

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. D. O’Mahony, A/ Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. C. O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. E. Walsh, A/ Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Twomey Family on the death of Diarmuid Twomey.
- The Ó Callanáin Family on the death of Fiachra Ó Callanáin.
- The Haines Family on the death of Mary Haines.
- The Hannigan Family on the death of Con Hannigan.
- The Walsh Family on the death of Tadhg Walsh.
- The Kelleher Family on the death of Tim Kelleher.
- The Shaughnessy Family on the death of Bernard Shaughnessy.
- The O’Brien Family on the death of Daniel O’Brien.

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

No Votes of Congratulations/Best Wishes were received.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 An tArd-Mhéara rad an invitation to An Chomhairle to attend the sod turning by BAM at the site of the Event Centre. An tArd-Mhéara and the Chief Executive are both invited to attend.

3.2 An tArd-Mhéara informed the Members that a 1916 exhibition would be opened in St. Peters Church on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30 p.m.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No Items Raised.

5. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **MONIES SPENT IN 2011- 2015 IN WATER AND DRAINAGE WORKS OR PROGRAMMES**

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

What monies were spent by Cork City Council in the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 in water and drainage works or programmes?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

**REPLY**

The following table sets out expenditure on Water Services Operations and Capital Projects

Year	Operations			Capital
	Water	Wastewater	Total	
2011	€9,144,925	€11,769,209	€20,914,134	€2,805,558
2012	€9,341,630	€12,064,860	€21,406,490	€3,689,354
2013	€7,968,311	€12,523,843	€20,492,154	€3,604,978
2014	€6,892,969	€5,431,184	€12,324,153	€679,010

<b>2015</b>	€5,652,354	€2,497,699	€8,150,053	€368,300
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Note: 2015 figures not finalised and unaudited.

The reduction in values in 2014 and 2015 is that majority of non-pay expenditure is processed directly through Irish Water's Accounts. Expenditure by the City Council, mostly labour, with some plant and materials, are recouped from Irish Water.

I hope this fully addresses the query.

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

6.2 **HOW MANY BOILERS WERE SERVICED FOR 2015 AND HOW MANY REMAIN TO BE SERVICED**

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

Can the CE confirm how many boilers were serviced out of the entire housing stock for 2015 and how many remained to be serviced?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

**REPLY**

There are currently 8,859 units of housing stock.

4,531 boilers were serviced in 2015.

Of the remaining 4,328 the following are not included in the servicing programme:-

- Vacant units
- Units on a district heating system

A total of 5,939 house visits were made in 2015. There was a high incidence of no reply on doorsteps and inability to gain access.

As was carried out in 2013, Cork City Council intend in 2016 to survey the boilers in all its housing stock and thereby fully identify and service and boilers that may have been omitted in 2016 because of access difficulties.

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

6.3 **93 AND 95 ARDMORE AVENUE, KNOCKNAHEENY**

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

Can the CE clarify if long time housing units 93, 95 Ardmore Avenue, Knocknaheeny will be available for allocation to social housing applicants in the near future? Both properties; are the centre of occasional dumping which is greatly inconveniencing local residents?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

**REPLY**

Works are nearing completion in 93 Ardmore Avenue and it is hoped this property will be ready for allocation over the next few weeks.

It is hoped works can commence in the near future on 95 Ardmore Avenue however it may be the middle of the year before the property is ready for allocation.

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

6.4 **INCREASE THE RETURN IN LEVIES OWED TO COUNCIL FROM OWNERS OF DERELICT PROPERTIES**

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

After receiving the Report on Derelict Sites for 2015 at last Monday nights Planning Meeting and the alarming lack of effort by owners of Derelict properties to pay levies owed to Cork City Council –

Can the CE inform the Council what new measures (if any) are being put in place by our Finance Department in order to increase the return in levies owed to Council from these owners of Derelict properties, thus reversing the trend we have witnessed in 2015.

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

**REPLY**

The City Council's priority in utilizing the Derelict Sites Act is securing the removal of dereliction and encouraging / facilitating redevelopment, rather than generating income. To this end, the Council's policy is to work closely with property owners before entering individual sites on the Derelict Sites Register and applying levies. This pro-active approach ensures that dereliction issues are often remedied without having to impose levies.

Last year, a cross-Directorate group was established consisting of representatives from the Law, Planning, Property and Finance Departments. This Group co-ordinates the Council's activities with regard to derelict sites, including the charging and levying of derelict site levies.

In cases where the Derelict Sites Levy has been charged, the Finance Directorate issues annual invoices in respect of each site. Statements and follow up correspondence are issued on a regular basis, and where possible overdue accounts will be referred for legal proceedings.

The collection of Derelict Sites Levies is often complicated by difficulties with title, probate, identifying owners, or where the owners are financially constrained. The situation is exacerbated currently where owners are bankrupt, a company is in liquidation or dissolved, or the responsibility for the property is complicated by bankruptcy, or companies in liquidation etc. Of the 38 no. sites currently on the Derelict Sites Register at least 60% of the sites would fall into one or more of these categories.

**Paul Moynihan,  
Director of Services,  
Corporate & External Affairs**

#### 6.5 **TAKING IN CHARGE PROCESS IN RELATION TO WILLOWBANK ESTA**

*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 report on the taking in charge process in relation to Willowbank Estate, Church Road, Blackrock?

Why has this estate not been taken in charge? What is required in order for the estate to be taken in charge? Has there ever been a bond in place for this estate?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

#### **REPLY**

Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and provides the basis for “taking in charge”.

When a residential development is completed in accordance with all the conditions and particulars of the planning permission, the developer may make a written request to the Planning Department to have the public areas of the estate taken in charge (e.g. roads, public open space, car parking areas and services). Alternatively, a majority of residents may also make a written request under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

A completion certificate must also be submitted from a Consultant Engineer on behalf of the developer. Constructed drawings and a drainage survey must be submitted and details of any way leaves. On foot of a request to take an estate in charge Cork City Council representatives will visit the site to inspect it in order to establish that:

- all works are completed satisfactorily;
- development is in accordance with the planning permission granted; and
- the development is completed to the required standards for the City Council to take it in charge.

Any defects found will be notified to developers for remedy and subsequent re-inspection. Once an estate is considered satisfactory a recommendation is then made to have the public areas taken in charge. The statutory procedure for taking in charge is then put in place by the Planning and Development Directorate.

Cork City Council's Taking in Charge Policy for Residential Developments was adopted by An Chomhairle at its meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and is available on request from the Strategic Planning, Economic Development Directorate and also available at <http://www.corkcity.ie/services/strategicplanningeconomicdevelopment/planningapplicationsprocess/takinginchargeofpublicareas/>

Willowbank Estate is included in the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development, Estates Report, Part Four, dated 28th January, 2016 to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee, the current status is unknown to be investigated.

**Patrick Ledwidge,  
Director of Services,  
Strategic Planning and Economic Development**

6.6 **UPDATE ON RESURFACING OF DOUGLAS POOL CAR PARK**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the resurfacing of Douglas Pool car park and adjacent hill, and why this issue has gone on for a protracted time without resolution?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

**REPLY**

The entrance road and car park serving the Gus Healy Pool is in poor condition. Initially it had been hoped that Parks Capital Section would undertake preparatory works to facilitate required improvement works but following health and safety traffic management concerns it was decided to tender for all works. Tenders were then sought from Consultancy firms to oversee the design of a new road scheme and car park for the facility.

A Consultant has been appointed and is undertaking preliminary design work at this stage, requiring topographical surveys, site investigation works etc . It is expected that the project will proceed to tender within the next 8 weeks.

In the meantime, the Council has done temporary repairs on the road way.

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

6.7 **THE MEADOWS, KNOCKNACULLEN – ARE RELEVANT DOCUMENT SIGNED**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if all of the relevant documents are signed by all parties regarding the completion of works such as road resurfacing, public lighting, upgrading of public spaces and repair and construction of properties at the Meadows, Knocknacullen and is there now a definitive timeframe for the contractor to come on site?

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

**REPLY**

All relevant documents have been signed by both Cork City and County Councils. The contractor is to be appointed within the next fortnight and it is envisaged that works will commence in early March.

**V. O’Sullivan,  
Director of Services,  
Housing & Community Services**

6.8 **COST TO CITY COUNCIL OF GATEWAY SCHEME SINCE ITS INCEPTION**

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

Can the CE outline the cost to Cork City Council of the Gateway Scheme since its inception and the areas of spend involved? Can she report on the number of personnel on placement currently with the City Council through the Gateway Scheme? What are the Gateway workers’ duties, the terms and conditions of their positions including rates of pay? Is there a progression route to employment with the Council following completion of the scheme?

(Cllr. Ken Collins)

**REPLY**

There are currently 99 Gateway participants on placement with Cork City Council. Under the Gateway scheme, participants receive a minimum weekly payment of €210.50 and work 19.5 hours a week. They receive the same statutory annual leave and public holiday entitlement as other employees.

The majority of Gateway participants with the Council are engaged on maintenance and upkeep works in the parks and amenities of the City. A number are also involved in office duties in the Parks and Library Departments.

The total cost associated with the Gateway Scheme since its commencement in Cork City Council in 2014 is €550,000. The breakdown of expenditure is €250,000 on materials,

€100,000 on workplace facilities, €95,000 on plant & machinery and €105,000 on staff training and development. The Council has received total Government funding of €72,778.

There are clear avenues for participant progression within the City Council. To date 5 participants have been successful at interview and are employed as permanent Traffic Wardens on the staff of the Council. Three more are employed as temporary General Operatives and one is employed as a temporary Mason. It is anticipated that a number of other participants will be employed on the staff of the Council during the lifetime of the Gateway Scheme.

**Michael Burke,  
A/Director of Services,  
Human Resource Management & Organisational Reform**

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips, from its meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

8.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 on the visit to the Rennes Tourism Fair 2016.

8.2 **MOTIONS HELD IN COMMITTEE**

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘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)



The report of the Director of Services stated that in the period of 2000 to 2015 there have been approximately 6800 commencement notices made to this authority, and since the introduction of the Disability Access Certificate process in 2010, there has 440 Disability Access Certificates made to this authority. To reliably report on this issue, all of these applications would need to be examined to ascertain which were for apartment blocks of more than six units. We do not have the resources necessary to do carry out this large volume of work. However if the Council has a concern about specific apartment properties in the city we can and will investigate.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the following is a list of the major commercial/residential permissions currently valid for the South West Ward. Note – there are also a number of other large scale institutional/educational uses permitted within the ward.

<b>Planning Ref. No.</b>	<b>Development Description</b>	<b>Date of Permission</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>
<b>Commercial Development</b>			
08/33151	Retail/office development at Pinewood, Curraheen Road	21/07/2009	20/07/2019
11/35058	Construct medical devices manufacturing facility at Cork Business and Technology Park, Model Farm Road	19/12/2011	26/01/2017
12/35284	Development of light industrial units at College Commercial Park, Magazine Road	29/08/2012	01/10/2017
15/36443	Development of an office/technology building at the Cork Business & Technology Park, Model Farm Road	Further Information Requested	Waiting on decision
<b>Residential/Mixed Use Development</b>			
06/31142	32 residential units at former Dennehy’s Cross Post Office	28/04/2008	27/04/2018
08/33098	Neighbourhood Centre – Dunnes Stores Site – Mixed Use retail;, restaurant and 21 apartments.	28/11/2008	22/12/2019
09/33647	Development of 68 student apartments	04/02/2010	20/03/2020

	at former Crow's Nest, Victoria Cross Road		
14/36210	Former Keatings Bakery – Tramore Road – 28 units	17/09/2015	17/09/2020

### 8.2.3 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE DUNNES STORES SITE ON THE CURRAHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council invites representatives from Dunnes Stores to discuss their plans with respect to the development of the Dunnes Stores site on the Curraheen Road’.

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Dunnes Stores site is under review, the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Directorate will engage with Dunnes Stores following completion of assessment.

### 8.3 **TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 8.3.1 **DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION REBATE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Planning Circular Letter PL 13/2015, received from the Department of the Environment & Local Government.

#### 8.3.2 **UNAUTHORISED USE OF ELECTRONIC DISPLAY PANELS AND OTHER SIGNS/ NOTICES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Planning Circular Letter PL 2/2016, Unauthorised use of Electronic Display Panels and other signs/ notices, received from the Department of the Environment & Local Government.

### 8.4 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 on Housing Estates from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015.

### 8.5 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 on Planning Statistics from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015.

### 8.6 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015.

8.7 **CITY CENTRE STEERING GROUP REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 on the Cork City Centre Steering Group Report.

8.8 **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 on the Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.

8.9 **UP DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 on the Significant Developments.

9. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

9.1 **MAHON WALKWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘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)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that there are pedestrian and cycle access points to the Mahon Estuary Walkway situated at The Marina, Blackrock Road, Castle Road, Skehard Road, Jacob’s Island and Harty’s Quay.

Vehicular access is restricted in the interests of Health & Safety. The Fire Service have the necessary equipment to provide access at any of these locations in the event of a serious accident.

9.2 **REVIEW ALL THE OVERGROWN TREES IN THE CITY AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘I would request that City Council review all the overgrown trees in the City area in the near future which may need attention, as they are now accessible without excess leaves and will be a hazard in the spring/summer months when they re-grow, and cause light obstruction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/360)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Parkland and Street Trees within the City are prioritized (in line with available resources) for remedial pruning in the context of health and safety, size and public light obstruction.

Pruning is ongoing throughout the year through a combination of the Council’s arboricultural section and specialist contractors.

9.3 **INCLUDE HYDE PARK, TORY TOP ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE ON THE STREET CLEANING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council include Hyde Park, Tory Top Road Ballyphehane to its street cleaning service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 15/373)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Hyde Park, Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane is scheduled to be swept by suction sweeper weekly on Fridays. However, parked vehicles reduce the area swept within Hyde Park on occasions. This will be monitored over the next few months to ascertain whether any improvements can be made.

9.4 **MAHON PARK RINGMAHON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council have the area to the rear of houses in Mahon Park, Ringmahon Road cleared of built up litter from illegal dumping and have the overgrown hedges cut back & removed so that people on this particular row of houses can access & utilise their back entrances.

Council should also consider erecting a perimeter fence along the rear & side walls of the estate to deter people from using the estate as a shortcut.’

(Proposer: Cllr N. O’Keeffe 15/280)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that rubbish and litter at the rear of Mahon Park was removed earlier this month, the overgrown hedges were also cut back. There is no provision in the 2016 budgets to finance a perimeter fence at this location.

9.5 **FOOTBRIDGE ON THE NORTH WEST SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC POND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council install a footbridge on the North West side of the Atlantic Pond, similar to the existing footbridge on the Southern Side. The inability to walk around the pond is causing much hardship and upset to the many users of the facility. While construction to the Páirc Uí Chaoimh is welcome it should not be accepted that the public are discommoded in such an unnecessary way.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/017)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Discussions are presently underway with the Cork County Board GAA to reinstate the section of the established Atlantic Pond Walk that was decommissioned as part of the Pairc Ui Caoimh development works. This is possible by the provision of a small footbridge over the northern stream, east of the hoarding.

9.6 **REPLACE LIGHTS IN THE PUBLIC TOILETS TO ULTRA VIOLET LIGHTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Environment and Recreation dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016, on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council replace all lights in the public toilets to ultra violet lights or similar to deter intravenous drug users from using public.’

By replacing the lights to ultra violet lights it prevents intravenous drug users from finding a vein to inject themselves thus preventing them from using public toilets to inject themselves.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/383)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that this issue has been previously raised and researched. Previous evidence is that apart from impacting negatively on normal public toilet users, the installation of blue lights has little effect in deterring drug users.

Blue light has the effect of increasing the difficulty of locating veins, but is easily obviated by pre-marking injection points before entering the toilet. Effectiveness may well be increased where nearby areas have reduced lighting levels, thus inhibiting ease of pre-marking. This is not the case with the public toilets.

If evidence is available that supports the view that installation of revised lighting arrangements will reduce the level of drug users and not further discourage other toilet users, I would be happy to review this recommendation.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Offaly County Council dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016.

11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

No conference/seminar summaries to note.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

13. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, M. Shields and T. O'Driscoll at the "LAMA Spring Training Seminar, taking place in the Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **SURVEY OF PEARSE ROAD**

'That Pearse Road be surveyed and have its broken footpath included in a renewal programme, and its broken road surface included in an non-national Road Resurfacing Programme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/336)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.2 **ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME 2016**

'That Cork City Council include the following in the Road Works Programme 2016:-

O'Connell Crescent  
Friars Road  
Father Mathew Road  
Derrynane Road  
Upper Derrynane Road  
St. Anne's Park and Beaufort Park

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/337)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.3 **GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO REPAIR & UPGRADE HOUSES ON GEARNEY'S BOREEN AND ST. JOHN'S WELL AREA**

'That Cork City Council would seek government funding to repair the existing houses and upgrade vacant properties on Gearney's Boreen and St. John's Well area.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/012)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

14.4 **CITY NORTHWEST QUARTER REGENERATION PLAN**

'That Cork City Council review the plans for the City Northwest Quarter Regeneration Plan, with a view to considering the current and future plans, and any research or consultation projects. The objective would be, to prioritise making the necessary adjustments to the various phases as the needs of the community emerge. This review could include members of the Housing SPC, Council staff, North West Ward Members, representatives of the local community and Department of Environment officials or any other relevant bodies.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/025)

**Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee**

14.5 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON APPROACHES TO DEERPARK SCHOOL ON ST. PATRICK'S ROAD**

'Following a serious accident where a student was knocked down, Cork City Council needs to install traffic calming measures - or speed warning/curtailment signs - on the approaches to Deerpark School on St Patrick's Road. Similar measures removed during works near St Marie's of the Isle on Bishop St. also need to be replaced immediately.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/026)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.6 **AWARENESS PROGRAMMES FOR SAFER TRAVEL TO SCHOOLS**

'That Cork City Council would engage proactively with all primary and secondary schools in the South West Ward to develop and put in place awareness programmes for safer travel to schools, changes in transport modality and appropriate parking in the vicinity of schools.'

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. P.J. Hourican 16/027)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.7 **SPEEDING ON MELBOURN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would refer the issue of speeding on the Melbourn Road to the Joint Policing Committee for consideration and discussion.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. P.J. Hourican 16/028)

**Joint Policing Committee**

14.8 **TAKE IN CHARGE WILLOW BANK, CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council starts the process to 'take incharge' Willow Bank, Church Road, Blackrock, Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/030)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.9 **ERECTING A FENCE/ GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE SERVICE ENTRANCE OF THE MIDDLE PARISH ‘MEALS ON WHEELS’ ON PETERS STREET**

‘That Cork City Council would consider erecting a Fence/Gate at the entrance to the service entrance of the Middle Parish Meals on Wheels on Peters Street, the side entrance is an off road cul de sac which is attracting groups of individuals who hang out and make a nuisance of themselves. The said area is being used as a public toilet by these individual and drug use is also common place. The width of the entrance is in the region of 16 foot and it would not prove too difficult or costly to do. The Fence/Gate would be of immense importance for the volunteers of the Middle Parish and it would also provide added security to the service entrance in the cul de sac.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 16/031)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

14.10 **RATE OF INSPECTIONS OF PRIVATE RENTAL ACCOMMODATION IN 2015**

‘That Cork City Council will report on the rate of inspections of private rental accommodation in 2015 including the level of compliance among inspected properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/032)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**



14.11 **TRAFFIC MEASURES TAKEN AT ST. LUKES**

‘That Cork City Council reverse the traffic measures taken at St Lukes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/034)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.12 **REPLACE BROKEN SLABS AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, GURRANABRAHER**

‘Can Cork City Council replace all the broken slabs that are very badly damaged due to illegal parking at the front entrance to the Church Of the Ascension Gurrabraher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/035)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.13 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CARDINAL WAY, WILTON**

‘That City Council would give an update on the status of the request from various Councillors in the South West Ward for a pedestrian crossing at Cardinal Way Wilton.’

This pedestrian crossing was to facilitate schoolchildren attending Gael Scoil Ui Riada to cross the road safely from the Church to the Wilton Bar.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/036)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.14 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON AVENUE DE RENNES, AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH AND AT FORMER ABODE BUILDING IN MAHON**

‘That Cork City Council roads department reports on the status of the traffic lights on Avenue de Rennes, the traffic lights next to the Holy Cross Church and the traffic lights next to the former Abode building in Mahon. Where maintenance or upgrading is required can the director outline when works will be undertaken.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/037)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

14.15 **FEASIBILITY OF MAKING THE MARINA, BLACKROCK A PEDESTRIANISED AREA**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the feasibility of making the Marina, Blackrock a pedestrianised area on weekends, perhaps as a pilot scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/038)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **INTRODUCTION OF PAY BY WEIGHT REFUSE CHARGES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council condemns the imposition of a further stealth tax on the Irish people through the introduction of pay by weight refuse charges by the FG/Lab government and their Dublin based civil servants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/033)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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