road Ballyvolane/Ballyhooley Road cross. A right hand signal light, to indicate to cars going on to Ballyhooley.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 14/066)

The Report stated that, traffic on the North Ring Road intending to turn right onto Ballyhooley Road towards the Fox and Hounds is facilitated with an indicative right turn green arrow after traffic heading towards Mayfield loses right of way.

It is not possible to have an indicative right turn green arrow in both directions so vehicles heading towards Mayfield on the North Ring Road get green before traffic heading towards Blackpool facilitating drivers who wish to turn right onto Ballyhooley road towards Dillons Cross.

Any drivers who miss this window and are unable to make that right turn when traffic is green in both directions on the North Ring Road get a second opportunity to make the turn via an extension of the all red period.

#### 16.4.16 **STREET LIGHT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To install an extra street Light next to the pathway (on centre of green) leading to S M A Church Wilton and opposite Wilton Pub. This area is very dark and many people especially the elderly use this pathway to get to Church and also Wilton Shopping Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 14/084)

The Report stated that, the request to install an extra street light next to the pathway (on centre of green) leading to S M A Church Wilton and opposite Wilton Pub will be added to the list of requests to be considered when funds are available.

#### 16.4.17 **LOWER FRIAR’S WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place traffic calming measures in Lower Friars Walk.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 14/088)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that Lower Friars Walk 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 to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

#### 16.4.18 **FOOTPATH AT NO. 1-5 DOUGLAS DRIVE, PIC-DU- JER PARK, BALLINLOUGH**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To fix the cracked footpath outside the house numbers 1-5 Douglas Drive, Pic-Du-Jer Park, Ballinlough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Kieran McCarthy 14/090)

The Report stated that, the location will be inspected by Roads Maintenance South and essential repairs carried out as required.

#### 16.4.19 **FOOTPATH AT MARDYKE WALK AND LEE FIELDS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would dish the footpaths on both sides of the road at the connection point between the Mardyke Walk and Lee Fields near Thomas Davis Bridge to facilitate wheelchair users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/094)

The Report stated that, improving accessibility at this location for wheelchair users will be addressed as part of the Sundays Well Road Junction redesign

16.4.20 **PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE NO'S 37/38 GREENFIELDS MODEL FARMROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would allocate a parking space outside No's 37/38 Greenfields Model Farm Road for a resident to access his home as this person has serious mobility problems.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/095)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that the road outside No's 37/38 Greenfields Model Farm Road will be assessed for the appropriateness of a disabled parking space.

If appropriate it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

16.4.21 **ASSESS TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN THE RISE ESTATE, UAM VAR AND WILTON GARDENS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would assess the traffic calming measures currently in place in The Rise Estate, Uam Var and Wilton Gardens and to undertake remedial measures as required.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/098)

The Report stated that, The Transportation Division advises that the traffic calming measures currently in place in The Rise Estate, Uam Var and Wilton Gardens will be assessed to identify the extent of the problems that exist and identify any possible mitigation measures that can be provided there.

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

16.4.22 **REVIEW THE RECONFIGURATION OF WASHINGTON STREET/SOUTH MAIN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘THAT the council reviews immediately the reconfiguration of Washington Street/South Main Street for the purpose of restoring proper routes for all users and not be biased in favour of cyclists who represent just one group of users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/029)

The Report stated that, the Cork Cycle Network UCC to City Centre scheme arises out of a national policy for development of sustainable transport measures and the Government funding of these schemes through the National Transport Authority (NTA). The UCC cycle scheme went through the Section 38 public consultation procedure in late 2012/ early 2013 and was approved by Council in February 2013. There followed a detailed design which received NTA approval and the contract then went through the tendering process in mid 2013. The detailed design was also the subject of an independent road safety audit.

Construction commenced in August 2013 and is due for completion in May 2014 when temporary constraints due to roadworks will be removed. As is customary with these schemes further independent road safety audits are due to be undertaken, both at completion stage and later when the works have been fully in service for approximately six months. The scheme details will be reviewed at these stages and any necessary modifications carried out.

16.4.23 **INSTALL DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AND BOLLARDS AT THE ENTRANCE TO KNOCKREA LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install double yellow lines and bollards at the entrance to Knockrea Lawn on the Ballinlough Road, in an effort to stop motorists parking on the corners at the entrance to the park, which severely restricts the sight-lines of residents trying to enter and exit their homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 14/102)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that the entrance to Knockrea Lawn on the Ballinlough Road will have to be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify the most appropriate measure that can be provided there.

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

#### 16.4.24 **TRAFFIC – CALMING MEASURES AT DELANEY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic-calming measures are introduced on both sides of Delaney Park’

(Proposer: Cllr K. O’ Flynn 14/106)

The Report stated that, The Transportation Division advises that Delaney Park will be added to the list of areas requesting traffic calming. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify the most appropriate measure that can be provided there.

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

#### 16.4.25 **YELLOW LINES AT ENTRANCE TO ASHBORO, SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will put down’ yellow lines ‘ at the entrance to Ashboro, Shanakiel to prevent continuous dangerous parking at this spot.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 14/110)

The Report stated that, the Transportation Division advises that the entrance to Ashboro, Shanakiel will have to be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist, in order to identify the most appropriate measure that can be provided there.

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

#### 16.4.26 **REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS IN SUNDRIVE PARK, BALLINLOUGH**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To have the footpaths in Sundrive Park, Ballinlough repaired especially those sections that are trip hazards’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/112)

The Report stated that, the footpaths here have been assessed and are found to be in an acceptable to good condition with a small trip at one location. It is noted and will be attended to during the current years programme.

16.4.27 **INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF FOOTPATH FROM NO. 1. TO NO. 6 ILEN COURT DEANROCK TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In the event of remedial work been undertaken here that at least the shore's that are presently there on this footpath be removed/shifted to the roadway to make it safer for the elderly residents to walk this pathway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. H. Cremin 14/123)

**Committee Decision**

The Report stated that, the footpath here has been inspected and is experiencing a degree of upward heave due to the adjacent trees as well as the presence of old cuttings. It has been placed on the roads programme for action during the current year

16.4.28 **EXAMINE ROAD SURFACE AT ROSSA AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would examine the road surface at the bus stop on Rossa Avenue particularly outside the house NO.68 [ CHARLTON ] which is right beside this stop. This whole stretch needs a reinforced surface to facilitate the high volume of buses that stop/park here and while the potholes are filled regularly these reappear again after a few days. This bus stop caters for 5 C.I.E. routes and various private coaches that facilitate the C.I.T. student population.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/127)

The Report stated that, the location is being attended to on an ongoing basis and is on Roads South Programme for cutting out and patching. Roads do not at this time have a budget for overlaying or works of a substantial nature at the location

17. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence from the following:-

- Letter dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 from the Department of Social Protection regarding the ESB pension Scheme.
- Letter from Department of Finance regarding the Local Property Tax.
- Letter from Department of Environment, Community and Local Government regarding assessment of commercial rates.
- Letter from Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality acknowledging receipt of letter dated the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

18. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

- Cllr Michael O’Connell – Places of Scientific Culture –Bremen, Germany – 10/12 March 2014
- Cllr Michael O’Connell – Meeting Management –Principles & Best Practice – Rosscarbery, Co. Cork – 21/23 March 2014
- Cllr Michael O’Connell – Retirement Entitlements & Taxation Benefits for Councillors- Rosscarbery, Co. Cork – 28/30 March 2014.
- Cllr Joe O’Callaghan – Role of Ombudsman – Limerick -21/23 March 2014.
- Cllr Terry Shannon – 2014 European Elections Information Seminar – Carlingford, Co. Louth – 03/05 January 2014.
- Cllr Terry Shannon – The Building Control Amendment Regulations 2013– Carlingford, Co. Louth –10/12 January 2014.
- Cllr Jim Corr– Retirement Entitlements & Taxation Benefits for Councillors- Rosscarbery, Co. Cork – 28/30 March 2014.
- Cllr Ger Gibbons – Judicial Review of the Decision Making Process– Tralee , Co. Kerry – 28/29 March 2014.
- Cllr Ger Gibbons – Planning is more than a Policy – Portlaoise, Co. Laoise – 04/06 April 2014.

19. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

This Item was taken at Items No. 11 & 12.

20. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved and referred Motions to the relevant Committees of the following motions, due notice of which has been given.

20.1 **GRANT SCHEME FOR BUSINESSES AND HOUSEHOLDERS IN FLOOD-PRONE AREAS**

‘That Cork City Council explores options with the Department of the Environment about providing a grant scheme for businesses and householders in flood-prone areas of the city to install commercial flood control barriers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/049)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

20.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON MALLOW ROAD**

Traffic calming measures be introduced on Mallow Road By Westlink Business Park out as far as Shaw's Bridge.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 14/068)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.3 **REPLACE GATES - RADHARC AN MHACHAIRE, GEANEYS BOREEN**

'That Cork City Council will replace the gates taken away by Council from the entrance to the tenants car park some years ago, to ensure security for parking cars.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O'Callaghan 14/111)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.4 **DERELICT REGISTER IN THE NORTH EAST WARD**

'That Cork City Council would produce a full and comprehensive report on properties on the derelict register in the North East Ward and measures undertaken to remediate this problem.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/114)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

20.5 **'CORK MARKETS' BRAND (AND MARKETING STRATEGY) BE ESTABLISHED**

'THAT in order to promote local food and craft markets, a 'Cork Markets' brand (and marketing strategy) be established to promote the city's markets and link them up as part of Cork's tourism appeal...similar to what is done in the UK, Australia etc.'

(Proposer: Cllr M. Finn 14/115)

**Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

20.6 **TAKE IN CHARGE DUNDANION COURT**

'That Cork City Council would Take in Charge Dundanion Court, on the Blackrock Road.

This award winning estate of 36 houses was constructed 45 years ago, and was designed by a former City Architect'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/119)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

20.7 **TRAFFIC SURVEY ON THE WELL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a traffic survey on the Well Road, with particular attention given to that area between Church Yard Land and Douglas Hall Lawn, to ascertain the volume and speed of traffic at this location, and explore the possibility of installing rubber table tops on the road carriage way.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/120)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.8 **FOOTPATH AT ILLEN COURT, DENROCK, TOGHER**

**Comhairleoir H. Cremin has withdrawn this motion.**

‘That City Council would investigate the condition of the footpath from No. 1. to No. 6 Ilen Court Deanrock Togher with a view to resurfacing same as it is in a terrible dangerous condition.

In the event of remedial work been undertaken here that at least the shore's that are presently there on this footpath be removed/shifted to the roadway to make it safer for the elderly residents to walk this pathway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. H. Cremin 14/123)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN MAYFIELD PARK**

That Cork City Council put in place traffic calming measures in Mayfield Park leading into Iona Park, Mayfield, on the roadway around the Green area across from the derelict PTSB site.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/133)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.10 **MEMORIAL GARDEN AT MAGDALENE GRAVE AT SUNDAY’S WELL**

‘That the Magdalene Grave at Sunday’s Well, behind Cork City Gaol, which is presently walled off and inaccessible, be converted into a memorial garden’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 14/134)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

20.11 **DNA SYSTEM AS A MEANS OF IDENTIFYING IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS WHO FAIL TO CLEAN UP DOG LITTER**

‘That Cork City Council would develop a canine DNA system as a means of identifying irresponsible dog owners who fail to clean up dog litter in public areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 14/135)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

20.12 **INSTALL A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO PALACEANNE LAWN / KILCOMAN LAWN ON THE SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install a pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Palaceanne Lawn / Kilcoman Lawn on the South Douglas Road and undertake necessary works at the entrance to Palanceanne Lawn to make traffic movements in and out of the park safer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 14/136)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.13 **REPAINT ALL LINING AT THE JUNCTION OF BELVEDERE LAWN AND THE DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would repaint all lining at the junction of Belvedere Lawn and the Douglas Road in an effort to stop cars parking illegally on the corners and also to highlight that there is no entrance to Belvedere Lawn from the Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. McGonigle 14/137)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.14 **RE-NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE LAND TRANSFER TO NEMO RANGERS**

‘That Cork City Council re-negotiates the terms of the land transfer to Nemo Rangers with a view to transferring responsibility of all aspects of river maintenance and upkeep back to Cork City Council. Nemo Rangers is a hurling and Football Club which does not have the finance or expertise to manage a river channel. This area should be part of the re-development of the municipal landfill site.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/140)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

20.15 **CCTV BE INSTALLED IN BARRETT'S BUILDING'S, GURRANABRAHER**

‘That CCTV be installed in Barrett’s Building’s, Gurranaברה to ensure that the offenders of illegal dumping are prosecuted.’

(Proposer: K. O’Flynn 14/141)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

20.16 **ERECTING OF GATES IN THE AREA OF DESMOND SQUARE AND GRIFFITH'S COURT**

‘Cork City Council again considers the erecting of gates in the area of Desmond Square and Griffith's Court, in a bid to combat the re-emergence of anti-social behaviour in the laneway that has led to criminal damage of council housing, following consultation with all ward councillors and local residents.’

(Proposers: Cllr. L Kingston, E O'Halloran, S Martin, M Finn, F Kerins)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.17 **PAINT A YELLOW BOX AT THE ENTRANCE TO WILTON COURT**

‘That Cork City paint a yellow box at the entrance to Wilton Court on the Sarsfields Road as many residents are finding it difficult to exit and enter the estate due to large volumes of traffic. (opposite Tesco entrance).’

(Proposer: G. Gibbons 14/145)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

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

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

(Proposer: G. Gibbons 14/146)

**Finance Functional Committee**

20.19 **EFFECTIVE SET OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE MELBOURNE ROAD**

That this Council, recognizing the inherent conflict between the functions of, the design of and the driver behaviour on Melbourne Road, and the likely worsening of these conflicts given future development plans for the wider area, requests Cork City Council to provide an effective set of traffic management measures for the Melbourne Road between Curraheen Road and Rossa Avenue that will

1. Reduce the ambient speed of traffic in both directions,
2. Encourage walking by the provision of a sufficient number of safe crossing points .
3. Prioritize cycling

and thereby mitigate the severance caused to residents of Melbourne Estate by current and forecast levels of traffic on Melbourne Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 14/147)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

##### **20.20 CLEAN UP PTSB AND AIB BANK IN MAYFIELD**

‘That the Government order the Boards of PTSB and AIB bank to clean up and secure as soon as possible their grotty premises in Mayfield and that they then order their Boards to gift these premises to the Community as they are only serving as locations for "Government-Bank" facilitated anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/149)

#### **Planning & Development Functional Committee**

##### **20.21 REMOVE BUS STOP ON CONNOLLY ROAD BY BALLYPHEHANE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

That the Roads Department of Cork City Council request the removal of the Bus Stop on Connolly Road (by the Ballyphehane Community Centre) as it has become a central point for anti-social behavior in recent years and is only serviced once a day by a bus.

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 14/151)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

##### **20.22 LOCAL ACTION PLAN**

‘That Cork City Council would put forward a local Action Plan for a Long term Strategic Vision for our City involving Science Communication and strive to effectively bring science and technology into the local dimension, linking it to social issues and discussions in such a way that it enables citizens to see the interplay between science, technology and their social reality, and that Cork City Council should also seek the European Cities of Scientific Culture Designation after Barcelona.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 14/153)

#### **Planning & Development Functional Committee**

##### **20.23 AMENDED MAHON LOCAL AREA PLAN**

Arising from the amended Mahon Local Area Plan and it’s ambition to promote the provision of dwellings and office accommodation on the Mahon Peninsula, Cork City

Council will respond to current traffic congestion on the link road from the Skehard Road to Mahon interchange bridge by:

1. providing a new traffic lane from the CSO to the City Gate premises (as was agreed by City Council on March 15th 2010)
2. examining the feasibility of providing another traffic lane on the western side of that road
3. redesigning the junction of the link road and Skehard Road so as to facilitate traffic flow and enhance safety for all road users

(Proposer: Des Cahill, Laura McGonigle, Jim Corr, 14/154)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 20.24 **BEAUMONT PARK ON SILVERDALE AVE**

‘That the Council look at the dangerous section of road at the cul-de-sac hill and entrance to Beaumont Park on Silverdale Ave opposite house no 32 ,34 and 36. The problem is that some drivers parking on the hill going to the park or up to Beaumont school don't apply their hand break properly. Three times in about 6 months, cars have come down the hill in reverse and knocked down the pillar and wall dividing no 32 and 34’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/155)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 20.25 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS IN BALTIMORE LAWN, DOUGLAS**

That the footpaths in Baltimore Lawn, Douglas Road receive urgent repair work; some are major trip hazards.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/156)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 20.26 **YELLOW BOX PAINTED AT THE EXIT OF PYNE VALLEY ESATE, BALLYVOLANE**

That a yellow box would be painted at the exit of Pyne Valley Estate, Ballyvolane to enable traffic to exit the Estate in safety.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 14/157)

#### **Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

#### 20.27 **TRAFFIC LIGHT JUNCTION ON THE COMMONS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department will conduct a report on the traffic light junction on the Commons road where simultaneous green lights for traffic exiting the Commons Inn & traffic coming on to the Commons rd

from Geaney's Boreen is causing some confusion as to the right of way.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/159)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

20.28 **WALL AT THE REAR OF ALL THE HOUSES IN ILEN GARDENS DEANROCK TOGHER**

'That City Council would investigate the wall at the rear of all the houses in Ilen Gardens Deanrock Togher. There is a large crack in this wall from which water is leaking and leaving huge stains of moss and mildew. Residents in Ilen Court are not a

bit happy with this as this is what they are looking at when they open the front door of their houses

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

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

20.29 **FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON SINKHOLES, DRAINAGE, SEWAGE AND WATER MAINS IN HILLSIDE**

'That Cork City Council would prepare a full and comprehensive report on sinkholes, drainage, sewage and water mains in Hillside and would make this report and associated technical data available to residents.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/161)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

20.30 **SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL WORKS FOR MURPHY'S FARM**

'That Cork City Council would publish a schedule of capital works for Murphy's Farm and commit to the development of a MUGA as agreed with local residents.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/162)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

20.31 **TRAFFIC CALMING/ ROAD RESURFACING AT KILNAP PLACE, FARRANREE**

That Cork City Council includes Kilnap Place Farranree in the

- A) Traffic calming programme.
- B) Road resurfacing programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 14/164)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



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

21. **MOTIONS**

21.1 **INCOME TAX CODE AMENDED**

‘That the Income Tax code be amended so that Irish Income Tax is charged based on Citizenship rather than residence / domicile as the current system facilitates super rich fat cats who want all the benefits of Irish citizenship but who pay their Income Tax elsewhere.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/150)

22. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

22.1 **END THE FLUORIDATION OF DRINKING WATER**

‘That Cork City Council ends the fluoridation of drinking water to Cork City and calls on the Irish Government to end the practice of artificial fluoridating drinking water supplies because of scientific evidence of its dangers. As citizens of Europe the Irish people must have the same standard of care as our European neighbours. Currently water fluoridation does not meet the minimum standards as required of the ‘precautionary principle’ enshrined in the treaty of Europe. It is imperative that this practice ceases.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/103)

22.2 **REDUCE THE PROPERTY TAX BY 15%**

‘That Cork City Council call on the Tánaiste Eamonn Gilmore to ensure that he gets the necessary Cabinet approval and funding that would allow this Council to reduce the property tax by 15% as he has recently spoken about.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/117)

22.3 **INTEGRATED APPROACH TO MEETING THE RESIDENTIAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with the HSE and providers of service for adults with a disability to ensure an integrated approach to meeting the residential, occupational and social needs of people with a disability with equal access to community setting and resources, and that this is reflected in the City Development Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/125)

22.4 **EDUCATE TOGETHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

‘That Cork City Council supports the campaign for the establishment of an Educate Together Secondary School in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 14/128)

22.5 **GOVERNMENT GATEWAY SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council will not participate in the Government's 'Gateway Scheme' for local authorities’.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/129)

22.6 **LOWERING OF THE VOTING AGE FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

‘That Cork City Council supports recommendations by the Constitutional Convention calling for:

The lowering of the voting age for Presidential elections to 16-years-of-age;

The introduction of votes in the Presidential election for citizens in the North of Ireland & for the Irish Diaspora.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 14/131)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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