

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th JUNE 2015

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| PRESENT | An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields |
| NORTH EAST | Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh. |
| NORTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí T. Gould, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan. |
| NORTH WEST | Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan. |
| SOUTH EAST | Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keefe. |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin. |
| SOUTH WEST | Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. |
| APOLOGIES | Comhairleoir M. Finn |
| ALSO PRESENT | Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs & Housing & Community Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. E. Walsh, Senior Engineer, Environment & Recreation. |

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to discuss communication from the DOECLG to the Chief Executive that all Local Authorities suspend the opening of any Social Housing Schemes until the availability of the Minister was determined.

It was agreed to discuss this matter at the conclusion of the Agenda.

1.1 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The O'Halloran Family on the death of Kevin O'Halloran.
- The Holland Family on the death of John Holland.
- The Mullins Family on the death of John Mullins.
- The Horgan Family on the death of Willie Horgan.
- The Crowley Family on the death of Jackie Crowley.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

- Tomás Quinlan on kicking the winning penalty on his debut for Ireland in the opening match for Ireland (v Argentina) in the U20 World Cup held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015.
- The Lord Mayor, Lord Mayor's Office and all the staff in Corporate Affairs on the Civic Awards held on the 4th June 2015.
- Paddy O'Brien on his organisation of the Over 60's Final.
- Meitheal Mara on the Cork Harbour Festival.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

An tArd-Mhéara reminded An Chomhairle of the Annual Meeting on Friday 12th June 2015.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

The Chief Executive informed An Chomhairle of an invitation to attend the signing of an MOU on Learning Cities on Friday 12th June at 8.30 a.m.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Minutes:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 22nd May 2015.
- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 25th May 2015.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **HOUSING ADAPTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY EXTENSION WORKS**

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

Can the CE tell me, as we are dependent on funding from the Department of the Environment Community & Local Government to complete all housing adaptation for people with a disability Extension works, and as you may also be aware there are a large number of applications on this list dating back to 2007.

1. How much money has the Department of the Environment Community & Local Government given Cork City Council to complete adaptation for people with a disability Extension works in years 2007 -2015 inclusive?
2. How many houses have had works carried out in years 2007 -2015 inclusive?
3. As applications are prioritised based on medical need & there are 3 priority levels Priority 1, Priority 2 & Priority 3 how many houses are on the council's waiting list in each category to be done?
4. How much money would it cost to clear all these houses?
5. How many applications have been made but are yet to be accessed?
6. Any suggestions on how best to meet the challenging issue of housing adaptation for people with a disability Extension works?

REPLY

1. 2007: €4,890,165
2008: Nil
2009: €1,904,832
2010: €920,904
2011: €847,066
2012: €445,645
2013: €714,232
2014: €313,377
2015 : Nil to date

Total : €10,036,221

2. 2007: 70
2008: Nil
2009: 28
2010: 90
2011: 98
2012: 69
2013: 81
2014: 70
2015 : Nil to date

Total 506

3. (i) Disabled Extensions Waiting List:

Priority 1: 46
Priority 2: 7
Priority 3: 1

- (ii) Minor Adaptations Waiting List:

Priority 1: 45
Priority 2: 5
Priority 3: 2

4. €4,300,000 approximately.

5. 41 no. applications

6. The Council will continue in its efforts to obtain additional financial resources to deal with the waiting list. It will prioritise the purchase of properties where adaptations are already in place under its housing acquisitions programme. Applicants may consider transferring to a specially adapted property in a minor number of cases. The Council will also consider modular building solutions where feasible and economically viable.

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

3.2 **10 / 10A FRIARY GARDENS**

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

What is the present situation in relation to 10 / 10a Friary Gardens?

What planning permissions were granted over the years?

What enforcement orders were executed?

How long more will the residents have to put up with this situation?

REPLY

There is a considerable enforcement history in relation to this property (note No 10a is an additional end of terrace house within the original garden of No 10) which was granted permission in 1995 under T.P. 19814/95 (amended under TP.99/23555). An enforcement file, opened in 2001, in relation to non-completion of the building was closed (on advice of the Council's Law Agent) as it was deemed statute barred. Subsequently An Bord Pleanala refused the Property Section's efforts to compulsorily purchase No 10a under the Derelict Sites Act as it was considered that the property was not derelict.

In 2009, the planning authority opened an enforcement file in relation to non compliance with Condition No 2 of TP.23555 which required a splayed entrance to be constructed within four months of the permission and also issues relating to the construction of a side entrance. Subsequently the applicant applied for retention for two elements:

- TP 09/33754 – 10 Friary Gardens: Retention for vehicular entrance to front and permission for entrance door and first floor window to front. Condition required that works to finish the driveway, garden and gates would be completed within four months of the grant of permission (by 15 October 2009).
- TP 09/33755 – 10A Friary Gardens – Retention of vehicular entrance to front. Condition required that works to finish the driveway, garden, gates and eastern boundary of No 10A would be completed within four months of the grant of permission (by 17/12/2009).

The applicant was given additional time (April 2010) to carry out the works – however no works were undertaken. The file was closed in 2011 on the basis that the applicant had not implemented the two retention permissions and that there was no planning breach. The applicant was advised that it was considered that no planning breach has occurred, that the matter will not be pursued and that in the event that works are initiated on the basis of the two retention permissions that full compliance will be required. There has been no enforcement further action in relation to the case.

The Department has recently engaged with the applicant and are again considering the option of placing the site on the Derelict Sites Register. The applicant has indicated his intention in the short term to cut the tree on site (which is overgrown) and also to upgrade the driveway. The case is subject to review and I will keep Council informed of this matter through the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Service
Strategic Planning and Economic Development Directorate

3.3 **NO. 6 HOLLYWOOD ESTATE, BLARNEY ROAD**

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

Can the Chief Executive provide a report on No. 6 Hollywood Estate, Blarney Road in which it will clarify its ownership, outline what measures are proposed, if any, to remove illegally dumped rubbish from the house and to secure the property from vandalism.

REPLY

Arising from the condition of the house a Dangerous Structure Notice was issued to the owner of the property on the 17th October 2014 under section 3 (2) of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964. Subsequently Cork City Council arranged for the shuttering of the house as per Chief Executive's Order number 3274/14.

Consequent on recent inspection by a Litter Warden, a notice under section 9 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 has been issued, on the 4th June 2015, to the assumed owner of the property, in care of his solicitor. This requires the owner of the property to remove litter that is visible from a public place by Friday 26th June 2015 and to maintain these areas free of litter.

Eamonn Walsh
A/Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation

This property has been privately owned since 2002.

It did not come to the attention of the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Directorate until the question was submitted by Cllr. Nugent.

The property is currently being assessed under the Derelict Sites legislation and, if appropriate, action will be taken to address the issues identified by Cllr. Nugent pending the outcome of the notice issued under Section 9 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

3.4 **FAILURE TO RESPOND TO HOUSING OFFER**

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

How many housing applicants have failed to make contact with the Housing Department in relation to a housing offer for the period of May 2014 to May 2015 (inclusive)?

REPLY

57 no. applicants failed to contact the Housing Department in relation to an offer of housing in the period May 2014 to May 2015 (inclusive).

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

3.5 **ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION**

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

To ask the CE in relation to the following: Housing Applications, Housing Maintenance, Housing Transfers & Housing Grants-

What is the role and purpose of elected member representation? How is such representation beneficial to the members constituents?

REPLY

The decision to make representations on behalf of any member of the public is solely one for the Members.

Decisions in relation to a person’s position on the housing list, priority on any housing maintenance issue, housing grants or any list will be made in a fully transparent manner in accordance with the prevailing policy as adopted by the Members such as the Scheme of Letting Priorities etc., regardless of any representations made.

In addition, the availability of resources also dictates the speed at which requests can be addressed, again regardless of any representations received.

The Housing Directorate appreciates the efforts of the Elected Members to inform it of a person’s specific circumstances, should they wish to do so. Members’ representations are noted and attached to the relevant file. The representations may include updated information on behalf of applicants for housing services where such information was not provided by the individual at the outset of the application process. However, the approach as outlined above is in line with Council policy.

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

3.6 **BLOCKED DRAINS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive – in the event of the need to unblock drains either from City Council properties, private properties and retail units which are connected to the main drain – who will clear the drains and who will reinstate the footpaths and roads where it is necessary?

REPLY

The operation and maintenance of “public sewers” is now the responsibility of Irish Water.

The responsibility for unblocking, repair or replacement of all drain connections to the sewer, as has been the case heretofore, remains with the owners of the properties served by

the connection whether Council ,private or retail . Where necessary, the reinstatement of roads, footways and paths has to be carried in accordance with the conditions set down in the Road Opening Licence issued by the Roads and Transportation Directorate. This applies to domestic and non-domestic, public or private.

Eamonn Walsh,
A/ Director Of Services,
Environment and Recreation .

4. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st MAY 2015.**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on the 21st May 2015.

4.1 **REPAIRS TO VACANT PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle considered an unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘In an effort to tackle the issue of vacant local authority houses Cork City Council would consider the following options:

Cork City Council would publicise a number of houses that need some repair work to be ready for allocation, these houses would be offered to housing applicants willing to carry out the work themselves, the cost of the repairs could be offset by reduced rent to the applicants until the costs of the repairs have been met.

Cork City Council would offer a loan to housing applicants willing to accept an offer of a house requiring some repair work, the loan would be for the applicants to complete the required work on the house, the loan could be paid back by the applicants by paying a higher rate of rent until the loan is paid off.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 13/297)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in relation to the options suggested, the first proposal has been trialled previously but gave rise to a number of issues. The second proposal which has some merit will require careful consideration by the Housing & Community Directorate to ensure its feasibility from a legal, financial, industrial relations, allocations and operational point of view. There are also several other issues involved in the returning of voids which will also be considered. Members may be aware that the Directorate introduced a revolving fund in 2014 to enable the quick turnaround of low cost voids. This fund has resulted in the return of over 150 vacant properties to a lettable condition since its introduction. It continues to be a valuable tool used by Housing Maintenance in tackling voids and reducing turnaround times.

The report also stated that Members were aware that the Housing & Community Directorate will be introducing a Choice Based Letting Scheme which is aimed at reducing void turnaround times particularly in relation to the refusal rate which members have previously highlighted. It is recommended that the Choice Based Letting Scheme is fully

rolled out prior to considering any further proposals. Meanwhile all issues to improve void turnaround will be investigated and a further report will issue to members in due course.

5. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd JUNE 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 2nd June 2015.

5.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 28th May, 2015 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in property situated at and known as No. 9, Pouladuff Place, Pouladuff Road, Cork to Maurice and Pauline Kelly, c/o O'Connor Murphy Clune, Solicitors, No. 26, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €6.35 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of freehold interest in property situated at and known as No. 14, East View Terrace, Quaker Road, Cork together with the freehold interest in plot at rear of property, to Patrick O'Donoghue, c/o O'Donoghue & O'Connor Solicitors, No. 14, Main Street, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry, for the sum of €250.00 together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.

5.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for May 2015.

5.3 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT BALLYVOLANE, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 28th May, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 84, Mervue Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork by Clúid Housing Association.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €52,723 be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had approved a funding application from Clúid Housing Association under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility for a loan not exceeding €52,723 in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 84, Mervue Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork. The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the

voluntary body to cover 30% of total capital outlay plus 1.5% of expenses incurred for the purchase of No. 84, Mervue Lawn, Ballyvolane, Cork for social housing use under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme.

The report further stated that the granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Director of Services recommends 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 €52,723 be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

5.4 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT GURRANABRAHER, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 28th May, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 74, Gurranaברה Avenue, Cork by Clúid Housing Association.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €7,612 be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government had approved a funding application from Clúid Housing Association under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility for a loan not exceeding €7,612 in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 74, Gurranaברה Avenue, Cork. The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover 7% of total capital outlay plus 1.5% of expenses incurred for the purchase of No. 74, Gurranaברה Avenue, Cork for social housing use under the Mortgage to Rent Scheme.

The report further stated that the granting of assistance in the manner proposed is a reserved function. The Director of Services recommends 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 €7,612 be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

5.5 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 28th May, 2015 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Systems Requirement document had issued to the Developer who has commenced work on the Choice Based Letting Scheme

for Cork City Council. The Choice Based Letting Steering Group has now met on three occasions to monitor the development of the system.

The Steering Group which meets on a monthly basis comprises of the following members:

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

Ms. R. Buckley, Head of Information Systems

Mr. S. Coghlan, Senior Engineer, Housing Maintenance

Members of the Project Team

The report also stated that the Project Team meets fortnightly and is comprised of the following staff members:

Ms. C. Kelly, Housing Assessments & Allocations

Mr. A. Devine, ICT & Business Services

Mr. G. Desmond, ICT & Business Services

Mr. E. Hanrahan, Housing Assessments & Allocations

Mr. A. Quinn, Housing Maintenance

Mr F. Cronin, Housing Area Office.

The report further stated that a report had issued to a meeting of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee on 20th May. Monthly updates will continue to issue to the Housing & Community Functional Committee.

5.6 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 28th May, 2015 in relation to the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the operation of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme is currently still limited to the Wave One Authorities namely:

- Limerick City & County Council
- Cork County Council
- Waterford City & County Council
- South Dublin County Council
- Kilkenny County Council
- Louth County Council
- Monaghan County Council
- Dublin City Council (homeless services only)

The report also stated that the commencement date for Cork City Council has not been confirmed as of yet. The City Council is currently trying to schedule a briefing session and training for City Council and Department of Social Protection staff for mid-June 2015 with the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government. The expectation would be that once training and briefings have taken place a commencement order from the Minister would follow shortly thereafter.

The report further stated that in relation to progress to date with Wave One Authorities our colleagues in Cork County Council recently provided the following statistics:

- Cumulative HAP tenancies in Wave One Authorities as at 5th May, 2015 are 1,690.
- Weekly average of 67 HAP tenancies being set up during 2015.
- 40% of HAP tenants have been transferred from Rent Supplement, 60% are non Rent Supplement.
- Cork County Council has 284 HAP tenancies as at 5th May, 2015:
- 107 Rent Supplement, 177 non Rent Supplement
- 108 or 38% of these are single households.

5.7 **SPRING LANE HALTING SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 28th, 2015 in relation to the Spring Lane Halting Site.

The report of the Director of Services stated that following a procurement process, an electrical contractor was selected to carry out an electrical upgrade on the Spring Lane Halting Site. This contractor is awaiting formal appointment. Works are currently being blocked by a number of the residents on the halting site. The Housing & Community Directorate has been in contact with the City Council's Law Department to explore options in order to overcome this impasse.

The report further stated that Members were aware that the City Council had to take an injunction to allow a contractor secure the area at the base of the cliff face. This work has now been completed. In the interim, a Consultant Civil Engineering firm has been appointed to design a long term solution for the re-stabilisation of the Spring Lane cliff face. This design work is ongoing.

The report also stated that Respond Housing Association, the voluntary Housing Body, is currently carrying out an accommodation needs assessment in conjunction with the residents of the Spring Lane Halting Site. As requested, a meeting of Ward Councillors on the site will be facilitated in the coming weeks.

5.8 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 28th May, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would include City Council tenants in Phase One of the Fabric Upgrade Programme 2015 who live in our properties with Single/Standard Block walls. These are our tenants and have been waiting years for the insulation work to be carried to their properties and have had to endure terrible damp conditions in their homes year after year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/153)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Phase One of the fabric upgrade program involves the installation of attic and cavity wall insulation in all suitable City Council social housing units. Single or cavity block walls and walls with a cavity less than 50mm thick are not suitable for cavity wall insulation.

The report also stated that social housing units with attics will have the insulation installed or upgraded. Both the attic and cavity wall insulation upgrades will meet the requirements of SR54: 2014 - Code of Practice: Methodology for the energy efficient retrofit of existing dwellings. It should be noted that the installation of attic and cavity wall insulation will not reduce dampness in properties.

5.9 **HOUSING STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 28th May, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council provides a written report on its housing strategy plan for the remainder of 2015 and onwards towards 2017 for the spend of €124,390,671 recently allocated to Council by the Dept of Environment. The recent announcement was specifically allocated for the building, buying and leasing schemes, to accommodate 21% of those currently on the housing waiting list.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 15/155)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members were aware that a report on the targets for delivery under the Housing Strategy was considered at the meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 11th May, 2015.

A further report will be prepared for the members on the updated position following formal clarification by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government of the breakdown of the targets in the Capital Programme under the Strategy. The focus of the capital programme for the current year will be the return of void units and the acquisition of units to meet current housing need as previously advised.

6. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd JUNE 2015.**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 2nd June 2015.

6.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 28th May 2015 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ended May 2015.

6.2 **CORK CITY ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT) BYE-LAWS 2015 FOR N40 SOUTH RING ROAD, SARSFIELD ROAD AND BANDON ROAD INTERCHANGES AND ANCILLARY ROADS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 28th May 2015 regarding Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit)

Bye-laws 2015 for N40 South Ring Road, Sarsfield Road and Bandon Road Interchanges and Ancillary Roads.

It was further agreed on the proposal of Comhairleoir Terry Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir Chris O’Leary, to adopt the following resolution:-

Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads and Transportation Directorate, dated 28th May 2015 and the provisions of the Section 9 (4) of the Road Traffic Act, 2004, it is now hereby resolved to make the proposed Cork City (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2015 in accordance with the draft attached hereto subject to the amendment of Article 2 thereof being amended to read:-

“These Bye Laws shall come into operation on the 8th day of July 2015”.

**Cork City Road Traffic
(Special Speed Limit)
Bye-Laws 2015**

Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2015

Cork City Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No. 44 of 2004) hereby make the following Bye-Laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No. 44 of 2004) in respect of such public roads or parts of such public roads as are specified in the First and Second hereto which are situated within the City of Cork being the Administrative Area of Cork City Council.

1. These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Cork City (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws, 2015.
2. These Bye-Laws shall come into operation on the 17th day of July 2015
3. In these Bye-Laws:

“distance” means distance measured along the centre line of the road;

“mechanically propelled vehicle” has the meaning ascribed to it by Section 3(1) of the *Road Traffic Act, 1961*.

‘road’ means a public road as defined in Section 2(1) of the *Roads Act, 1993*;

4. (1) 80 kilometres per hour shall be the special speed limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on roads specified in the First Schedule to these Bye-Laws.
(2) 100 kilometres per hour shall be the special speed limit for mechanically propelled vehicles on roads specified in the Second Schedule to these Bye-Laws.
5. Items 3, 4 and 5 of the Fourth Schedule of the Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) Bye-Laws 2011 are hereby revoked.

**FIRST SCHEDULE
(80 kph Speed Limit)**

1. Bandon Road Eastbound Diverge (N40): From a point 161 metres west of the Bandon Road roundabout eastwards for a distance of 111 metres.
2. Eastbound Parallel Link Road (R641): From a point 144 metres east of its junction with the N71 eastwards for a distance of 233 metres.

**SECOND SCHEDULE
(100 kph Speed Limit)**

1. Main Carriageway of the N40: From a point 260 metres west of the centre point of the Bandon Road roundabout west to the City Boundary.
2. Bandon Road Westbound Merge: From a point 190 metres west of the Bandon Road roundabout to the westbound carriageway of the N40.
3. Bandon Road Eastbound Diverge: From the junction with the N40 eastbound carriageway to a point 161 metres west of the Bandon Road roundabout.
4. Main carriageway of the N40: From a point 371 metres east of the centre of the Sarsfield Road roundabout east for a distance of 1560 metres.
5. Sarsfield Road North Eastern Free Flow Slip Lane (N 40): From the city boundary eastwards to the junction with the eastbound carriageway of the N40.

Made and Adopted under the Common Seal of Cork City Council this _____
_____ day of _____ 2015

PRESENT when the **COMMON SEAL**
of **CORK CITY COUNCIL** was
affixed hereto:

LORD MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

LAW AGENT

6.3 REPLACE PUBLIC LIGHT FITTING IN DUNBAR STREET

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council immediately replace the public light fitting which was removed from Dunbar Street opposite Needham Place. This was removed in November and is leading to anti-social activity in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/099)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, due to the current state of the public lighting asset whereby certain overhead brackets and lanterns have exceeded their technical lifespan, the overhead bracket at Dunbar Street was removed by Airtricity Utility Services, AUS, as part of a programmed structural inspection for Cork City Council.

Following removal of this unit, the location has been added to a list of works that require specific approval for replacement as the additional costs cannot be included within General Maintenance. Replacements will be provided as funding becomes available.

6.4 FREQUENCY COUNT AND SPEED SURVEY OF VEHICLES USING THE WILTON ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a frequency count and speed survey of vehicles using the Wilton Road as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/125)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Cork City Council recently undertook a survey at Wilton Road. The survey measured the number of vehicles on Wilton Road, as well as speeds in both directions at two locations on a continuous basis over seven days and followed on from a similar survey undertaken in 2011.

The survey confirmed the total number of vehicles on Wilton Road, over the seven days, as being 154,135 or 73,552 vehicles travelling northbound and 80,583 vehicles travelling southbound on Wilton Road. The 7- day average was recorded as 22,019 vehicles or 10,507 vehicles travelling northbound and 11,512 vehicles travelling southbound on Wilton Road.

The survey findings also confirmed average speeds of **41.5km per hour** and **40.9 km per hour** respectively at the two locations. The speed limit in place is **50km per hour (kmph)**. The survey also confirmed the 85% percentile at the two locations as 51.5 kmph and 51.1 kmph. The 85% percentile figure refers to the speed which 85% of all vehicles do not exceed, i.e., they travel at or below this speed level. National and international guidelines for speed limits state that the speed limits should approximate as close as possible to the 85% percentile value.

6.5 **RESURFACE LOWER KILEENS AT BLACKSTONE BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council resurface lower Kileens at Blackstone Bridge as a priority as it is the main route to local schools and St. Catherine's Cemetery from the North West of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/133)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Lower Killeens Rd from Blackstone Bridge to the N20 roundabout will be resurfaced as part of the 2015 Roads Programme.

6.6 **RESURFACE TOP OF STRAWBERRY HILL AND JUNCTION OF BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council resurface top of Strawberry Hill and junction of Blarney Road approaching Sundays Well Boys and Girls schools.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/134)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, this location will be inspected and any essential localised repairs will be carried out in the coming months

6.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON WALLACE’S AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council install traffic calming measures on Wallace’s Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/146)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, following a previous request in relation to Wallace’s Avenue a speed survey has been carried out, results are due shortly and a report will issue in due course.

If deemed necessary the area will then be added to the list for traffic calming.

6.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING AND NOISE REDUCTION MEASURES ALONG THE SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To ask Cork City Council to consider undertaking resurfacing works, putting in place traffic calming and noise reduction measures along the South Douglas Road between junctions with Belvedere Lawn and Willow Court.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/147)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the section of South Douglas Road from Clermont Cottages to the Douglas Community School will be resurfaced as part of the 2015 Roads Programme.

6.9 **CLOSE THE QUARRY STEPS, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council proceed to permanently close the Quarry Steps, Ballyhooley Road, as the area has become an unmanageable source of anti social behaviour to local residents on Old Youghal Road and Ballyhooley Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/148)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the quarry steps and adjacent quarry area have been the subject of significant works in recent years to install gates and fence off the adjacent open spaces. In addition to this CCC Planning Department are presently investigating options for its future usage. Roads will liaise with Planning to establish if there are other plans for the area going forward aside from a roads extinguishment as proposed.

6.10 **REPAIRS TO OLD YOUGHAL ROAD FROM ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY CENTRE TO ST JOSEPHS CHURCH**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate repairs to Old Youghal Road from St Joseph Community Centre to St Josephs Church, in the interests of Public Safety both regarding pedestrians and motorists alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/149)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Old Youghal Road from Murmount Lawn to Murmount Park will be resurfaced as part of the 2015 Roads Programme.

6.11 **ASSESS THE ROAD OUTSIDE CARA HOUSE, REDEMPTION ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘The Cork City Council would assess the road outside Cara House on Redemption Road regarding the placing of double yellow lines on the left hand side of the road as emergency vehicles are having difficulty accessing Cara House due to parking on both sides of the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/150)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Cork City Council will assess the road outside Cara House on Redemption Road regarding the placing of double yellow lines. If deemed appropriate it will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be done as soon as is practical.

6.12 **ASSESS THE FOOTPATH IN FARRANLEA ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would assess the footpath in Farranlea Rd at the back entrance to County Hall with a view to lowering the footpath on the west side of the entrance to make it wheelchair accessible. Many residents from Farranlea Community Nursing Unit who are wheelchair bound use this entrance and have difficulty accessing same.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Sheehan, Cllr F. Dennehy 15/151)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, it is acknowledged that the pedestrian environment on Farranalea Road, in the vicinity of the Farranalea Community Nursing Unit needs to be improved. A review of the area will be undertaken as part of the NTA funded South West Strategic Corridor Study.

6.13 **GATES BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND PARK COURT AND BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND CHAPEL GATE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘The Cork City Council, in view of numerous episodes of anti-social behavior, would assess the placing of gates (which would be closed at night) between Meelick Park and Park Court and between Meelick Park and Chapel Gate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/102)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the matter of gates between Meelick Park and Park Court relates to CCC Recreation and Amenity and has been passed on for their attention.

In order for an assessment to be carried at the gate between Meelick Park and Chapel gate, the residents can make a formal request to the Roads Asset Management & Maintenance Section and a feasibility study will be carried out by Roads. The request should include a signed petition with contact details of all residents/property owners adjacent the proposed area to be gated as well as a number of nominated contacts to open and close the gates as well as acting as liaison between CCC Roads and the residents.

6.14 **QUARRY STEPS**

An Chomhairle considered Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the gated steps at the Quarry area between Ballyhooly Road and Old Youghal Road be permanently closed off as this has become an area of serious anti social behaviour and the gated access option has not worked. This has become a no go area at certain times because of the increasing levels of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/137)

Decision of An Chomhairle

It was agreed to refer this Motion back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee.

6.15 **MURMONT GROVE**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the pedestrian access at the side of the former AIB Bank on Old Youghal Road be closed off. The residents of Murmont Grove and Murmont Crescent are being exposed to serious levels of antisocial behaviour as a direct result of this access point which is totally unnecessary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/138)

Decision of An Chomhairle

It was agreed refer this Motion back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee.

6.16 **NEW FOOTPATH AND CROSSING AT THE JUNCTION OF BLARNEY ROAD/ TOP OF STRAWBERRY HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council construct a new footpath and crossing at the junction of Blarney Road/ top of Strawberry Hill to facilitate the pupils of Sunday's Well boys and girls schools crossing the road to attend school safely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/139)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Sunday's Well Boy's School and Sunday's Well Girl's School are both accessed from Blarney Street. There are footpaths on both sides of the road on all approaches to the schools as well as a fully signalised pedestrian crossing to the west of the intersection of Blarney Road/ Strawberry Hill and a school warden crossing at the entrance to the schools itself. The schools are located within a 30kph zone and there are school ahead warning signs on both approaches to the entrance as well as traffic calming.

However, poor parking in the vicinity of the school warden's crossing has been identified as an issue. Therefore the area will be assessed to identify measures that could be provided to improve the visibility of the school warden crossing. In addition the condition of the footpaths in the vicinity of the schools will be assessed. Any identified works can be put forward for consideration on the Roads Programme subject to funding being available.

6.17 **REPAIR THE ENTRANCE TO HOLLYVILLE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Council take the immediate steps to repair the entrance to Hollyville Estate as the tabletop entrance is too high and is a road safety issue for residents entering the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/140)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the entrance table top ramp to Hollyville Estate has been inspected and the options for remedial works at this location are currently being considered.

6.18 **INCLUDE UPPER DERRYNANE ROAD IN A MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the road once known as Upper Derrynane Road be included in a major reconstruction and resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/142)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the road surface at Derrynane Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Estate Road Resurfacing Contract which is subject to funding being available.

6.19 **PARKING INITIATIVES IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council in partnership with the C. B. A. would investigate the following proposal.

When you park in one of the city car parks, you receive your parking ticket on the way in. This ticket could be validated at each store you shop at, each retailer could have a scan your ticket (probably use the same scanner, they use to scan each item you purchase)

Say you spent over €100 in a clothes shop, this shop could have an offer say reduce your parking by €2 if you spent over €100 in the store. The next shop you walk into could be a sweet shop, they could have an offer say spent over €5 reduce your ticket by say 10 cent. And so on, each trader could have its own special offer.

I do take on board that this would depend on the technology available.’

(Proposer Cllr. H. Cremin (15/163))

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Cork City Council are piloting an initiative in both of our multi-storey car parks, whereby retailers and other businesses can purchase discounted, pre-paid parking vouchers to facilitate customer parking, or to incentivise/reward return visits. This approach would not require any investment or modifications to the technology in use in either the car parks or the retail outlets. The initiative is due to be introduced on a pilot basis in the coming weeks.

If the pilot scheme is deemed to be a success, we intend to liaise with the Cork Business Association and any other interested stakeholders to promote the scheme to any businesses who are interested in participating.

6.20 **ONE WAY SYSTEM AT FAIRFIELD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Can Cork City Council look into the possibility of Fairfield Road being made a one way system upwards from the junction of Farranferris Avenue and Fairfield Avenue up to the entrance of Parklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/164)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Fairfield Road is a 2-way road linking Fairfield Road with Upper Fairhill. The lower section between Fairfield Road and Glenwood Drive is narrow. Currently normal rules of the road apply where traffic from one approach has to give way to traffic coming from the opposite direction.

Converting the roadway to one-way routing will have the following effects:

- It will attract additional traffic in the direction of flow, as motorists will become aware of its attractiveness in that direction;
- Traffic in the “opposite direction” would have to use a different road.
- Traffic speeds will increase in the one-way direction of flow;
- Deliveries and access to local residents will be made more difficult as some trips will require longer distances;
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds.

The current situation could be seen as an additional form of traffic calming where traffic is deterred from using the roadway as a rat run or through route. The introduction of one-way routing could worsen the situation. Accordingly, it is the recommendation that the current traffic regime remains and that no changes are made to the traffic arrangements on Fairfield Road.

6.21 **SURVEY KILMORE ROAD LOWER FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council survey Kilmore Road Lower, Knocknaheeny to determine if further traffic-calming measures are required, the survey should include re-examining the possibility of a pedestrian crossing to access St. Vincent's GAA Club.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/166)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, as part of the NTA funded South West Strategic Corridor Study, Kilmore Road Lower, Knocknaheeny and in particular the area in the vicinity of St. Vincent’s GAA Club can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify the most appropriate mitigation measures that could be provided there. However it should be noted that there is no funding available for a traffic calming programme in 2015.

6.22 **RESIDENTS' PARKING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That given the new Development Plan aim of increasing the population of the city, the whole area of residents' parking be revisited and the policy re permits in multi-unit developments be amended (or alternatives provided) to facilitate those wishing to live and work in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/168)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Cork City Council’s current policy in relation to the issuing of Residents Parking Permits deems any resident in a purpose built apartment block where off-street parking has been provided as part of the development to be ineligible for a permit.

The basis for this policy is to maintain a reasonable supply of on-street spaces, particularly in the city centre, and ensure increased turnover of spaces to facilitate short stay parking. On-street parking constitutes a significant public asset, which must be managed in a manner that balances the use of this limited resource between the needs of residents, businesses, shoppers, visitors, tourists and the disabled. In some residential zones in the city centre, the potential number of resident's permits required to service such apartment developments could be in excess of the number of available on street spaces in that area.

A commitment has been given in the Cork City Development Plan 2015 – 2021 to review the allocation of residential parking permits to ensure policies promote sustainable transportation objectives and best use of public infrastructure.

6.23 **PUT AN ESTATE SIGN OUTSIDE CASTLE CRESCENT, MAHON**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would; as a matter of urgency; put an estate sign for 'Castle Crescent' outside Castle Close on Ferney Road, Mahon. Castle Crescent was built behind the original estate (Castle Close) and the park is not visible from the road. This can cause confusion for emergency services personnel & others looking for the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/170)

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

The appropriateness of an estate sign for Castle Crescent will be assessed. If deemed suitable, it will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for consideration, subject to funding being available.

6.24 **REPORT ON FAULTY STREET LIGHTING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council compiles a comprehensive report based on all reported faults on public street lighting that are outstanding & awaiting repair in the Cork South East Ward to include: the date the fault was first reported, the fault associated with each light, any action that has already been undertaken & the expected waiting time for each light to be repaired.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/171)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, Roads & Transportation Directorate manages comprehensive public lighting fault management incorporating both the CRM System and the dedicated DeadSure database. The Transportation Division does not record lights Out of Order with reference to particular Public Wards but all renewal or repair of

particular lanterns is planned and approved on a systematic basis by Cork City Council to be undertaken by the specialist contractor.

Due to the current state of the public lighting asset whereby certain overhead brackets and lanterns have exceeded their technical lifespan, overhead brackets have been removed by Airtricity Utility Services, AUS, as part of a programmed structural inspection for Cork City Council. At present, there are 119 overhead brackets mounted on ESB Networks poles and 141 lanterns in need of replacement throughout the city.

Following removal of overhead brackets and lanterns, the locations are been added to a list of works that require specific approval for replacement on an ongoing basis, subject to budget allocations, as the additional costs cannot be included within General Maintenance.

6.25 **AMEND THE "GENERAL LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR TABLES AND CHAIRS ON PUBLIC ROADS / FOOTPATHS"**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council amend the "General Licence Conditions for Tables and Chairs on Public Roads / Footpaths" schedule of charges for suburban retail stores not selling alcohol or involved in the restaurant business. At present I believe the charges are as follows , Annual Admin Fee €110 , Use of Public Space fee €100 per licence and a Licence Fee of €125 per table / bench. These annual fees are same for city centre Public Houses and Restaurants as small suburban shops which sell coffee and sandwiches and that is clearly not fair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/103)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the administrative fee of €110 is a standard fee which covers the cost of processing applications. The same procedure is followed when processing applications regardless of the nature of the business applying for the licence. The fee of €100 is for the use of the public space. The Planning and Development Regulations 2001 states that the licence fee for “Tables and chairs outside a hotel, restaurant, public house or other establishment where food is sold for consumption on the premises” is €125 per table. The fees are payable per calendar year if street furniture is placed on a public space.

6.26 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND THE INSTALLATION OF ROAD CUSHIONING ON THE COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated 28th May 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In light of recent traffic incidents on the Commons Road, that Cork City Council would engage with residents in the back Commons Road from Blackpool Bridge to Dinos Drive-in area regarding the installation of traffic calming measures and the installation of road cushioning.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/114)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that, the section of the Commons' Road between Fairfield Avenue, west of Dino's Drive-in area and Blackpool Bridge is a single carriageway road with two way traffic and in some locations, parallel parking on both sides. It is within the 50kph speed zone. The parallel parking on both sides of the road narrows down the effective width of the road thereby causing motorists to drive slower. The introduction of more specific traffic calming measures along this section of the Commons' Road is not recommended.

In relation to a recent incident on the section of Common's Road between Blackpool Bridge and its intersection with Popham's Road where a number of parked cars were damaged on St. Patrick's night, An Garda Síochána has confirmed that this was as a result of poor driver behaviour and the presence of traffic calming measures, such as speed ramps, would not have prevented this incident.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

1. Email from Mayo County Council regarding the Motion on Freedom of the Press and Freedom of the Oireachtas to go about their business without fear of threat or any other threat.

8. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

There were no Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars.

9. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conference/Seminars:-

9.1 **"LEARN FROM THE BEST CONFERENCE"**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll at the "Learn from the Best Conference" – Ballygarry House Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry- 11th June 2015.

10. **TRAINING**

10.1 **THE COUNCILLOR'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN 'A RESERVED FUNCTION?'**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the Councillor's Development Plan 'A Reserved Function?' – Whites Hotel, Co. Wexford – 26th – 28th June 2015.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **SIGN AT PARKVIEW PARKLANDS**

‘That Cork City Council place a new sign at Parkview Parklands and paint the exiting signs in the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/161)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.2 **RESURFACE THE JUNCTION OF THOMAS DAVIS BRIDGE AND SUNDAYS WELL ROAD**

‘To ask the Chief Executive to request the roads division to resurface the junction of Thomas Davis Bridge and Sundays Well Road and to update Council on the current status on the proposed works for the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/173)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.3 **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS**

‘That Cork City Council expands the use of business improvement districts and new financial tools to create fresh financial opportunities for Local Authorities and Businesses to invest in new urban projects such as Tax Increment Financing and Community Investment funds.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/176)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

11.4 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR TURNERS CROSS**

‘That a Local Development plan be prepared for Turners Cross. The Plan to encompass:-

1. Transport infrastructure
2. Community Facilities
3. Dereliction
4. Supports to encourage regeneration of exiting housing stock.
5. Assessment of Social Capital.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/179)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

11.5 **RULES AND TIMES FOR LEAVING WHEELIE BINS OUTSIDE THEIR PROPERTIES**

‘That the Litter Enforcement Section of Cork City Council undertakes to remind householders about the rules and times for leaving wheelie bins outside their properties and comes up with a means of enforcing same on an ongoing basis around the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 15/197)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

11.6 **REPLACEMENT OF 250 LANTERNS**

That Cork City Council seeks emergency funding to clear the backlog of some 250 lantern replacements needed across the city - a basic function of local government.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/198)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.7 **INSTALL SPEED BUMPS ALONG THE CROSS DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes to install speed bumps along the Cross Douglas Road. This is a very busy connecting road between the Douglas and South Douglas Roads, and in recent times speeding has become an issue. These speed bumps should be installed as a matter of urgency before an accident occurs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 15/200)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.8 **HOUSING APPLICANTS**

‘That City Council would review the process for obtaining housing applicants contact details due to the enormous amount of applicants that are not contactable when they have been chosen to be given an offer of housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/203)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.9 **INSTALL SIGNS IN PUBLIC AREAS, PARKS & WALKWAYS**

‘That Cork City Council would design & install signs in public areas, parks & walkways clearly stating that 'Dogs should be kept on a leash.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/204)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

11.10 **DEVELOP A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR WORKING PROTOCOLS WITH UTILITY COMPANIES**

‘That Cork City Council would develop a memorandum of understanding or working protocols with utility companies that perform directly or indirectly through contract cutting, felling or pruning of trees to ensure that where works are carried out they are done in a supervised and planned manner and which also creates efficient use of resources. (In reply the City Council might also list the number of companies that currently undertake such works (directly or indirectly) the terms of licences required, the quantity of work undertaken in 2014 & 2015, the monitoring and review of the quality of works undertaken and they would also identify any remedial works required subsequently by City Council.)’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/206)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

11.11 **THE PUBLIC REALM ADJACENT TO THE BANDON ROAD FLYOVER**

‘That the public realm adjacent to the Bandon Road flyover from the junction of Waterfall Road and Bishopstown Road to the roundabout, including the approach roads to the flyover and interchange would be assessed, cleaned and maintained on a regular basis, that local residents would be consulted on planting schemes for the location and that they would be advised as to the programme of maintenance on a rolling twelve month schedule, that grass and weeds would be controlled regularly, that road markings would be renewed and the traffic island at the junction of Waterfall Road and Bishopstown Road would be painted and planted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/207)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12. **MOTIONS**

12.1 **UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC & SOCIAL COUNCIL PLAN OF 2003**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would adhere to United Nations Economic & Social Council plan of 2003.

In particular taking note of item 15

15. With respect to the right to water, States parties have a special obligation to provide those who do not have sufficient means with the necessary water and water facilities and to prevent any discrimination on internationally prohibited grounds in the provision of water and water services.

And would immediately install public drinking fountains to hydrate all of Cork Citizens and visitors at strategic locations placed throughout the city island.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/199)

12.2 **SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following Motion:-

This Council recognises, that Single Parent Families are often a vulnerable category of the community, that there is a much greater percentage of Single Parent Families at risk of Poverty than among the general population, and therefore, Cork City Council criticises the forthcoming cuts to single parent families, whereby the maximum eligible age for the child will become 7 years of age, and Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection not to proceed with this cut.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/201)

12.3 **SUICIDE PREVENTION OFFICER**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer this Motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council employs a Suicide Prevention Officer, the position could be part-funded by the relevant health agencies, the officer would be an in-house resource for the City Council while also promoting suicide prevention, mental health awareness and providing supports to families affected by suicide and mental health issues across Cork City.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/202)

12.4 **THE EXTENSION OF VOTING RIGHTS FOR IRISH CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the extension of voting rights for Irish Citizens living abroad. This Council calls on the Government to investigate ways in which these voting rights can be extended to ensure that Irish Citizens continue to have a voice and representation in their home country. The recent 'home to vote' campaign which saw thousands of Irish Emigrants return home to vote in the Marriage Equality Referendum underlines the urgent importance of extending voting rights to Irish Citizens abroad.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/205)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

As agreed by An Chomhairle at the beginning of the meeting, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to discuss communication from the DOECLG to the Chief Executive that all Local Authorities suspend the opening of any Social Housing Schemes until the availability of the Minister was determined.

Following discussion An Chomhairle agreed the following:-

1. That the official opening of Phase II Glen Housing Development will proceed Friday 12th June 2016 at 11. a.m. Comhairleoir K. McCarthy requested that his objection to this matter be noted.

2. That the Minister would be written to advising him of the decision to proceed on Friday 12th June 2016, and also inviting him to visit the City Hall to meet with the Elected Members in the near future.
3. That correspondence issues to all other Local Authorities advising them of the decision of An Chomhairle.

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