

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2020

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M. R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, 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. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. T. Keating, Interim Director of Services, Housing. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. N. Carroll, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An tArdmhéara proposed, and An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to consider Statutory Items at the start of the meeting.

An Chomhairle further agreed that Lord Mayor’s items would be considered after the Statutory Items.

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

An Chomhairle agreed that Chief Executive’s items would be considered at the end of the meeting.

3. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 13th July 2020.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

An Chomhairle agreed that question time would be considered after the Statutory Items.

5. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

5.1 **PROPOSED INTERIM CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendations of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 9th September 2020, following public consultation, on the following proposed cycle infrastructure pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009 –

Scheme 1 – Proposed Infrastructure at Donovan Road, College Road, Magazine Road & Link between Magazine Road and Glasheen Road.

Scheme 2 – Proposed Infrastructure at Melbourn Road and Rossa Avenue.

5.2 **ROAD MAINTENANCE – SECTION 85 AGREEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Operations, dated 8th September 2020 in relation to ROAD MAINTENANCE – Section 85 Agreement.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“That Cork City Council being of the opinion that its function in relation to the maintenance of the roads assets identified in Appendix A of this agreement in the City of Cork being in the functional area of Cork City Council should be performed by Cork County Council and Cork County Council being able and willing so to perform these functions, it is hereby resolved that Cork City Council shall enter into an agreement with Cork County Council for the performance by Cork County Council of these maintenance functions on behalf of Cork City Council pursuant to

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993.”

5.3 **WINTER MAINTENANCE – SECTION 85 AGREEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Operations, dated 8th September 2020 in relation to WINTER MAINTENANCE – Section 85 Agreement.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“That Cork City Council being of the opinion that its function in relation to the winter maintenance of the roads assets identified in Appendix A of this agreement in the City of Cork being in the functional area of Cork City Council should be performed by Cork County Council and Cork County Council being able and willing so to perform these functions, it is hereby resolved that Cork City Council shall enter into an agreement with Cork County Council for the performance by Cork County Council of these winter maintenance functions on behalf of Cork City Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993.”

5.4 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated, 3rd September 2020 on the following property disposals:-

- (a) Disposal of Stall No.’s 12, 13, 23 & 24, Grand Parade Market, Cork, to Jack Mulcahy, c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn, Solicitors, 2,, Park Place, City Gate Park, Mahon Point, Cork by way of lease at an annual rent of €11,059.40

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- (b) Disposal of No. 20, Fairfield Meadows, Upper Fairhill, Cork to Tusla, c/o Beauchamps Solicitors, Riverside 2, Sir John Rogerson’s Quay, Dublin Docklands, Dublin 2, D02 KV60 by way of lease, at an annual rent of €200.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

ITEM 8.1 – CORK CITY COUNCIL DIGITAL STRATEGY

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Cork City Council Digital Strategy.

ITEM 8.2 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JULY 2020

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st July 2020.

ITEM 8.3 – UNAUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019

An Chomhairle considered the Unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2019. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED**”, That the Annual Financial Statement for 2019 and, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 16 are hereby approved.”

ITEM 10.3 – GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2020-2022

An Chomhairle considered the Chief Executive’s report on the General Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2022 and the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2022. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, a vote was called for on the approval of the General Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2022 and the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2022 where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde, M. Finn, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin. (25)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí O. Moran, L. Bogue, D. Boyle, C. Finn. (4)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the Chief Executive’s report, and the General Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2022 and the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme 2020-2022 approved.

LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS

CIVIC RECEPTION

An Chomhairle approved An tArdmhéara’s proposal to host a Civic Reception for Mr. Patrick O’Shea to mark his retirement from University College Cork.

SUFFERING THE MOST

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that they are invited to a private viewing of the exhibition, Suffering the Most at Cork Public Museum on Thursday 17th September 2020 at 5.30p.m.

An tArdmhéara further advised that the same invite would be extended to former Lords Mayor at the end of September.

INVITATION TO AN TAOISEACH, MÍCHEÁL MARTIN

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that a further invitation to address An Chomhairle has been extended to An Taoiseach, Mícheál Martin when public health restrictions allow.

CORK 2020 COMMEMORATIONS FUND

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that a second call out has been made to schools, communities and organisations across Cork city to avail of the Cork 2020 Commemorations Fund.

WHO EUROPEAN HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK

An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald to the Political Committee to help to guide the strategic direction of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network for Phase VII.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORK CITY COUNCIL STAFF

An tArdmhéara acknowledged the work of Cork City Council staff during the Covid 19 crisis.

QUESTION TIME

SUMMARY OF COMERCIAL RATES TO BE DEFFERED DUE TO COVID 19

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir O. Moran was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 12th October 2020.

To ask the Chief Executive for a summary of commercial rates that Cork City Council has agreed to defer due to COVID19, broken into bands of rates payers delineated by the annual rates normally owed by rates payers in each band, showing the number of rates payers for whom payments have been deferred in each band.

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

EVENTS CENTRE

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

Can the CE give the Council an update on the current situation with the Event Centre?

Have any talks taken place between the Council, BAM and Live Nation since the court case has finished in relation to BAM & Live Nation's plans to progress the project?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

Currently BAM & Live Nation are continuing their engagement with Cork City Council and talks have been held with a view to agree the final details of the terms of the public funding. Significant progress has been made in the work required to reach final agreement.

John Hallahan,
Head of Finance.

MANHATTAN BAR SITE

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

Can the CE give an update on the status of the former Manhattan Bar site at Lower Friars Walk?

(Cllr. Fiona Kerins)

REPLY

This site was placed on the Derelict Sites Register in June 2019. Cork City Council had ongoing engagement with the owner's representatives of this site. We understand the site has recently been sold, which is a positive step toward the removal of dereliction. An architectural firm has been engaged and preplanning meetings are to be scheduled in relation to the site. Cork City Council will continue to work with the new owners and their representatives.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

HALF MOON LANE

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

What is the update in relation to Half Moon Lane?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

In August Cork City Council received a funding allocation of €40,000 from the NTA to complete the Preliminary Design, Part 8 Planning and Detailed Design/Tender Document Preparation for the upgrading of Halfmoon Lane to facilitate pedestrian and cyclist access to Tramore Valley Park.

This funding is very welcome and will allow the City Council to move this project forward significantly between now and the end of the year, further in fact that had been planned before this funding was made available.

The Part 8 process has commenced on the 28th of August with the public consultation phase ongoing at present. The final date for public submissions is the 9th October 2020. All submissions will be assessed and a report brought to Council.

It is hoped that the Part 8 process will be successful which will allow the project to proceed to the detailed design and tender document preparation stages.

The plan, assuming that there are no delays in the process and that the Part 8 process is successful, is to have the project designed and tender documents completed by Christmas.

If funding is made available (we are continuing to follow up of possible funding sources for the construction phase) the construction tender process would be commenced and completed in Q1 2021 with construction commencing before the end of Q1 2021.

David Joyce,
Director of Operations.

PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE LINK

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

As Members will be aware this is a significant infrastructural project, involving the provision of over 1km of new cycle/ footpath through steep gradients and the construction of a new pedestrian cycle bridge over the N40.

In 2020, Cork City Council secured grant funding from the National Transport Authority to progress the detained design for the project this project. Consultants have been engaged for this purpose and the detailed design work is ongoing at present.

Under the current programme it is envisaged that, subject to funding, the Council would be in a position to tender the works in the coming year with a view to contractor appointment in 3rd of quarter of 2021. It is estimated that the construction of the scheme will take approx. 18 months.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

FIRE SERVICE RECRUITMENT

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

Can the CE and the Chief Fire Officer, along with the Fire Service HR Department review their current recruitment requirements regarding the holding of a full driving licence. I have been contacted recently regarding the issue. What is the situation where an applicant has passed their theory test, and due to sit their driving test, however because of Covid 19 restrictions, the test was cancelled. Can this requirement be waived due to the current crisis and be introduced as part of the new recruits training programme?

(Cllr. Kenneth Collins)

REPLY

Driving is a critical element of the role of a Firefighter. Consequently one of the essential requirements for the post is that candidates hold a full class B driving licence on or before the closing date for the current Firefighter recruitment competition.

Therefore this requirement to hold a full class B driving licence cannot be waived.

Mike Larkin,
Director of People & Organisation Development.

DALY'S BRIDGE

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 progress and final contract work and its complexities associated with the re-opening of Daly's Bridge?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The refurbishment of Daly Bridge commenced in August 2019 following an award of contract to Keating Construction. Daly Bridge is the last surviving pedestrian suspension bridge of its type in Ireland and a valued feature of the transport and built heritage of the City.

Major renovation/restoration works were required and the contract works included:

- Vegetation removal, cleaning and graffiti removal
- Phased dismantling of the latticed deck for removal off-site for grit-blasting, repair & repainting before reinstatement
- Removal and replacement of timber decking
- Repair and repainting of existing lattice towers;
- Replacement of suspension cables;
- Phased re-erection of the restored bridge structure;
- Upgrade approach ramps including railings, surfacing and landscaping;
- Removal and repair of cast iron railings;
- Installation of new public lighting to approach ramps and bridge structure;
- General landscaping and ancillary works.

Significant works have been satisfactorily progressed under the contract including the phased dismantling, restoration and re-erection of the bridge deck and towers.

There are however some critical elements of the planned works yet to be completed. These include electrical/lighting works, completion of access ramps and hand/parapet railings, painting, landscaping etc. Most of these works items are essential to the safe re-opening of the bridge to public use.

The Council is at an advanced stage in its engagements with the scheme contractor and sub-contractors regarding the necessary arrangements for completion of the outstanding items. Completion of the remaining items will take over two months and it is anticipated that the bridge will be re-opened for public use in December. The completion of outstanding works and re-opening of Daly Bridge is a priority for the City Council.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure Development.

TRAFFIC SIGNALLING TO DETECT BICYCLES

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

Can I ask the CE to give an update on the city's traffic signalling system's ability to detect bicycles?

Is there a plan to move all traffic signalling to detect bicycles and what would be the timeframe?

(Cllr. Colette Finn)

REPLY

The Traffic Division has submitted an application for funding to the National Transport Authority to enable Cycle detection facilities on strategic cycling routes of the City. This project, if approved, would provide the necessary funding to commence a project which would involve the installation of new detectors, the reconfiguration of controllers and the replacement of some key obsolete traffic controllers on strategic routes to enhance existing cycling facilities

David Joyce,
Director of Operations.

DALY'S BRIDGE

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

Can the CE report on the delay to re-opening Daly's Bridge (The Shakey Bridge)? Is there an estimated date for the re-opening and what can be done to expedite this as demand for access grows with schools and colleges resuming?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

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Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Infrastructure.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION UNITS

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

To ask the CE the number of dedicated student accommodation units (outside of shared houses/rooms in private houses) that currently exist in the city; the number of units being developed on foot of planning permissions that have been approved; and the number of units anticipated pending existing planning applications being approved?

(Cllr. Dan Boyle)

REPLY

a. The number of dedicated student accommodation units (outside of shared houses/rooms in private houses) that currently exist in the city:

City Council Permissions:

- Castlewhite Student Apartments, Mardyke.
- Brookfield Student Apartments, College Road.
- Victoria Station Student Accomodation, Victoria Cross.
- Victoria Lodge Student Accommodation, Victoria Cross
- Farranlea Hall Student Accommodation, Victoria Cross
- The Spires Student Accommodation, Bandon Road
- Sheares Gate Student Accommodation, Glasheen Road
- Davcon Court Student Accommodation, Barrack Street
- Abbeyville Student Accommodation, Model Farm Road.
- Amnis House Student Accommodation, Western Road
- ScholarLee Student Accommodation, Magazine Road
- ScholarLee Student Accommodation, Bishop Street
- Lee Point Student Accommodation, South Main Street
- Abbey Wharf Student Apartments, North Mall
- Abbey Wharf Student Apartments, North Abbey Street
- Courtville Student Apartments, Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown
- Hatch Student Living, Copley Street
- Deans Hall Student Accommodation, Bishopstown

- Parchment Square Student Accommodation, Model Farm Road
- Edenhall Student Accommodation, Model Farm Road
- The Village Student Accommodation, Carrigrohane Road.
- University Hall Student Accommodation, Victoria Cross
- Arcadia Hall Student Accommodation, Lower Glanmire Road

b. The number of units being developed on foot of planning permissions that have been approved:

SHD:

- Crow's Next : Permission granted in 2018 for a 66 apartment 225 bedspace development. Construction in progress.
- Former O'Mahony Packaging Building, Melbourne Road (commencement notice submitted on 8.11.19)

c. The number of units anticipated pending existing planning applications being approved:

City Council Planning Permissions:

- South Mall Court, 1-2 Beasley Street (3 unit, 11 bed)
- Former Kino Cinema (Washington Street, Little Hanover Street and Gravel Lane) (17 bed)
- Former Coca Cola Site, Carrigrohane Road (appealed)

SHD:

- Bandon Road: A revised application for 81 apartments with 550 bed spaces was granted permission in Sept 2020
- North Main Street: 49 apartments (229 bed space) development at 92-96 North Main Street. Decision due early November
- Orchard Road : 30 apartments 216 bed spaces. Decision due October
- Square Deal : 49 student apartments. 280 bed space Decision due October.
- Victoria Cross: 28 student apartments . 265 bed spaces. At pre application consultation stage.

Ms. Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking.

TRAVELLER INTERAGENCY GROUP

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

To ask the Chief Executive the current status of re-establishing the Traveller Interagency Group for Cork City Council?

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

REPLY

Prior to Covid 19, Cork City Council had been working with Traveller Representative Groups and statutory agencies in Cork City to progress the re-establishment of the Traveller Inter-agency Group. This process paused during Covid but the intention is to re-start in October 2020.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Community, Culture & Placemaking.

THE LODGE AT ENTRANCE TO TECHNOLOGY PARK, MODEL FARM ROAD

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

Can the CE update the Council on the status of the disposal of The Lodge at the entrance to the Technology Park on Model Farm Road?

One of the stipulations of that sale was that work would be on this property within twenty four months and seeing that this hasn't happened, will the ownership of this property now revert back to the City Council?

Can we also see a copy of the original stipulations with this sale that was presented to Councillors back in 2017/18 included with the response to this question?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

This site was purchased with the intention of developing offices for the purchasers' businesses. They appointed an architect to progress those plans and a planning application was lodged on 23/05/2019 for change of use, repair works to existing lodge, some demolition works and construction of new single storey extension and associated works.

The planning process was relatively complex and protracted with conditional permission being granted on 19/03/2020. In parallel with the planning process the purchasers also had to deal with issues in relation to rights of way, which created a further complexity. We understand that these issues are now resolved and site clearance works are under way. The purchaser has confirmed that a commencement notice is due to be lodged shortly to start construction.

I consider that the best way to ensure the removal of dereliction is to continue to work with the Purchasers, whilst monitoring their progress. The Council does not have a business case to re-purchase the property and this would only lead to further delays in bringing forward a resolution to this derelict site.

Progress will be reviewed quarterly to ensure that the purchasers move the project forward.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

6. **SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, Comhairleoir H. Cremin was nominated to replace Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan on the Southern Regional Assembly.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boylan, Comhairleoir G. Kelleher was nominated to replace Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan on the Southern Regional Assembly.

As one member only was required a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

For Comhairleoir H. Cremin

Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, G. Keohane, M. Nugent, K. Collins, L. Bogue, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. Moloney, H. Cremin. (11)

For Comhairleoir G. Kelleher

Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher. (18)

As those voting for Comhairleoir G. Kelleher were greater than those voting for Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir G. Kelleher nominated to the Southern Regional Assembly.

7. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 13th JULY 2020**

7.1 **GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO CREDIT UNION ACCOUNTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion noting Comhairleoir D. Cahill’s request to not be associated with it for ethical reasons:-

‘That Cork City Council call upon the Irish League of Credit Unions and the Central Bank of Ireland to ease some of the more stringent guidelines and restrictions relating to credit union accounts held by legitimate community groups and organisations. A more practical and less stringent approach, which would make it much less onerous for such groups and organisations to open and operate credit union accounts, would be beneficial to both credit unions and the communities they serve.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 20/220)

7.2 **FUNDING FOR MONUMENTS OF TOMÁS MACCURTAIN, TERENCE MACSWINEY AND MICHAEL COLLINS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call upon the Government, in particular the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, to provide national funding for the erection of monuments and statues of Tomás MacCurtain, Terence MacSwiney and Michael Collins on Patrick Street to commemorate Cork’s contribution to the struggle for Irish independence and to the establishment of an independent Irish State. The monuments and statues should be of a similar size and design as the monument and statue of Father Matthew, which is currently on Patrick Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 20/223)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan agreed that the motion be referred to the meeting of the Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee to be held, 15th September 2020.

7.3 **NATIONAL SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR HAEMOCHROMATOSIS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the HSE and the Minister for Health to put in place a national screening programme for Haemochromatosis. Furthermore, that as a chronic condition with simple treatment, that the sufferers of hemochromatosis be offered free treatment and supervision for life. The early diagnosis of this condition prevents cancers, organ failure and a deterioration in the quality of life of sufferers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boylan 20/241)

7.4 **HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council agrees that the delivery of real affordable homes will be the key litmus test of the new Government recognising that housing was one of the biggest issues in February’s general election. Council calls on the Government to undertake a massive house building programme on public land believing that is the only way to deliver the genuinely affordable homes that people need. An invitation to the new Housing Minister Darragh O’Brien to address Council to be sent asap.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. H. Cremin 20/248)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, a proposed amendment to the motion was tabled to read as follows:-

‘An invitation to the new Housing Minister Darragh O’Brien to address Council to be sent asap.’

A vote was called for on the approval of the amendment where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, T. Fitzgerald, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, T. Shannon, D. Forde, S. O’Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher. (12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, L. Bogue, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, D. Boyle, F. Kerins, C. Finn, T. Moloney, H. Cremin. (15)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir S. Martin. (1)

As those voting against the amendment were greater than those voting for, An tArd-Mhéara declared the amendment to the motion defeated.

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 7th SEPTEMBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 7th September 2020.

8.1 **CORK CITY COUNCIL DIGITAL STRATEGY**

This item was considered under Statutory Items at the start of the meeting.

8.2 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JULY 2020**

This item was considered under Statutory Items at the start of the meeting.

8.3 **UNAUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019**

This item was considered under Statutory Items at the start of the meeting.

SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING

In accordance with Public Health guidance the Council Meeting was suspended at 7.30p.m. when the maximum two hour duration for Council Meetings was reached.

With exception to item 10.3 of the agenda which was considered under Statutory Items at the start of the meeting, all other agenda items between 8.4 and 18.3 were deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 12th October 2020.

This concluded the business of the meeting

ARDMHÉARA
CATHAOIRLEACH