

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí Stephen Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. O'Sullivan, K. Collins.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, K. McCarthy
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Directorate. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. 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. Watt, Senior Executive Planner, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Directorate. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh chaired the meeting in the absence of tArd-Mhéara

An Leas Ard-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O'Shea Family on the death of Norma O'Shea.
- The Owens Family on the death of Danny Owens.
- The Casey Family on the death of Liam Casey

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

- Sean O’Sullivan on the organisation of “Rolling back the Years” Concert in the Cork Opera House, on 9<sup>th</sup> October.
- Mr. Alf Smiddy on his appointment as Director of the ESB.
- The Chairman of the Glen Hurling and Football Club on winning the Cork County Senior Hurling Championship.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **CORK CITY LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP) 2016-2021**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Local Community Development Committee and the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee of the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

No items were raised.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

At the request of An Leas Ard-Mhéara, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the Cork Local Government Review.

An Chomhairle considered and noted the update on the current position regarding the Cork Local Government Review which was presented by the Chief Executive.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of :-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

6. **PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 3 (MAHON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE) OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

(Deferred from Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016)

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this item for consideration to a joint meeting of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee and the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee, on a date to be agreed.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIMS**

*An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan.*

In relation to Public Liability claims can the Chief Executive please advise Council the number of claims made, the average cost per claim and the total cost in respect of St. Patrick's Street, Grand Parade/ Daunts Square, and Oliver Plunkett Street for each year from 2008 to 2015 and can the CE list reasons for the claims.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

7.2 **HEDGEGROWS AND DITCHES ON UNCULTIVATED LAND**

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

According to the Wildlife Act 1979, hedgerows and ditches on uncultivated land cannot be cut between March 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>. Has the Council been cutting hedges between March 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> in contravention with the Wildlife Act (Amendment 2000)?

(Cllr. Marion O'Sullivan)

**REPLY**

Under Section 40 of the Wildlife Acts 1976 – 2010 the cutting or clearing of hedgerows is prohibited during the bird nesting season from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Provision is made in Subsection (1) granting exemption for specific reasons including public health and safety.

The City Council on occasion has to avail of this exemption during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August to cut hedges encroaching onto public roads and footpaths in the interests of public health and safety.

This work is kept to the minimum compatible with satisfying the health and safety requirements.

David Joyce,  
Director of Services,  
Environment & Recreation.

7.3 **HOMELESS FAMILIES ENTERING INTO EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION**

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

Can Cork City Council advise regarding the procedure for homeless families entering into emergency accommodation? Historically, families have been split up and advised to seek shelter in men's and women's emergency accommodation.

(Cllr. Fiona Ryan)

**REPLY**

All presentations for emergency accommodation are to the Homeless Persons Unit which is run on behalf of Cork City Council by the Community Welfare Service, Department of Social Protection. Each case is considered on its own merits and the decisions are made as to what is appropriate to the individual or family presenting.

Edel House accommodates women and children, Cork Simon Community provides emergency accommodation for men and women and St. Vincent de Paul accommodates single men.

Private emergency accommodation can be made available in B&B's and Hotels in instances where the hostels are full or in cases where this is considered most appropriate to meet the needs of the client presenting.

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

7.4 **DPG MAJOR WORKS**

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

How many DPG major works are on file at the moment?  
How many are priority 1, how many are priority 2, how many are priority 3?  
What is the outstanding cost to Council for these works, listed by priority?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

**REPLY**

1. There are 42 no. applications on file at the moment (including 3 no. overcrowding applications)
2. With regard to the DPG Applications, there are 34 Priority 1's, 4 Priority 2's and 1 Priority 3.
3. Funding available from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (DHPCLG): €1,869,450 has been approved by the DHPCLG and this has been estimated to complete 38 units. The works are currently at tender stage so the funding required will be finalised with the DHPCLG at tender award stage. The

Council is confident that the necessary funding will be made available to carry out the necessary works to all 42 properties.

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

7.5 **REDEVELOPMENT OF BOYCES STREET**

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

Could the Chief Executive update the Council on the redevelopment of Boyces Street?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

**REPLY**

The City Council is advancing proposals for the redevelopment of the Council owned flats at Boyces Street. A meeting will take place shortly with the Ward Councillors to discuss the plans and it is projected that the Part 8 planning process will commence in November of the current year.

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

7.6 **FIX THE DESTROYED FOOTPATHS IN GREENHILLS COURT, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

Can the CE please give an update on the plans to fix the destroyed footpaths in Greenhills Court South Douglas Road? In response to a motion sent in on the 18th February 2016, the director gave a commitment to ensure any required works would be completed as a matter of urgency.

(Cllr. Shane O'Shea)

**REPLY**

Remedial works to footpaths in Greenhills Court will commence in current year.

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

**PROPOSED ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF THE IBAL SURVEY**

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

Following a public meeting organised by Farranree Community Association to ask the Chief Executive for an update on proposed actions as a result of the IBAL Survey. 1) The clean up of the areas graded D,C.B. 2) notify IBAL that the Farranree Community or Cork City Council is not responsible for the Recycle facility identified in the report. 3) As previously stated in Council that Cork City Council notifies IBAL that we no longer wish to participate in the City Surveys of IBAL. 4) Notifies the Department of Environment of our decision to no longer participate in the survey given the major upset its results have caused residents and the damaging label and image it has given to very vibrant communities.

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

**REPLY**

Following the publication of the IBAL Survey on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 a Litter Warden was assigned to investigate and address the issues highlighted in the survey :

**Lidl: Grade B.**

The Litter Warden called and cautioned Lidl regarding litter in the car park on 06/09/16. On 10/09/16 the car park was found to be littered and a fine was issued. There have been no issues observed at the site since.

**Recycle Facility at Lidl: Grade B.**

Upon inspection by the Litter Warden the site was found to be lightly littered and a request was made to the cleansing section to have the area swept and cleaned. The litter Warden will continue to monitor this location. This bottle bank at this location formed part of the planning conditions for the Lidl Store development. The bottle bank is situated on private property and responsibility for the bottle bank rests solely with Lidl. However, as with all bottle banks, Cork City Council does sweep and clean the area surrounding it on a daily basis.

**Fair Green: Grade D.**

Upon inspection by the Litter Warden the pitch and bordering path was clean. The perimeter bordering the housing estates however was badly littered. This area is used regularly for bonfires and drinking parties.

The Warden contacted the Parks Department on 07/09/16 to have the area cleaned. On 19/09/16, the area was found to be much worse with bonfires still smoking from the previous night. On 20/09/16 the Warden met with Parks Department Staff and a JCB was being hired to clear out the site.

The Warden also spoke with residents in the area and will continue to monitor this location.

**Knockpogue Avenue: Grade B.**

The Warden visited the area on 05/09/16 and found area to be clean and litter-free.

**Farranferris Green: Grade C.**

The Warden visited this area on 05/09/16 and found area to be clean. The area will continue to be monitored.

**Popham's Road: Grade B.**

The Warden visited the area on 05/09/16 and found area to be clean.

The area is swept daily Mon-Fri by City Council Cleansing Staff.

On 07/09/16 the Warden requested the Roads Department to remove the weeds on the steps outside the shops and upon revisiting the area on 13/09/16 the weeds had been removed and the area was clean.

**Cushing Place.**

Upon visiting the area the Warden found the area to be rundown with signs of anti-social behavior such as bonfires and graffiti.

The bags under the No Dumping sign usually contain beer cans and bottles and are removed either by the Litter Section or by Cleansing Staff.

On 05/09/16 the roadway was heavily littered and a request was made to have the area swept and this was done. On 19/09/16 the area was found to be badly littered again and another request to have the area swept was made and the area was cleaned. The Warden will continue to monitor the area.

**Fairfield Avenue: Grade B.**

The Warden visited the area on 05/09/16 and found it to be very lightly littered. A vandalized dog fouling sign was removed. The Warden will continue to monitor the area.

**Corner of Fairfield Avenue and Fairfield Road: Grade D.**

Upon visiting the area The Warden found it to be heavily littered. The Warden spoke to the caretaker of the property and a request was issued to the owner of the property to have the site cleaned up. The Warden will continue to monitor the area.

The Fairfield is maintained by means of scheduled maintenance, being litter picked a number of times per week.

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) was set up in 1996 as an alliance of companies who believe that litter has a significant impact on our economic well-being. IBAL believes that it is the job of Local Government to solve the litter problem. It is through enforcement of litter laws - not public information campaigns - that we will rid our country of this scourge.

Commenced in 2002, the IBAL Anti-Litter League was developed to mobilise local authorities into action on the subject of litter. It claims success, in that a large number of towns are now Clean to European Norms, in contrast to two in the original survey. In their view, the success of the programme lies in its transparency. It involves An Taisce regularly monitoring litter levels in towns and cities across Ireland according to international standards. The areas are then ranked in a league table format. At the request of members, IBAL has been invited to make a presentation to the Environment and Recreation Committee on details of aims of the organisation and modality of inspections, including

standards used and selection of locations. They have, to-date, not been in a position to facilitate these invitation.

While Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) continues to keep Cork City Council informed of their activities and keeps lines of communication open they have not been given approval to set or select review/survey areas or locations.

IBAL is a respected nongovernmental organization and, I understand, part funded by Government, it is not clear if notifying them or the Department of the Environment of our intention not to participate in the surveys would have any impact.

It would however be perfectly in order for Councillors to advise IBAL of their views and that of their constituents. If so desired a suitable communication can be prepared.

DAVID JOYCE  
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES  
ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

7.8 **RIGHT OF WAY RELATING TO ELBOW LANE**

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

Can the CE report on the public extinguishment right of way relating to Elbow Lane off Oliver Plunkett Street and any proposed developments in the area?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

**REPLY**

In accordance with the provisions of the section 73 of the Road Traffic Act a public notice was issued of a proposal to extinguish the public right of way at Elbow Lane. A number of submissions have been received as part of the consultation process provided for in the legislation. These submissions are being examined at present and a report will be prepared in due course for consideration by the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee and thereafter for consideration and determination by Council.

In relation to development proposals, O'Flynn Capital Partners/Penney's held a public briefing session in 2015 where they outlined proposals to develop most of the block bound by Patrick Street, Cook Street, Oliver Plunkett Street and Robert Street for retail development. It is understood that a planning application is being prepared for submission to the Council.

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



7.9 **HEATING SYSTEM IN CARNLOUGH HOUSING ESTATE IN THE GLEN**

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

Can the CE outline why the heating system in Carnlough Housing Estate in the Glen was not working in September. Who was managing and maintaining the heating systems and who is now managing and maintaining it. Why were the residents not updated on the ongoing situation. What will be done for residents who have prepaid on their heating bills, will they be reimbursed ?

(Cllr. Thomas Gould)

**REPLY**

The District Heating system in Carnlough Housing Estate was not working for a period due to a lack of maintenance of the fuel supply to the system.

The system was being managed and maintained on a temporary basis by SME Engineering Ltd. A five year contract has now been put in place with Kaizen Energy Ltd to manage and maintain the system. Kaizen Ltd will be in contact with all tenants over the coming weeks as part of their contract.

Tenants will not be charged for heating or standing charges for the period the heating was not working.

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

7.10 **BISHOPSTOWN PLAYGROUND**

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

In light of all the meetings and provisional plans that have been put in place over 2015 & 2016 to move forward the building of Bishopstown Playground, I request that in the upcoming budget for 2017 that Cork City Council give a commitment to **ring fence** (*at the minimum*) the cost of getting the Bishopstown Playground designed & put out to tender with in the first ¼ of 2017 and ideally the cost of building the playground by end of year 2017.

Can the CE give this commitment please?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

**REPLY**

The issue of funding for a playground at Murphy's Farm in Bishopstown is being considered amongst other projects in the context of the budgetary process currently underway for 2017 (Revenue Budget) and the Capital Programme 2018 . The question of

funding of this project will be finalised at the conclusion of the process in the coming weeks.

David Joyce  
Director of Services  
Environment & Recreation

7.11 **PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIMS AGAINST CORK CITY COUNCIL**

*An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan.*

Can the CE please advise Council of the breakdown of Public Liability claims against Cork City Council over the 5 years ending 31 Dec 2015 **showing for each year**

1. Number of Compensation CLAIMS PER LED
2. The average Compensation paid per LED
3. The total Compensation paid per LED
4. The average legal Expenses per claim in each year.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

7.12 **ESTATE ROADS FOR RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

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

What estate roads have been resurfaced in the South West Ward over the past three years, what estate roads are currently being considered for resurfacing during 2016/2017 and is there an average M2 price for resurfacing of estate roads?

(Cllr. Fergal Dennehy)

**REPLY**

Parts of the following estate roads were resurfaced in the South West Ward since 2013:

Ballinaspig Lawn  
St. Finbarr's Park  
Melbourne Avenue  
Rose Lawn  
McCurtain Villas  
Halldene Avenue  
Halldene Drive

The roads to be resurfaced in 2017 have not yet being finalised but will be selected over the coming months and will be dependent on sufficient funding being available.

The cost of resurfacing estate roads is dependent on the design treatment required but it is normally in the range €26 to €40 per m<sup>2</sup>.

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

8. **PARTY WHIPS SPECIAL MEETING – 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips Special Meeting from its meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

10. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

11. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

11.1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the election of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary as Chairperson of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee.

11.2 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN VARIATION NO 4. ON VACANT SITES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle considered and approved the revised report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016, recommending the commencement of the public consultation process in relation to the proposed Development Plan Variation No. 4 on Vacant Sites with the deletion of references to Variation No. 3 and the clarification of Housing List numbers.

11.3 **REPORT ON PREPARATION OF SOUTH DOCKS AND TIVOLI LOCAL AREA PLANS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to the Preparation of South Docks and Tivoli Local Area Plans.

11.4 **UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND REGIONAL SPATIAL AND ECONOMIC STRATEGIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to the update on the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies.

11.5 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016 in relation to the CASP Policy Committee Report June 2016.

11.6 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MIDDLE PARISH AND NORTH MAIN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report 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:

“That Cork City Council create a Local Area Development Plan for the Middle Parish Community and North Main Street retail area”

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/223)

The Report stated that it is Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Directorate’s intention to lead on the preparation of an Action Plan for the North Main Street / Marsh Quarter in 2017 to identify actions to revitalise the area and options for funding and delivery. Background work on data collection, issue identification and engaging with local stakeholders is ongoing. An Action Plan addressing a wide range of issues rather than a statutory Local Area Plan is considered the appropriate tool to achieve change in this area of the City.

The North Main Street / Marsh area Quarter of the City Centre has been a priority for action under the *City Centre Revitalisation Initiative* and a considerable amount of effort, resource and partnership has been developed in the area under the patronage of the Area Champions Jim O’Donovan (now retired) and David Joyce with the support of Erin O’Brien, Area Planner. Working with the North Main Street Traders and the Marsh Residents Association (and others) actions have included tackling dereliction, building improvement grant schemes in 2015 and 2016, environmental improvements and artwork by Re-imagine Cork, upgrading the CYMS building, temporary gardens on Kyle Street, the re-use of St Peters Church as a Commemorative Centre and many other actions brought about by the City Council and partnership / collective action in the area.

11.7 **ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS GRANTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to the Additional Building Grants.

12 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

12.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a) Disposal of property known as No. 8, Stable Lane, Off Copley Street, Cork to John Kenefick, c/o James Riordan & Partners, Solicitors, No. 89/90, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €27,500.00, plus VAT if applicable.  
On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
- b) Disposal of property known as No. 11, Ninety Eight Street, Cork to Robert Heffernan, c/o J.M. Cronin, Solicitors, No. 8, Sullivan’s Quay, Cork for the sum of €60,000.00, plus VAT if applicable.  
On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
- c) Disposal of property known as No. 5, Nicholas Terrace, Upper Winters Hill, Off Blarney Street, Cork to Jessica Sweetnam, c/o Eoin C. Daly Mallon, Solicitors, No. 13, Sheares Street, Cork for the sum of €13,750.00, plus VAT if applicable.  
On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
- d) Disposal of property known as No. 338, Blarney Street, Cork to John O’Dwyer, c/o O’Connor Dudley & Comyn, Solicitors, West End, Mallow, Co. Cork for the sum of €65,000.00, plus VAT if applicable.  
On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
- e) Disposal of property known as No. 10, Lee View Terrace, Off Blarney Street, Cork to Unique Fitout, having its registered address at Unit 16 City North Business Park, Dublin Hill, Cork, c/o Pdraig J. Sheehan, Solicitors, Village Green House, Church Road, Douglas West, Co. Cork for the sum of €35,000.00, plus VAT if applicable.  
On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
- f) Disposal of property known as No. 19, McCurtain’s Villas, Cork to Vicki Mountjoy, c/o Finghin O’Driscoll Solicitors, No. 11, Pembroke Street, Cork for the sum of €150,000.00, plus VAT if applicable.  
On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
- g) Disposal of property known as No. 30, St. Finbarr’s Place, Cork to Carmel O’Sullivan, c/o, Whelan Solicitors, Grattan Court, Washington Street West, Cork for the sum of €157,500.00, plus VAT if applicable.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- h) Disposal of property consisting of 5 number garages at Farranferris Avenue, Cork to David Bermingham, c/o P.J. O’Driscoll & Sons, Solicitors, No. 73, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €14,250.00, plus VAT if applicable.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

## 12.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for September 2016.

## 12.3 **RESPOND! – ACCOMMODATION AT MILLFIELD COTTAGES, BLACKPOOL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to the provision of 18 units of accommodation at Millfield Cottages, Blackpool, Cork by Respond!.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €738,489 (previously approved loan being €400,401) for the acquisition of 18 units of accommodation at Millfield Cottages, Blackpool, Cork be granted to Respond!, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

## 12.4 **RESPOND! – ACCOMMODATION AT SONOMAR, TOGHER ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to the provision of 8 units of accommodation at Sonomar, Togher Road, Cork by Respond!.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €70,000 for the acquisition of 8 units of accommodation at Sonomar, Togher Road, Togher, Cork be granted to Respond! subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

## 12.5 **GALTAN LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT NO. 4, CLIFTON TERRACE, SUMMERHILL NORTH, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to the provision of 4 units of accommodation at No. 4, Clifton Terrace, Summerhill North, Cork by Galtan Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding, €313,635 (previous loan being €301,852) for the acquisition of No. 4 Clifton Terrace, Summerhill North, Cork be granted to Galtan Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme ”.

12.6 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT 3, CURRY’S ROCK, UPPER JOHN STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 3, Curry’s Rock, Upper John Street, Cork by Focus Housing Association Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €207,650 for the acquisition of 3, Curry’s Rock, Upper John Street, Cork be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

12.7 **HOUSING TRANSFER APPLICATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to an update on Housing Transfer Applications.

12.8 **INCREMENTAL TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 in relation to an update on the Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016.

12.9 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 29 September, 2016 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

13. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

13.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork's Programme for the months ending August 2016.

13.2 **INTRODUCTION OF SPEED DISPLAY SIGNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the introduction of Speed Display Signs.

13.3 **FOOTPATH AT THE PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE TO COUNTY HALL AT FARRANLEA ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the footpath at the pedestrian entrance to County Hall at Farranlea Road and further agreed to examine the dishing of the footpath at this location.

‘That City Council would dish the footpath at the pedestrian entrance to County Hall at Farranlea Rd to facilitate Families of wheelchair bound patients of the Community Nursing Unit which is right opposite this entrance, as these families use this entrance with these patients to access the Lee Fields. As they can use the vehicle entrance on weekdays thus not having to manoeuvre the wheelchair up onto the footpath, but this entrance is not accessible at weekends as the gates are locked.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/232)

The Report stated that the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location will be considered as part of the Carrigrohane Strategic Corridor which will going to Part 8 Planning process in 2017.

13.4 **INSPECTION OF FOOTPATHS IN THE PARKWAY/LEESDALE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the inspection of footpaths in the Parkway/Leesdale Estate.

‘That City Council would carry out an inspection of all the footpaths in the Parkway/Leesdale Estate with the intentions of dishing all the remaining footpaths to facilitate those who are wheelchair bound and the elderly who find it hard to step up onto these footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/233)

The Report stated that the footpaths in question will be inspected to establish where accessibility works are required. Candidate locations will be placed on the roads programme for action in line with available resources.



## **HR AND FUNDING REVIEW IN THE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the HR and funding review in the Roads & Transportation Directorate.

‘That a review of HR and funding resources in the Roads & Transportation Directorate be undertaken, in view of ongoing responses to Councillors that roads-related issues (including footpath repairs, traffic calming, resurfacing and lighting) cannot be undertaken because of a lack of funding, to establish output levels and what the disparity is between what is being funded by central government and what is needed from central government to provide mere basic service.’

The Report stated that the Roads and Transportation Directorate is responsible for a broad range of functions that includes the design/construction of road improvement schemes, carriageway/footpath maintenance, bridge repair, winter maintenance, licensing, pay parking, enforcement, traffic management, lighting, traffic signals, road safety etc.

The Directorate has a total staff compliment of 150 covering a diverse range of skills and grades reflective of the areas of responsibility. It includes engineers, technicians, administrative staff, electricians, mechanics, fitters, general operatives, craft workers and school and traffic wardens. Total revenue expenditure for 2016 was budgeted at €23.88m including services support costs. This represents 16% of the total Council revenue expenditure for the year. The Directorate is funded through a mix of local allocations from rates and property tax receipts, surplus income from parking services, licensing fees and grants from the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland. In recent years the Directorate has also benefited significantly from grant funding secured from the National Transport Authority for sustainable transport projects.

The Directorate manages and maintains approx 500 km of roads within the City. The network has evolved over recent years and now includes 12km of dedicated bus lanes, 18 bus priority junctions and 26km of cycle lanes. The network also incorporates a broad range of assets apart from the carriageway/footpath and traditional related markings and signs. These include over 270 signal installations, 18,000 public lights and modern messaging systems such as VMS and RTPI signs.

Maintenance services are provided through a mix of direct labour crews and private contractors. The latter supports works in areas such as public lighting repairs, surfacing works, weed control etc. Road maintenance direct labour crews respond to 3,000-4,000 repair requests each year with carriageway and footpath issues predominating.

The overall level of funding available for road improvement and maintenance works remains limited relative to current needs and as with other areas the Directorate has experienced a reduction in staffing levels and a loss of experience and skills. Against this backdrop the maintenance of the existing infrastructural base remains a key priority for the Directorate.

As noted above the Roads function is funded through a mixture of local sources and external grants both of which have experienced downward pressure over a number of years. As Members will be aware from their ongoing deliberations in the budgetary

process adequate funding levels are essential to the effective delivery of maintenance services and to support improvements that are necessary for the development of a more integrated and sustainable transport system. It is hoped that in the period ahead the resource levels can be increased progressively to support increased activity in areas such as carriageway surfacing, footpath repair, lighting improvement and traffic calming/improvement.

### 13.6 **INTRODUCE DIGITAL SPEED INDICATORS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the introduction of Digital Speed Indicators.

‘That Cork City Council introduce Digital Speed indicators on a pilot basis throughout the City in order to monitor their impact on speed reduction.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/236)

The Report stated that as outlined in the earlier report ‘Introduction of Speed Display Signs’ a number of vehicle activated signs have been purchased and will be erected, on a temporary basis, around the City by end of Q4 2016 to encourage compliance with the speed limit.

In accordance with the 2015 DoTTaS publication, ‘*Guidelines for setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland*’, research indicates that, for urban roads where the speed limit is being exceeded, the signs are most effective for the first two weeks after installation and that they should not be left in place for longer than three weeks. Furthermore overuse of the signs can lead to over familiarity by drivers and hence detract from their effectiveness. Therefore, the signs will be moved periodically from location to location.

### 13.7 **HILLCREST VIEW, BLARNEY RAOD IN RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the inclusion of Hillcrest, Blarney Road in the Resurfacing Programme.

‘That Cork City Council include Hillcrest View, Blarney Road in the resurfacing programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/237)

The Report stated that the condition of Hillcrest View will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

### 13.8 **INCLUDE MEADOW PARK AVENUE IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the inclusion of Meadow Park Avenue in the Road Resurfacing Programme.

‘The Cork City Council would include Meadow Park Avenue for its Road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/239)

The Report stated that the condition of Meadow Park Avenue will be assessed and will be considered for inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

13.9 **PAINT CAR PARKING SPACES IN HOLLYVILLE LOWER, HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the painting of car parking spaces in Hollyville Lower, Hollyhill.

‘That Cork City Council paint car parking spaces in Hollyville Lower, Hollyhill. This would regulate parking for residents and act also as a traffic calming measure.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 16/247)

The Report stated that Cork City Council will assess the road painting request for Hollyville Lower, Hollyhill.

If deemed appropriate it will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

13.10 **PUBLIC LIGHT, POLE NUMBER 16, ON CONVENT ROAD, BLACKROCK, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the public light, pole number 16, on Convent Road, Blackrock, Cork.

‘That Cork City Council reports on the status of public light, pole number 16, on Convent Road, Blackrock, Cork. This light is at a busy pedestrian junction and has not been working for months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/250)

The Report stated that following reports that PL16 Convent Road was out of order, the public lighting maintenance contractor AUS investigated the fault. There is a cable fault between PL19 and PL21 Convent Road which leaves no electrical supply to PL16. The repair of the damaged underground electric cable will require civil works which would be in excess of and in addition to normal maintenance on the contract. As per the contractual requirements AUS has been requested to submit a quotation with reference to the appropriate schedule of rates and this will be considered in the context of budget allocations once submitted.

13.11 **‘SCHOOL ZONE’ ROAD SAFETY SIGNS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the “School Zone” road safety signs.

‘That Cork City Council erects appropriate ‘School Zone’ road safety signs at either end, and along Avenue de Rennes, Mahon where three schools are located.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/251)

The Report stated that Avenue de Rennes, Mahon will be assessed to identify potential road safety signage that could be provided there. If deemed appropriate, the signage will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

However, it should be noted that the erection of signage alone will not improve behaviour. Improved road safety education and awareness campaigns on a national level and by the schools are a more appropriate and effective means of promoting positive road safety behaviour.

### 13.12 **ALTER FOOTPATHS ON OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding altering footpaths on Oliver Plunkett Street.

‘That conscious of the many people tripping and falling, the poorly designed footpaths along Oliver Plunkett Street are altered to distinguish them from the road surface and are safety proofed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/183)

The Report stated that the Oliver Plunkett Street layout is designed to safely cater for high volumes of pedestrians. The footpaths have been widened to the greatest possible extent. In addition the southerly footpath is level with the carriageway to enable pedestrians to seamlessly move between carriageway and footway. This feature is particularly beneficial in the afternoon when the volume of pedestrians is at its highest and when vehicles are not permitted access to the street.

There are no indications to suggest that the layout is defective. The street is widely regarded as a very successful public space as recognised by the ‘The Great Street Award 2016’ it received from The Academy of Urbanism in the UK.

As per all roads and streets in the City our staff will continue to monitor accident and public liability cases to ensure that specific problems can be quickly addresses if they arise.

### 13.13 **HEALTH & SAFETY ASSESSMENT ON THE FEVER HOSPITAL STEPS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding the health and safety assessment on the Fever Hospital steps.

‘That Cork City Council carry out a full health and safety analysis on the fever hospital steps’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/170)

The Report stated that Irish Water are currently rehabilitating the water mains on the fever hospital steps. Following completion of these works the steps will be inspected and any essential repairs will be attended to.

#### 13.14 **MOTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN COMMITTEE**

##### 13.14.1 **QUARRY STEPS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the gated steps at the Quarry area between Ballyhooly Road and Old Youghal Road be permanently closed off as this has become an area of serious anti social behaviour and the gated access option has not worked. This has become a no go area at certain times because of the increasing levels of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/137)

The Report stated that the quarry steps and adjacent quarry area have been the subject of significant works in recent years to install gates and fence off the adjacent open spaces. In addition to this CCC Planning Department are presently investigating options for its future usage. Roads will liaise with Planning to establish if there are other plans for the area going forward aside from a roads extinguishment as proposed.

##### 13.14.2 **NUMBER 8 BUS SERVICE**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

‘That Cork City Council officials liaise with their counterparts in Bus Eireann to provide a solution to residents of Silverheights Drive, Silversprings Lawn and Silversprings Court who wish to avail of the extended No 8 Bus service to Ashmount.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/195)

#### 13.15 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### 13.15.1 **INCENTIVISED PARKING 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 regarding Incentivised Parking 2016.

#### 14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

15. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the summary from Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll at the LAMA Autumn Seminar 2016 held in Bantry on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

16. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

**AILG AUTUMN SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Shannon and M. Shields at the AILG Autumn Seminar to be held in Gorey on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Shannon and M. Shields at the National & Local Authority Emergency Planning – A Briefing for Elected Members to be held in Sligo on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll at the National & Local Authority Emergency Planning – A Briefing for Elected Members to be held in Kilkenny on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**IRISH PUBLIC BODIES TRUST**

An Chomhairle agreed the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the IPBT Seminar held in Kilkenny on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

17. **TRAINING**

None Received.

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **CAPITAL COMMUNITY FUND**

‘That Cork City Council create a Capital Community Fund of 50,000 Euro to be applied for exclusively by Scouting and Guides Organisations throughout the City for small capital works.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/226)

**Finance & Estimates Functional Committee**

18.2 **FUNDING FOR PEARSE SQUARE**

‘That Cork City Council make funding available to address the following matters in Pearse Square:-

- (1) Improved CCTV coverage of the Square.
- (2) Improved lighting all over the Square.
- (3) Topping the trees.
- (4) Removal of the small wall at Pearse Road side of the Square.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/227)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

18.3 **INCLUDE CHURCHFIELD SQUARE IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Churchfield square in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/266)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.4 **PALISADE FENCING BORDERING THE FAIRFIELD AND BRIDEVALLEY VIEW**

‘That council would repair the palisade fencing bordering the Fairfield and Bridevalley View.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/267)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

18.5 **ROAD RESURFACING AT MURMONT PARK AND MURMONT CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council carry out urgent road resurfacing at Murmont Park and Murmont Crescent as both road surfaces are in a disgraceful condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/271)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.6 **REPLANTING PROGRAMME**

‘That the Cherry Blossom Trees removed from Pearse Road (especially those at the Lough side) are replaced as part of a replanting programme early in 2017 and that funding is set aside in the budget for same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/273)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

18.7 **PUBLIC LITTER BINS AND DOG FOULING BINS AT BLACKROCK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT**

‘That Cork City Council incorporates a number of public litter bins & dog fouling bins in and around the new Blackrock Village development to ensure the well used amenity will remain litter free at all times.’

(Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/275)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

18.8 **PARKING FACILITIES AT KILREENDOWNEY AVENUE**

‘That this council liaise with the residents of Nos 31 – 43 Kilreendowney Avenue in order to provide safe and proper parking facilities outside their properties. There are currently not enough parking spaces for the residents and some are forced to park on the green area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 16/279)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.9 **GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROGRAMME BARRACK ST/TOWER ST**

‘That a graffiti removal programme be rolled out for the Barrack St/ Tower St areas to combat an ongoing problem and that existing CCTV be scrutinised to monitor the situation and catch the culprits.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/281)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

18.10 **RE-PAINT DISABLED PARKING BOXES IN LEESDALE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That City Council would re paint the disabled parking boxes in Leesdale Model Farm Rd. due to the original paintwork not been visible anymore , drivers from outside our estate are now parking in these and our residents that have special needs can no longer park near their own dwellings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/284)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



18.11 **GREEN AREA TO PARKING IN THE BLACKWATER GROVE AREA**

‘That City Council would consider introducing green area to Parking in the Blackwater grove area of Deanrock in Togher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/285)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

18.12 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE EXIT OF CURRAHEEN ESTATE**

Curraheen Estate has only 1 entrance in & out of the estate. Due to the volume of traffic from the Ring Road /link road and coming up Curraheen Road and driving so fast as well as cars parked on the corner of the estate, drivers exiting the estate cannot see the traffic coming unless they pull out onto the road which is going to cause a very serious accident if this is left to continue. Added to that if the bus stops at the bus stop you can't see the traffic coming down the road. There is going to be a very serious accident going to happen at the estate unless something is done immediately to prevent it. I propose with the agreement of the residents of Curraheen Estate that traffic lights be installed at the exit of the estate to allow the traffic exit the estate safely. There could be sensors put on these lights as not to hold up the flow of traffic on the Curraheen Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/286)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.13 **PRUNE TREES IN LANSDOWNE COURT**

‘The Cork City Council would assess and prune back the trees in Lansdowne Court as they are substantially overgrown’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/287)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

18.14 **INSTALL A FOOTPATH ON FAIRFIELD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would install a footpath on Fairfield Road between Bridevally Park and the entrance of Lime Wood Grove.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/289)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.15 **ROAD MARKINGS AND PROPER SIGNAGE FROM SILVERSPRINGS LANE TO SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

‘That Cork City Council paint appropriate road markings and erect proper signage on the southern approach to the right hand turn from Silversprings Lane to Silversprings Court, Silvercourt, and South Ridge as motorists turning right into these estates are in serious danger of being rear-ended by following traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr T. Brosnan 16/290)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.16 **TRAFFIC FLOW AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of traffic flow and traffic management in Bishopstown and that this report would also comment on the effectiveness of traffic management plans of CUH and CIT and the change if any in transport modal use over the past five years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/296)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.17 **STATUS OF THE DWELLING ON BISHOPSCOURT GREEN**

‘That Cork City Council would report on the status of the dwelling on Bishopscourt Green and outline what processes are Council engaged in with the owner of this site and any relevant actions plans.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/297)

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

19. **MOTIONS**

19.1 **CITY CORONER’S TOXICOLOGY EXAMINATIONS**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016:-

‘That Cork City Council requisitions all City Coroner’s Toxicology examinations to include testing for the presence of, but not limited to, the following: anxiolytics and hypnotics, drugs used in psychosis and related disorders, antidepressant drugs and CNS (Central Nervous System) stimulants. Coroners should also be required to keep a database, of the incidents and the drugs they find.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/192)

19.2 **SERVICES TO NORTHSIDE COMMUNITIES**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016:-

‘That Cork City Council would engage with LocalLink, Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority regarding the provision of services to the Northside Communities. The LocalLink fleet consists of minibuses, which would be ideal for travelling in and around housing estates. They provide an invaluable service to the rural communities throughout the country and it may be more cost effective for Bus Éireann to allow LocalLink to provide services instead of them trying to justify the cost of providing a single decker bus.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/256)

19.3 **CONTRAFLOW BUS LANE ON THE N8**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016:-

‘That Cork City Council engages with TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) to facilitate the introduction of a contraflow bus lane on the N8 between the junction of Water Street/Lower Glanmire Road and the Junction of Brian Boru Street/Lower Glanmire Road. This would benefit up to 17 bus services an hour belonging to both Bus Éireann and private sector. Considering that in the morning, it would aid the ability of over 800 people per hour to get into the city centre up between 10/15 minutes earlier. If this was introduced, Bus Éireann could make a viable case to the National Transport Authority for more buses to be allocated to the city as demand rises. This combined with the expansion of the Leap Card services, could encourage more people to leave their car behind, easing the gridlock in the city centre at peak times. It would also free up parking spaces previously taken up and encourage people to come into the city centre during off-peak hours due to higher availability of parking spaces. It would mean a reduction in the cost of taxis from Kent Station to the city centre. This would be of benefit to the tourism/services sector and reduce overheads to business. It would also benefit the emergency services with reduced travel time to Mercy University Hospital and CUH. There is very little use of the right hand lane on the Lower Glanmire Road and a filter light to facilitate traffic wanting to travel onto Horgans Quay would address any issue for residents and businesses down there.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 16/257)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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**CATHAOIRLEACH**