

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT	ArdMhéara Comhairleoir J. Sheehan
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, T. Gould, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Ms. C. Kelly, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. B. Geaney, Director of Services, Housing. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Ms. R. Buckley, Head of Information Systems, ICT & Business Services. Mr. J. Stapleton, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Development. Mr. A. Quinn, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Development. Ms. K. Fitzgerald, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdMhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Keenan family on the death of Pat Keenan.
- The Greene family on the death of Avery Greene.
- The Martin family on the death of Greg Martin.
- The Keane family on the death of Maurice Keane.
- The McCarthy family on the death of Terry McCarthy.
- The Dennehy family on the death of Liam Dennehy.
- The Linehan family on the death of Canon Donal Linehan.
- The Hegarty family on the death of Betty Hegarty.
- The O’Shaughnessy family on the death of Michael O’Shaughnessy.

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

- Cork Ladies Minor Footballers on Winning the Ladies Minor All Ireland Final against Monaghan.
- Sunita Puspure on winning Gold in the European and World Rowing Championships and on qualifying for next year's Summer Olympics in Tokyo.
- Cork Emergency Services for their efforts during the Douglas Shopping Centre fire.
- For the Blackrock Village Festival.
- Cork City Council staff for the 'Welcome to Cork' event in Douglas.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **PERSONAL ARCHIVE OF DIARMUID L. FAWSITT**

An tArdMhéara advised An Chomhairle that the family of Diarmuid L. Fawsitt, founder member of the Irish Volunteers, have donated his personal archive to Cork City and County Archives.

An tArdMhéara further advised that the family would be invited to City Hall in the coming weeks for the formal handover of the archive.

3.2 **UNESCO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEARNING CITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of An tArdMhéara at the UNESCO International Conference on Learning Cities, to be held in Colombia from the 1st to the 3rd October 2019.

3.3 **LORD MAYOR'S SCHOOL VISITS**

An tArdMhéara advised An Chomhairle that the annual Lord Mayor's school visits have commenced, and that each school will be presented with a framed picture of Tomás MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney to mark the centenary of their deaths in 2020.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, Seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 8th July 2019.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, Seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 29th July 2019.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **MONITORING OF BIKESHARE SCHEME**

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

The Cork Bikeshare Scheme is an initiative of the NTA in partnership with Cork City Council. Is there any monitoring of the delivery of this service done by Cork City Council?

(Cllr. Colette Finn)

REPLY

The NTA have a Contractor Agreement with An Rothar Nua (consortium) for the supply, installation, maintenance and operation of the public bike scheme. The NTA also entered into a Sponsorship Agreement with Coca-Cola. On a monthly basis Cork City Council requests performance information from the NTA in relation to the scheme and this is reported in the Chief Executive's monthly report.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.2 **BALLINCOLLIG WEIR**

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

The Weir in Ballincollig collapsed in 2014 and has remained un-repaired since.

LIFE: (French: L'Instrument Financier pour l'Environnement) is the EU fund for Environment and Climate Action.

Calls for proposals for Action Grants to finance "Integrated Projects" under both LIFE sub-programmes for Environment and Climate Action from what I can gather the requirement to enforce the Water Framework Directive is a ground to apply for funding to repair the Weir. River Basin Management Plans come under this Directive.

I would suggest to ask the Council to examine if they can apply under this Fund, and if they can, to prepare a Concept Note?

(Cllr. Colm Kelleher)

REPLY

Responsibility for Ballincollig Regional Park including the Weir was transferred to the City Council on May 31st, 2019.

Prior to undertaking any new large scale Capital projects in the City in the short term, a detailed assessment of all existing amenities and related infrastructure must be undertaken along with identifying areas with a known shortfall in amenity/recreation facilities. When this is established, projects will be prioritised in line with the greatest need and benefit to local communities and the City. The reinstatement of the Weir and timescale for same will be considered in that context.

All opportunities for funding including various streams of EU grants will be explored for selected projects.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.3 **COST OF CLEANUP AND SECURITY AT ELLIS’S YARD**

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

Could the Chief Executive please confirm the total cost of cleaning and security and securing the property of Cork City Council known as Ellis Yard including any further costs regarding this sight to date from the time period 20008 to 2019?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)

REPLY

From the Council’s records, the costs incurred for environmental interventions and works including cleaning, provision of security services and boundary fencing at Ellis’s Yard for the near twelve -year period stretching from 2008 to date are €534,112.48.

In addition to these costs outlined above, the Council incurred the following series of one-off costs relating to necessary works at Ellis’s Yard:

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Caravan Removal	1,248.50
Removal of Structure from Ellis’s Yard (make-shift Horse Stable)	567.50
Repair to Lighting Unit (Damaged while Security on Site)	2,002.44
Replacement of Security Hut (Fire Damage)	5,535.00
Repair to Bathroom Facility (Malicious Damage)	762.60

B. Geaney,
Director of Housing.

6.4 **THE QUARRY AREA, OFF BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

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

Can the CE please provide me an update on the status of my motion that was previously approved relating to the development of lands owned by Cork City Council in the Quarry area off Ballyhooley Road? Plans were recently in the process of being drawn up by planners with a view to developing this area of wasteland for public use.

(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)

REPLY

A sketch plan was prepared by the Architects and Parks Departments in 2017 which examined options for transforming this area for residential and recreational uses but this did not progress at the time due to resource constraints.

The site is currently being further investigated to ascertain its suitability for predominantly housing use, in light of current housing need.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

6.5 **PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE LINK FROM GRANGE ROAD TO TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the planned pedestrian and cycle link from the Grange Road through the Vernon Mount Valley and over the South Ring Road to Tramore Valley Park, including details about when work on the project is likely to commence?

(Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan)

REPLY

Cork County Council obtained Part 8 planning approval for the proposed scheme in September 2017. Atkins Consultants were appointed prior to the boundary extension to progress the detailed design work required. The detailed design for both the cycle way and the proposed bridge over the N40 continues to be progressed by Cork City Council and Atkins Consultants.

The NTA provided grant funding in the current year for the detailed design phase and the City Council will seek funding to proceed to tender in 2020 and construction thereafter.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

6.6 **PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST ACCESS TO TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

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

Can the CE give an update on the provision of access (in particular for pedestrians and cyclists) to Tramore Valley Park and outline what obstacles are preventing this from happening sooner rather than later?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

A new pedestrian and cycle access to the park has been provided from Douglas at the junction of Willow Park and the South Douglas Road.

Traffic Management consultants will be appointed in the coming weeks to assess the requirements and estimated cost involved to provide safe pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access from Half Moon Lane to the park. Depending on the extent of the works and available resources, it is hoped to commence works December 2019 with a view to opening access to the park from this location Spring 2020.

The provision of a safe pedestrian access from the Park and Ride is also being explored.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.7 **PILOT PROJECT ON AIR QUALITY MONITORING**

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

To ask the CEO if the pilot project on air quality monitoring referred to in the report of the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation on 30th August 2018 has been completed and assessed and what has been the outcome of this process? The Director's report was in response to two motions I had proposed in May 2018 seeking additional air quality monitoring at Mayfield and in the city centre and to-date this issue has not, to my knowledge been, progressed.

(Cllr. Ted Tynan)

REPLY

An air quality action plan is currently being drawn up (currently in draft format) and it is envisaged that the plan will be finalised in early 2020. The action plan will include current and future proposals for the monitoring and reporting of air quality throughout Cork City Council's administrative area.

The original pilot project on air quality monitoring referred to above has been concluded. The outcome from the study revealed the original sensors chosen for the trial to be ineffective and not suitable for monitoring air quality across the Council's administrative area.

City Council air monitoring staff are working in conjunction with UCC's Centre for Research into Atmospheric Chemistry to assess the usability and adaptability of a different low cost sensor for measuring airborne particulate matter, specifically Particulate Matter 2.5 microns (PM 2.5). This trial is due to conclude in late 2019. Cork City Council air monitoring staff will then assess the feasibility of deploying the PM 2.5 sensors at several locations across the Council's administrative area.

The Mayfield area and the City Centre will be considered when seeking suitable locations to deploy the devices.

Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.8 **NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION**

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

To ask the Chief Executive Officer the number of inspections of private rental accommodation undertaken by the Council in 2018; the proportion of inspections which were initiated by the City Council as opposed to tenants in such properties; the number of warnings issued on foot of these inspections and their type; and if applicable the number of such properties no longer available for rental as a result of these inspections?

(Cllr. Dan Boyle)

REPLY

Cork City Council has a dedicated Private Rental Inspection Unit (PRIU) and this Unit carried out 739 inspections in 2018 on private rented accommodation. The Unit has been substantially augmented in terms of resources in 2019 with much more inspections and follow - up expected by this year's end.

The Unit's inspection activity in 2018 was primarily through planned inspections and it included inspection of properties under the HAP and RAS programme. Approximately 3% of inspections carried out were as a result of tenant complaints.

Of the dwellings inspected in 2018, 571 dwellings initially failed to meet standards on first inspection and Improvement Letters were issued to landlords to rectify issues raised. The most common reasons for dwellings not complying with the Regulations on inspection included:

- (Article 4) Structural e.g. the provision of window restrictors
- (Article 6) Heating e.g. the provision of a carbon monoxide alarm
- (Article 8) Ventilation e.g. provision of vents to remove water vapour
- (Article 10) Fire Safety e.g. provision of fire alarm, fire blanket, evacuation plan

The Council's PRIU has not deemed any properties unsuitable for letting as a result of the inspection regime carried out in 2018.

B. Geaney,
Director of Housing.

6.9 **CORK CITY COUNCIL PREPAREDNESS FOR A NO DEAL BREXIT**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to outline Cork City Council's preparedness for a no-deal Brexit on 31 October.

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

REPLY

Local authorities to varying degrees will be impacted by a no-deal Brexit. Cork City Council has reviewed the potential impact on a range of services provided by the local authority. The core actions are:

1. **EU Funded Programmes:** Cork City Council is currently engaged in 19 EU projects, of which 8 involve collaboration with UK partners. In July 2018 the UK Government guaranteed to continue to meet its commitment to provide co-financing for British partners involved in projects approved before 31st December, 2020. To that extent no-deal Brexit should not impact on these projects, but this is kept under constant review. Cork City Council is also building relationships with non-UK partners to ensure that our participation in EU projects can continue to be augmented post-Brexit.

2. **Supply Chain:** Cork City Council is conducting a review of supply of goods and services procured by the local authority to ensure that services will not be affected by any adverse impacts of potential shocks to the supply chain.

3. **Economic Development:** A no-deal Brexit will pose challenges and opportunities for the economy of Cork City. The Strategic and Economic Development Directorate is working with small businesses, through the Local Enterprise Office, to ensure that they are prepared for Brexit. We encourage small businesses to contact the Local Enterprise Office to access the full range of supports that are available to prepare for Brexit. In addition, Cork City Council has augmented its engagement with the British Embassy and other partners through the 'Join the Dots' initiative to identify opportunities to strengthen links with the UK. The Corporate Affairs and International Affairs Directorate and International Relations directorate, places an emphasis on expanding and deepening our international relations to harness opportunities that may arise as a result of Brexit.

4. **Other Services:** Local authorities, particularly those closer to the border with Northern Ireland, may be impacted in terms of environmental, emergency, transport and social services and Cork City Council will continue to monitor these and other potential impacts a no-deal Brexit will have on service delivery in Cork.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

6.10 **UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF MARINA PARK**

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 progress of Marina Park?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Phase 1 works were retendered on September 4th 2019. Tenders will be evaluated during October and contract awarded November 2019. Project scheduled to be completed Q4 2020.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Operations.

6.11 **MONEY SPENT ON ACQUIRING SOCIAL HOUSING**

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

To ask for the amount of money spent on acquiring social housing and general locations for properties acquired by Cork City Council under part V so far this year and/or to provide a breakdown of the revenue received by Cork City Council under part V with general locations of developments so far this year.’

(Cllr. Lorna Bogue)

REPLY

Current legislation requires the City Council to acquire units on site or off site or land in fulfilment of Part V obligations for relevant private residential development sites. The option for a developer to provide a financial contribution in lieu of unit provision has been removed by legislative changes and therefore no revenue contributions are permitted, and none have been received by the Council.

The City Council has not concluded the acquisition of any Part V units for social housing to date in 2019. Negotiations are ongoing and nearing completion for the acquisition of a number of units expected in late 2019/2020. It should be noted that up to mid 2019 the jurisdiction of the City comprised a much smaller footprint with less private developments in urban centre areas because of various constraints, particularly viability issues with apartment construction which is essential to sustainable urban development. Now, with the extension of the City boundary into former suburbs, the Council expects to acquire significantly more housing units in accordance with the Part V process in proportion to the private housing development output in the City.

B. Geaney,
Director of Housing.

6.12 **REMOVAL OF RUBBLE FROM SULLIVAN’S QUAY SITE**

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

Can the CE further update on City Council efforts to ensure concrete rubble is removed from the former government buildings site on Sullivan's Quay. It seems the pile of rubble was flattened out from public view rather than removed entirely? What has been the latest response from BAM Ireland to the Council on its correspondence on this issue?

(Cllr. Fiona Kerins)

REPLY

A site inspection was carried out on Wednesday 14th August 2019 by members of the Planning Enforcement and Waste Management sections of Cork City Council. This matter is currently being reviewed by both sections. It appears that the full quantity of waste remains on site. There has been no recent response from BAM Ireland to the Council's correspondence.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking.

7. **PART 8 PLANNING PROPOSALS - CORK DOCKLANDS TO CITY CENTRE ROAD NETWORK IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered the proposed Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme and the attached report of the Director of Infrastructure Development thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Comhairleoir D. Boyle proposed an amendment to the proposed Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme, and the report of the Director of Infrastructure Development, dated 4th September 2019 as follows:-

That the Manager's report on the Part Eight Planning on Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme be amended as follows – that on page nine of the report before the section Conclusion and Recommendation, a further modification be added

(17) That any reference to flood protection works and quay wall modifications at Albert Quay East be removed, and not be proceeded with before a further Part Eight public consultation process.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Bogue a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed amendment where there appeared as follows:-

FOR:- Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, O. Moran, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, D. Boyle, C. Finn. (7)

AGAINST:- Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, ArdMhéara J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, D. Forde, M. Finn, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin. (22)

ABSTAIN:- (0)

As those voting against the proposed amendment were greater than those voting for, An tArdMhéara declared the vote, and the proposal to amend the proposed Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme and the report of the Director of Infrastructure Development dated, 4th September 2019, defeated.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, Seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called for on the approval of the proposed Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme and the report of the Director of Infrastructure Development dated, 4th September 2019 where there appeared as follows:-

FOR:- Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, T. Gould, ArdMhéara J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, D. Forde, M. Finn, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin. (24)

AGAINST:- Comhairleoirí O. Moran, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, D. Boyle, C. Finn. (5)

ABSTAIN:- (0)

As those voting for were greater than those voting against, An tArdMhéara declared the vote carried and the proposed Cork Docklands to City Centre Road Network Improvement Scheme, and the report of the Director of Infrastructure Development dated, 4th September 2019, approved.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, from its meeting held 2nd September 2019.

8.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JULY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st July 2019.

8.2 **REPORT ON MOTION**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs and International Relations dated, 29th August 2019 on the following motion referred to the Group by an Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would appoint a disability officer who would be involved in all aspects of decision making in Cork City Council to make Cork a disability friendly city

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 19/280)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in 2002 Cork City Council adopted the Barcelona Declaration to promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities, to design and provide accessible services and to consult with people with disabilities and their advocates.

Subsequently, the passing of The Disability Act 2005 placed a number of requirements on public bodies (including local authorities and Government departments principally).

One of these was the appointment of an Access Officer. The role of the Access Officer is to provide or arrange for, and co-ordinate the provision of assistance and guidance to people with disabilities in accessing services provided by Cork City Council and generally to act as a point of contact for people with disabilities wishing to access such services.

Following on from the Act and the National Disability Strategy all directorates in Cork City Council have been actively and positively engaging with providers of services in the city for persons with a disability, the National Disability Authority and other national and local bodies and agencies to ensure greater access to and enjoyment of the city by all persons. The work which has been carried out in this area has been recognised with the receipt of both national and local awards.

On 14th July 2017 the Dept. of Justice and Equality published the National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 which has 8 main strands. A whole of Government approach is being taken to ensure implementation of the Strategy which encompasses all state agencies and local authorities as well as Government Departments. Key objectives and actions have been identified and Cork City Council will implement any required actions within available resources and budgets.

Cork City Council will continue to promote the rights of people with disabilities through a very broad range of activities and supports, including employment initiatives, work placements, disability focussed programmes such as Make Way Day and facilities (e.g. libraries and playgrounds), housing adaptation grants and the promotion of the inclusion agenda for festivals and events.

Provision has been made for persons with disabilities in our LECP and we will also ensure inclusion in the review of the Local Development Plan.

Accessibility is a cornerstone of inclusion and Cork City Council will continue to take steps to improve accessibility for people with disabilities in fundamental aspects of city living.

8.3 **MOTIONS**

8.3.1 **VIABILITY OF PLANNING APPLICATION**

‘That this Council seek a stay on a final decision being made by An Bord Pleanala in relation to the application (Ref: PL28.303247), pending a special meeting of its elected members to examine further information on the viability of what is being proposed, and if necessary alter policy.’

(Proposers: Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. L. Bogue 19/297)

An Chomhairle noted that as the Office of Public Works are giving a presentation on the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme on 16th September 2019, and that a further information period is being advertised in relation to PL28.303247, that the verbal report of the Chief executive was accepted.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be referred back to the Corporate Policy Group for further consideration.

9. **FINANCE AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance and Estimates Committee from its meeting held 2nd September 2019.

9.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

9.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF JULY 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of July 2019.

9.2 **PROPERTY DISPOSAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated, 29th August 2019 in relation to the following disposal:-

Disposal of freehold interest of an area of ground situated at Mahon Industrial Estate, Cork to PSE Kinsale Energy Limited, c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, NO. 2 Park Place, City Gate Park, Mahon Point, Cork, for the sum of €7,500.00 (plus VAT if applicable) together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, Seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from R.T.E. dated 16th May 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Health dated 31st May 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection dated 10th June 2019.
- Letter to Mr. T. Barry, Oversight Committee, dated 6th June 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 10th June 2019.
- Letter from the Office of the Taoiseach dated 11th June 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 13th June 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 18th June 2019.
- Letter from Clare County Council dated 20th June 2019.
- Letter from Clare County Council dated 20th June 2019.
- Letter to Mr. T. Barry, Oversight Committee, dated 7th July 2019.
- Letter from Bus Éireann dated 8th July 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection dated 12th July 2019.
- Letter from An Post dated 15th July 2019.
- Letter from Kerry County Council dated 16th July 2019.
- Letter from Kerry County Council dated 16th July 2019.

- Email from the Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform dated 26th July 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government dated 30th July 2019.
- Letter to Mr. T. Barry, Oversight Committee, dated 6th August 2019.
- Letter from the Office of Public Works dated 16th August 2019.
- Letter from the National Transport Authority dated 19th August 2019.
- Letter from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform dated 30th August 2019.

11. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None Received.

12. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at Conferences/Seminars as follows:-

- Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh and C. Finn at the Plan Making – Best Practice and Emerging Trends Conference to be held at the Grand Hotel, Malahide on the 4th October, 2019.
- Comhairleoir C. Finn at the ICSH Biennial National Social Housing Conference 2019 to be held at the Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford from the 10th - 11th October, 2019.
- Comhairleoir C. Finn at the Energy Action Fuel Poverty Conference to be held at the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin on the 21st October, 2019.

13. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at Training as follows:-

- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher at the AILG Autumn Training Seminar to be held at the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan from the 11th - 12th September, 2019.

14. **CHIEF EXECUTIVES MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's monthly management report for June and July 2019.

15. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the motions on Appendix 1, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN WHITETHORN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council request Irish Water to look at the drainage system in Whitethorn on the Douglas Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 19/107)

16.2 **DERELICT SITES POWERS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council again calls on government to introduce stronger derelict sites powers for local authorities, including multiplier, annual fines and compulsory acquisition (rather than purchase) capabilities if sites sit unused for a specific period. (Such a proposal was made to then Minister Phil Hogan and subsequently, without action).’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 19/256)

16.3 **CAMPAIGN BY AMBULANCE PERSONNEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council support the ongoing campaign, including strike action, by Ambulance personnel for recognition of their union of Choice, the National Ambulance Services Representative Association (NASRA). We believe the right to union recognition is an important democratic and workers right and call for Minister Simon Harris and the HSE to recognise NASRA and move to resolve this dispute.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 19/257)

16.4 **NEW BUS ROUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would please contact Bus Eireann and the NTA, to invite them into City Council to discuss new bus routes for Kilcully, extend the 221 bus service into Sallybrook, Glanmire and to reinstall the bus shelters back to Kearneys Cross, Sallybrook, Glanmire on health and safety grounds.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Keohane 19/266)

16.5 **ASD UNIT IN BALLINCOLLIG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘I request that Cork City Council write to the Minister of Education and Skills Joe McHugh TD to ascertain the Department’s position regarding the opening of an ASD unit in Ballincollig. Section 8 of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 came into effect on 3rd December 2018. This section provides the Minister for Education with the power to compel a school to make additional provision in respect of children with special educational needs i.e. open a special class or classes, where the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) has identified a need for such provision within an area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Kelleher 19/315)

16.6 **CORK MAIL CENTRE CLOSURE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council demand the intervention of the government into the Cork mail centre closure with a view of maintaining services with a reprioritisation towards parcel delivery and with a view of retaining all jobs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 19/317)

16.7 **VEHICLE CLAMPING ACT 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call upon the Government and the Oireachtas, in particular the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, to amend the Vehicle Clamping Act 2015 so as to provide that the regulation of clamping in private car parks becomes a reserved function of the Local Authority in which the private car parks are located. The amendments to the Act should give each Local Authority the power to make bye-laws setting out the circumstances in which vehicles in private car parks within its Local Authority area may be clamped. The amendments to the Act should also give each Local Authority the power to make bye-laws banning the use of clamping in private car parks within its Local Authority area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 19/349)

16.8 **2019 BUS SERVICE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to Bus Éireann requesting that an extra bus be put on the very successful 2019 bus service especially at school times in the morning and again at afternoon/evening times when the primary and secondary school children are using the service.’

This is an excellent service but the bus only runs on an hourly basis meaning primary and secondary children often can't use the service as they would be too early for school. Would Bus Éireann consider running an extra bus at these times?'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 19/356)

16.9 **FUNDING FOR NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council would seek an urgent meeting with the Taoiseach to request to have the funding put in place to immediately commence the process of the planning and construction of the complete Northern Ring Road connecting the Dunkettle Interchange, Glanmire, the northside of Cork City, Blarney, Tower and Ballincollig. This road is a vital piece of infrastructure for the whole of Cork and would ease the congestion on the South Link Road, as well as the Jack Lynch Tunnel and areas such as Wilton and Bishopstown.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 19/382)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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