

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2019

PRESENT	Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Moloney.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive. Ms. J. Gazely, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing & Community Services. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Doocey Family on the death of Shane Doocey.
- The Farrell Family on the death of Matthew Farrell.
- The Ryan Family on the death of Michael Ryan.
- The Linehan Family on the death of Donal Linehan.
- The Wren Family on the death of Ann Wren.
- The Twomey Family on the death of Bernie Twomey.
- The Walsh Family on the death of Mary Walsh.
- The Fitzgerald Family on the death of Bill Fitzgerald.
- The Cummings Family on the death of William Cummings.
- The Carey Family on the death of Eileen Carey.
- The Hickey Family on the death of Pat Hickey.
- The O'Donoghue Family on the death of Patrick O'Donoghue.
- The O'Connell Family on the death of Aoife O'Connell.

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

- An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to Mr. Pat Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise, on his retirement from Cork City Council, and paid tribute to the work carried out by him over his 32 years with Cork City Council, and wished him well in his years of retirement.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL SPATIAL AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise, dated 13th March 2019 on Cork City Council's Submission on the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region.

An Chomhairle raised a number of queries to which the Director of Services responded.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) at the end of the meeting.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 25th February 2019.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 25th February 2019.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **HOUSING ESTATES TAKEN IN CHARGE**

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

How many housing estates are being taken in charge and where are they, the full list and what is the projected spend on this programme?

When these estates were being built was a bond sought and, if not, why not? – if a bond was lodged, where is that money now?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The Council has allocated a budget of €1,350,000 to be expended on an infrastructural and public realm programme of works on a series of social & affordable housing estates not yet formally ‘taken in charge’ by Cork City Council, a term normally used for private residential developments. There are a total of 34 existing Council social & affordable housing estates covered under the proposed programme of works and these estates are listed in the attached schedule in no particular order. The Project involves intensive engagement with a range of stakeholders, which is currently underway, including major utility providers. Once this process is completed, a programme of works will be implemented.

The vast majority of the estates listed were developed under Part 8 Planning consent and as such a bond condition did not apply.

Depending on the applicable year of construction, the procurement procedures and contract terms involved, varying forms of security, bonds or retention generally would have been applied to each housing contract such as the relevant legal terms, being specific in scale and time for each scheme, the invitation to tender, procurement process, Department guidelines at the time and the contract commencement date. Contract securities and retentions are legal financial instruments and would have been dealt with and applied specifically as per the terms of each contract with securities held either returned to the contractor concerned or expended in whole or in part where applicable by the Council or expired as per the time period of the security concerned in each case. Over the period concerned for the entire schedule of Council social & affordable housing estates listed, varying outcomes and contractual issues pertained; such information is complex and file-specific in all cases.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.2 **LIST OF APPROVED HOUSING BODIES AND/OR HOMELESS SERVICES**

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

To ask the CEO to list all the approved housing bodies and or homeless services that provide services within the service area of Cork City Council outlining the funding they received for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and budgeted for 2019 either through direct payments associated with CAS, CALF or other capital or revenue funding schemes for the same years and to outline the number of beds or units provided by each organisation for each of the years aforementioned.

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

The following projects completed in the period 2015-2018 under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility

Year	Scheme	No. of Units	AHB	Project Funding
2015	CALF	27	Clúid Housing Association	€1,129,175
2016	CALF	2	Túath	€2,294
		2	Clúid Housing Association	€33,279
2017	CALF	1	Clúid Housing Association	€2,723
		1	Carbery Housing Association	€9,000
		1	Threshold Housing Association	€6,100
2018	CALF	3	Focus	€32,520
		6	Galtan	€263,273
		20	Respond Housing Association	€734,850
		7	Threshold	€270,094
		37	Túath	€4,109,878
		72	Clúid Housing Association	€4,361,904

The following projects completed in the period 2015-2018 under Capital Assistance Scheme

Year	Scheme	No. of Units	AHB	Project Funding
2015	CAS	7	Galtan	€28,519
2016	CAS	6	Galtan	€96,852
		2	Focus Ireland	€306,908
2017	CAS	1	Galtan	€40,000
2018	CAS	1	Cork Mental Health Association	€13,191
		10	Respond Housing Association	€1,542,947
		12	Galtan	€1,112,500
		5	Cork Simon	€10,000
		2	Focus Ireland	€12,500

The current projected funding and number of units projected for delivery in 2019 are as follows:

Year	Scheme	No. of Units	AHB	Project Funding (projection)
2019	CAS	30	Projected	€6,000,000
2109	CALF	149	Projected	€1,700,000

Please see attached Schedule of funding allocated to Homeless Services Providers for 2015 – 2019.

Attachment, see Appendix A.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

6.3 **TRAFFIC VOLUME AT LEHANAGHMORE/LEHANAGHBEAG/SPUT HILL/FORGE HILL/WATERFALL ROAD**

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

Can the CE inform the Council if there are any plans in place in the present City Development Plan or the most recent County Development Plan to deal with the ever increasing traffic volumes from Lehanaghmore/Lehanaghbeag/Sput Hill/Forge Hill/Waterfall Road.

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

There are no specific proposals within the Cork City Development Plan in relation to this general area, as with the exception of a small section of Waterfall Road, the locations referred to fall within the current Cork County Council area. In terms of the Cork County Development Plan there are no specific transport measures to reduce road congestion within this local road network. However, the Plan supports the principle of road improvements especially those to support sustainable and active travel including increased bus services. Transport Infrastructure section 3.5 of the Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District Local Area Plan provides further background information. It is also expected that the proposed Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy 2040 (CMATS) will identify a range of necessary improvements to support the development of an improved transport system across the whole metropolitan area.

Cork County Council is currently preparing a preliminary design for the enhancement of Lehanaghmore Road. It is one of a large number of proposed road improvement schemes in the expanded City area. As with other similar projects, there is engagement underway between both local authorities concerning the project scope and status, transfer of files, responsibilities, potential funding sources etc. Responsibility for proposed improvement schemes in the transition area will transfer to the City Council in June 2019. Members will be advised in relation to the proposed scope, status and estimated cost for the project as it becomes available.

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

6.4 **AIR MONITORING DEVICES IN THE CITY CENTRE**

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

To ask the CEO for an update regarding the pilot project trialing air monitoring devices in the City Centre, as mentioned in response to my motion in August 2018 (18/157). I would like to enquire if there are any plans at this stage to extend the air monitoring scheme to the Mayfield area, and if not, why not?

(Cllr. Ted Tynan)

REPLY

Currently there are no plans to extend the scheme to the Mayfield area. The Council are currently trialing a lower cost monitoring unit at the Kinsale Road Civic Amenity Site. It is hoped that testing of this unit will be completed by 31st March 2019. The effectiveness of this unit will then need to be assessed before any decision is made regarding extending the project.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Environment and Recreation.

6.5 **RESTOCKING OF THE LOUGH**

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

To ask the CE for an update regarding restocking of The Lough?

(Cllr. Fiona Kerins)

REPLY

Following last year's outbreak of CEV virus at the Lough, no decision regarding restocking of the lake will be made before completion of an Ecological Assessment of the amenity, to advise on its sustainability for plants, birds and fish, and before consultation both with the Marine Institute and Inland Fisheries Ireland.

The previous level of carp stock was too large for the lake, and impacted on water quality and other wildlife.

The Marine Institute have been asked to facilitate retesting of the surviving carp to see whether the remaining stock are clear of the virus or are carriers.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.6 **AMBULANCE ENTRANCE TO CUH FROM WILTON ROAD**

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

The area around the ambulance entrance to CUH on Wilton Road is sinking and when there are heavy rains, this area is flooded. The footpaths around that area are also in a bad condition. Could these issues be addressed? The residents would appreciate if these problems were attended to ASAP.

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

The area will be assessed and any urgent repair/maintenance issues will be tended to as a matter of priority. Additional issues (non urgent) will be added to a programme of works and will be addressed in the coming months.

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

6.7 **FINES IMPOSED ON RICKSHAWS**

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

Can the CE advise if there has been any fines imposed by Cork City Council on Rickshaws and in conjunction with the Garda Síochána have there been any prosecutions on Rickshaws through the Courts in the past twelve months?

What has been the outcome of these Court actions?

If necessary, and if the CE can't provide the answers to the above, can this question can be sent to the next meeting of the JPC?

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

Rickshaws come under the definition of a "vehicle" as set out in the various Road Traffic Acts and can be classed as bicycles (notwithstanding that in some instances they are fitted with a battery which acts as an aid to propulsion and can be deemed a mechanically proposed vehicle).

Vehicles as described above are subject to national legislation or national regulation and therefore Cork City Council is precluded from making bye-laws under Section 119 (2) of the Local Government Act 2011 for the purpose of regulating or banning the use of and operation of rickshaws on public roads in Cork City.

As rickshaws, whether they are cycle or mechanically propelled, are subject to the national road traffic laws similar to any other vehicles on the roadway, the enforcement of such laws and regulations is a matter for An Garda Síochána only. As a result of this Cork City Council cannot impose any fines on Rickshaw operators.

The question in relation to enforcement action undertaken by An Garda Síochána can be referred as requested to An Garda Síochána/Joint Policing Forum.

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

6.8 **EVENT CENTRE**

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

Can we get an update on current situation regarding the proposed Event Centre including the status of the repayable element of public funding and an indication as to whether or not the project is likely to go ahead before the current council terminates?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

The project will not commence before the local elections on 24 May 2019.

Cork City Council is taking advice on the terms under which additional public funding can be made available to the developers of the proposed Event Centre. The amount of additional funding has not been agreed. The circumstances under which any funding would be repayable have not yet been finalised.

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

6.9 **COST OF MAINTENANCE WORKS**

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

What is the cost of installing 150 central heating units?

473 units requiring windows and doors?

Roof Repairs – 50 units?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Members will be aware of the Council decision to undertake a series of planned maintenance works to a portion of social housing assets.

With reference to the list of maintenance works outlined hereunder:

- 150 central heating units
- 473 housing units with replacement windows and doors
- 50 housing units identified as requiring structural roof repairs

The estimated costs including engineering design, certification, supervision, temporary works, contract costs including health and safety, insurance requirements and taxes is in

the order of €4,400,000. Due to the commercial sensitivity of ongoing procurement processes, it is not proposed to give a further breakdown of these costs.

B. Geaney,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community.

6.10 **PUBLIC LIGHTING FAULTS IN THE NORTH WEST WARD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to give a report on the many public lighting faults on the North West Ward as a result of works by external contractors and give a time frame when public lighting will be restored to these areas in light of many health and safety issues raised by residents as a result of the loss of public lighting.

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

REPLY

ESB Networks have engaged contractors to undertake the 'Fibre Made Ready' (FMR) programme with reference to the SIRO deployment which is the joint venture between Vodafone and ESB. The execution of the works can impact adversely on the City Council's public lighting system. At present, our DeadSure database indicates 40 units or lights are out of order in North West Ward due to the FMR project. We have notified ESB Networks of same and we are seeking an immediate remediation of the faults. The reinstatement of lighting and clearance of faults is a matter for ESN Networks to address as a matter of priority. While acknowledging the above it is worth noting that Cork City Council has availed of the opportunity presented by the implementation of the FMR Programme and has issued replacement LED lanterns and isolation switchgear packs which are being installed on pole replacement sites as the works progress. This will result in improved lighting quality and reliability.

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

6.11 **MARKETING CORK CITY**

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

Can the Manager please confirm the amount set aside in 2018 budget for marketing Cork City. Can she further provide a breakdown of the items on which the budget was actually spent?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

This question specifically relates to marketing Cork City.

Cork City Council gives an annual contribution of €200,000 to Visit Cork to promote and market Cork in relation to business and leisure tourism.

In addition to what is spent on specifically marketing Cork city, WeareCork and the economic marketing campaign supports the joint marketing of Cork city and county. In 2018, the expenditure by Cork City Council (net of contributions recouped from other local partners) on WeareCork and economic marketing activities totalled €102,664.63.

Paul Moynihan
Director of Services
Corporate and External Affairs

6.12 **OFFENCES AT CITY COUNCIL OWNED PARKS**

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

To ask the CE to outline what sanctions are there in terms of offences at City Council owned parks and other public recreational spaces?

Is the CE aware of any actions by the Gardaí in this regard in the last year or so?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The Cork City Council Parks, Open Spaces and Cemeteries Bye Laws 2011 were introduced to regulate the use, operation, protection and management of parks, open spaces and cemeteries. Under the Bye Laws, a number of specific offences are prescribed such as damage to shrubberies or plants, being in a park or cemetery after it is closed, the use of mechanically propelled vehicles other than those used by Council staff or Gardaí, prohibition on horses, avoidance of nuisance to others, erecting any tent etc.

An Authorised Person (Council official or Garda) can request a person who appears to be contravening a bye law to leave or refrain from any activity. Where the Garda Síochána is of the opinion that a person is committing an offense or has committed an offense, that member may arrest the person without warrant. This measure is in addition to other powers the Gardaí have in dealing with public order offenses etc. A Fixed Payment Notice may be served on a person who has contravened the Bye Laws, any person guilty liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €1,904.

There is ongoing regular liaison between the City Council's Parks staff and the Gardaí in relation to issues that arise in our parks and cemeteries including vandalism.

Valerie O Sullivan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.13 **UPDATE ON THE EVENT CENTRE**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the Event Centre?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The project will not commence before the local elections on 24 May 2019.

Cork City Council is taking advice on the terms under which additional public funding can be made available to the developers of the proposed Event Centre. The amount of additional funding has not been agreed. The circumstances under which any funding would be repayable have not yet been finalised.

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

7. ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 5th MARCH 2019

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 5th March 2019.

8. ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th MARCH 2019

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 4th March 2019.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

An Leas Ard-Mhéara vacated the Chair at 7 p.m. and Comhairleoir P. Dineen assumed the duties of the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

8.1 REPORT ON THE TED MCCARTHY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the Ted McCarthy Municipal Golf Course.

8.2 REPORT ON ALL ROAD, FOOTPATH AND PUBLIC REALM SUBSIDENCE IN HILLSIDE DRIVE (referred from Roads Directorate)

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a full report on all road, footpath and public realm subsidence in Hillside Drive over the last ten years (2008-2018) and would outline the causes of subsidence at these locations, what remedial measures have been taken and if there was any damage to adjoining residential properties what redress was provided.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 18/204)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the report from Irish Water stated 'Irish Water are handling 2 formal claims for the Hillside area. Reinstatement works have recently been completed in relation to one of the claims, and loss adjusters are awaiting documentation to finalise. Discovery is ongoing in relation to the second claim.'

These claims relate to a broken main in 2014 and corresponds with the roads initial report in that subsequently repairs were carried to a number of garden walls by the Environment Directorate in conjunction with Irish Water. The reinstatement and the handling of the claims is being carried out by Irish Water and the Environment Directorate is not involved.

8.3 **RESURFACING OF PATHWAYS AND UPGRADING OF THE SOCCER PITCH AT CLASHDUV PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Council would provide an updated report on the work that's to be carried out on the resurfacing of pathways and the upgrading of the soccer pitch at Clashduv Park and what funding has been allocated for same.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/335)

The report of the Director of Services stated that resurfacing of the pathways is underway and scheduled for completion by mid to late April. A budget of €15k has been allocated for this project.

Design work on upgrading the soccer pitch is scheduled for May/June (resources permitting). Works scheduled to commence August/September. A grant of €33k has been secured through the 2017 Sports Capital Programme, balance to be funded by City Council.

8.4 **TACKLING KNOT WEED ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That City Council would give a full report on the progress of tackling knot weed across the South West constituency particularly in relation to the growth of same at the rear of the Tennis Village Model Farm Road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 18/336)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a Japanese Knotweed eradication programme commenced in 2017 initially starting with the most problematic and infested locations in the City.

It takes a minimum of three applications over three years to fully eradicate the weed.

Four locations in the South West were treated last year (Park Owen, O'Donovan Rossa Road, Glasheen River and Curraheen River Walk including the rear of the Tennis Village), these locations will be treated again in 2019 and 2020. Any additional areas identified in the South West will be added to the programme for treatment.

8.5 **CORK CITY COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN EARTH HOUR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council locks in Earth Hour on its annual events calendar so it happens every year and is on par with other events. That Cork City Council participates in Earth Hour by switching off all of City Hall's non-essential lights, particularly facade floodlights. That Cork City Council actively liaises with the relevant officials to broaden participation in Earth Hour to Cork City's most-renowned buildings including: Saint Anne's Church, North Cathedral, Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral and the Aula Maxima in UCC.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/342)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Climate Action and Environmental Management Division will investigate how best Cork City Council can participate in the 'Earth Hour' initiative on Saturday 20th March 2019 at 8.30pm. We will also examine liaising with external agencies, NGOs, businesses, facility managers etc. to promote this worthy and informative initiative.

8.6 **INSTALL PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAINS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council pilot the installation of public drinking water fountains in a number of locations with high pedestrian footfall, such as public parks and walkways, to help reduce the levels of single use plastics, Council could seek partners in this initiative such as 'Cool Planet'.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 18/344)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council will look at practices in other areas and feasibility of introducing a pilot project, and report back to the Environment & Recreation Functional meeting.

8.7 **ILLEGAL DUMPING IN MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council put in place a multi-directorate task force to put in place a strategy to tackle and eradicate the spiralling scourge of illegal dumping of rubbish on a daily basis

in specific areas behind the estates in Mayfield. This has subsequently resulted in a serious rodent infestation in certain adjacent residential areas and is getting increasingly worse.

This illegal dumping of rubbish on a daily basis has now reached epidemic proportions and is now completely out of control. While I appreciate that this problem is a widespread City wide problem, can I suggest that this Task Force urgently put in place a workable strategy in these areas of Mayfield as a template for application in other areas of the City. Can I suggest a thorough clean up of the area, a focussed monitoring of these areas and subsequent prosecution of the offenders. If there is seen to be a consequence to this illegal dumping this will help to minimise and eventually eradicate it.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/309)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council waste enforcement team, with assistance from both Parks section and the Housing Directorate, have been active in the Mayfield area to combat illegal dumping. Clean ups have been undertaken in the area and fines have been issued by the Litter Warden Service.

8.8 **TRIM TREES AT FARRANCLEARY PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'The trees at the back of the garages in Farranclareary Place be trimmed to an acceptable condition in the interests of safety.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 18/352)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the above trees will be assessed and added to the schedule of tree works remedial pruning as appropriate.

8.9 **MARINA PARK PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council would agree to decouple The Marina Park Project from the pedestrianisation of the Marina Project, and to carry out and report to Council by years end on whatever traffic and other studies are required for this project, and commit to proceed with the Sunday pedestrianisation of the Marina in a timely fashion, preferably early in the new year.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/368)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this regulation of traffic on the Marina is a matter for the Roads & Transportation Directorate and has been referred for response.

8.10 **CUT BACK TREES IN SILVERCOURT, TIVOLI**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the trees in the cul de sac in Silvercourt, Tivoli be cut back as they are seriously overgrown and currently present a serious public safety hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 18/374)

The report of the Director of Services stated that all trees at Silvercourt Tivoli were pruned during November/December 2018.

8.11 **VACANT AREA BEHIND GREENHILLS COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council working in unison with Greenhills Court residents formulate a plan to tidy up the green and vacant area behind the houses and conclude what would be the best proposals for future use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/287)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Parks will liaise with Greenhills Court Residents in regard to undertaking improvement works on lands at the rear of the houses, any improvement works will have to be undertaken within 2019 approved estimates.

8.12 **GREEN AND TREE AREA IN HEATHERTON PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council survey the green and tree area in Heatherton Park with a view to landscaping and cutting back the trees and bushes and giving the green area a cut.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/288)

The report of the Director of Services stated that pruning of trees and shrubs at Heatherton Park will be carried out during April/May along with an initial mowing of the open space area.

There is no provision in the 2019 estimates for additional landscape works.

8.13 **WALKWAY BETWEEN BLACKPOOL AND FARRANCLEARY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘The Walkway between Blackpool and Farrancleary be trimmed back to an acceptable condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/354)

The report of the Director of Services stated that trees and shrubs from Leitrim Street to Parklands Drive along the N20 (including Blackpool to Farrancleary) are included in the 2019 schedule of tree works.

8.14 **TRIM AND PRUNE NORTH RING ROADWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the North Ring roadway be trimmed and pruned and made acceptable and safe for residents in the area and for the motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 18/355)

The report of the Director of Services stated that trees and shrubs along the North Ring Road are pruned as required in the context of public safety for residents and motorists.

8.15 **VACANT PLOTS IN CITY CEMETERIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would report to Members on the number of vacant plots in our various cemeteries in the City, where ownership cannot be traced, with a view to putting these graves/plots on the open market for sale.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 18/371)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council manages four cemeteries, St. Joseph’s at Tory Top Road, St. Finbarr’s Cemetery at Glasheen, St. Michael’s at Blackrock and St. Catherine’s Cemetery at Kilcully. Rights of Burial in plots are purchased by individuals and formal legal Deeds giving a Grant of Right of Burial are issued by the City Council. The Grant Deed gives exclusive right of burial to the individual, their heirs and successors and assigns in perpetuity for the purpose of burial.

There is no evidence of an issue with unused plots in any of our cemeteries, and it has happened in our older cemeteries both in St. Joseph’s and in St. Finbarr’s that plots would not be used for over 100 years, before initial burials take place.

8.16 **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A METAL SHREDDER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council Environment Directorate engage with Boomerang to provide financial support to purchase a metal shredder. This will greatly help the initiative as it will allow them to increase their productivity and eliminate bottlenecks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 18/383)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the installation of a metal shredder has been looked at by Boomerang Enterprises but a decision on whether it is a practical solution for metal has not been reached. If a metal shredder is identified as the best solution, Cork City Council will work with Boomerang Enterprises in an effort to secure funding for the technology.

8.17 **STAFFING LEVELS FOR STREET CLEANERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Cork City Council will seek to ensure a return of 2008 staff levels for street cleaners as a priority given the escalating problem of illegal dumping and fly tipping.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 18/386)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current staffing levels within Street Cleaning & Litter Management are at Cork City Councils budget requirements. In recent months Cork City Council have recruited 2 new litter wardens and general operatives to help with reducing the levels of illegal dumping and fly tipping.

8.18 **ST. LUKE’S ON CLEANSING SCHEDULE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include St. Luke’s and Summerhill from St. Luke’s to Lower Glanmire Road on the same cleansing schedule as Wellington Road and that ESB be asked to maintain a proper standard on paintwork on their lighting standards. In addition, street drains must be cleaned monthly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 18/389)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the section from St. Lukes to Lower Glanmire Road is inaccessible due to parked vehicles and therefore cannot be included in the same mechanical sweeping beat/schedule as Wellington Road.

8.19 **TREE PLANTING AND BIODIVERSITY DAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the City Council organise an annual tree planting and biodiversity day with interested communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 18/391)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council will assist interested communities with their initiatives and suggestions for biodiversity day 2019 (including supply of plant material), however, the Council is not in a position to organise specific events this year due to limited staff resources.

8.20 **EARTH HOUR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council show leadership for Earth Hour, 8.30pm Saturday 30th March 2019 by switching off all unnecessary lights in City Hall and all public buildings and encourage the business community of Cork to do the same through the established fora.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 18/393)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Climate Action and Environmental Management Division will investigate how best Cork City Council can participate in the ‘Earth Hour’ initiative on Saturday 30th March 2019 at 8.30pm. We will also examine liaising with external agencies, NGOs, businesses, facility managers etc. to promote this worthy and informative initiative.

8.21 **COMMEMORATE CORK PEOPLE WHO DIED IN WORLD WAR I**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That in considering options to commemorate the 4,500 approx. Cork people who died during World War I, Cork City Council looks at a joint project with the County Council in a tree-planting project which would contain a name plate for each of those who died. Such a project would also have environmental benefits and would boost the public realm of areas of the City and County.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 18/392)

The report of the Director of Services stated that discussions will be undertaken with Corporate Affairs regarding appropriate commemoration for Cork people who died in World War 1 including the option of a tree planting project.

8.22 **LITTER BIN AT BUS STOP ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Councils Environment Department would reinstate the litter bin at the bus stop on model farm road [between Rossa Avenue and the entrance to the Technology Park] and also explain to local Councillors the very reason for its removal. For information purposes there are no bins on model farm road between Rossa Ave. and Dennehy Cross and there was three bins; one at Dennehy Cross church, one at the Rendezvous bar, one at bus stop mentioned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/015)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the litter bin in question was removed from along the bus stop on Model Farm Road (between Rossa Avenue and the entrance to the Technology Park) as maintenance was required on the bin. The bin will be reinstated at the location as soon as possible.

8.23 **IMPROVED AMENITIES AT THE LOUGH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That renewed efforts are made to improve the amenities at The Lough including controlled lighting/fountains positioned around the site (using similar technology deployed at the Berwick Fountain).’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/019)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Council has medium term plans to enhance the public lighting at the Lough, upgrade footpaths and park furniture and upgrade the fountains. However, there is no provision in this year’s budget to provide for this work.

8.24 **ILLEGAL DUMPING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council, in view of the large increase in illegal dumping throughout the city put in place a management plan to deal with the issue including enforcement of the proposed new bye laws and increased funding for anti dumping litter crews around the city’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 19/022)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council’s draft bye-laws on the segregation, storage and presentation of household and commercial waste are due before

the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee on the 5th March next and it is envisaged that the bye-laws will be adopted and made in the coming weeks.

Following the boundary extension work will commence on the drafting of a new Litter Management Plan for the expanded city.

Enforcement of the new bye-laws together with enforcement of Litter and Waste legislation will be carried out from within existing resources.

Additional funding for anti litter initiatives is being applied for from the **Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities** to augment Cork City Council's current enforcement activities.

'That Cork City Council would put a plan in place to immediately identify and tackle the individuals or organisations that are illegal dumping rubbish all over our city and suburbs.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 19/029)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council's Waste Enforcement team and Litter Warden Service are engaged on a daily basis in identifying and addressing instances of illegal dumping across the City. Following the boundary extension work will commence on the drafting of a new Litter Management Plan for the expanded city.

8.25 **DEVELOPMENT OF A 50 METRE POOL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council would initiate planning for the development of a 50 metre pool.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 19/031)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the capital cost of providing a 50 m pool is considerable, the National aquatic Centre at Blanchardstown costing €63m. In addition to pool provision, other facilities such as gyms, aqua pools, fitness suites etc. would be required to maximise income and help offset the very large annual operating costs.

There is no obvious funding mechanism for provision of a 50m pool in Cork, the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund being €100m nationally over years 2019 to 2027, with match funding of a least 30% being required for all projects.

Ongoing annual operating costs could require an annual subsidy over €1m. In addition, the pool would result in a displacement of current income generated from hire business (schools and clubs) swimming lessons and gym use for existing Cork City Council leisure facilities (the UL facility has up to 50 schools using the complex).

8.26 **ROOF OF DRESSING ROOMS AT CLASHDUV PARK, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would inspect and repair the leaking roof of the dressing rooms at Clashduv Park Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/024)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the changing pavilion at Clashduv Park will be inspected and necessary works identified.

8.27 **CLEANING OF THE GLEN, MOUNT FARRAN AND FARRANCLEARY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council arrange for a cleaning and sweeping of the Glen, Mount Farran and Farrencleary and restore services to what they were once in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/044)

The report of the Director of Services stated that at present The Glen is mechanically and manually swept weekly. Mount Farran and Farrencleary are manually swept on request.

8.28 **PLAYGROUND POLICY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘A playground policy needs to be drafted by Cork City Council. Large playgrounds seem to be the only desire of the executive, ignoring the greater needs for many areas where small (4 pieces of equipment) would, at a much reduced cost and space needed, deliver much more to our suburbs. In particular Beaumont Park and Blackrock Village, which are, and never were serviced, despite the large amount of housing/schools in the area. Generic designs can be used at low cost.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 19/045)

The report of the Director of Services stated that City Council playground policy is to provide a range of playgrounds of varying size with a mix of traditional and adventure play equipment. The size of playground is determined by the catchment area, safety and the estimated number of children likely to use the facility. The majority of playgrounds installed by the City Council in the last 15 years range in size from 6-8 items of equipment, with appropriate safer surfacing and perimeter railings. Estimated cost of these playgrounds is now between €250-€300k.

8.29 **TREES IN BEAUMONT PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘I have asked Council several times to deal with the excessive trees in Beaumont Park for several years now. I appreciate that since we voted to not reduce the LPT since 2017, more funding has been made available to maintaining trees throughout the city and I welcome this. However the Beaumont Park area has largely been left behind and the residents deserve that this matter be addressed as a matter of urgency. The particular area that needs addressing is the full line of trees, immediately at the boundary of the residents. The entire row needs to be removed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 19/046)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the removal and pruning of trees at the rear of Beaumont Lawn has been undertaken during the past five years.

A number of remaining trees immediately adjacent to the rear of properties at Beaumont Lawn are scheduled to be removed in late March.

8.30 **CLEAN UP OF OVERGROWTH AND CUT BACK DANGEROUS TREES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would carry out a thorough inspection and clean up of all the overgrowth and cut back or remove the dangerous trees at the stream that runs parallel with Clashduv Road / Glendale Grove / Deanrock and Sandymount Drive. Some of these trees are in a dangerous condition and residents in these areas are in fear of them toppling onto their properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/052)

The report of the Director of Services stated that an independent arboricultural inspection was carried out on all trees at the above locations to determine the condition of the trees and the works required to ensure the trees are in a safe and healthy condition.

Works commenced in early summer 2018 and were completed earlier this year. This involved the removal of some trees and the remedial pruning of those remaining as appropriate.

8.31 **DOG FOULING BINS ON THE DUCK WALK IN BLARNEY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council installs dog fouling bins on the duck walk in Blarney.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 19/054)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the ‘duck walk’ in Blarney is currently outside of Cork City Councils functional area.

8.32 **CLEAN UP AT BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out a major clean up at the Ballyvolane entrance to Glen River Park at the same time as the cleanup of Ellis's Yard as the refuse there has been accumulating for almost 20 years and ignoring the dumping is likely to lead to pollution of the Glen River.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/060)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the access path to Glen River Park from the North Ring Road is immediately adjacent to fenced land (not occupied by City Council) that falls steeply to the Glen River. The only means of removing the refuse, due to the steep embankment, is using heavy plant. The estimated cost is between €20-€2k, there is no provision in the 2019 to finance this work. The work will be included in the 2020 Draft Estimates for consideration.

8.33 **BRIDGE STREET AND MCCURTAIN STREET FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Can Cork City Council look into the possibility of including Bridge Street and McCurtain Street on the Christmas lights installation for Christmas 2019.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/062)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this is a matter for consideration by the Roads Directorate and has been referred for attention.

8.34 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation, dated 28th February 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council noting this council’s responsibility in respect to waste management:

(a)Recognises the increasing level of illegal dumping in the city over recent times, and

(b)Notes the proliferation of private landfill sites, official and otherwise, and the direct correlation between increased charges and illegal dumping.

- (c) Recognises that the handing over of the public refuse disposal system to private operators has been a failure for all but the private operators for whom it has been extremely lucrative, and,
- (d) Recognises that private refuse collection charges have continued to increase despite the advent of ‘competition’.
- (e) Resolves to begin the process of reversing the privatisation of and to recommence the City Council’s own refuse collection service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 19/070)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is managing resources to address the instances of illegal dumping taking place across the city.

There is no official operational landfill site within Cork City Council’s functional area and action is being taken in respect of locations where illegal and unauthorised dumping is taking place.

Cork City Council ceased its involvement in refuse collection in 2011 and it would not be appropriate to comment on the operations of the private businesses now providing the service.

9. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th MARCH 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional committee from its meeting held 4th March 2019.

9.1 **LIFELONG LEARNING MOU BETWEEN SHANGHAI AND CORK CITY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise, dated 4th March 2019 on the draft Memorandum of Understanding on Lifelong Learning between Shanghai and Cork City.

9.2 **HERITAGE PUBLICATION GRANTS SCHEME AND THE HERITAGE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle considered and approved the review group’s recommendations of grant assistance under ‘The Cork City Council Heritage Publication Grant Scheme’ and the ‘Cork City Council Heritage Community Grant Scheme’.

9.3 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE:-**

9.3.1 **TAKE IN CHARGE ORCHARD COURT, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise, dated 2nd January 2019 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Orchard Court in Blackpool, which was constructed in 1999, be taken in charge by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/079)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee for further consideration.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Ms. Margaret O’Leary dated 7th February 2019.
- Letter from Blackpool Historical Society dated 25th February 2019.
- Letter from the National Transport Authority dated 1st March 2019.
- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach dated 5th March 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment dated 5th March 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Education and Skills dated 6th March 2019.

11. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following Conference/Seminar Summaries:-

- Comhairleoir M. Shields at the AILG Annual Training Conference 2019, 120 Years of Irish Local Government held in the Longford Arms Hotel, Co. Longford from the 21st to 22nd February 2019.
- Comhairleoir M. Shields at A Guide to EU Educational Programmes held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth from the 8th to 10th February 2019.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

13. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved attendance at training as follows:-

- Comhairleoir M. Shields at the AILG Module 2 Training Seminar to be held at the Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow, Co. Wicklow on the 23rd March 2019.
- Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the AILG Module 2 Training Seminar to be held at the Radisson Hotel, Rosses Point, Co. Sligo on the 28th March 2019.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council would request funding from the Fabric Upgrade Scheme for the flats in:-

- (1) Noonan’s Road
- (2) Fort Street
- (3) Dean Street
- (4) St. Finbarr’s Road’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/322)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.2 **ACCESS TO TRABEG STATION**

‘That Cork City Council enter into discussions with the E.S.B. with a view to allowing access to the Trabeg Station via Half Moon Lane instead of Palaceanne Lawn as is the present arrangement which is unsuitable and has led to delays in bringing power back to residents because of difficulties in gaining access due to parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 18/323)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **INCLUDE KILBARRY PLACE IN THE 2019 RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council includes Kilbarry Place on the 2019 resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 19/058)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **QUARRY WALL GROWTH ON VICTORIA TERRACE**

‘That the quarry wall growth on Victoria Terrace be moved as soon as practical.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/076)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.5 **PATHWAY LINKING SOUTHRIDGE AND ASHMOUNT**

‘That Cork City Council construct a pathway on the Green area linking Southridge and Ashmount leading to the bus stop. I have raised this a number of times previously and was assured that this was going to be addressed. That was some months ago and no progress has been made on this since.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/080)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.6 **FOOTPATHS AT TRACTON ESTATE, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That the footpaths in Tracton Estate on the Middle Glanmire Road be included in the 2019 footpath resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 19/081)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.7 **ROAD RESURFACING IN CAHERGAL PARK, CAHERGAL AVENUE AND CAHERGAL LAWN**

‘That all remaining road resurfacing work and footpath reinstatement in Cahergal Park, Cahergal Avenue and Cahergal Lawn be completed under the 2019 Roads programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/090)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.8 **RAMPS AT ASHGROVE VIEW AND MEADOW PARK**

‘That ramps be placed on the road from Ashgrove View and Meadow Park to slow down the increased speed of ongoing traffic on the Ballyvolane Road.’

(Proposer: K. O’Flynn 19/092)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council seek traffic calming measures on the Ballyhooley Road, outside Meelick Park and Meadow Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 19/093)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **FLOODING ON MELBOURN ROAD**

‘That City Council would carry out an inspection on the constant flooding on Melbourn Road near the pedestrian crossing at the community school as this flooding is now impeding pedestrians on the footpath when this is also flooded.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/096)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.11 **RESURFACING PROGRAMME FROM LEESDALE TO MELBOURN ROAD**

‘That City Council would carry out a proper resurfacing programme on the walkway that runs from Leesdale to Melbourn Road that runs along by the perimeter wall with the community school.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 19/097)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **PROVIDE BREAKFAST AT EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION**

‘That Cork City Council immediately adopt a policy that persons referred to emergency housing/accommodation be provided with a breakfast where the accommodation already provides breakfast to other persons staying at the accommodation, as suggested by PJ Coogan of Corks 96fm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 19/102)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

14.13 **RENDERING OF PROPERTIES AT DUNMANUS PARK AND COPPINGERS ACRE**

‘Given the poor rendering at properties at Dunmanus Park and Coppingers Acre I request Cork City Council to put in place a scheme that would enhance the public realm of these areas and address the rendering issues.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 19/103)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.14 **RENAME SHANDON BRIDGE AFTER MARY “MOTHER JONES” HARRIS**

‘That Cork City Council will seek to rename the traditional "Shandon Bridge" after Mary "Mother Jones" Harris following the huge community response and support around the recent Harley St. bridge naming.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 19/104)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.15 **PROTECT GREEN AREAS AROUND PÁIRC UÍ RINN**

‘That the green areas around Páirc Uí Rinn be protected. Illegal parking upon the greens at match times is ripping up the ground with deep tyre marks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/106)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.16 **RENAME SHANDON BRIDGE TO MOTHER JONES BRIDGE**

‘That consideration be given to renaming Shandon Bridge to that of Mother Jones Bridge. This would reflect the growing debate on the importance of her life and times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 19/108)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.17 **ACCESS AND RIGHT OF WAY AT NURSERY LANE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That Cork City would support the residents of Farranlea Park, Model Farm Road, to enable and facilitate Nursery Lane, Model Farm Road to come under the jurisdiction of Cork City Council, hence protecting the residents' access and right of way. It is understood that Nursery Lane, Model Farm Road, given to Cork County Council by the Jennings Estate (1953) was not included in the last boundary expansion of Cork City Council in 1965. The houses on the western side of Farranlea Park have access to Nursery Lane through access gates at the rear of their properties. This allows direct access to the Model Farm Road. This access is a right of way set out in each of the property's Title Deeds (circa1940). This right of way is registered with the Land Registry, through the property Title Deeds. Due to the recent disposal by Cork County Council of part of Nursery Lane (649 m2) to a private resident of Nursery Lane, Farranlea Park residents are concerned about the remaining portion of Nursery Lane, which remains Cork County Council's property.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 19/109)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.18 **JUNIOR PARK RUNS**

‘That Cork City Council would develop a series of Junior Park Runs and that it would engage with Cork County Council to explore the options of developing such an initiative in conjunction with the Adult Park Run in Ballincollig.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 19/110)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

14.19 **HONOUR DONNCHADH DE BARRA, LESLIE PRICE DE BARRA, JOAN DENISE MORIARTY AND MOTHER JONES**

‘That Cork City Council will honour in some way those unsuccessful candidates, Donnchadh de Barra, Leslie Price de Barra, Joan Denise Moriarty and Mary Harris/Mother Jones, nominated by the public for the naming of the new bridge linking St. Patrick's Quay and Merchant's Quay.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/111)

Party Whips

15. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 11th FEBRUARY 2019**

15.1 **HOUSING CRISIS**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘Noting that there are over 3,000 applicants on the Cork City Council housing waiting list and that Rebuilding Ireland will provide funding for little over 2,000 social units up to 2021 with thousands still dependent on the volatile private market with HAP and RAS tenancies, this council acknowledges that the lack of private, social and affordable housing – as well as the homelessness that it leads to – amounts to a housing crisis which must now be declared a national emergency with new approaches to be rolled out immediately to include:-

- A dramatic increase in supply of local authority-led public and affordable housing by increasing capital spending on housing to €2.3bn and prioritising the delivery of housing on public lands.
- An increase in the provision of Part V social housing to 20pc in standard developments and 30pc in SHZs.
- A continuation of the accelerated policy to invest nationally in the return of housing voids locally.
- Making it illegal for landlords (banks and investment funds) to evict tenants and homeowners (who are in mortgage distress) into homelessness which is compounding existing problems and negating any improvements.
- Securing tenure and rent certainty by linking rent reviews to CPI.
- Establishing a constitutional right to housing.
- Encouraging and engaging with other campaigns (including the *Raise the Roof* campaign by the trade union movement) to arrive at a multi-faceted approach to solving housing problems in Cork and across the country.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/068)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoir D. Cahill. (1)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican. (1)

As those voting for the motion were greater than those voting against, Comhairleoir P. Dineen, chair, declared the vote carried, and the motion approved.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m.

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **FUNDING FOR THE IRISH DEAF SOCIETY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council commends the work of the Irish Deaf Society and supports the organisations need for state funding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 19/112)

17. **GDPR (GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION)**

An Chomhairle raised a number of issues about proposed new procedures regarding GDPR, and the new arrangements due to be put in place for e-mail communication between Elected Members and staff.

Further discussion took place with regard to the GDPR workshop held for Elected Members on the 4th March 2019

Following discussion, An Chomhairle agreed that the issues relating to GDPR would be referred back to Party Whips for further consideration.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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Schedule of funding allocated to Homeless Services Providers for 2015-2019

Cork City Council – Expenditure on Homeless Services								
Project Name	Service Provider	Beds/ Units	Service	Expenditure for 2015	Expenditure for 2016	Expenditure for 2017	Expenditure for 2018	Estimated Expenditure for 2019
Access Housing Unit	Threshold	N/A	To support people to access and maintain private rented accommodation	€152,000	€152,000	€152,000	€152,000	€152,000
Tenancy Prevention Service	Threshold	N/A	To implement the tenancy protection protocol in conjunction with the DEASP	€165,000	€165,000	€165,000	€165,000	€165,000
Housing First Project	Cork Simon Community	N/A	To assist people who are long term homeless to access and maintain tenancies and to provide the necessary supports	€100,000	€100,000	€100,000	€100,000	€100,000
Settlement Project	Cork Simon	N/A	High support housing service	€150,100	€150,100	€150,100	€150,100	€150,100
Andersons Quay – Emergency Shelter	Cork Simon	44	44 Emergency beds – Male & Female	€310,566	€310,566	€310,566	€310,566	€310,566
Long Term supported beds	Cork Simon	62	62 long term support beds, male and female	€355,370	€355,370	€355,370	€355,370	€355,370
Tenancy Sustainment Officer	St. Vincent De Paul	N/A	Tenancy Sustainment	€45,600	€45,600	€45,600	€45,600	€45,600
St. Vincent’s House	St. Vincent De Paul	75	75 Emergency beds – Males only	€29,373	€29,373	€29,373	€29,373	€29,373
Deerpark House	St. Vincent De Paul	51	51 beds – Male only	€359,974	€359,974	€359,974	€359,974	€359,974
Tenancy Sustainment Service	Sophia Housing Association	N/A	To provide out of hours support with a focus on families	€131,495	€135,600	€135,600	€135,600	€135,600
Sophia	Sophia Housing Association	25	25 units – Families and singles male & female	€176,458	€176,458	€176,458	€176,458	€176,458
Resettlement Service	Focus Ireland	N/A	To assist those in homeless services to access housing and have available supports to ensure people to maintain tenancies.	N/A	€80,000	€80,000	€80,000	€80,000
Youth Homeless	Focus	N/A	To divert those in the 18 to 25	€48,000	€48,000	€48,000	€48,000	€48,000

Prevention Worker	Ireland		year age group from emergency accommodation and provide resettlement support for same.					
Foyer	Cork City Council	19	19 units – Male & Female aged 18-25	€127,050	€127,050	€127,050	€127,050	€127,050
Edel House	Good Shepherd Services	32	24 Single beds, 8 Family Units – Women & Children	€201,749	€21,750	€21,749	€21,749	€21,749
Family Hub	Good Shepherd Cork	75	To provide 75 bed spaces which will equate to an average of 15 families resident in the family hub at any one time.	N/A	N/A	€400,000	€321,708	€400,000
Outreach Worker x 2	Good Shepherd Services	N/A	To provide assistant to those families/singles in Emergency B&B/Hotel Accommodation.	N/A	€45,600	€1,200	€45,600	€1,200
Shanaway House	Jerry Holland	12	Emergency B&B 12 Units – Women & Children	€90,402	€90,402	€6,000	€6,000	€6,000
Rough Sleeper Accommodation & Supports	Cork Simon & St. Vincent de Paul	15	Emergency Accommodation for Rough Sleepers during the winter period. As the service is working to capacity all year it is proposed to provide 25 additional beds to ensure no one is without a bed and to cut out the need for B&B accommodation for individuals giving a total of 40 beds in 2019.	€133,650	€157,243	€185,083	€361,245	€10,000
St. Vincent's Centre		48	48 Units – Women with Mild/Moderate intellectual disabilities	€120,165	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
O'Connell Court	O'Connell Court Ltd	25	25 Units – Male & Female over 50years	€139,080	€139,080	€139,080	€139,080	€139,080
Oakdene House	Oakdene Ltd.	16	16 Units – Male & Female – Mental health problems	€89,011	€89,011	€89,011	€89,011	€89,011
Mount Cara House	Mount Cara Ltd	24	24 Units – Males & Females over 65 years	€133,517	€133,517	€133,517	€133,517	€133,517
Wellsprings	Wellsprings	8	8 units – Young Females	€44,506	€44,506	€44,506	€44,506	€44,506
Renewal	Renewal	7	7 units – Females following treatment	€8,942	€8,942	€8,942	€8,942	€8,942
				€3,642,008	€3,695,141	€4,174,179	€4,226,449	€4,499,096