

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J.G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. C. O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. E. Walsh, A/ Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. J. Hallahan, A/ Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Ms. R. Buckley, Head of Information Systems.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.1 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- The Collins Family on the death of Lil Collins.
- The Ryan Family on the death of Jean Ryan.
- The Hayes Family on the death of Noreen Hayes.
- The Family of Garda Anthony Golden.
- The Family and Friends of the victims of the fire tragedy in Carrickmines, Dublin.
- The Monaher Family on the death of Don Monaher.

1.2 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/ BEST WISHES

- Mayfield Intermediate Footballers on winning their semi-final –v- Kanturk to secure a place in the final of the Intermediate Football Championship against Fermoy.

- The people of Catalonia, Spain on the result of their regional elections indicating support for self determination.
- Glen Rovers Hurling Club on winning Cork County Senior Hurling Final.
- The Irish Soccer team on reaching the play offs to qualify for the European Championships.
- The Irish Rugby team on reaching the quarter final of the Rugby World Cup.
- Katie O'Donoghue of the Property Section on the birth of her baby boy.
- St. Lukes Home on the successful fundraiser.
- Irish Boxing Association on their success at the Irish Boxing World Championships.

1.3 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

1.3.1 **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the holding of the following Civic Reception:-

- Glen Rovers, County Senior Hurling Champions 2015.

1.3.2 **SHANGHAI 10th ANNIVERSARY OF TWINNING WITH CORK CITY**

An tArd-Mhéara outlined to An Chomhairle that he would be travelling to Shanghai to mark the 10th Anniversary of the twinning with Cork City.

1.3.3 **MERGER OF CORK CITY COUNCIL WITH CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that SIPTU had indicated that it supported Cork City Council in opposing the merger of Cork City Council with Cork County Council.

1.3.4 **1916 COMMEMORATION LAUNCH**

An tArd-Mhéara indicated to An Chomhairle that he had attended the 2016 Commemoration launch in Dublin on Thursday 8th October 2015.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No Items raised under this heading.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Minutes of:-

- On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 28th September 2015.
- On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle to discuss the Local Adjustment Factor for the Local Property Tax held on the 29th September 2015.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE NRA AND THE CITY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO THE JUNCTION AT MAHON**

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

Can the Chief Executive set out the agreement reached between the NRA and the City Council in relation to the Junction at Mahon? Can the Manager clarify if the NRA are honouring the agreement?

REPLY

The Roads and Transportation Directorate is not aware of any unfulfilled commitment or undertaking on behalf of the NRA in relation to the Junction at Mahon. As members will be aware the development of lands in the area and the capacity of local infrastructure has been the subject of engagement between the authorities over the years with the Council seeking to support the appropriate development of lands and related infrastructure.

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

3.2 **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES**

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

How much funding is in place for window and door replacement?
How much funding is in place for the replacement of fascia and soffits in local authority houses?

REPLY

The funding available to the Housing Maintenance section only covers emergency replacement of windows, doors, fascias and soffits.

There is no dedicated funding or program of works in place at present for the replacement of windows, door, fascias and soffits on a planned or phased basis.

V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

3.3 **GREEN ENERGY INITIATIVES**

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

To ask the CE to outline what green energy initiatives have been undertaken by Cork City Council and whether plans similar to Dublin City Council i.e. to install solar panels on Council properties have been explored?

REPLY

The Council in its role as planning authority positively influences future development and encourages more sustainable developments through the City Development Plan.

Under S.I. No. 426 of 2014 Energy Services Directive, Cork City Council as a Public Sector body has an exemplar role to achieve 33% energy reduction targets by 2020. The Council reports progress on its energy usage to SEAI annually.

The Council is required to install renewable energy technologies for new buildings as part of the building regulations part L. In the Northwest Regeneration scheme, the Council has installed solar panels and mechanical extract ventilation units for example. In terms of our existing public buildings, the Council has installed renewable technologies in the past e.g Civic Offices, Lifetime Lab, Tory Top Library and we are examining other facilities like Tramore Valley Park dependant on funds being made available.

The Council recently completed the regeneration of the Glen Phase 2. This is high-density scheme within a suburban area, and consists of 58 No. dwellings and a community centre. The Space and water heating by means of a 500kW biomass district heating system (DHS). The development also has a 12kW solar photovoltaic panels (PV) (approx 50 panels) which partially provides renewable electricity to the community centre.

Cork City Council has implemented a number of green energy initiatives over the years. Examples are as follows:

Awareness

- Establishment our flagship environment awareness facility titled Lifetime Lab has proved to be a major success with approximately 16000 visitors per annum learning about environmental and sustainable best practice.
- Establishing an energy management steering group to target energy usage within the Council.
- ISO 140001 has been secured by Cork City Council's landfill site, Parks dept, and Civic amenity site. A further ISO 14001 will be issued to Lifetime Lab shortly.

Transport

- City Council has put in place a Park N'Ride facility diverting a substantial number of PCUs from the City Centre.
- Facilitating the provision of a "Go Car" initiative, Participants can use dedicated small engine vehicles for transportation around the City
- Improve facilities for cycles by providing dedicated cycle lanes around the City.
- Facilitating a Bike Share scheme
- Dedicated bus lanes have also been upgraded and expanded on an ongoing basis
- Piloting and promoting Electric vehicles within the City.

Procurement

- The majority of procurement documentation incorporates sustainability as an award criterion.

- 20 million kWh electricity have been competitively procured from green sources.
- Photocopiers, printers, PCs etc are procured on the basis of life cycle analysis and using environmental friendly products

Energy Use Emissions

- Reactivation of electricity generation installation at the Tramore Valley Park which will provide 3 million kilowatt hours of energy over the next four years.
- Procuring Electricity from renewable sources.
- All new public buildings have Building Energy Management Systems (BEMS) in place. This is complying with the European Buildings Directive (SI 666)
- Cork City Council has facilitated retrofitting cavity wall insulation to approximately 10% of the City council housing and is progressively raising BER rating of its stock to C1.
- Provision of natural gas operated Combined Heat and Power plant to provide Heat and Electricity to Leisure and Pool Complex at Bishopstown, Cork.
- Provision of heat to a Leisure Complex at Churchfield using geothermal heatpumps to abstract heat from the ground.
- Provision of heat to the new Civic Offices adjoining City Hall using heat pumps to abstract heat from ground water.
- Provision of heat to Tory Top Library via heat pumps to abstract heat from ground

Eamonn Walsh
A/Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

3.4 **POLICY IS IN DEALING WITH KNOTWEED THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what Cork City Council’s policy is in dealing with knotweed throughout the city?

REPLY

Cork City Development Plan 2015 – 2021 sets out in Objective 10.12 – Alien Species “To implement measures to control and prevent the introduction and establishment of ecologically damaging alien invasive species (e.g. Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam).”

Under the above objective (also incorporated into the City Council’s Heritage Plan), the Council is planning to undertake a project, involving a citywide survey in 2016, to establish the locations of Japanese Knotweed within the city, both on public and private lands. A report on the findings of the survey will be prepared and include the mapped data, areas of high infestation and, identification of public and private lands. The report will recommend a timescale for control and implementation and, identify the resources required for same.

The project is scheduled to commence in February 2016 with a completion date of October 2016.

The Parks Division has, in recent years, has successfully treated infestations on a number of Council amenity areas (e.g. Blackrock Harbour, Banks of the Lee Walkway) and will continue to target the more sensitive amenity areas as resources allow.

Various control methods have been piloted and involved engaging Parks staff and specialist contractors.

Control and treatment on private lands is the responsibility of the landowner.

Eamonn Walsh,
A/Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

3.5 **CURRENT STATUS ON REPAIR AND WORKS PROPOSED AT THE MEADOWS, KNOCKNACULLEN**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to inform me of the discussions with NAMA and the liquidator regarding current status of the repairs and works proposed at The Meadows, Knocknacullen and to give a timeframe for these works to be completed?

REPLY

Licence agreements between AIB Bank, Cork City Council, Cork County Council, the receiver KPMG and the Liquidator for Knocknacullen Ltd have been finalised and will be signed this week.

Once the agreements have been signed, the Liquidator can then appoint the selected contractor to complete the agreed repairs and works to the development at The Meadows, Knocknacullen.

The City Council have requested a timeframe for the works to be completed and this will be provided on the appointment of the contractor. The members will be notified when the Council are in receipt of same.

V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

3.6 **TAKING IN CHARGE MARKET GARDENS, TOGHER ROAD**

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

Given the recent difficulties i.e. no lighting for a number of weeks in Market Gardens, Togher Road, can the CE tell me if it is planned to take this estate in charge and, if so, how long will this process take to complete?

REPLY

Cork City Council intend to take in charge the estate at Market Gardens, Togher Road. The taking in charge process is currently underway and should be concluded in the current year.

V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

3.7 **RENT REVIEW**

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

Can the CE inform the Council how many of our tenants have had their rent increased or decreased after the recent review of updated information provided from our tenants?

REPLY

The rent review is still in progress. 28% of households have had their rent reviewed by the end of September. The full review has yet to be implemented.

1,200 households have had their rent increased

452 households have had their rent decreased

V. O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Services.

3.8 **BOXING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

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

Can the CE provide a progress report on the proposed Boxing Centre of Excellence earmarked for Knocknaheeny Avenue?

REPLY

Members will be aware that Council has reserved a site at Knocknaheeny Avenue for the Cork County Boxing Board to facilitate a Regional Centre of Excellence for Boxing in Cork. It has also worked closely with the Association, managing the design and tender process for the project.

The Boxing Board, through the Irish Amateur Boxing Association, has a commitment of partial funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for the project. The City Council has made a submission to the Department of Environment Community and Local Government as part of the Cork North West Regeneration Plan for additional grant aid that would allow the project to proceed. A decision is awaited.

In the interim, the Council has agreed to support the establishment of a temporary Centre of Excellence at Churchfield. A suitable building was identified by the Boxing Board, that would provide elite training for Cork boxers, in addition to facilitating weekly tournaments etc. The building has been leased and the Centre is now in use. This should have a significant impact for Cork boxing clubs.

Eamonn Walsh,
A/ Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation

3.9 **MAINTENANCE, REPAIR WORKS AND UPGRADING WITHIN LOUGHMAHON PARK**

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

Can the CE please provide a comprehensive breakdown of all monies spent on maintenance, repair works and upgrading within Loughmahon Park in the last 5 years?

REPLY

Capital expenditure on the development of Loughmahon Park during the period 2002 to 2010 was approximately €700,000. This involved land acquisition, drainage, provision of perimeter railings, public lighting, paths, seating, bins, playground, MUGA, general landscaping and tree planting.

Maintenance at Lough Mahon Park involves the following :

- Playground inspections, maintenance and repairs - Daily
- Litter Collection and disposal - Daily
- Grass mowing - 10 – 12 day cycle
- Tree pruning - as required
- Open/close park - Daily (365 days)

Emergency repairs to playground equipment, fixtures and fittings, are carried out immediately including repairs to perimeter railings.

Annual cost to open/close park (including weekends and bank holidays) is €25,000.

All other expenditure in regard to the individual maintenance operations listed above are financed from the Parks South East maintenance budget of €650,000. These operations are

included in the maintenance schedule for the area rather than treated as a separate entity and cost centre.

Eamonn Walsh
A/Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

3.10 **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan was deferred.

Can the CE please advise what, if any, discounts have been granted to Cork Chamber of Commerce in respect of its hiring of both the City Hall and the Millennium Hall for the Chambers Annual Party. For the years 2010 to 2015 incl, can the CE set out the gross charge, discount granted and the net payment made by the Chamber of Commerce. Finally, can the CE please ensure that no further discounts be granted forthwith, as the Chamber is already very well funded?

4. **CORK CITY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK**

An Chomhairle considered the following PPN Representatives on Cork City Council's SPC's:-

Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the following PPN Representative on the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

Koch, Stephan – Cork Cycling Campaign

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved the following PPN Representative on the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee.

MacCuirc, Eoin - Cork Simon Community

Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the following PPN Representative on the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee.

O'Farrell, Derry – Nash's Boreen Resident's Association

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle approved the following PPN Representative on the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee.

Roche, David – Cork Gay Community Development Project

5. **PARTY WHIPS – 5th OCTOBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held on the 5th October 2015.

5.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An tArd-Mhéara advised that in accordance with the terms of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, a Resolution of Council is required to allow the Chief Executive’s Monthly Performance Management Report to be presented on the second Monday of each month.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“It is hereby resolved that, pursuant to Section 136 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Chief Executive shall prepare a management report for the preceding calendar month and furnish a copy of said management report to each member of the Local Authority on or before the second council meeting of each month.”

6. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 28th SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee, from its meeting held on 28th September 2015.

6.1 **AMENDMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATION SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 22nd September, 2015 on the proposed amendments to the City Council Allocation Scheme in accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009.

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services and the adoption of the Amended Draft Allocation Scheme as attached.

The report of the Director of Services outlined that Choice Based Letting is provided for in Sections 6-11 of the Social Housing Allocation Regulations 2011 and recommended in the government’s Social Housing Strategy 2020. Choice Based Letting is an allocation process that will afford more choice to applicants for Social Housing. Choice Based Letting is the advertisement of bid dwellings by Housing Authorities that allows qualified social housing support applicants to express an interest in that property.

The report stated that an amendment to the City Council's Allocation Scheme to implement Choice Based Letting is required and a copy of the amended draft Scheme was circulated to Members.

The report also stated that a copy of the amended draft Allocations Scheme had been sent to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government who has the power to direct the amendment of the scheme whether in draft or adopted.

User Acceptance Testing is at present being undertaken with the developer on the Choice Based Letting Scheme. The Scheme will be rolled out from the end of October 2015.

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

6.2 **CORK CITY COUNCIL SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME 2015 - 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 22nd September, 2015 on the Cork City Council Social Housing Programme 2015 – 2017.

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council had examined the procurement of innovative solutions to meet its targets under the Social Housing Strategy 2020 and in particular the first phase of the strategy 2015 – 2017. The report advised that a contract notice had been placed on the e-tenders website and the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) on the 17th September.

The report further stated that the Council, through a Competitive Dialogue Procedure based on EU procurement rules pursuant to EU Directive 2004/18/EC, wishes to identify suitable candidates to deliver part of its social housing programme for Cork City. The procurement strategy proposed should make a positive contribution to the Social Housing Strategy 2020 and the procurement strategy outlined is intended to ensure 'Value for Money'. The dialogue will allow the Council to engage with interested candidates to identify and define the best means suited to meeting its requirements, in circumstances where the Council cannot make definite decisions at this early stage in the procurement and planning process, whether by means of solutions such as the:

- Provision of suitable sites, carrying out design and obtaining the appropriate planning permissions in partnership with Cork City Council
- Construction and completion of housing projects ready for occupation by residents under a parallel site acquisition and development agreement with the Council
- Completion and transfer of suitable existing unfinished schemes
- Construction of additional units in existing housing schemes

The report also stated that as a number of different solutions might be suitable, this integrated planning and procurement process is divided into a number of categories, referred to as "lots" of housing units. Interested parties can indicate which lot or lots are of interest to them. They may apply for one or any combination of lots. At this stage, the lots are indicative only and may be adjusted during the competitive dialogue phase. Provision is being made in the dialogue phase to novate (transfer) any development contract after tender and planning consent stage to third parties (i.e. an Approved Housing Body or other party as the Council may deem appropriate) at that stage in order that targets can be achieved across the different programmes under the Social Housing Strategy.

7. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 28th SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held on 28th September 2015.

7.1 **VARIATION NO 1 TO CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015 – 2021**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services on Variation No 1 to Cork City Development Plan 2015 – 2021.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, a vote was called for on the following Resolution:-

“Having considered proposed Variation No.1 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 and the Chief Executive’s report on the public consultation, dated 23rd September 2015, and having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of Cork City Council as local authority and any relevant policies and objectives of the Government or Ministers of the Government, it is hereby resolved to make Variation No.1 to the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021.”

where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, N. O’ Keeffe, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican. (19)

As there were no Members voting against the proposed Variation No.1 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 , An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Resolution adopted.

7.2 **TO CONSIDER REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE, ON THE FOLLOWING MOTION WHICH WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE:**

7.2.1 **SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 23rd September 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council proposes the development of a “Shop Front Improvement Scheme” to improve the overall appearance of shop fronts and commercial properties that front onto public streets within the Blackpool North, Blackpool Village, Shandon and surrounding areas and North Main Street’.

(Proposer: Cllr K. O’Flynn 15/251)

The City Council has run painting grant schemes and architectural conservation area grant schemes that have benefitted shops and commercial properties as well as residences in each of those areas for one or more of the last 5 years, (apart from Blackpool North). It is hoped to run similar schemes in 2016. The areas identified in the motion along with other areas, will be considered for inclusion in the recommended schemes. Proposals for grant schemes for 2016 will be brought to the next meeting of the SPC for their consideration.

8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th OCTOBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 5th October 2015.

8.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

8.2 **REPORT OF LORD MAYOR ON RECENT VISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO**

An Chomhairle noted the verbal report on the U.S. Mayor’s Conference, San Francisco-June 2015.

8.2.1 **ENHANCING TWINNING ARRANGEMENTS WITH COLOGNE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of the Director of Services dated 5th October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork and Cologne explore new ways of enhancing our twinning arrangement following the decision of Aer Lingus to commence direct flights from Cork to Dusseldorf in 2016.

N.B. Dusseldorf is just 25 miles from Cologne’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 15/232)

The report of the Director of Services stated that TEAM has already broached this idea with Cologne in anticipation of this welcome development. We will shortly be meeting with Cork Airport and Aer Lingus to discuss marketing the air route and we also intend to develop a reciprocal marketing campaign with Dusseldorf/Cologne along the lines of that recently agreed with Bordeaux.

8.3 **DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEME 2015 – 2016**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 5th October, 2015 on the Development Contributions Scheme 2015 – 2016.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, N. O'Keefe, S. O'Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican. (20)

As there were no Members voting against the Development Contribution Scheme 2015-2016, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report approved.

8.4 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 1st October, 2015 on Housing Estates from 1st January 2015 to 31st August, 2015.

8.5 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 1st October, 2015 on Planning Statistics from 1st January 2015 to 31st August, 2015.

8.6 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 1st October, 2015 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January 2015 to 31st August, 2015.

8.7 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT CURRENT APPLICATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 1st October, 2015 on significant proposed developments.

8.8 **DERELICT SITES REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 1st October, 2015 on the Derelict Sites Report.

8.9 **MOTIONS**

8.9.1 **AUDIT OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES OF HISTORIC INTEREST IN THE TOGHER AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council conduct an audit of buildings and structures of historic interest in the Togher area with a view to identifying any such buildings and structures that warrant preservation, reconstruction or renovation and that this audit be conducted utilising the resources of the existing historical societies and community organisations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 15/260)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Togher Historical Society has identified a number of structures that they consider are of historic interest and should be considered for inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures. The majority of Togher is outside of the City Council's jurisdiction and consequently most of the structures identified (where locations are known) are in the Cork County Council area. This includes: Chetwynd Viaduct; Chetwynd House; Phillipine House; Togher Lodge; old cottage and wall by Togher Cross; remaining wall of Lehenaghmore House and entrance gates at Palmbury; Doughcloyne House; Togher Community Centre, and water pumps at Doughcloyne and Spur Cross. I understand they have already liaised with Cork County Council in relation to these structures.

The structures identified which are within the city (bridge by Deanrock Estate and grotto at Deanrock) and any others that come to light in subsequent surveys, will be reviewed in liaison with Togher Historical Society. If the structures are considered to be eligible for inclusion on the Record of Protected Structures then a report will be brought back to the next meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting to beyond 8.00 p.m.

9. ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5TH OCTOBER 2015

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 5th October 2015.

9.1. TRAMORE VALLEY PARK AND MARINA PARK PROJECTS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That updates and development timelines be given (including expected opening dates) on the Tramore Valley Park and Marina Park projects.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/172)

Marina Park

The Tender for the demolition of the derelict showground buildings is scheduled to be advertised on etenders in November, 2015 with works expected to commence February, 2016.

Preparation of the detail design, specifications and tender documents for construction/implementation will be completed in March 2016. The estimated cost of Phase 1 (Area A) is €6million, various options to finance the project are presently being explored including identifying the availability of National and European grants. Tenders will be issued when the necessary funds are in place.

The redeveloped Pairc Ui Chaoimh Stadium is scheduled to open in March/April 2018, the intention is to dovetail the completion of the park with the stadium should the necessary finances for the park be secured.

Tramore Valley Park

Works to address Health and Safety issues to minimise risk to future park users are ongoing and will continue to the end of the year.

Various management and maintenance systems/operations are being examined at present. The objective is to maximise use and opportunities within the park in the most cost efficient manner and in line with available resources. In the meantime the pitch and the BMX Track are in use on Saturday mornings and a free 5k timed Park-run is held each Saturday morning from last week.

It is anticipated the Park will open in the first half of 2016

9.2 **MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR TERENCE MCSWINEY SPORTS HALL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will put in place a Management Board to administer the Terence MacSwiney Sports Hall in Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/190)

The report stated that the James Kenneally Sports Hall located on the grounds of the Terence McSwiney College is owned by Cork City Council and managed on its behalf by Cork ETB. Following the recent refurbishment works, a number of options are being explored to maximise the full potential of the facility, and a further report will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

9.3 **RULES AND TIMES FOR LEAVING WHEELIE BINS OUTSIDE THEIR PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Litter Enforcement Section of Cork City Council undertakes to remind householders about the rules and times for leaving wheelie bins outside their properties and comes up with a means of enforcing same on an ongoing basis around the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 15/197)

The report stated that Sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Cork Corporation (Presentation of Waste in Wheel Bins) Bye Laws, 2000 outline the times that wheelbins shall be presented for collection.

These Bye Laws are currently being reviewed to take account of the recently introduced Household Food Waste Regulations.

In the meantime members of the public who have queries will be advised of the existing bye laws and any complaints received will be investigated.

9.4 **BIN COLLECTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Noting that the law requiring the segregation of waste at source and the requirement by householders to make use of the brown collection bins for waste food disposal, has created a possible health hazard by virtue of the fact that householders are having to cope with maggot infestation, resulting in many cases in thousands of maggots breeding in those bins during the two weeks period between collections, that the City Council take any steps necessary to ensure that the bins are collected on a weekly basis, particularly during the summer months. I acknowledge that this is now a privatised service but Cork City Council needs to recognise the health hazard associated with this problem and make representations to the companies involved.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 15/213)

The report stated that European Union (Household Food Waste and Bio- Waste) regulations 2013 were signed by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 21st February 2013. These regulations require the segregation and collection of food waste separate from residual waste.

The collection of waste, including food waste, is arranged between an individual householder and a private waste company. This agreement includes cost and collection dates.

Cork City Council can make representations to the private waste companies to collect food waste on a weekly basis. If any of the waste collection companies are in a position to provide this level of service any additional costs will have to be paid for by the customer.

Alternatively, a householder who wishes to dispose of food waste at a greater frequency than exists at present, may bring their separated food waste to The Civic Amenity Site, Kinsale Road and pay the appropriate fee of €2.

9.5 **INSTALL SIGNS IN PUBLIC AREAS, PARKS & WALKWAYS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would design & install signs in public areas, parks & walkways clearly stating that 'Dogs should be kept on a leash.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/204)

The report stated that existing signs including those relating to the control of dogs are being reviewed at present with a view to upgrading same and adding additional ones where appropriate. Locations for signs will be prioritised in line with available resources.

9.6 **DEVELOP A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR WORKING PROTOCOLS WITH UTILITY COMPANIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would develop a memorandum of understanding or working protocols with utility companies that perform directly or indirectly through contract cutting, felling or pruning of trees to ensure that where works are carried out they are done in a supervised and planned manner and which also creates efficient use of resources. (In reply the City Council might also list the number of companies that currently undertake such works (directly or indirectly) the terms of licences required, the quantity of work undertaken in 2014 & 2015, the monitoring and review of the quality of works undertaken and they would also identify any remedial works required subsequently by City Council.)’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/206)

The report stated that Electricity providers have the powers to prune back tree branches up to a distance of three metres from power cables for Health and Safety reasons.

Prior to the embargo on public sector recruitment, the council pruned all trees adjacent to power cables as part of the tree maintenance programme in the city. However, this work has now reverted to the utility provider as the council’s Tree Section has been reduced from two crews to one and does not have the capacity to undertake this work.

The works are now undertaken by competent tree specialists on behalf of the utility companies, however, in some situations, the tree may look unsightly immediately following pruning depending on the position of the tree and the need to provide an acceptable safety clearance between the cable and the tree branches. In some instances we recommend removal rather than be left with a completely unsightly tree.

In regard to maintenance of underground services, there are procedures and protocols in place that are included in the conditions attached to way-leaves and road opening licences, these address issues in regard to excavations close to roots, protection, backfilling etc.

9.7 **PLAYING PITCH AT CLASHDUV PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will take whatever measures required to restore and rejuvenate the playing pitch at Clashduv Park which has been unplayable for some time now due to sinking. This is a valuable resource for the local soccer clubs and should be repaired as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy (15/212))

The report stated that the pitch at Clashduv Road is located on the site of a former bog. In recent years, a section of the pitch has dipped which will require extensive remedial works. The Council will apply for a sports capital grant for the works under the next round of Sports Capital Grants and include in the Draft Capital Programme 2016 to 2018.

9.8 **REPORT ON THE MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN LOUGHMAHON PARK, MAHON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reports on the maintenance arrangements within Loughmahon Park, Mahon & that Cork City Council repairs and upgrades existing facilities at the park along with providing further facilities within the popular park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/222)

The report stated that maintenance at Lough Mahon Park involves the following :

- Playground inspections , maintenance and repairs - Daily
- Litter Collection and disposal - Daily
- Grass mowing - 10 – 12 day cycle
- Tree pruning - as required
- Open/close - Daily (365 days)

Emergency repairs to playground equipment, fixtures and fittings are carried out immediately including recent repairs to 80 metres of perimeter railings.

The park is well provided with facilities in terms of paths, seating, public lighting, playground and MUGA. There are no funds to provide additional facilities at present.

9.9 **SURVEY ON THE DRAINS, GULLY'S AND SEWAGE/WATER SYSTEM IN MC GRATH PARK, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a complete survey on the drains, gully's and sewage/water system in Mc Grath Park, Blackrock, where major flooding is taking place on a regular basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 15/225)

The report stated that there has been no recent report of flooding issues associated with McGrath Park.

Examination of the combined sewer system has been referred to Irish Water for instruction.

The gullies and connections are being reviewed by the Roads Maintenance Section. It is hoped therefore to identify and programme necessary works over the next few weeks.

9.10 **DOG FOULING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In light of a recent letter I received from a group of students from Scoil an Athar Maitiú. They carried out a litter survey on the amount of dog fouling on their routes to school, and the results were that they found 57 samples. They request - as do I in light of their findings - that signs, bins and bags be placed around the Togher area to remind people to clean up after their dogs. There are currently none in the Togher area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/219)

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‘That Cork City and County Councils would collectively tackle the ongoing problem of dog litter on the footpaths near the city / county boundary's.

In a recent report to Cllrs from pupils in a School that serves both the City and County we were reminded that this problem is as bad as ever in the vicinity of their school.

These pupils are playing their part by introducing measures to remind dog owners of their responsibilities and try and tackle this but they do need the help of both Councils to finally see some positive results in measures put forward to curtail and eventually eliminate this.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/237)

The survey carried out by pupils of Scoil an Athar Maitiu on the 8th May 2015 found 57 samples of dog faeces on their routes to school. 5 of the 6 locations surveyed were in Cork County Council's area, with a total of 37 samples. The remaining 20 samples were in Cork City Council's administrative area.

Cork City Council has provided a number of “no dog fouling “signs in the Togher area during 2015. Specific litter bins for the deposit of dog faeces are not provided on public footpaths due to the financial and staffing costs involved. Dog faeces collection bags are available free of charge in the City Hall to holders of a valid dog licence who live within Cork City Council's administrative area.

Cork City Council litter wardens monitor dog fouling during their normal patrols but the vast majority of dog owners clean up their dog faeces when they observe the litter wardens. A number of additional initiatives are being considered to increase awareness of the need for those in charge of dogs to remove their dog faeces.

9.11 **CLEAN UP GREEN AREAS ON MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would clean up and trim the grass around the trees on the Green Areas on Model Farm Road near the entrances to Kenley Estate and Parkway Drive and also that the tree branches and overgrowth be trimmed back on the southern side of the footpath from Kenley to Cherry Grove as this is causing huge problems for pedestrians.

This new footpath was only laid in the past year and its almost impassable at this moment due to these obstructions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/236)

The report stated that grass trimming around the trees at the above locations will be trimmed within the next 7 – 10 days.

9.12. **ST JOSEPH’S CEMETERY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a sustainable programme of work be put in place to tidy up (overgrowth, fallen stones, broken wrought iron work) the nineteenth century parts of St Joseph’s Cemetery, which are in a dreadful state. Can the Council work with the Prison service and the community work scheme to keep such historic spaces tidy?’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 15/255)

The report stated that considerable improvements have been carried out in St Joseph’s Cemetery in recent years including, a complete upgrade of the entrance, resurfacing all footpaths, emergency repairs to private family headstones, tree planting and provision of bins and signage.

There are no funds or craft staff available to undertake the specialist repairs to hundreds of headstones and railings needing remedial works, probation service and community initiative participants do not have the necessary skills to undertake this work.

Grant aid for works of this nature may become available under the Government’s Capital Programme 2016 -2021. This will be explored as more details of the programme become available.

Overgrowth on private family plots was a difficulty this summer due to staff shortages , however, this matter has now been addressed.

9.13 **PRUNE THE TREES ON THE GREEN AREA IN MARIAN PARK, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 1st October, 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council prunes the trees on the green area in Marian Park, Blackrock as they are causing many obstructions throughout the estate.’

(Proposer: N. O’Keeffe 15/258)

The report stated that the trees at the above location will be added to the schedule of tree works for remedial.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Department of Health dated the 5th October 2015 regarding staffing the unopened ward in Cork University Hospital.
2. Letter from Office of the Minister for Social Protection dated the 29th September 2015 regarding the Respite Care Grant.
3. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 29th September 2015 regarding the GPO/ Moore St 1916 Battlefield Site
4. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 28th September 2015 regarding the Respite Care Grant.
5. Letter from Galway County Council dated the 30th September 2015 regarding the passing of a Resolution.
6. Letter from Clare County Council dated the 24th September 2015 regarding the passing of a Resolution.
7. Letter from Sligo County Council dated the 17th September 2015 regarding the passing of a Resolution.

11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars

1. Comhairleoir T. Shannon – AILG Autumn Seminar – 01/02 October 2015- Inchydoney, Co. Cork.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

- 12.1 No approval for attendance at Conferences/Seminars tabled on the night.

13. **TRAINING**

No approval for attendance at training tabled on the night.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **CORK BUTTER MARKET**

‘That an immediate assessment of the state of the old Butter Market at Shandon be carried out with a view to refurbishment and opening up as a tourist attraction and a resource for the local community. The Butter Market is an iconic and historic building which should be the focal point of the Shandon area and indeed the Northside of the city as a whole. This should be done in conjunction with the local community and in particular with the Shandon Area Renewal Association to transform the building which is currently in a semi-derelict and underused condition into what could be a wonderful public resource and cultural centre of the city as a whole.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/263)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

14.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT GREENMOUNT AVENUE AND FRIARS STREET**

‘That pending an allocation in the 2016 Council Budget, the following areas - both affected by speeding downhill motorists - be considered for traffic calming measures:

- 1) Greenmount Avenue
- 2) Friar Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/267)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **RENEWAL OF DOUGLAS STREET**

‘That the public realm renewal of Douglas Street (including a review of traffic flows) be prioritised in light of successes to date following a similar scheme in Barrack St, and mindful of the new Nano Nagle Centre currently under construction and current efforts by business owners to improve their properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/281)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF THE ENGLISH MARKET**

‘That Cork City Council would take inspiration from leading companies such as Google, Apple, Mars, Ikea and in particular Sainsbury’s stores who have installed 135,500 PV panels across their stores in the UK and we would look to do the same with our English Market by replacing the roof in solar panels. This would not only reduce Cork City energy

foot print but would be a shining example to the food and energy sector. It was also help minimise energy costs for stall holders and tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/282)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

14.5 **IMPOUNDED HORSES**

‘Could the CE inform to Cork City Council how many horses were impounded by Cork City Council for 2010-2011-2012-2013-2014-2015, and how many horses were destroyed in the pound.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/283)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.6 **REVIEW OF THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTFALL FROM THE FAIRFIELD AREA TO SCOIL IOSAGAIN**

‘That Cork City Council conduct a review of the pedestrian footfall from the Fairfield area to Scoil Iosagain with a view to establishing the need for additional push button pedestrian crossings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/286)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.7 **UNOCCUPIED LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING UNITS**

‘That unoccupied local authority housing units should not be referred to as “voids” in official communications. The term suggests that this is a blank space rather than a home that could be allocated to a tenant upon refurbishment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/287)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.8 **URGENT ROADS REPAIRS AND RESURFACE KILMORE ROAD/ KILMORE HEIGHTS, KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council carry our urgent roads repairs and resurface Kilmore Road/ Kilmore Heights, Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/288)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **CARPARK AT THE JUNCTION OF SUMMERHILL, SOUTH LANGFORD ROW AND HIGH STREET**

‘That the car park situated at the junction of Summerhill South, Langford Row and High Street be more resident friendly, the current situation and limited space taking into consideration that the residents are not permitted to park on the main road due to bus lanes is not sufficient. I propose that the waste ground to the front of the car park be removed to create more parking spaces and that the disc parking zone area be reduced from the current

2 hour limit to a one hour limit, thus allowing a more efficient turnaround time of parking spaces which would be of immense benefit to the residents of the area.’

(Proposer: P. Dineen 15/289)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES / SPEED RAMP IN CARDINAL COURT WILTON**

‘That City Council would install traffic calming measures / speed ramp in Cardinal Court Wilton as this estate is being used by motorists as a rat run due to recent development in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/291)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.11 **SURVEY OF ALL THE DAMAGED FOOTPATHS ACROSS THE CITY**

‘That City Council would carry out a survey of all the damaged footpaths across the city due to the growth of tree trunks that were planted parallel to these footpaths.

Also that City Council would think again before planting anymore gigantic trees in gardens in future housing developments and footpath structures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/292)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

‘That Cork City Council should not accept any further awards from Chambers of Commerce as they are effectively lobby groups advocating on behalf of the private and business interests of their paid up members. Considerations should also be given by Council to returning any awards received to date in the interests of transparency good governance.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/296)

Corporate Policy Group

14.13 **RENT ON CORK CITY COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK**

‘That Cork City Council would increase the rent on Cork City Council housing stock by €2.00 per week. This additional €2.00 per week is to equal the €100.00 charge which is imposed on each Council house towards Local Property Tax. I would also look for agreement that the €880K raised would be ring fenced towards housing repair and adaptation grants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 15/297)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.14 **REPORT ON ALL APARTMENT BLOCKS BUILT IN CORK CITY BETWEEN 2000 AND 2015 OF SIX OR MORE UNITS**

‘That Cork City Council would publish a report on all apartment blocks built in Cork City between 2000 and 2015 of six or more units and if that report could comment on the planning and safety compliance safety checks and assessments undertaken, compliance with all aspects of the planning process (e.g. but not limited to) commencement notices, submission of fire certificates and whether there are any concerns with respect to fire safety and compliance and if there are concerns what measures have been put in place to address these concerns.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/298)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

14.15 **PUBLISH A LIST OF ALL PLANNING APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY VALID FOR THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

‘That Cork City Council would publish a list of all planning applications currently valid for the South West Ward for developments of ten or more residential units and/or commercial units and include details on the date of issue of planning, the current status of the planning application and expected date of commencement on these sites.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/299)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

14.16 **ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS ALONG THE MAHON ESTUARY WALKWAY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES & PERSONNEL**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the access arrangements along the Mahon Estuary Walkway for emergency services & personnel in the event of an accident. Can the location of each access point be identified also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/300)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **RE-ESTABLISHING THE CORK -DUBLIN AIR ROUTE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will support the possibility of re-establishing the Cork -Dublin Air Route and would meet with interested bodies to explore the possibility of re-establishing a viable Cork -Dublin Air Route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/290)

15.2 **ANNUAL NATIONAL HOLIDAY 'LÁ NA POBLACHTA ON APRIL 24TH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to have an annual national holiday, 'Lá na Poblachta', on April 24th to commemorate the men & women who died during the Easter 1916 Rising.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/293)

15.3 **FAIR CONDITIONS AT WORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘The Irish Congress of Trade Unions Charter for Fair Conditions at Work seeks a societal consensus as to what constitutes fair conditions of employment. The charter identifies five key principles which, as a minimum, should be respected by every employer: a living wage, fair hours of work, the right to representation and collective bargaining, to be treated with dignity when at work and fair public procurement. Cork City Council supports and advocates the implementation of the Congress Charter for Fair Conditions at Work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/294)

15.4 **CORPORATE TAX PAYABLE**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion-

‘That Government increase the rate of Corporate Tax payable by the large professional services companies such as Accountancy, Auctioneering and Legal Services as well as Finance/Investment Corporations with a view to reducing taxes on individual workers

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/295)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, T. Shannon, M. Finn, P.J Hourican. (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, M. Nugent, K. Collins, S. O'Shea, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin. (7)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe (1)

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

15.5 **CORPORATION TAX**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'Following the publication of OECD proposals to change the way Multinational Corporations pay tax. Cork City Council calls on the Government and the a Minister for a Finance to proceed cautiously to protect Ireland's unique 12.5% corporation tax rate and to ensure this tax rate is applied fairly and transparently to all companies. Inward investment is a source of great employment and revenue in Cork and throughout the country and must be protected.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 15/301)

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O'Leary, T. Shannon, N. O' Keeffe, S. O'Shea, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, P.J Hourican. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, M. O'Sullivan, M. Finn. (5)

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

This concluded the business of the meeting

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