

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2017

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| PRESENT | Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald. |
| NORTH EAST | Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh. |
| NORTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O’Flynn, Lil, O’Donnell, J. Sheehan. |
| NORTH WEST | Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan. |
| SOUTH EAST | Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea. |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin. |
| SOUTH WEST | Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. |
| ALSO PRESENT | Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Sheehan, Administration Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. |

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Kelly Family on the death of Finbarr Kelly.
- The Mehegan Family on the death of Tim Mehegan.
- The Kenneally Family on the death of Jerry Kenneally.
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Mary B. O’Sullivan.
- The O’Gorman Family on the death of Ciara O’Gorman.
- The Dennehy Family on the death of Jennifer Dennehy.
- The Leary Family on the death of Ann Leary.
- The Perrott Family on the death of Deirdre Perrott.
- The O’Keeffe Family on the death of Eleanor O’Keeffe.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Mícheál Murphy.
- The Stark Family on the death of Sean Stark.
- The Heyer Family on the death of Heather Heyer.

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

- Cork GAA on the opening of the new Páirc Uí Chaoimh Stadium.
- Cork County Board on the under 17 All Ireland Hurling Finals.
- Cork Camogie Board on the All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.
- Rena Buckley to be the first player to captain both Senior Football and Camogie teams to the All Ireland Championship.
- Nemo Rangers on City Division Junior Hurling Championship.
- Lord Mayor, Chief Executive and her team for excellent ongoing work on the MacKinnon Report.
- St. Vincent's Hurling and Football Club on having two players on the winning All Ireland Team.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **LADY MAYORESS COFFEE MORNING**

The Lord Mayor advised An Chomhairle of the Lady Mayoress Coffee Morning which would take place in the Concert Hall on the morning of the 12th September 2017.

3.2 **UNESCO CONFERENCE**

The Lord Mayor advised An Chomhairle of the forthcoming UNESCO Conference which would take place 18th-20th September 2017.

3.3 **CULTURE NIGHT**

The Lord Mayor advised An Chomhairle regarding upcoming Culture Night which would take place on Friday 22nd September 2017.

3.4 **EUROPEAN DAY WITHOUT ROAD DEATH**

The Lord Mayor encouraged An Chomhairle to support the upcoming European Day without a Road Death (EDWARD Project) to be held 21st September 2017.

3.5 **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

On the proposal of the Lord Mayor Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- Cork City Jazz Festival Committee on their 40th Anniversary.
- Cork Camogie Teams, Cork Under 17's Hurling Team and Cork Minor Hurling Team.

3.6 **LAMA AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR**

The Lord Mayor referred to the notification which had issued to An Chomhairle in relation to the above in particular a Waste Management – Better Energy Seminar to be held on the 29th and 30th of September 2017 in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **HOUSING SUMMIT MEETING WITH MR. EOGHAN MURPHY, T.D. MINISTER FOR HOUSING, PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

An Chomhairle noted the Verbal Report from the Chief Executive on the Housing Summit Meeting with Mr. Eoghan Murphy, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government which was held on Friday the 8th September 2017.

4.2 **IMPLEMENTATION OVERSIGHT GROUP**

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Verbal Report from the meeting with the Implementation Oversight Group which was held Tuesday 5th September 2017. A forthcoming meeting of the Group would take place on the 29th September next.

CHANGE OF CHAIR

An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, vacated the Chair at this juncture and Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir F. Dennehy assumed the duties of the Chair from this point on.

5. **STUDENT GRANT SCHEME 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle considered and approved the implementation of the Student Grant Scheme 2017.

6. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 31st July 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 14th August 2017.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **GREEN AREA BETWEEN TRAMORE ROAD, SHERIDAN PARK, WOODLAWN AND DEANWOOD**

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

Does City Council own the green area that's land locked between Tramore Rd. / Sheridan Park / Woodlawn / Deanwood or is this site privately owned?

Has there ever being any interest in developing this site or has planning permission ever being sought for this site?

Are there any short / medium / long term plans for this site by either the City Council or the Legal site owner?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)
Deferred from the
Meeting 10th July 2017

REPLY

The subject site is not owned by Cork City Council. The site is owned by Berlee Developments Limited. This company has been dissolved.

The current zoning does not permit development and so a variation of the City Development Plan would be required.

The City Council has no plans at this time for the development of the site.

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

7.2 **AGE LIMIT ON TENANTS PURCHASING A HOUSE**

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

Is there an upper age limit on people / tenants purchasing a house?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

There is no age restriction on prospective tenant purchasers.

However, a prospective tenant purchaser must have a minimum income of 15,000 euro from a source other than a Social Welfare payment (i.e. State pension – Contributory and non-contributory; invalidity pension; disability allowance, etc).

All local authority loan assistance must be repaid before the applicant reaches the age of 70.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Directorate.

7.3 **REMOVAL OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

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

Could the CE please inform Council what plans are in place to remove Japanese Knot Weed from the areas affected in the city? Is there a definitive plan to deal with its total eradication from our city?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

A City wide survey, identifying the location of Japanese Knotweed on Council lands was completed in Spring 2017. An eradication plan (initially to address the more problematic sites) will be prepared when the necessary resources are in place.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation Directorate.

7.4 **WORKS NEEDED IN HORGANS BUILDINGS**

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

Following on from the number of questions & motions I have put down about the works needed in Horgans Buildings, and the responses received at Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Cork City Council held on Monday 14th March 2016

Carry out survey to find Maintenance Problems in Horgans Buildings

- a) The current position is that a number of properties in Horgans Buildings have issues regarding water tightness.
- b) This survey has been carried out.
- c) The survey indicates that the main sources of the ingress are defects in the chimneys and in the velux roof light flashing. The survey highlights a number of other issues including failures of guttering and weathering to brickwork.
- d) Works have been scoped for repairs to an initial 3 no. properties. Tender documents have been drawn up and posted on e-tenders. The closing date of receipt of tenders was the 29th February. It is intended that contracts will be awarded on 21st March with a view to works starting as soon as possible following this date. Following completion of these 3 houses it is expected that works will continue in Horgan's Buildings addressing the other properties experiencing water ingress.
- e) Subject to the availability of funding the identified defects should be rectified in 6 months.

Can the CE give us a report on what works has been carried out to date?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

| Approx. cost of all works carried out at Horgans Buildings (126 houses) from April 2016 to August 2017 | |
|--|--------------------|
| Breakdown | Cost € |
| Reactive work | €25,000.00 |
| Fabric Upgrade | €25,000.00 |
| Voids | €72,000.00 |
| Boiler Servicing | €9,000.00 |
| Roof and Chimney work | €102,000.00 |
| Total | €233,000.00 |

Note: An average of €1,850 per property.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community.

7.5 **PLANS FOR 1 ELIZABETH TERRACE, ALBERT ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

What plans does the Housing Department have for 1 Elizabeth Terrace, Albert Road?

(Cllr. Tom O’Driscoll)

REPLY

Cork City Council does not own 1 Elizabeth Terrace; it is a privately owned property. It is the subject of Derelict Sites file DSP 1314, and Cork City Council has been in contact with the owners regarding the removal of dereliction.

Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise.

7.6 **PROTRACTED PROCESS REGARDING THE EVENTS CENTRE**

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

Can the CE give us an update on the already protracted process regarding the Events Centre earmarked for the former Beamish & Crawford site, outlining reason for continued delay and give Council assurances that everything requested of Council in connection with request for additional funding has been submitted to Government?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

Cork City Council requested additional Government funding for the Events Centre on 28 March 2017. Cork City provided further information on 13 June 2017 to support this application. The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs requested further clarification on 3 July 2017. One of the items necessitated legal advice which is in the course of being obtained. Once this advice is obtained, the information sought will be forwarded to the Department. It is anticipated that this will happen within the next two weeks.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

7.7 PRUNE TREES HALLDENE ESTATE, CURRAHEEN ROAD

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

Overgrown Trees, Halldene Estate, Curraheen Road.

Would it be possible to prune the overgrown trees on the little green areas in front of Halldene Estate Homes, Curraheen Road?

They are totally overgrown and out of control. Residents are now elderly and are afraid of falling on fallen leaves in the Autumn.

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

The roadside trees at Halldene Estate, Curraheen Road will be inspected in the coming weeks and added to the schedule of tree works for remedial pruning as appropriate.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

7.8 FUNDING FOR THE PROBLEM OF JAPANESE KNOTWEED

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

Can Cork City Council advise if they have applied to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport for funding for the escalating problem of Japanese Knotweed or if there are plans to do so?

(Cllr. Fiona Ryan)

REPLY

I can confirm that on the 13th of June 2017 correspondence issued to the Department from Cork City Council requesting that funding be made available to the City Council to tackle this problem in the City.

An acknowledgement was received from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht indicating that the National Parks and Wildlife Service (a constituent part of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) had responsibility for all matters related in invasive species, that the City Council's correspondence had been forwarded to the National Parks and Wildlife Service and that they would reply directly to the queries raised.

To date no further correspondence has been received. A reminder will issue to the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the coming days.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

7.9 **LOCAL PROPERTY TAX**

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

Can the CE please confirm the amount of Local Property Tax collected from Cork City Council administrative area for each year since introduction and the amounts rebated by Central Government to Cork City Council for each such year. Best Estimates for 2017 will suffice. In addition, can the CE also confirm for each year up to and including 2017 how much Local Property Tax Cork City Council has had to pay in respect of the city's public housing stock?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

The Local Property Tax, which is a charge on the market value of all residential properties in the State, came into effect with the passing of the "Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012". It is being administered by the Revenue Commissioners and a half year charge applied in 2013. A full year charge applied in subsequent years.

LPT details 2013-2017

| Year | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Collected from Cork City | €6.21 | €11.9m | €10.2m | €10.4m | €10.4m* |
| Rebate to Cork City | €5.0m | €8.54m | €8.01m | €8.01m | €8.8m * |
| City's Public Housing Stock | €392k | €783k | €698k | €699k | €791k |

* Estimate.

John Hallahan,
Head of Finance.

7.10 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN ROCKBORO ROAD AND ALBERT ROAD**

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

Can the CE outline what action the Council are taking to address ongoing anti-social behaviour in the Rockboro Road & Albert Road areas? Are the Council supporting any other initiatives led by other agencies?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

The Housing in these roads is predominately private and we have very few tenants in them.

We have had no complaints of anti social behaviour in either area.

Valerie O’Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Housing & Community Directorate.

7.11 **CURRENT STATUS OF TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

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

To ask the CE on the current status of Tramore Valley Park and within the emerging budget drafts for 2018, when will the park fully open?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Funding for outstanding capital works and revenue operational costs will be considered in the context of both the Draft 2018 Estimates and, the 2018-2020 Capital Budget Programme. Should the necessary finances be available, the intention is to open the park on a phased basis from late summer/early autumn 2018.

A number of activities are presently accommodated at the Park including use of the Skate Park, rugby pitch and various school sports events.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

7.12 **PROCESS OF PROCUREMENT OF EXTERNAL LEGAL SERVICES**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred.

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the process for procurement of external legal services by Cork City Council since 2014 and to report on an annual basis, the firms and/or individuals who have been retained by Cork City Council, the amounts paid to each firm and or individual, the nature of work undertaken and when the next procurement competition will open?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

Deferred

7.13 **TRAVELLER HORSE PROJECT**

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

Can the CE update members on efforts by a steering group to establish a Traveller Horse Project?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

Following a Horse Seminar in Cork City in March 2013 a Horse Project Initiative steering group was established and has been progressing the development of a horse project for the City.

Cork City Council identified a site at Coolymurragh as a potential site for a Horse Grazing project and this was submitted to Cork County Council for a Declaration of Exemption under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and thereafter for full planning permission.

On 15th August 2017, Cork County Council refused planning permission for the project on the basis that it was located within an area under consideration as a route option for the Cork Northern Ring Road Scheme.

The steering group have simultaneously been instrumental providing equine care and learning programmes for young people, with funding from the Dept of Agriculture and in partnership with the TVG.

The Horse Project Initiative Steering Group is fully committed to the development of a successful horse project to support responsible and culturally appropriate horse ownership for the Traveller Community.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation Directorate

8. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP, PARTY WHIPS AND PARTY LEADERS – 29th AUGUST 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, Party Whips and Party Leaders held 29th August 2017.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 4th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips held 4th September 2017.

9.1 **LORD MAYOR ITEMS**

9.1.1 **RAINBOW CITY STATUS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved Cork’s Application for Rainbow City Status and that initial approaches would be made to the San Francisco delegation at the UNESCO Conference in Cork from the 18th-20th September inclusive.

9.2 **COUNCILLOR’S EXPENSES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the uploading of Councillor’s Expenses to the Cork City Council Website in respect of Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, 2017.

9.3 **CORK ETB VACANCIES (Referred from Council Meeting, 10th July 2017)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved that Comhairleoir Laura McGonigle would be the City Council’s second female Member of the Cork Education Training Board.

9.4 **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (1) LEARNING CITIES AND (2) ENGLISH MARKET AND THE FERRY BUILDING MARKETPLACE, SAN FRANCISCO**

(1) **Learning Cities**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Learning Cities.

(2) **English Market**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Memorandum of Understanding for English Market and The Ferry Building Marketplace, San Francisco.

9.5 **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES....CHAIRS**

The Relevant Standing Order 5A 23 (3) was referred to as follows:-

“The Council shall appoint to a Cathaoirleach to each of the Strategic Policy Committees from among the members of the Council to hold office for a minimum period of three years which may be renewed by the Council and subsequent Cathaoirleach shall be appointed by the Council from among the existing Council members of the Strategic Policy Committee.”

As agreed at the Party Whips Meeting on the 4th September 2017, on the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the following:-

- Comhairleoir C. O’Leary would continue as Chair of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee.
- Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican would replace Comhairleoir L. McGonigle as Chair of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.
- Comhairleoir P. Dineen would replace Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll as Chair of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Strategic Policy Committee.
- Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn would replace Comhairleoir T. Shannon as Chair of the Environment and Recreation Strategic policy Committee.
- It was noted that at the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle dated 26th June 2017, An Chomhairle had approved Comhairleoir S. Martin to replace An tArd-Mhéara as Chair of the Housing and Community Strategic Policy Committee.

10. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 4th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee held 4th September 2017.

10.1 **(MMIAH) – INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME (ELIZABETH FORT)**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017 on the Recovery and Valorization of Maritime, Military and Industrial Heritage of the Atlantic Areas Cost.

10.2 **CREATIVE IRELAND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017.

11. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee from its meeting held 4th September 2017.

11.1 **CRUISE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME – QUARTERLY UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st August 2017 on Cruise Ambassador Programme – Quarterly Update.

11.2 **TOURIST ATTRACTIONS BROCHURE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st August 2017 on Tourist Attractions Brochure.

11.3 **INTERREG ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME (ELIZABETH FORT)**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st August 2017 on (MMIAH) – Interreg Atlantic Area Programme (Elizabeth Fort).

11.4 **CREATIVE IRELAND UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st August 2017 on Creative Ireland update.

11.5 **PROPOSED MARITIME EVENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st August 2017 on Proposed Maritime Events.

11.6 **CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ARTS VENUES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and external Affairs dated 31st August 2017 on Capital Funding for Arts Venues.

11.7 **MOTIONS**

11.7.1 **FOUNTAIN IN ENGLISH MARKET TO WISHING WELL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘To turn the fountain in the English Market into a Wishing Well. Pick a Charity at the start of every year and in December clean out the fountain and give the proceeds to the charity chosen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/256)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017 stated that the proposal to turn the fountain in the English Market into a Wishing Well will be considered at the next English Market Traders Committee meeting and the response of the Committee will be outlined at the subsequent Tourism, Arts and Culture Functional Committee meeting.

11.7.2 **ELIZABETH FORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Council welcomes the increase in visitors to Elizabeth Fort and calls for a Visitors centre and other appropriate facilities to be made available in order to enhance its attractiveness to tourists.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, Cllr. M. Finn 17/275)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017 stated that discussions have previously taken place with Fáilte Ireland regarding capital funding for Elizabeth Fort. The Tourism Section will liaise with Fáilte Ireland with regard to the next phase of capital funding for large tourism projects which is due to open at the end of 2017.

I will report further to Members in due course.

11.7.3 **BROCHURE ON THE CITY'S BRIDGES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the successful brochure of top ten Cork tourist attractions be followed up by a brochure inviting tourists to walk and discover the city’s bridges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/280)

The Report of the Director of Services dated 31st August 2017 stated that the Tourism Section in conjunction with the Heritage Officer will investigate the feasibility of providing a comprehensive brochure on the City’s bridges subject to the necessary funding being available in 2018.

12. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th SEPTEMBER 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 4th September 2017.

12.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

12.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of May 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle agreed to write to Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government regarding a review of the Rates Valuation.

12.2 **MOTIONS**

FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HERIGATE SCHEME

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services on the following Motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council apply for funding from the Structure at Risk Fund under the Department of Heritage Scheme and include:

- a. The Church of the Ascension Gurrabraher
- b. St. Mary’s Church Popes Quay

As they are in need of urgent repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/222)

The of the Director of Services dated 21st August 2017 stated that the Structures at Risk scheme, 2017 funds, have been allocated by Dept Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (DAHRRGA).

Saint Mary’s Church, Pope’s Quay, is a protected Structure and is eligible for funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme. This annual scheme is funded by the Department of DAHRRGA and administered by the City Council. Saint Mary’s Church, will also be eligible to apply to Cork City Council’s own “Architectural Conservation Area Grant Scheme” in 2018 as the church is included within the Shandon Architectural Conservation Area.

The Church of the Ascension Gurrabraher is not a protected structure and not in a Architectural Conservation Area, therefore it is not eligible for these building conservation grant schemes.

Owners of buildings which are protected structures, and or, located in a Architectural Conservation Area are welcome to apply for the scheme in 2018, should funds be allocated and provided that the works they propose are eligible.

The schemes are advertised in the press and on our website once the application dates are made known to us by the Department.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the Summary received from Comhairleoir M. Shields relating to the McGill Summer School in Glenties, Co. Donegal from the 16th-21st July 2017.

15. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the respective attendance of the following:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin – The Fair Deal Scheme – Carlingford 10th-12th March 2017.

16. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of the following:-

- Comhairleoirí S. Martin, M. Shields, J. Buttimer and T. O’Driscoll to attend the LAMA Autumn Training Seminar in Clonmel on 29th & 30th September 2017.

17. **MOTIONS**

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

17.1 **HOUSING POLICY**

‘That Cork City Council rescind its policy of not allowing tenants:-

1. Purchase houses that have had disability extensions put on
2. Elderly tenants from purchasing council houses.

This could be construed as discrimination on the grounds of ageism and disability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/188)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.2 **ENTRANCE TO ST FINBARR’S CEMETARY**

That the entrance area at St Finbarr's Cemetery be tidied up, including: the removal of weeds, dead cut grass etc from kerbstones and front pillars; the hole on the left hand side inside the gate (reported five years ago) be covered over; the railings on the outside painted; and the outside pillars cleaned. All cut grass should be removed from Republican Plot and area by fountain at the very least on an ongoing basis and if such work requires the assistance of the public on a once-off basis again - perhaps with Friends of St Finbarr's group - that a call go out for such support.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/263)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.3 **PROVIDE VOTING REGISTRATION FORM WHEN ALLOCATING LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING**

‘That when Cork City Council allocates local authority housing, a voting registration form is provided automatically alongside additional correspondence relating to the tenancy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/270)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.4 **RECORDING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

‘That Cork City Council will follow suit with other Local Authorities and introduce the recording of Council and committee meetings in the interest of increasing public trust and confidence and provide clear transparency in its dealings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/271)

Corporate Policy Group

17.5 **TWINNING SIGNAGE**

‘That signs displaying a list of the cities twinned with Cork be placed at the major entry points to the city in order to promote awareness among visitors.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/289)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

17.6 **REPAINT DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 204 PEARSE ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

‘To repaint the disabled parking space in front of number 204 Pearse Road, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/290)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.7 **BYE LAWS TO SUSPEND THE USE OF RICK SHAWS**

‘That Cork City Council introduce an emergency bye-law to immediately suspend the use of Rick Shaw's on the streets of Cork City until such time as these vehicles regulate their service for use on the public streets of our City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/291)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.8 **INCLUDE DUNMANUS PARK IN THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Dunmanus Park in the traffic calming programme in the interest of the safety of children living there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/292)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.9 **WALL BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND CHAPEL GATE AND FENCE BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND PARK COURT**

‘That Cork City Council, in view of numerous episodes of antisocial behavior and littering, would close access by placing a wall between Meelick Park and Chapel Gate and a fence between Meelick Park and Park Court.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/293)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.10 **RECONFIGURATIONS OF THE ROAD NETWORK AROUND WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

‘We the ward Councillors of the Cork City South Central Ward request that the following reconfigurations of the road network surrounding the White Street car park be introduced prior to the closure of the car park to make way for a new housing development of 43 dwellings. The imminent closure of the car park will see the loss of 80 plus car parking spaces and the proposed reconfiguration will ensure the continuation and availability of car parking spaces in the area concerned thereby avoiding the displacement of those who use the car park and maintaining access to the area for those who support indigenous businesses in the area while also providing much needed parking for residents who live in the area concerned.

We propose the following.

That Douglas Street be designated a one way traffic flow system West to East from Dunbar Street to Rutland Street.

That Rutland Street be designated a one way traffic flow system South to North from Douglas Street to the South Terrace and that Parking will be provided on the left hand side up to the South Terrace.

That Sawmill Street be designated a one way traffic flow system East to West from Infirmary Road to White Street with parking being provided left and right as appropriate/permitted from Infirmary road to Rutland Street and that the parking be maintained on the left hand side as it currently is from Rutland Street to White Street.

That Kemp Street be designated a one way traffic flow system from Sawmill Street to South Terrace with parking being permitted on the right hand side.

In our estimation this will provide upwards of 60 plus parking spaces which will help to alleviate any parking concerns for residents and current users of the car park. It will also help to maintain revenue from car parking in the area.’

(Proposers: Cllr. P. Dineen, Cllr. M. Finn 17/294)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.11 **WORKS REQUIRED IN TANNERY GARDENS**

‘That Cork City Council will carry out a full inspection of works required to the Properties that Cork City Council Residents in Tannery Gardens have to endure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/297)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

17.12 **CALENDAR OF ALL MEETINGS**

‘That City Council would put in place urgently a calendar for All meetings for Cllrs. and staff of all our directorates to prevent overlapping of meetings as lack of this meetings diary is causing on-going problems particularly for Cllrs. who are B.O.M. members on outside bodies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/298)

Party Whips

17.13 **NAME THE BRIDGE BETWEEN MERCHANT’S QUAY AND PATRICK’S QUAY IN HONOUR OF CORK WOMEN**

‘In view of the fact that there is only one bridge in Cork out of over 20 named after a female, that Cork City Council would as a matter of principle agree to name the upcoming bridge between Merchant's Quay and Patrick's Quay in honour of the contribution and service that many Cork women have given.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/299)

Party Whips

17.14 **RESURFACE AND REPAIR THE ROAD BETWEEN COLLINS’ BARRACKS AND DILLONS’ CROSS**

‘That the Old Youghal Road between Collins' Barracks and Dillons' Cross would be assessed for repair/re-surfacing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/300)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.15 **RAMP ON WELLINGTON ROAD, WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH ALEXANDRA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council erect a ramp on Wellington Road, west of its junction with Alexandra Road in order to slow down traffic approaching St Lukes Cross in the interests of the safety of pedestrians and motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/301)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.16 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 169 PEARSE ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

‘That a disabled Parking space be provided at or near 169 Pearse Road, Ballyphehane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 17/303)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.17 **UNNAMED ROAD FROM WELLINGTON ROAD TO SYDNEY PARK**

‘As per my previous motion, that Cork City Council name the currently unnamed road from Wellington Road to Sydney Park "Sydney Drive". There is only one house on the Road and they are very adamant that this road should have a name for convenience purposes. They have also asked that the steps halfway up this road leading down to Wellington Road should be named "Sydney Steps" once again for the purpose of convenience.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/304)

Party Whips

17.18 **RE-USE CUT STONE AND PLAQUES TO LANDSCAPE PUBLIC SPACE IN THE SOUTH EAST WARD**

‘That the cut stone and plaques deposited at the Council Depot Store in Mahon be catalogued and re-used in the landscaping of public space in the south east ward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/305)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17.19 **FIX SOUTHERN GATE AND WALL AT BUCKLEYS MEADOW, BLACKROCK**

‘That the Council fix the southern gate and wall at Buckleys Meadow, Blackrock. At the estate’s opening residents had keys but the gate is now damaged and off its hinges.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/306)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.20 **EXAMINATION OF UNPROTECTED QUAYSIDES**

‘That City Council would carry out an urgent examination of all our unprotected quaysides with the intentions of erecting protective railings. This work is urgently required for the safety of both pedestrians and drivers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/307)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.21 **CHALLENGES FACING BISHOPSTOWN AND WILTON**

‘That Cork City Council recognises the many and unique challenges facing Bishopstown and Wilton and will develop a coherent cross organisational approach, Planning, Roads, Environment, Recreation, to the management and remediation of these challenges, initially through the revision of the Bishopstown Wilton Local Area Action Plan and then by the adoption of a statutory Local Area Plan which would set out clear objectives and timelines with full transparency and accountability.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/310)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise
Functional Committee**

17.22 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF VACANT / DERELICT PROPERTIES**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately start the compulsory purchase of vacant / derelict properties so that they can be used to house homeless people and families on the housing waiting list.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/312)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise
Functional Committee**

17.23 **CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

That the Chief Executive Officer will within two months report to the Council, for their consideration, setting out of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

1. the current situation in relation to matters which the Council has direct responsibility for,
2. an estimation of the areas and the extent of unmet need relating to same,
3. the areas where engagement of this Council with other public bodies would improve participation for people with disabilities and the names of those public bodies,
4. the measures taken and planned by this Council to ensure the participation and engagement by people with disabilities and their representatives in local decision making structures and mechanisms, with a view to budgeting and planning for 2018 and beyond for the Council to advance implementation of the UN CRPD.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/313)

Corporate Policy Group

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **TAX BREAKS TO OWNERS OF VACANT HOUSES RESIDING PERMANENTLY IN NURSING HOMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the government to introduce tax breaks for the owners of vacant houses residing permanently in nursing homes, to do up the houses and bring them back into housing stock.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/189)

18.2 **REMOVE BUS SHELTER OUTSIDE 104 LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council directs the National Transport Authority to remove the Bus Shelter outside 104 Lower Glanmire Road as it is not used by any passengers, it’s a nuisance to local residents and a source of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/302)

18.3 **RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That this Council request a written update from the Minister for State for Disability Issues, Finian McGrath, T.D, on his intention to ratify the UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities and ask for assurances that this will be enacted as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/309)

18.4 **REVIEW OF ‘REBUILDING IRELAND’**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government Eoghan Murphy to meet with the Council as a matter of urgency, both to engage on the review of 'Rebuilding Ireland' and to allow him outline what funding streams are to be made available to address the housing & homeless crisis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/311)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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