

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020

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| 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, P. Dineen, 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. 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. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. T. Keating, Interim Director of Services, Housing. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, A/Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. |

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD, 9th NOVEMBER 2020**

1.1 **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 19th October 2020.

1.1.1 **HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing on Housing for August 2020.

1.1.2 **APPROVED HOUSING BODIES – HOUSING DELIVERY IN CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 14th October 2020 on the Approved Housing Bodies – Housing Delivery in Cork.

1.1.3 **MOTIONS**

1.1.3.1 **ENGAGE WITH MNÁ FEASA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 14th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council engage with Mná Feasa to work to raise awareness and staff training in our Housing Department to help better understanding of relationships, domestic violence where City Council tenants are at risk.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K O’Flynn 20/048)

The report of the Interim Director of Services stated that staff would have extensive experience and ability gained through their work in Housing and from training provided to them to handle cases of a sensitive and complicated nature. The Housing Department is open to working with Mná Feasa and will contact with them to see what supports/training they can offer.

1.1.3.2 **HOME SWAPPER SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 14th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That councillors receive an update on the Housing Swap Scheme that has been in operation in Cork City Council.

How many people applied to sign up to the scheme?

How many were successful in signing up?

How many received a transfer?

What are the learnings from it?

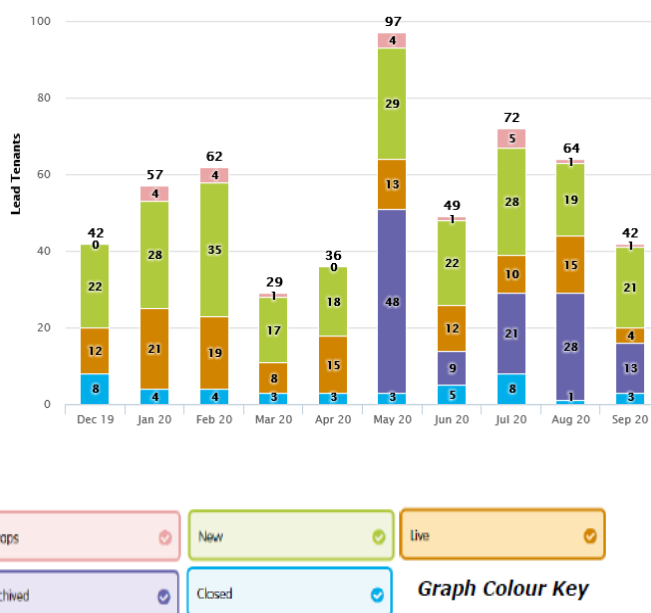
Any other relevant information.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/207)

The report of the interim Director of Services stated that Members would be aware of the Homeswapper mutual exchange system pilot for social housing tenants of Cork City Council and Dublin City Council. The pilot was launched on 4th November 2019,

with the intention of operating for 12 months. The intention was to review engagement by tenants during the initial one year period, and if the pilot was deemed successful, it was envisaged that there could be potential to roll it out to all local authority tenants in the Republic of Ireland.

Unfortunately, it was found that engagement declined significantly in the earlier part of this year, most likely as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions. Particularly for older tenants who wish to downsize who may have been cocooning, it may not have been an appropriate time to initiate a change in their housing circumstances. A review in May 2020 indicated that a significant number of clients (the purple block) had not engaged for a number of months and their accounts had effectively become archived due to inactivity. However, more recent figures indicate a return to engagement from pre-existing users and more engagement from new clients also:



It was agreed, given the unprecedented circumstances, that it would not be appropriate to assess the long term viability of the scheme based on the engagement with the pilot to date. Accordingly, it has been agreed to extend the pilot for another year to allow for more robust data to be collated for review.

Currently, there are 187 registered users of the service and to date 5 pairs of tenants have matched successfully on the site. Four of these five have completed their inter-transfers, and the processing of the fifth is at an advanced stage.

Cork City Council is continuing to engage with Homeswapper UK to facilitate ongoing review of the operation of the system and identify opportunities to raise awareness of the system and grow engagement from registered users.

1.1.4 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 19th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on the Fabric Upgrade Scheme Phases 1 and 2, works done to date, the areas involved and works scheduled to take place.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 20/184)

The report of the Interim Director of Services that the Senior Engineer, Housing advised Members that the Fabric Upgrade Programme Phase I & II are nationally funded Energy Efficiency Programmes, which the Apartment Deep Retrofit Programme is also a part of. Whilst we have delivered a significant amount of upgrades across the City, having completed Fabric Upgrade Phase I, we have a lot more to do and are dependent on the national programmes for same. A number of properties have already benefitted from Fabric Upgrade Phase II in conjunction with BEC schemes over the last number of years, all around the city, totalling approx. 160 properties.

The planned next phase of Fabric Upgrade, Phase II, including external wall insulation, on social housing stock for 2021, is to properties in the Churchfield area. The target is for all properties to have a B2 energy rating over the coming decade and beyond. The emphasis at present is on improving the energy efficiency of the older apartment blocks in the city, having delivered 129 upgrades in 2018/2019. Deep Retrofit of apartments is currently delivering 81 units, having recently been awarded €3.5m energy efficiency funding from the department. The next phase of Apartment deep retrofit is being progressed with the Department. We are seeking to link in the Noonan’s Road District Deep Retrofit programme with Climate Action Objectives.

1.2 **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 19th October 2020.

1.2.1 **MOTIONS**

1.2.1.1 **SPECIAL PARKING PERMITS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS ASSOCIATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure & Development Directorate, dated 16th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That City Council would introduce special parking permits for meals on wheels associations across the city for their drivers who sometimes have to park in unauthorised areas to facilitate deliveries to their clients.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Cllr. H. Cremin 20/064)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council currently operates a Parking Permit Scheme and issues Resident's Parking Permits, Carer's Parking Permits and Charitable Organisation Parking Permits. This policy is being made on foot of the Cork City Council Parking Bye Laws 2016 which were made under powers conferred on Cork City Council by Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 (No.7 of 1994).

The purpose of permits for charitable organisations is to ensure that parking charges are not a barrier for charities in the provision of their core services. The permits will be location and time specific, dependent on the needs of the organisation as determined by Cork City Council. The permits do not permit the bearer to park illegally e.g. in loading bays, disabled bays etc, but only to park in legal parking areas without the need to display a parking disc or pay using the Park Magic solution. The organisation must have charitable status. The permits must be essential to the core business of the organisation and only persons who are assisting the organisation on a voluntary basis can make use of the permits. Cork City Council requires all applicants to provide such evidence as the Council deems necessary to satisfy itself of their entitlement to a permit. Meals and Wheels would fall into this category. Any enquiries should be directed to the Parking Office

1.2.1.2 **ZONE Z PARKING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That the hours for disc parking requirements throughout Zone Z be extended to 20:30hrs. The area of Zone Z itself be extended to include neighboring roads and parks and that parking permits for Zone Z be limited to two per household.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/088)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in accordance with Cork City Parking Bye Laws 2016 and the Parking Permit Policy, households in the City are entitled to 4 permits per household. A proposal to modify this was previously brought forward but was not accepted. It is not possible to amend the policy as it relates to one zone only. Any changes would have to be considered on a broader basis. Such a change could have significant impact on many households. However, a policy review, if requested and deemed appropriate, can be planned for 2021.

1.2.1.3 **CYCLE PARKING FACILITIES AT MULTI STOREY CAR PARKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That cycle parking facilities be made available on the ground level of multi storey car parks managed for or on behalf of Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/094)

The report of the Director of Services stated that bicycle parking within the car parks is not feasible at present due to safety access issues. To address this difficulty bicycle parking has been installed at North Main Street Carpark in the shopping centre. However due to the lack of space it is difficult to do likewise at Paul Street Carpark. The space on the ground floor is not in the control or ownership of Cork City Council however we will engage with the owner to determine if there is a suitable space and if they are agreeable to the installation of bike parking.

1.2.1.4 **IMPLEMENTATION OF STOCKHOLM DECLARATION ON ROAD SAFETY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That this Council work towards the earliest possible implementation of the Stockholm Declaration on Road Safety agreed on February 20th, 2020 under the auspices of the United Nations and the World Health Organisation.

(Proposers: Cllr. C. Finn, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr O. Moran, Cllr. L. Bogue 20/137)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Stockholm Declaration intends to connect road safety to the implementation of the UN 2030 agenda on sustainable development. It reaffirms the importance of international cooperation in achieving sustainable development goals (SDG) with particular focus on achieving global road safety targets. At present, the road safety recommendations from this declaration have, as of yet, to filter down to national transport policy as set out by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. Once this has been completed, Cork City Council will review its current road safety strategy and update accordingly in respect to any national policy changes.

1.2.1.5 **CITY CYCLE LANE/PATH NETWORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That with anticipated additional funding for cycling and walking initiatives, this Council makes a priority of securing and segregating as much of the City’s cycle lane/path network as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/239)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Council has secured NTA funding within 2020 for the segregation of cycle lanes throughout the City through the installation of bollards while concurrently procuring a stock of spare bollards to maintain the same. 4,000m of key cycle lanes will be segregated with a contract already awarded and works expected to commence before the end of September 2020

and will be completed before the end of November 2020. These works will be continued in the future subject to availability of funding.

1.2.1.6 **DIRECT ROUTE FOR CYCLISTS FROM CITY CENTRE TO CUH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure & Development Directorate, dated 16th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will develop a protected direct route for cyclists from the city centre to the CUH campus preferably linking the other healthcare campuses along the route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 20/240)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Cork Cycle Network Plan sets out the proposed cycle network for Cork City. The Plan incorporates detailed proposals for additional and upgraded cycling infrastructure (including routes connecting CUH to the City Centre and broader City). The implementation of the strategy is a key part of the recently adopted Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS) with improvements to be delivered via multimodal projects under the Bus Connects Programme (i.e. including bus lanes, cycle lanes and pedestrian facilities) as well as stand alone improvement schemes.

Some cycle lanes have been established in the vicinity of CUH such as those along Model Farm Road and Sarsfield Road as well as off road linkages with onward connections to the City Centre and elsewhere. However, there are very significant deficiencies in the network at present particularly at key interchanges/crossings such as Dennehy's Cross Junction and CUH roundabout and along adjoining roadways of limited width.

While the routes identified in CMATS will be significantly altered and upgraded to accommodate sustainable travel as set out above, the City Council is also seeking to effect additional connectivity improvements where possible in the interim.

Proposals have been prepared and recently approved by Council for such interim facilities along Donovans Road, College Road, Magazine Road and the Glasheen off road path as follows -

Donovans Rd - provision of a dedicated outbound cycle lane. The works include adjustments to traffic lanes, new lining, new signage, installation of edge protection, removal of on-street parking and renewal of surfacing as required.

College Road – provision of new lining, new signage and renewal of surfacing as required.

Magazine Road - provision of new lining, new signage and renewal of surfacing as required.

Link between Magazine Road and Glasheen Road – Upgrade of the existing path between Magazine Road and Glasheen Road. The work includes surfacing, signage and installation of public lighting as required.

Detailed design and pricing documents are now being prepared for these works with a view to contractor procurement. The Council has also secured grant funding for the works enabling commencement of construction following receipt/assessment of tenders. The Council will continue to seek further interim improvements to improve linkages to other facilities and cycling connectivity across the broader network.

1.2.1.7 **CYCLEWAYS TO FACILITATE HEALTHCARE WORKERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure & Development Directorate, dated 16th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the creation of cycleways between and to healthcare facilities to enable healthcare workers to travel safely by bicycle to work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 20/246)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Cork Cycle Network Plan sets out the proposed cycle network for Cork City. The Plan incorporates detailed proposals for additional and upgraded cycling infrastructure along routes connecting the City centre to the key attractors/destinations (including many of the public and private healthcare facilities across the City). The implementation of the strategy is a key part of the recently adopted Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS) with improvements to be delivered under the Bus Connects Programme (i.e. including bus lanes, cycle lanes and pedestrian facilities) as well as stand alone improvement projects. While some cycle facilities have been provided under various multi modal improvement schemes in the vicinity of health related facilities there is a very significant expansion required in order to achieve the objectives set out for the City.

The routes identified in CMATS will be significantly altered and upgraded to accommodate sustainable travel as set out above. The City Council will also be seeking to effect additional and supporting connectivity improvements where possible in the interim. Related projects include the interim cycle facilities as approved by Council and the various on road and off road improvement projects for the City centre and other areas. Details of the progress of such capital projects will continue to be reported to Council in the regular monthly reports and new/additional proposals are also discussed with Members at the ongoing Local Area Meetings.

It is expected that the level of activity in the planning and delivery of improvement schemes will increase significantly in the period ahead in line with the additional capital grant funding to be provided for sustainable transport improvements from 2021 onwards.

1.2.1.8 **BICYCLE PARKING IN CORK CITY CAR PARKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council will provide infrastructure for bicycle parking in all car parks owned by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 20/300)

The report of the Director of Services stated that bicycle parking within the car parks is not feasible at present due to safety access issues. To address this difficulty bicycle parking has been installed at North Main Street Carpark in the shopping centre. However due to the lack of space it is difficult to do likewise at Paul Street Carpark. The space on the ground floor is not in the control or ownership of Cork City Council however we will engage with the owner to determine if there is a suitable space and if they are agreeable to the installation of bike parking.

1.3 **STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic, Economic Development & Planning Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 19th October 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to recommend that a letter would be issued to the relevant authorities through the office of the Lord Mayor requesting that the development at Bessborough does not proceed.

1.3.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE PRE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s report on submissions to the pre-draft Development Plan.

1.3.2 **MOTIONS**

1.3.2.1 **PRESENTATION FROM OPEN EIR ON BROADBAND IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 8th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘To ask for a presentation from Open Eir on the progress of fibre broadband roll out in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 20/229)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion is to be referred to Corporate Affairs who can request that Eir will present to the members of Cork City Council.

1.3.2.2 **KILDARE VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT IN CITY CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, dated 7th September 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the CBA, Chamber of Commerce and relevant national bodies explore the concept of a Kildare Village type development in the City Centre. Given the vacancies in our malls and recent closures of various businesses we should explore the feasibility of same. The build is there and with targeted tax breaks vis a vis rates and other financial incentives there may be an opportunity to redirect the Cork shopping experience. The island is compact and lends itself thus. We have the English Market, the restaurants, the pubs and we should build on the existing retail experience.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 20/217)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council would welcome investment in the City Centre to improve its appeal to retailers and shoppers. Whilst Kildare Village is a Retail Outlet Centre, the concept of developing the mix of high-quality retail, cafés, bars and restaurants in a setting that is easily accessible by and pleasant for pedestrians and adds to the experience of the city will be considered. Cork City Council is also aware that retail outlet centres tend to trade at large discounts, and that the market will be an influencing factor in their viability and location. In parallel, the City Council would engage with property owners and developers to advance schemes that would improve the attractiveness of the city centre. Cork City Council has implemented an ambitious programme of pedestrianisation, street cleaning, walking and cycling improvements and street furniture licencing under ‘Reimagining Cork City’ with a view to improving the attractiveness of Cork as a place to shop and visit, and thus sustain and built businesses. With the support of the National Transport Authority, this plan can continue in the medium and long term, and be reflected in the City Development Plan. Cork City Council will commission a review and update of the City Centre Strategy, that will include consideration of such a mix of development within the City Centre, that can be advanced with key stakeholders including Cork Business Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

1.3.2.3 **CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILLORS FOR STRATEGIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 13th October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council would consult with Councillors, especially ward Councillors, during the consultation/observation period for Strategic Housing Developments so that this can better inform the planning process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 20/327)

The report of the Director of Services stated that all Councillors are notified of SHD applications received. While it is a statutory requirement to consult with ward Councillors, the practise is normally to invite all Councillors to the briefing on the application. There are some applications, however, where a decision is taken to invite ward Councillors only. At this meeting, Councillors are briefed on the application to get their views for incorporation into the CE report.

With regard to consulting with Councillors during the consultation period, this is not current practice. Development Management receive details of the submissions lodged with ABP four working days after the end of the consultation period. While there is flexibility as to when the briefing with ward Councillors should take place, DM usually wait until after this information has been received before the briefing is arranged.

If consultation meetings were held with Councillors prior to receiving details of the submissions from ABP, a second briefing would be required as it is recommended by ABP that members are briefed in relation to submissions/observations received by them in relation to applications.

An Chomhairle agreed that Cork City Council should write to the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address the Strategic Housing Development process which allows for an increased local input into local housing developments.

1.4 **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 27th October 2020.

1.5 **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 27th October 2020.

1.6 **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 27th October 2020.

1.6.1 **ENTRANCE GATES AT LOUCH ROVERS GAA**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations Directorate, dated 22nd October, 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That City Council in consultation with Lough Rovers GAA club would consider erecting new entrance gates that bit closer to the roadway to prevent vehicles using this area as a hideaway while dumping their refuse and other materials regularly at both sides of this entrance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/214)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Carrigrohane Road is a busy thoroughfare traversed by vehicles at relatively high speed. The gates are recessed to allow a vehicle, or small group of vehicles to turn completely off the highway prior to accessing the grounds. We do not believe that it would be appropriate to move the gates further forward as this has the potential to cause vehicles to back up onto the road, at least while gates are unlocked, and this could cause a road safety issue. The Council would be happy to explore other options with Lough Rovers GAA Club.

1.7 **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 27th October 2020.

1.7.1 **RENAME ANGLESEA STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 22nd October 2020 on the following motions referred to the Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council, as part of events marking the centenaries of our patriot dead 2020, rename Anglesea Street ‘Terence MacSwiney Street’, all Cllrs may have received this proposal from an interested member of the public.’

(Proposers: Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. K. Collins 19/422)

‘That Cork City Council would rename part of Anglesea Street to Terence MacSwiney Street in honour of the former Lord Mayor.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 19/477)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle further agreed to amend the motions revised to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council as part of events marking the centenaries of our patriot dead 2020, rename Anglesea Street ‘MacSwineys’ Street’, all Cllrs may have received this proposal from an interested member of the public.’

(Proposers: Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. K. Collins 19/422)

‘That Cork City Council would rename part of Anglesea Street to MacSwineys’ Street in honour of the former Lord Mayor and his family.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 19/477)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee considered the motions and agreed that the Lord Mayor would raise the items at the meeting of An Chomhairle of 9th March 2020.

The Lord Mayor subsequently raised the matter at the Meeting of An Chomhairle of 9th March, 2020 where the following was agreed by An Chomhairle.

‘An tArdmhéara advised that as part of the 1920 Commemorations it was intended to rename Anglesea Street. A public engagement process has been agreed, similar to that adopted for the naming of the Mary Elmes Bridge’.

The following advice was provided by the Head of Legal Affairs to the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, on the procedure for Re-Naming a Street:

The relevant legislation dealing with place names is Part 18 of the Local Government Act 2001. Part 18 of the 2001 Act was substituted in its entirety by Section 48 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011. However, this section was only commenced on the 31st January 2019. Accordingly, the process outlined below is the process **as and from the 31st January 2019 only**.

The definition of “place name” in Section 188 includes a street or locality among others. The process for changing a place name is set out in Section 189 and in summary, is as follows:-

PROCESS

1. The first step is for a resolution to be passed by not less than half of the elected members of the local authority to adopt a proposal to substitute a place name for the then existing place name in respect of that place. The proposal must set out the boundary of the place/street in question by reference to a map, for example. The proposal must specify the new place name in both Irish and English.
2. If a local authority adopts such a proposal then it must (a) notify such person/persons belonging to such class of person as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister of the adoption of the proposal and also publish a public notice of the proposal inviting submissions in writing from members of the public in relation to the proposal not later than two months from the date of the publication of the notice.
3. The local authority must consider all submissions and it should be noted that Section 192(1) states that consideration of the submissions is a reserved function.
4. Once all submissions have been considered, a local authority may by resolution passed by not less than half of the elected members decide either to
 - (a) hold a ballot of the qualified electors registered in the place to which the proposed new place name applies in respect of the proposed new place name or such alternative to the proposed new place name as it considers appropriate or
 - (b) not to proceed with the proposal to change the place name of the place concerned.

5. A ballot of qualified electors must be in secret and conducted in accordance with regulations made by the Minister.
6. If a majority of the votes cast at the ballot are in favour of the proposed new place name, then the Cathaoirleach of the local authority concerned shall make a declaration stating that, from such date as specified in the declaration, the proposed new place name shall become and be the place name in respect of the place concerned.
7. It should be noted that there are further requirements for the publication of such a declaration and the legislation goes into further detail regarding the date upon which the new place name would become effective.

TIMELINES

If the declaration is not made within three months of the 1st January, the new place name would not come into effect until the following 1st January. Given that there is a two-month timeline for inviting submissions and the Council would need to vote on a proposal before this, it may be unlikely that any street names could be formally changed until 1st January 2021 as the effective date.

Please also note that the definition of a “qualified elector” is a person who in relation to a place (including a street) to which a place name applies is registered as a local government elector in the Register of Electors for the time being in force.

The two motions refer to a specific name change however the decision by An Chomhairle on 9th March is to undertake a similar process to the naming of the Mary Elmes Bridge.

The naming of the new bridge was a lengthy process as the public consultation process invited the public to submit their choice of name and each name had to be considered under the guidelines and referred to the Heritage Officer, Conservation Officer, Library Studies and the City Archaeologist for consultation before being further considered by Party Whips and ultimately by An Chomhairle.

In undertaking a similar process to re-name Anglesea Street, clear guidelines as to how the process is to be undertaken would have to be agreed with the Members in advance of public consultation. This process would have to be undertaken before the process outlined by the Head of Legal Affairs.

1.7.2 **RENAME ROAD FROM WESTERN ROAD TO WELLINGTON BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 22nd October 2020 on the following motion referred to the Committee:-

‘That the stretch of road from Western Road to Wellington Bridge be named Wallaces Way after the famed sisters Sheila and Nora who played pivotal roles during the War of Independence.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/312)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the following advice was provided by the Head of Legal Affairs to the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations regard the procedure for Re-Naming a Street:

The relevant legislation dealing with place names is Part 18 of the Local Government Act 2001. Part 18 of the 2001 Act was substituted in its entirety by Section 48 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011. However, this section was only commenced on the 31st January 2019. Accordingly, the process outlined below is the process **as and from the 31st January 2019 only**.

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PROCESS

1. The first step is for a resolution to be passed by not less than half of the elected members of the local authority to adopt a proposal to substitute a place name for the then existing place name in respect of that place. The proposal must set out the boundary of the place/street in question by reference to a map, for example. The proposal must specify the new place name in both Irish and English.
2. If a local authority adopts such a proposal then it must (a) notify such person/persons belonging to such class of person as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister of the adoption of the proposal and also publish a public notice of the proposal inviting submissions in writing from members of the public in relation to the proposal not later than two months from the date of the publication of the notice.
3. The local authority must consider all submissions and it should be noted that Section 192(1) states that consideration of the submissions is a reserved function.
4. Once all submissions have been considered, a local authority may by resolution passed by not less than half of the elected members decide either to
 - (a) hold a ballot of the qualified electors registered in the place to which the proposed new place name applies in respect of the proposed new place name or such alternative to the proposed new place name as it considers appropriate or
 - (b) not to proceed with the proposal to change the place name of the place concerned.
5. A ballot of qualified electors must be in secret and conducted in accordance with regulations made by the Minister.
6. If a majority of the votes cast at the ballot are in favour of the proposed new place name, then the Cathaoirleach of the local authority concerned shall make a

declaration stating that, from such date as specified in the declaration, the proposed new place name shall become and be the place name in respect of the place concerned.

7. It should be noted that there are further requirements for the publication of such a declaration and the legislation goes into further detail regarding the date upon which the new place name would become effective.

TIMELINES

If the declaration is not made within three months of the 1st January, the new place name would not come into effect until the following 1st January. Given that there is a two-month timeline for inviting submissions and the Council would need to vote on a proposal before this, it may be unlikely that any street names could be formally changed until 1st January 2021 as the effective date.

Please also note that the definition of a “qualified elector” is a person who in relation to a place (including a street) to which a place name applies is registered as a local government elector in the Register of Electors for the time being in force.

1.8 **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 28th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle Considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 28th October 2020.

1.9 **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 16th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its special meeting held, 16th October 2020.

1.10 **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 30th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 30th October 2020.

1.11 **CENTENARY COMMEMORATION 2019-2023 STEERING COMMITTEE – 20th OCTOBER 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee from its meeting held, 20th October 2020.

1.11.1 **COMMEMORATION FUND CALL NO. 2 REPORT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and retrospectively approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations on the Commemoration Fund Call No. 2.

1.12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence as follows:-

- Letter from Senator Robbie Gallagher dated 6th October 2020.
- Letter from Wexford County Council dated 9th October 2020.
- Letter to Central Bank of Ireland dated 17th September 2020.
- Letter from Central Bank of Ireland dated 27th October 2020.
- Letter to Minister for Justice & Equality dated 28th October 2020.
- Letter from the Department of Health dated 30th October 2020.
- Letter to Chair of Irish League of Credit Unions dated 17th September 2020.
- Letter from Chair of Irish League of Credit Unions dated 13th October 2020.
- Letter to President of Irish League of Credit Unions dated 17th September 2020.
- Letter from President of Irish League of Credit Unions dated 13th October 2020.

1.13 **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

1.14 **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

1.15 **TRAINING**

None received.

1.16 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management report for September 2020.

1.17 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle 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.

1.18 **MOTIONS**

1.18.1 **ST. STEPHENS HOSPITAL CAMPUS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council, on behalf of all citizens of this newly expanded city and region, advocate to the HSE for St. Stephens hospital campus to be the chosen site for the next acute hospital to be built in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 20/106)

1.18.2 **MILITARY MEDALS TO IRISH SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT AT JADOTVILLE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to award the military medals for gallantry and the distinguished service medals to the Irish soldiers who fought at Jadotville in the province of Katanga as part of a UN contingent during the Congo crisis in 1961. These medals were never awarded even though they were recommended by their commanding officer Commandant Pat Quinlan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/291)

1.18.3 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE AVIATION TASKFORCE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council, mindful of how important Cork airport is to the city, county and the region, calls on government, and in particular the cabinet members from Cork to initiate the recommendations of the Aviation Taskforce as a matter of urgency before it's too late to do so.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/332)

1.18.4 **REACT-EU FUND AND RECOVERY ASSISTANCE FOR COHESION AND TERRITORIES OF EUROPE FUND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls upon central government to ensure that local authorities are allocated part funding from the REACT-EU fund or Recovery Assistance for Cohesion and the Territories of Europe Fund. This will enable local authorities such as Cork City Council to keep carrying out their work in job creation and in the green and digital transition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 20/373)

1.18.5 **MOTHER AND BABY HOMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council fully supports the right of those associated with Mother and Baby homes be given direct access to their personal information.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/386)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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