

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2022

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Forde.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí D. Boyle, S. O'Callaghan, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Rying.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoir P. Dineen.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Housing. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. J. Stapleton, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Royal family and the people of the United Kingdom on the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- The Higgins family on the death of Mary Higgins.
- The Deasy family on the death of Eileen Deasy.
- The McGrath family on the death of Frank McGrath.
- The D'Alton family on the death of Christina D'Alton.

- The Keyes family on the death of Breda Keyes.
- The Aherne family on the death of Don Aherne.
- The Buckley family on the death of Eddie Buckley.
- The O’Sullivan family on the death of Kay O’Sullivan
- The Phelan family on the death of Joe Phelan.
- The Cash McDonagh family on the death of Lisa Cash, and Chelsea and Christy Cawley.

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

- St. Joseph’s Community Centre on the publication of Bailenamought Cork, Mayfield A Sense of Place.
- John O’Herlihy and Brian Dillions GAA Club on the success of the Brian Dillon commemoration at Rathcooney cemetery, 14th August 2022.
- Glucksman Art Gallery, UCC on winning the European Art Museum 2022 Award.
- Karen Fitzgerald, Paul Moynihan, Ardmhéara Deirdre Forde, and the Corporate Affairs team on the civic reception for the Collins Family held at Cork public museum.
- Daniel Breen on the civic reception for the Collins Family held at Cork public museum.
- Liam Ó Murchú on retiring from St. Francis College, Rochestown after 44 years.
- Tom Kenefick on the centenary of the death of his father Captain Timothy Kenefick recognising his dedication to the Republic during the Irish Civil War.
- Caitríona Twomey on her work with Cork City Missing Persons Search and Recovery organising an event marking World Suicide Prevention Day.
- Lauren Crinnion on winning the European boxing silver medal.
- Louise Brady on becoming MMA World champion.
- Trevor Healy on his success at the Taekwon-Do World Championship.
- Aideen Mullins on becoming double MMA/WTKA European champion.
- Scoil Oileabhéir on their podcast on Cork republican silver.
- Comhairleoir Garret Kelleher on the success of the centenary commemoration at Béal na Bláth.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

None Received.

3.1 **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

In accordance with Standing Orders, An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle of her resignation from the following Committees:-

- Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee
- Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee
- Sports Committee
- Climate Action Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle approved the appointment of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher to the above committees.

In accordance with Standing Orders, An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle of her resignation from the following Committees:-

- Cork Area Strategic Plan Committee (CASP)
- Joint Cork City Council/Cork County Council Committee
- Arts Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the appointment of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy to the Cork Area Strategic Plan Committee (CASP) and the Joint Cork City Council/Cork County Council Committee, and further approved the appointment of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald to the Arts Committee.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

None received.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 11th July 2022.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 4th August 2022.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **DRAFT CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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

Can the CE outline the City Council position regarding recent remarks by the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) regarding the Draft City Development Plan?

REPLY

Following adoption of the plan by Cork City Council at the meeting of 27th June, 2022 the Office of the Planning Regulator wrote to the Minister for Local Government and Planning recommending that the Minister would exercise his functions under Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in relation to 8 sites and

the preparation of a Joint Retail Strategy for the Cork Metropolitan Area with Cork County Council.

On 5th August, 2022, the Minister for Local Government and Planning wrote to Cork City Council with a draft direction relating to the recommendations made by the Office of the Planning Regulator. Cork City Council has completed a 2 week consultation process on this draft direction. The City Council is now reviewing the submissions made during the process and preparing a Chief Executive's Report to the Planning Regulator. On review of this, the Planning Regulator will make a recommendation to the Minister on whether or not to issue a direction to Cork City Council in relation to the plan.

For clarity, Cork City Development Plan 2022 – 2028 came into effect on 8th August, 2022 and is the statutory planning document for Cork City Council's administrative area, with the exception of these 8 sites.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic & Economic Development.

6.2 **FOOTPATHS IN CITY COUNCIL AREA**

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

1. Can you tell me the total length of footpaths in Cork City Council's area?
 - a) What is the expected lifespan of a footpath?
 - b) What programme of works do we have in place to address the degrading of footpaths within our responsibility?
 - c) What is the cost of planned footpath maintenance?
 - d) What would be the annual cost approximately to put a full planned maintenance programme in place?
 - e) Can Cork City Council ask other service users e.g. ESB/GAS/Internet etc. as part of their social responsibility that when they are working in an area & digging up roads & footpaths that they would replace the full section along that area (if it hasn't been done recently & needs upgrading), as opposed to just the section they are working on?

REPLY

1. There is approximately 1,750Km of footpath in the City.
 - a) The lifespan of a footpath is dependent on the materials it is constructed of, the number of utility services under it (which determine the number of road openings carried out on it) and the location and usage of the footpath (trucks parking on the footpath will greatly reduce its life).

A well-constructed concrete footpath which is not interfered with by any of the above can give service for up to 80 years.

A well-constructed asphalt footpath which is not interfered with by any of the above can give service for up to 40 years.

- b) An annual footpath renewal contract is awarded each year. The value of this is dependent on the budget allocation from own resources and over the past few years a grant from Irish Public Bodies Insurance. The Department of Transport do not fund footpath repairs. The National Transport Authority will provide funding for new and infill sections of footpath.

The allocation from own resources this year was €150,000.

- c) Concrete footpath renewals cost €140/square metre approximately. This rate is dependent on the area contracted – a better rate is achieved for larger areas. The rate is also dependent on the location.
- d) Assuming most of the footpaths in the city are concrete, must be replaced every 80 years and the rate for replacement is €140/square metre then the minimum cost of a fully funded footpath renewal programme would be approximately €6,125,000 per annum.
- e) Footpath reinstatements following road openings by utilities are governed by the Department of Transport, Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads – “the Purple Book”. Cork City Council has a well-established road opening licensing unit and inspects all reinstatements to ensure quality of works and compliance with the Purple Book. Utilities will not incur costs beyond what is required of the Purple Book and cannot be expected to resurface larger lengths of public footpath.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

6.3 **PARKING FINES**

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

Can the CE please advise on the number and monetary value of outstanding Parking Fines from January 2021 to date excluding recent current fines awaiting payment.

REPLY

For the period 1st Jan 2021 to 30th June a total of 56,199 fines were issued. Of the fines issued 92.5% were paid (i.e., 51,979), generating €2,584,117. At this time the unpaid fines for the period specified is 4,220 with a value of €329,315. In accordance with legislation, an individual may pay a fine within 56 days of the date of issue of the fines. Any unpaid fine after this period may be prosecuted in the District Court.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

6.4 **ROBOT TREES**

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

Can I ask the Director as to why the relevant information/data on effectiveness of the so-called “robot trees” is not available 12 months later as was promised when they were launched?

REPLY

Air pollution is a complex issue. Cork City Council is open to exploring new and innovative ways to tackle same. Given the complex nature of the issue, solutions to tackle air pollution need to be multi-faceted and tackle the issue for many different angles. It is also important that Cork City Council embraces and indeed trials new and emerging technologies in “live” testbed environments. We have a responsibility as a public service body to assist and further important research and trial innovative technologies that, going forward, could help combat air pollution. It is also essential to trial new and cutting edge technologies and to be innovative, given our important status as a SMART City and a technology cluster.

In August 2021 Cork City Council launched an Air Quality Strategy document. This document details short, medium and long term initiatives that will be delivered across the City with a view to improving air quality in Cork City. It lists specific actions that will be undertaken, when combined together will deliver meaningful results. Given the complexity of the causes of poor air quality there is no one single silver bullet action that will solve everything. Thus, the strategy is like a jigsaw, with each piece (action) adding to the delivery of the ultimate goal.

The Moss Walls project is part of Cork City Council’s continued efforts to improve the city’s air quality in the City by combatting fine dust, particle pollution as well as other pollution associated with traffic congestion. Fine dust consists of a complex mixture of tiny particles with a diameter of less than 10 micrometres, harmful to humans and is linked to lung and cardiovascular problems. The moss acts as a filter to ‘trap’ and ‘eat’ fine dust making it a sustainable and regenerative fine dust filter.

This project is associated with our ongoing efforts to ensure that sustainability is at the heart of the Council’s operations and future growth as witnessed by our pedestrianisation of 17 city centre streets, our biodiversity initiatives etc.. Cork City Council wants the Cork of the future to be built on the concept of quality of life, sustainability and resilience. The Moss Walls provide a site-specific solution to the challenge of air pollution and are one of a suite of actions in Cork’s Air Quality Strategy. Air pollution is a public health concern and Cork City Council is the first local authority in the country to progress such an Air Quality Strategy. The Moss Walls also act as an attractive piece of street furniture or meeting point (providing seating for up to 20 persons) and have been heavily used as such since their installation.

Upon their installation, a commitment was given that the impact of this innovative infrastructure would be evaluated and the results of same published. It was made clear at this time that a full 12 months of data needed to be captured in order to make this evaluation meaningful. The impact of the Moss Walls may differ from season to season e.g. cold, wet or dry conditions. Thus, without a full set of data i.e. 12 months, any evaluation would be meaningless and a waste of time. Now that the 12 month trial period has been completed, the raw data that has been gathered over the past 12 months needs to be processed, analysed and results/conclusions drawn from same. This process will take some time and is scheduled to take place during Q4 of 2022. It is therefore planned to include the evaluation of the impact of the Moss Walls in the Air Quality Annual Report which will be published in Q1 of 2023.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

6.5 **QUAY WALL AT SOUTH GATE BRIDGE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if the deteriorating quay wall at South Gate Bridge opposite Sullivans Quay can be defined as a dangerous structure under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 and will this Council be making use of this legislation to affect necessary reinstatement billing the owners of this quay wall accordingly?

REPLY

On the 27th August, Fire Crews attended an incident in relation to the Quay Walls at Citi Carpark, Sullivans Quay and South Gate Bridge to make safe the surrounding area adjacent to the bridge. Subsequently the area was inspected by Roads Operations and it was considered that there was no immediate danger, due to the localised collapse, for the footpaths and structure of the Bridge.

We can confirm, correspondence has been sent to the persons responsible for the privately owned lands where the collapse took place seeking urgent engagement and advising them that it is their responsibility to maintain this area.

We can further confirm that we will use all the applicable statutory powers available to the council to seek to address matters relating going forward.

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

6.6 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT PROGRAM 2022/2023**

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

Can the CE update on the 'Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program 2022/2023' & Apartment Deep Retrofit & if funding streams are in place to fully implement the schemes?

REPLY

The Apartment Deep Retrofit Program has been absorbed into the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program, with no distinction being made between apartments and other forms of accommodation.

During the life of the program 210 apartments were brought up to the B2 energy rating or the Cost Optimal Equivalent (B2/COE) as defined by the Building Regulations Part L – Conservation of Energy.

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program (EERP) is a thirty year program part funded by the DHLGH that aims to ensure that all of the social housing stock achieves the B2/COE energy rating. Any shortfall in funding will have to be met by Cork City Council.

Due to the time frames for project completion exceeding one year the project has been organised into phases. Currently there are four phases:

Phase one: 89 houses (under assessment and design) expected to be on site by year end

Phase two: 127 houses (under construction)

Phase three: 311 properties (under assessment and design)

Phase four: 300 houses (out to tender for consultancy services)

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

6.7 **ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND**

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

To ask the CE to provide details of schemes applied for through the “active travel fund”?

REPLY

As Members will be aware the National Transport Authority is the primary source of funding for sustainable transport schemes undertaken by Cork City Council. The funding for such schemes and the related programme of work across the City has expanded significantly in recent years. All sustainable transport schemes supported by the NTA include active travel improvements. Some of these are progressed as stand along improvement schemes and others are developed in conjunction with public transport and other improvements. There are a large number of schemes at various stages of development and delivery and the programme as confirmed earlier this year includes the following –

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Project Code	Project Name
CCC/15/0001	Sustainable Transport Surveys
CCC/17/0001	CC: McCurtain Street Public Transport Improvements
CCC/18/0001	Pedestrian Safety Improvements
CCC/18/0004	Harley Street Bridge (Mary Elmes Bridge)
CCC/19/0003	MID Improvements
CCC/19/0006	Ballyvolane Phase 2 - (Fox & Hound Junction)
CCC/19/0007	Cork South Quays Public Transport Improvements
CCC/19/0009	Grange Road Transport Corridor & Tramore Valley (N40 bridge)
CCC/19/0010	Ballybrack Valley Pedestrian & Cycle Track (Phase 4)
CCC/20/0001	Skehard Rd Phase 3
CCC/20/0006	Glanmire Cycle Way and pedestrian improvements
CCC/20/0007	Southern Orbital Route Selection
CCC/20/0009	Greenway Phase 2 (Mahon to Passage West)
CCC/20/0010	Clarkes Hill
CCC/20/0011	Urban Regen (Beamish & Crawford)
CCC/20/0013	Public Transport Asset Renewal
CCC/20/0014	Wayfinder Scheme
CCC/20/0016	Scheme Video Footage & Photography
CCC/20/0017	SCOOT Review and IT Development
CCC/20/0018	Curraheen Pedestrian and Cycleway upgrade
CCC/20/0020	Northern Distributor Road Route Selection
CCC/19/0001	Greenway - Phase1 (Mahon to Marina)
CCC/20/0022	Lehenaghmore Road
CCC/20/0023	Half Moon Lane Improvement Scheme
CCC/20/0025	Upgrade of Dunkettle Road Ph 1
CCC/21/0001	Western Road Improvements
CCC/21/0002	Melbourne Rd and Donovans Rd to Glasheen Cycle lanes
CCC/21/0003	Victoria Rd to Mc Swiney Quay Cycle lane
CCC/21/0004	South Mall Cycle Lane
CCC/21/0005	Marina Promenade Pedestrian and Cycle facilities
CCC/21/0006	Coach Hill Pedestrian Improvement Works
CCC/21/0007	Lee to Sea Cycle Route Study
CCC/21/0008	Viaduct to City Cycle Route Phase 1 (Viaduct to Kinsale Road)
CCC/21/0010	Docklands Junctions
CCC/21/0012	Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Ph 1 - Village to Dunkettle roundabout)
CCC/21/0013	Upgrade Airport Rd Cycle lane
CCC/21/0014	Mary St, Douglas Street & White Street Upgrades
CCC/21/0015	City Centre Street Pedestrianisation Upgrades (Princes St, Cook & St Marlboro St)
CCC/21/0016	Blarney Village Cycle Route
CCC/21/0017	Mayfield to Glen Cycle Route
CCC/21/0018	Ballincollig to City Cycle Route (Classes Lake to Carrigrohane)
CCC/21/0019	Knapp's Square Cycle /Pedestrian Upgrade
CCC/20/0015	Donnybrook Hill Pedestrian Upgrades
CCC/21/0020	Douglas to Grange Bridge
CCC/21/0022	Kilcully & Upper Glanmire Pedestrian Improvement Scheme
CCC/21/0023	Curragh Road Junction Upgrade

CCC/21/0024	Ringmahon Road Cycle Infrastructure
CCC/21/0025	Automatic Bollards
CCC/21/0026	Cycle Detection at signalised Junctions
CCC/21/0027	Automatic Cycle Lane Counting/Usage Monitoring System
CCC/21/0028	Active Travel - Multi Intervention & Pedestrian Crossings
CCC/21/0029	Additional Bike Parking Infrastructure
CCC/21/0030	Driver Advisory Signage
CCC/21/0032	New and Improved Walking Infrastructure linking Communities to Facilities/Services/Public Transport
CCC/21/0034	Safe to Schools Programme
CCC/21/0035	South Douglas Road (Junction Improvement Scheme)
CCC/21/0038	Banduff Road Upgrade
CCC/21/0039	Kerry Pike Pedstrian Improvements
CCC/21/0040	Monahan's Road Extension
CCC/22/xxx	South Docklands Sustainable Transport Infrastructure
CCC/22/xxx	Horgan's (New) Road
CCC/22/xxx	Dunkettle Rd Ph 2 Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Curaheen Road Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Ballincollig UAE transport corridor
CCC/22/xxx	Maglin Greenway Ph 1
CCC/22/xxx	Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Ph 2 - Dunkettle to City)
CCC/22/xxx	Sarsfield Rd to MTU Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Sarsfield Rd to Clashduv Rd Cycle Link
CCC/22/xxx	Wellington Rd Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Bessboro to Mahon -Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Kinsale Rd to Tramore Valley Park - Pedestrian and Cycle
CCC/22/xxx	Shanakiel/Strawberry Hill Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Rochestown Rd to Douglas Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Bus Stop Enabling Works
CCC/22/xxx	Model Farm Road Bridge - Cycle and Pedestrian Crossing
CCC/22/xxx	Cork City Council - Rapid Deployment Active Travel Measures
CCC/22/xxx	Cork City Council Active Travel Office - Staff Costs

In addition to the foregoing NTA support has more recently been provided for the development and delivery of active travel projects at Leo Murphy Rd, Innismore, Coolroe Meadows, Tory Top Rd, Maryborough Woods and pedestrian improvement works at various locations across the City.

It is anticipated that further proposals will be developed in the coming months and Members will be kept updated of the development of new proposals and on the progress of existing schemes.

Gerry O'Beirne,
 Director of Services,
 Infrastructure Development.

6.8 QUAY WALL AT SOUTH GATE 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 and progress report on the resolution of the collapsed car park quay wall at South Gate Bridge?

REPLY

On the 27th August, Fire Crews attended an incident in relation to the Quay Walls at Citi Carpark, Sullivans Quay and South Gate Bridge to make safe the surrounding area adjacent to the bridge. Subsequently the area was inspected by Roads Operations and it was considered that there was no immediate danger, due to the localised collapse, for the footpaths and structure of the Bridge.

We can confirm, correspondence has been sent to the persons responsible for the privately owned lands where the collapse took place seeking urgent engagement and advising them that it is their responsibility to maintain this area.

We can further confirm that we will use all the applicable statutory powers available to the council to seek to address matters relating going forward.

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

6.9 **ENERGY POVERTY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what measures the council is taking to assist those experiencing energy poverty this winter and whether there are plans to request funding from central government for low-cost temporary home insulation measures in addition to existing retrofitting funding.

REPLY

Between 2014 and 2021 Cork City Council with funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH) (and as part of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding Stream – the shift towards a low carbon economy) embarked on a campaign to improve the energy efficiency of the housing stock. The programme took three approaches

- a. The installation of low-cost measures – attic insulation, cavity wall insulation and draught proofing of windows – c. 6300 properties improved
- b. The upgrading of the energy efficiency of the vacant social housing stock – central heating installations/upgrades, windows and door, attic insulation, cavity wall insulation – c. 1100 properties improved
- c. Deep Retrofit of Apartments – as per a and b above but also including solar panels installation, heat pumps, triple glazed windows, and external wall insulation – 210 units improved

In tandem with the above works between 2012 and 2018 Cork City Council participated in several SEAI Better Energy Community Schemes which saw additional improvements made to the housing stock either to bring them to the B2 energy standard or COE – utilising both the ERDF/DHLGH funding, SEAI funding and funding from Cork City Council. Approximately 400 homes benefitted from this collaboration.

Since 2021, Cork City Council has been participating in the DHLGH - EERP scheme to ensure that all of its social housing stock achieves the B2/COE energy rating as defined by the Building Regulations Part L – Conservation of energy in buildings. The target is to ensure that twenty-five per cent of the stock achieves the standard by 2030 and the remaining properties achieve the standard by 2050. Currently one hundred and twenty-seven properties have works ongoing to bring their energy rating up to the B2/COE energy rating. A further 400 properties are under assessment for inclusion in the programme and the design of works to bring them up to the desired B2/COE energy rating. Tenders have been issued to procure consultants to assess and design works to improve the energy efficiency of a further 300 properties.

The Council will continue to work with the DHLGH should additional funding and/or energy improvement schemes be provided in the short term.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

6.10 **BUTTER EXCHANGE BAND**

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

To ask the CE re Cork City Councils plans for further engagement with the Butter Exchange Band to find suitable accommodation for the Band's needs?

REPLY

Arrangements will be made for an engagement with the Butter Exchange Band in relation to their accommodation needs.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

6.11 **BIODIVERSITY OFFICER**

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 status of hiring a Biodiversity Officer by Cork City Council, the scope of the role, and if they will work with residents and residents groups on biodiversity issues affecting private, community and public areas?

REPLY

The appointment of a Biodiversity Officer is actively being progressed at present and will be advertised towards the end of Q3 2022.

The Biodiversity Officer will play a pivotal role in the ongoing review and implementation of the *City Heritage and Biodiversity Action Plan (2022 – 2026)*. The role involves activation of local communities and raising awareness of biodiversity in Cork City and requires an ability to engage with the public work as part of a team within Cork City Council.

The scope of the role will include the following.

1. To promote, manage and co-ordinate biodiversity and biodiversity related activities in the city.
2. Facilitate and manage the preparation and implementation of a City Biodiversity Plan.
3. Assist council departments in integrating Biodiversity into their actions and policies.
4. Provide advice to resident and community groups on biodiversity matters.
5. To assess planning applications which might have a particular impact on biodiversity.
6. Liaise with stakeholders, non-governmental organisations, official bodies, and the public on biodiversity matters.
7. Raise awareness of biodiversity and issues affecting biodiversity in the city with a broad range of voluntary groups, schools, colleges, sports clubs, and business establishments.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

6.12 **BIKE PARKING**

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

Can the CE outline when indoor secure bike parking will be provided by Cork City Council within the city boundary?

REPLY

Cork City Council had previously installed indoor bicycle parking in North Main Street shopping centre. When the Shopping Centre became a vaccination centre, the bicycle parking had to be removed, since then Cork City Council has been exploring alternative locations to reinstall indoor bicycle parking.

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

6.13 **HAP PROPERTIES**

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

The number of HAP properties that have been inspected since outsourcing of same, and a breakdown of how many properties pass or fail to meet required standards?

REPLY

The number of HAP properties that have been inspected since outsourcing began, Q4 2021 to Q2 2022 is 3,018, with approximately 92% of these failing to meet required standards on first inspection.

The main reasons for failing inspection are; Regulation 10 – Fire Safety (smoke alarms & fire blanket); Regulation 12 – Gas, Oil, Electricity (Oil/Gas Boiler to be serviced yearly), where necessary PIR (Periodic Inspection Report); Regulation 8 – Ventilation (Mechanical Extractor Fan in Bathroom, Wall & Window Ventilation). The failure rate into second inspections drops to approx. 80% and to 34% for third inspections.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **GLANMIRE TO CITY CYCLE ROUTE (PHASE 1) – PART 8 PLANNING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Phase 1) 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).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Phase 1) Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Phase 1) Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 12th September 2022.”

7.2 **MARINA PARK PHASE 2 – PART 8 PLANNING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed Marina Park Phase 2 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).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Marina Park Phase 2 Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Marina Park Phase 2 Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 12th September 2022.”

7.3 **MARINA PROMENADE – PART 8 PLANNING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed Marina Promenade 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).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Marina Promenade Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Marina Promenade Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 12th September 2022.”

7.4 **N27 KINSALE ROAD (AIRPORT HILL) PHASE 2 PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE SCHEME - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 7th September 2022, following public consultation, on the proposed N27 Kinsale Road (Airport Hill) Phase 2 Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.5 **ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES AT INNISMORE, BALLINCOLLIG - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cauty, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 7th September 2022, following public consultation, on the proposed Active Travel Improvement Works at Innishmore, Ballincollig pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.6 **ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES AT MARYBOROUGH WOODS, DOUGLAS - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. R. Desmond, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 7th September 2022, following public consultation, on the proposed Active Travel Improvement Works at Maryborough Woods, Douglas pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.7 **ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES AT LEO MURPHY ROAD, BALLINCOLLIG – SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

An Chomhairle considered the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 7th September 2022, following public consultation, on the proposed Active Travel Measures at Leo Murphy Road, Ballincollig pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

An Chomhairle further agreed to defer the item for consideration at the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 10th October 2022.

7.8 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 1st September 2022 on the following property disposal:-

1. Disposal of land located at Newton Heights, Boherboy Road, Cork comprising of three plots of land (approximately 228m², 228m² & 275m² respectively), to Lyonshall Ltd and Clancy Project Management Ltd in equal shares as tenants in common c/o, Niall Daly , BDM Boylan, Clarkes Bridge House, Hanover Street, Cork for the sum of €295,200.00 (inclusively of VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7.9 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT FARRANFERRIS, CORK**

In accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Farranferris, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 8th September 2022.

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Farranferris, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Farranferris, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 12th September 2022.”

7.10 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT BALLINCROKIG, BALLYHOOLY ROAD, BALLYVOLANE, CORK**

In accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Ballincroking, Ballyhooly Road, Ballyvolane, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 8th September 2022.

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

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Ballincroking, Ballyhooly Road, Ballyvolane, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Ballincroking, Ballyhooly Road, Ballyvolane, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 12th September 2022.”

7.11 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT KINSALE ROAD, CORK**

In accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Kinsale Road, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 8th September 2022.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Kinsale Road, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at Kinsale Road, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 12th September 2022.”

An Chomhairle further noted Comhairleoir D. Boyle’s declaration of interest as a member of the board of the Irish Council for Social Housing.

8. **CORK HEALTHY CITIES STEERING GROUP**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle agreed that a request would be made to increase Cork City Councils representation on the Cork Healthy Cities Steering Group from one to three instead of from one to two, and further agreed to defer the matter for consideration at the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 10th October 2022.

9. **SPC CHAIRS**

9.1 **STRATEGIC, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE, AND PLANNING SPC**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon advised An Chomhairle of the resignation of Comhairleoir S. Martin as Chair of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise, and Planning SPC.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan to replace Comhairleoir S. Martin as Chair of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning SPC.

9.2 **HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon advised An Chomhairle of his resignation as Chair of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

On the Proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald was nominated to replace Comhairleoir T. Shannon as the Chair of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

On the Proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, Comhairleoir M. Nugent was nominated to replace Comhairleoir T. Shannon as the Chair of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR COMHAIRLEOIR T. FITZGERALD

Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde, D. Boyle, S. O’Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher. (16)

FOR COMHAIRLEOIR M. NUGENT

Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, T. Tynan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, F. Kerins, T. Moloney, E. Ryng. (9)

ABSTAIN

Comhairleoir J. Maher. (1)

As those voting for Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald were greater than those voting for Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald appointed to replace Comhairleoir T. Shannon as Chair of the Housing SPC

10. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 5th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 5th September 2022.

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 13th JULY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its special meeting held, 13th July 2022.

12. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 12th JULY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 12th July 2022.

13. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 5th September 2022.

13.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

13.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF JULY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to the end of July 2022.

14. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 6th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle to considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 6th September 2022.

15. **CENTENARY COMMEMORATION 2019-2023 STEERING COMMITTEE – 8th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee from its meeting held, 8th September 2022.

15.1 **MOTION REFERRED FROM AN CHOMHAIRLE**

15.1.1 **STATUE OF MICHAEL COLLINS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council facilitate the installation of a statute of Michael Collins in Cork City Centre to commemorate the centenary of his death and in recognition of his contribution to the struggle for Irish independence and the establishment of an independent, democratic, Irish State.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 22/317)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Boyle, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng. (22)

AGAINST: Comhairleoir F. Ryan. (1)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir L. Bogue. (1)

As those voting in favour of the motion were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the motion approved.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

An tArdmhéara vacated the chair at 8pm and An Leas Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Boylan took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8pm.

16. **SPORTS COMMITTEE – 31st AUGUST 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of the Sports Committee from its meeting held, 31st August 2022.

16.1 **SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS ALLOCATION FOR 2022**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Sports Capital Allocation Grant Scheme 2022.

17. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 6th JULY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 6th July 2022.

18. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 13th JULY 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 13th July 2022.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

20. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries of conferences/seminars attended as follows:-

- Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the AILG module 2 training, Climate Action - Roll of Local Government held at Treacy's West Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare on the 12th May 2022.
- Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the AILG module 3 training, Finalising Local Development Plans held at the Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny on the 18th June 2022.
- Comhairleoir D. Boyle at the AILG module 4 training, Audit Committees and Governance and Oversight Role of Elected Members held at the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Co. Tipperary on the 28th July 2022.

21. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

None received.

22. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

22.1 **EU REGIONS WEEK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir L. Bogue at the EU Regions Week in Brussels in October 2022.

23. **TRAINING**

None received.

23.1 **AILG TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. Kelleher at the AILG Autumn Seminar to be held in Trim, Co. Meath, 14th – 15th September 2022.

23.2 **AILG TRAINING**

An Chomhairle retrospectively approved the attendance of Comhairleoir G. Kelleher at the AILG training module, Local Authority Audit Committees and the Governance Oversight Role of Elected Members, held at the Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, 23rd July 2022.

24. **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.

An Chomhairle agreed that motion 37, Install Solar Panels on Council Buildings be referred to the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee instead of the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

An Chomhairle further agreed that motion 39, Indoor Bicycle Parking be referred to the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee instead of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee.

25. **MOTIONS**

25.1 **PROSPECTING LICENCES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council writes to the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to ask that in light of the climate emergency declared by Cork City Council in 2019, that they refrain from issuing any further prospecting licences for mining. In this letter the Council shall express solidarity with campaigns against goldmining in the Sperrin mountains, Co Tyrone and in Counties Leitrim and Donegal where the Government and Minister addressed is issuing prospecting licenses against the democratic will of Leitrim County Council and through this act is actively detrimental to both of these shared environmental struggles.

A copy of this letter shall be sent in solidarity to Leitrim County council, Donegal County Council, Derry City & Strabane Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Mid Ulster District Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 22/377)

25.2 **PUBLIC MEETINGS ON BUS CONNECTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the NTA to hold more public meetings across all wards in the City with regards the proposed Bus Connects plans and allow a greater number of residents representatives to attend.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/390)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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