

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 27th APRIL 2015

PRESENT	An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, 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, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. C. O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. O’Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance. Mr. B. Geaney, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.1 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to:-

- Ms. Sandy Murphy on the death of Maura Carolan.
- The Cronin Family on the death of Jim Cronin.
- An Chomhairle expressed their condolences to the families of those who died in the recent earthquake in Nepal.
- The Buckley Family on the death of Karen Buckley.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

Gillian Keating and Barrie O’Connell, the past president and incoming President of Cork Chamber.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEM**

An tArd Mhéara stated that the reception marking the silver jubilee of the of the double All-Ireland winners from 1990, would be postponed to 19th May owing to the death of Mr. Jim Cronin, former chairman of Cork County Board.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

There were no items raised.

2. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered, and unanimously approved the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 13th April 2015.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held in Committee held on the 13th April 2015.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **FLATS IN PEARSE ROAD ENERGY EFFICIENCY FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

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

When will the flats in Pearse Road have work carried out from the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Scheme?

REPLY

Phase one of the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Scheme is currently scheduled to commence on the flats on Pearse Road on 10th June 2015. Please note that as these flats were built in the 1950's it is most likely that the works to be done will consist of bringing the standard of insulation in the attics up to the requirements of S.R. 54:2014 Code of Practice: Methodology for the energy efficient retrofit of existing dwellings

**Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs , Housing & Community.**

3.2 **WEBPAGE FOR TENANTS SEEKING A HOUSE TRANSFER**

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

Can Cork City Council Housing Department set up a web page on its site for people who are looking for a transfer and would be willing to transfer with someone else in a Council home?

There is a lot of people looking to transfer and Cork City Council has suggested they would be open to 2 families swopping, but more often than not people don't know who, where, etc is looking for a transfer.

If people could register their interest on CCC' web site there would be a 1 stop page for people to look and discuss with other interested people. Could we even try it on a trial basis?

This might support some families getting the move they are looking for.

REPLY

The Allocation Scheme of Cork City Council facilitates mutual exchanges by Cork City Council tenants as follows:

A tenant of Cork City Council may apply to exchange his existing tenancy for a tenancy of another dwelling in the ownership of Cork City Council, a Housing Authority or an Approved Body.

In considering applications Cork City Council shall have regard to the reasons for the request and requires pre-conditions to be met including the satisfactory maintenance of the dwelling, good estate management, clear rents accounts and that there is no record of anti-social behaviour. Cork City Council reserves the right to allocate or refuse to allocate a dwelling by way of mutual exchange.

The system therefore is not as straightforward as a swap and for this reason as well as matters of Data Protection, liability and the generation of enquiries to the City Council, it is not possible to implement a system of this nature at this time.

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

3.3 FINES FOR ILLEGAL POSTERING

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

Can the CE please advise as to how many fines have been imposed for illegal postering which are glued onto every fixture, lamp post and post box around the city to date in 2015?

Who have the fines been imposed on?

In the event of non-payment of these fines, what actions will Cork City Council take in order to recover these fines?

REPLY

122 on the spot fines have been issued for offences under Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 from the 1st January to the 21st April 2015.

46 of these refer to flyposting of which 19 on the spot fines were issued to one organisation and 27 on the spot fines to another organisation both at the same address.

Failure to pay on the spot fines may give rise to prosecution in the courts.

**Jim O'Donovan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.**

3.4 **PARKING SPACES LOST DUE TO RECENT INSTALLING OF BICYCLE DOCKING STATIONS**

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

Could the CE inform the Council of how many parking spaces have been lost due to recent installing of Bicycle Docking Stations in the city?

REPLY

The Cork Bike Scheme comprises of 330 bikes across 31 station locations. The locations span an area from Gaol Cross to Kent Station. The net reduction in parking spaces across the entire scheme is 58. There are approximately 8,500 pay parking spaces in the pay parking area of which 2,000 are located in the central business area.

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

3.5 **CLEANUP OF THE HOARDING ON PENROSE QUAY**

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

To ask the CE when the partial clean-up of the hoarding on Penrose Quay, detailed in a reply by the CE on 12th January, 2015 will begin? The hoarding has since collapsed and has revealed a very ugly situation.

REPLY

Quotations have been sought from contractors to carry out this work.

Tidying works and **reduction** of hoarded area will be carried out in the next four weeks.

**Jim O'Donovan,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.**

3.6 **IRISH WATER PENALTIES FOR NON PAYMENT BY COUNCIL TENANTS**

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

Now that Cork City Council have passed the details of its tenants who have not registered with Irish Water to that utility can the Chief Executive clarify the penalties, legal, financial or otherwise for those tenants who do not pay their water bills and the consequences, if any, for their tenancies?

REPLY

The Irish Water website confirms that Irish Water cannot disclose information relating to a tenant's water account to their landlord. Cork City Council will not, therefore, have information regarding whether a tenant is paying their water bill or not.

As there is no legislation in place currently that would permit Cork City Council to impose penalties, legal, financial or otherwise on tenants who do not pay their water bills, there could not, therefore, be consequences for a person's tenancy for non payment of their water bill.

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

3.7 **DERELICT SITES- THE CRITERIA USED TO PUT SITES ON THE DERELICT SITES REGISTER**

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

Can the CE please advise how derelict sites are designated and the criteria used to put sites on the Derelict Register?

How many derelict properties are in the city at the moment?

What penalties or levies are put on properties on the Derelict Sites Register?

How many fines have been issued in the last 3 years and what was the level of compliance in paying the fines?

What other measures are being utilised to tackle the problem of dereliction in the city?

REPLY

1. The definition and criteria for declaration of dereliction is detailed in the Derelict Sites Act 1990, under which a "derelict site" is defined as any land which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood of the land in question because of—
 - (a) the existence on the land in question of structures which are in a ruinous, derelict or dangerous condition, or
 - (b) the neglected, unsightly or objectionable condition of the land or any structures on the land in question, or

- (c) the presence, deposit or collection on the land in question of any litter, rubbish, debris or waste, except where the presence, deposit or collection of such litter, rubbish, debris or waste results from the exercise of a right conferred statute or by common law.
2. There are currently 24 no. properties on the Derelict Sites Register. A city-wide survey is currently being undertaken to identify derelict sites and buildings. It is largely complete and has so far identified approximately 250 sites and buildings which are considered derelict or at risk of dereliction.
 3. Placement of a property on the Derelict Sites Register renders the owner liable for an annual levy of 3% of the market value of the site. The Council is also empowered to compulsorily acquire a property which is on the Derelict Sites Register.
 4. Over the last three years, the derelict sites levies collected and issued were as follows:
 - a. 2012: Total Invoices issued: €92,585. Total Receipts: €4,171
 - b. 2013: Total Invoices issued: €57,533. Total Receipts: €14,183
 - c. 2014: Total Invoices issued: €59,870. Total Receipts: €3,433

The level of compliance in discharging of derelict sites levies can often be related to issues which ultimately resulted in the site becoming derelict: financial hardship, difficulties in financing development, legal or title difficulties, receivership, Probate difficulties etc. The legislation therefore provides that Derelict Sites Levies are a charge on the property until paid, which ensures that the levies are required to be paid with any sale or change of ownership of the property.

5. A Derelict Sites Review Group has been established to review the operation of the derelict Sites process in the City Council and it will look at ways of improving the efficiency and effectiveness to the process with the overall aim of reducing dereliction. The group has representatives of Strategic Planning and Economic Development, Corporate and External Affairs, Law, and Finance.
6. In addition to actions under the Derelict Sites Act, the City Council is also implementing a series of pro-active measures to improve unsightly properties in the City Centre, for example through Painting and Building Improvement Grants in selected areas.

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

3.8 HOUSEHOLD BULKY GOODS COLLECTION IN SOUTH WEST WARD

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

Can the CE list all the areas in the South West Ward that have been chosen to benefit from the household bulky goods collection since its introduction?

How many more areas do Council envisage will receive this opportunity for the bulky goods collection in order that the whole South West Ward is covered?

REPLY

The bulky goods collections commenced in 2006. The South West Ward was divided into 16 areas. Between 2007 and 2014 all areas have had one collection. In the current year the cycle has recommenced. The following collections have taken place in the South West Ward:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of collections</u>
2007	1
2008	1
2009	2
2010	2
2011	2
2012	2
2013	3
2014	3
2015	1

Two more collections are scheduled for June and November of this year.

Jim O'Donovan
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation.

3.9 **DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS DUE FROM COUNTRY CLEAN LTD**

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

Can the CEO confirm if Country Clean Ltd paid in full €205,336.00 development contribution to Cork City Council. Did Country Clean make the payment of €53,280.00 for new public footpaths or roadway on J F Connolly Road and if they did can the CEO clarify when this work was carried out.

Also can the CEO confirm what works were carried out on the road footpaths and public lighting in this area over the past five years.

REPLY

Cork City Council and Country Clean Ltd entered into an instalment agreement, on a phased basis, to pay the development contributions due on work undertaken. The amount paid to date under this agreement is €20,847.72. Further contributions will be levied and collected as work progresses.

The special footpath contribution of €53,280.00 has not yet been paid and the work has not therefore been undertaken.

No significant new works been undertaken on the footpaths and lights at J F Connolly Road over the period in question. The lights form part of the public lighting inventory and are the subject of normal maintenance work. One light was also the subject of repair work following a vehicle collision in 2013.

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

**Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation Directorate**

4. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Draft Annual Report 2014.

5. **PARTY WHIPS AND PARTY LEADERS – 13th APRIL 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the meeting of Party Whips and Party Leaders, from its meeting held on 13th April 2015.

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 20th APRIL 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, from its meeting held on 20th April 2015.

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MARCH 2015**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to 31st March 2015.

6.2 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2014**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Financial Statement 2014.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle further adopted the following resolution;-

“**RESOLVED THAT** the Annual Financial Statement for 2014 and, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 17 are hereby approved.”

6.3 **SPC NOMINATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the addition of a representative from the Business Pillar to the Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee and agreed that this course of action would assist the work of the Strategic Policy Committee.

7. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16th FEBRUARY 2015.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following item from the meeting of Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 16th April 2015.

7.1 **PRESENTATION ON CORK FOOD BANK AND FOOD CLOUD**

Eoin MacCuirc, Bia Food Initiative gave a presentation on Cork Food Bank and Food Cloud. Under the initiative, Cork City is the first city in Ireland to have a surplus food distribution Hub, and the first city in the world to have a Hub and a Food Cloud.

Since November 2014, over 80 tonnes of surplus food product or 200,000 meals has been distributed to 44 charities across Munster. These include St Vincent de Paul, Cork Simon, Cork penny Dinners and many others . The hub has been developed with support from a range of public and private sector partners in a 10,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Little Island .

The large storage capacity and prompt delivery enables the Hub to provide the food to the charities, addressing food poverty and reducing their costs .It reduces the amount of food waste going to Landfill and reduces business costs.

The Hub will make an important contribution to the goal of a more equitable and resource efficient Ireland. The concept will be extended to other cities over the coming years.

The Food Cloud is an App developed by students whereby businesses advise participants of available food by text message. The Charity collects the food and either serves or distributes it to its clients.

8. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20th APRIL 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 20th April 2015.

8.1 **PROTOCOL FOR THE ERECTION OF TEMPORARY POSTERS/NOTICES.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of The Director of Services on the proposed Protocol for the Erection of Temporary Posters/Notices.

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Environmental Functional Committee at its meeting held on the 29th September 2014 considered the Director of Services report dated 25th September 2014. The report stated that a number of points were raised by the Members and it was agreed to hold the report in Committee so that a response could be made to the points raised.

It was also agreed to seek the views of the public on the proposed protocol and advertisements were taken in the Evening Echo on the 2nd October 2014, The Cork Independent on the 2nd October 2014 and the Cork News on the 3rd October 2014. Details were also available on Cork City Council's website. Submissions were to be made in writing or be email by 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14th October 2014. One submission was received from An Chomhdhail Phobail/The Peoples Convention, 99 Sraid na Dughlaise, Corcaigh.

The Committee, at their meeting on the 15th December 2014, considered the proposed protocol further and the single submission. Having reviewed a number of points, it was agreed to hold a further period of public consultation.

Advertisements indicating that submissions could be lodged up to 5 p.m. on Friday 23rd January 2015, were published in The Evening Echo, on the 6th January 2015, The Cork Independent on the 8th January 2015 and The Cork News on the 9th January 2015.

Submissions were received from the following

1. Independent Workers Union, 55 North Main Street, Cork
2. People Before Profit Alliance, Cork Branch.
3. Socialist Workers Party, Cork.
4. Socialist Party, Cork.
5. The Workers Party, Cork Region.
6. Cork Anti Austerity Alliance.

Copies of these submissions are appended (Appendix 01)

The Director of Services outlined below a summary of the items raised in the submissions:

Submission from	Points raised.
An Chomhdháil Phobail (The Peoples Convention).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curtailment of people’s rights. 2. Denial of people’s constitutional right under article 40 of the Constitution. 3. Are in direct conflict with the universal declaration on human rights. 4. Constitute an abuse of powers by public officials. 5. Such abuse of power in point 4 has cost the group through the theft and damage of their materials. 6. Nailing of posters by Cork City Council to trees on Popes Quay. 7. Proposals are politically motivated. 8. Proposals are illegal and unconstitutional.
Independent Workers Union.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposal to provide municipal poster sites. 2. Poster on poster sites should be A1 size. 3. Poster sites should be maintained on a regular basis.
People Before Profit Alliance, (Cork Branch).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application time too long, should be 4 working days with a turnaround processing time of 2 work 2. A0 should be maximum size of poster. 3. 300 posters should be allowed. <p>Maximum distance between posters should be 40 metres</p>
Socialist Workers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A0 should be maximum size and A1 minimum size of

Party Cork.	<p>poster.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. 350 posters should be allowed 3. Minimum distance between posters should be 40 metres
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.
Socialist Party Cork.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application time too long, should be 3 working days with a turnaround processing time of 3 working days. 2. A2 size is unreasonable. 3. Vulgar or offensive is a subjective term.
The Workers Party Cork Region.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposal will impose restrictions on people's rights based upon their financial means. 2. Proposal does not differentiate between fly-posting and temporary posters tied with string. 3. Use of public space to advertise meetings, is as old as the written word itself. 4. Authorisation or censorship- those with money can advertise. 5. Powerful business lobby pushing this agenda for political reasons. 6. 7 days notice too long. 7. Definition of what is vulgar or offensive. 8. Health & Safety / insurance conditions will negatively affect voluntary groups. 9. Effectively bans posters.
Cork Anti Austerity Alliance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application time is too long. 2. A0 should be the poster size limit. 3. Many of proposals reasonable.
Environment & Recreation Functional meeting, 15th December 2014.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need to enforce regulations. 2. Postering/fly posting on public realm. 3. Insurance cover a matter for the groups advertising. 4. Maximum size should be A1. 5. Vulgar or offensive who decides?

The Director of Services comment on the points raised by the Members and submissions as follows:

Definition of power to introduce the protocol: Section 19.1 of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 states that all posters are deemed litter with some exceptions. However, under the Act, these exceptions require written authorisation from the owners, occupiers or controllers of the property, either private or public, on which they are to be displayed. The purpose of this protocol is to facilitate such displays on Cork City Council property only. It is not a bye law. It is akin to a licence, similar to that for street furniture.

Enforcement of protocol: In the case of excepted notices, the Act does not provide for prosecution but, entitles the Local Authority to remove unauthorised material. This has been, to date, carried out by staff of Cork City Council. Defacement or notices not compliant with the act will give rise to fines.

Public Liability: It is a matter for each group who are erecting posters/notices to decide if they wish to have public liability insurance cover in place. Cork City Council will accept no responsibility for any accidents/incidents which may take place in the erection or removal of any temporary posters/notices or while they are on display. The reference in the protocol is to alert groups to possible liability.

Maximum number of posters/notices: The proposed number of posters per meeting/event of 100 is deemed appropriate. With this formal protocol in place the number of groups displaying posters at the same time is likely to increase. Thus, there is the prospect that, if the number per organisation is in the order of 300 to 350, multiple organisations arranging meetings in a common time period would give rise to unacceptable level of littering. Allowance of a larger number can be reconsidered after a reasonable period of operation of the protocol.

Maximum size of posters/ notices: The proposed maximum size of posters shall be A2 (600mm by 450mm) is deemed reasonable for an urban area, taking account of the safety and convenience of road users. Legibility, if poster of appropriate design, should be adequate for vehicles, in view of the general 50km/hr speed limit and number of traffic light controlled junctions. Consideration could be given to facilitating A1 posters in suitable specified locations.

Density of posters/notices: Cognisant of the likely increase in use of the facility, the limitation of one double poster/notice will be allowed 100metres length of roadway is reasonable. Again, increased density, with the coincidence of overlapping poster campaigns would give rise to unacceptable situation. This can be reviewed at a future date.

Vulgar or offensive content: The definition of vulgar or offensive content may well be viewed as subjective, but assessment by publicly elected representatives of the people should facilitate a reasonable and justifiable approach in this regard.

Emergency Events: It is not proposed to reduce the number of days required from 7 working days due to lack of definition of what is an emergency event.

Constitutional Rights

The current position is that, under the Litter Acts, all notices, posters etc. on City Council property or other public or private property are illegal, ie without written prior authorisation of the property owner, occupier or controller. The Litter Acts have not, to date, been found to be in breach of the Constitution or the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. The Protocol, in fact, is intended to facilitate the easements provided for in the Acts, by putting in place a mechanism to issue written authorisation for use of City Council property in a reasonable manner.

Allegations of political motivation or abuse of power

I reject outright the allegations that City Council or its officials acted other than in compliance with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 in the removal of posters. There is no political motivation for this action. It should be noted that this Protocol, for the first time, puts in place a framework to enable legal erection of meeting posters

Municipal Poster Sites

One submission proposes the establishment of Municipal Notice Boards at prominent locations in the City perhaps as an alternative to widespread posterage. This proposal is worthy of consideration and should perhaps be reviewed in the context of the updating of the City Litter Management Plan.

Consideration of the Protocol for the Erection of Temporary Posters/Notices

Three proposals were taken from the floor on the proposed Protocol for the Erection of Temporary Posters/Notices.

1. On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould:-

‘Cork City Council should amend the protocol by removing the reference relating to vulgar or offensive content.’
2. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney:-

‘Cork City Council to refer the report back to the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee for further consideration.’
3. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan:-

‘Cork City Council to defer a decision on the protocol for three months, in light of positive communication between an affected party and the Environment and Recreational Amenities Directorate.’

1. Proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary

An Chomhairle considered the following Proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould:-

‘Cork City Council should amend the protocol by removing the reference relating to vulgar or offensive content’.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, T. Gould, M. Barry, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy. (12)

As the numbers voting in favour of the proposal to amend the Protocol for the Erection of Temporary Posters/Notices by removing the reference relating to vulgar or offensive content were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council should amend the Protocol by removing the reference relating to vulgar or offensive content’.

2. Proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan withdrawn and proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry considered by An Chomhairle

Comhairleoir Tynan agreed to withdraw the following proposal:-

‘Cork City Council to defer a decision on the protocol for three months, in light of positive communication between an affected party and the Environment and Recreational Amenities Directorate.’ should Comhairleoir M. Barry proceed with the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council to refer the report back to the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee for further consideration.’

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

‘Cork City Council to refer the Protocol for the Erection of Temporary Posters/Notices. back to the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee for further consideration.’

Where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy. (12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, M. Nugent, K. Collins, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, M. Shields. (11)

ABSTENTIONS: Comhairleoirí M. Finn, T. Moloney

As the numbers voting in favour of the proposal to refer the report back to the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee for further consideration were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Protocol for the erection of Temporary Posters/ Notices to be referred back to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee.

8.2 REPORT ON A EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL 2017

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015.

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council applied to the European Green Capital Aware Scheme (E.G.C.A.) for consideration as European Green Capital for 2017. A detailed Submission, covering the twelve thematic indicators was compiled by Brady Shipman Martin Consultants on behalf of Cork City Council. The cost of the Submission was covered by Cork City Council, Cork County Council, Energy Cork, E.S.B. and Gas Networks Ireland. Public, Private and Voluntary Sector stakeholder groups contributed to the Submission.

Each of the thematic areas have been assessed by an expert panel for each of the twelve environmental areas.

The Panel has considered twelve Submissions from:

BURSA (Turkey)
CASCAIS (Portugal)
CORK (Ireland)
ESSEN (Germany)
s-HERTOGENBOSCH (Holland)
ISTANBUL (Turkey)
LAHTI (Finland)
LISBON (Portugal)
NIJIMEGEN (Holland)
PECS (Hungary)
PORTO (Portugal)
UMEA (Sweden)

Cork City Council has been advised that based on the technical assessment the Expert Panel has proposed to shortlist the following cities for the title of European Green Capital 2017:

ESSEN, s-HERTOGENBOSCH, NIJIMEGEN, and UMEA

The remaining 8 cities including Cork were not shortlisted but Cork City's Submission was ranked 7th along with PECS. A technical ranking of the twelve applied cities is attached.

8.3 **REPORT ON ELECTRICITY GENERATION AT KINSALE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015.

The report stated that Cork City Council as an energy consumer has an obligation to reduce its energy consumption by 33% by 2020.

The Council is currently consuming approximately 30 million units of electricity, gas and fuel oil per annum.

The reduction required is approximately 10 million units per annum. This can be achieved by:

1. Energy conservation measures,
2. Energy reduction measures,
3. Energy generation measures.

The purpose of this report is to detail a proposal to generate 0.5 mw of electricity at Kinsale Road Landfill.

Approximately 3 million tonnes of waste has been deposited at Kinsale Road from the early 1960s until its closure in 2009. The landfill area of 70 hectares is subject to an EPA licence which requires the Council collect and treat the landfill gas.

At present the landfill gas is being collected through the elaborate collection infrastructure and is flared using a Totally Enclosed Flare.

A detailed assessment of the process advised:

1. There is adequate landfill gas available to generate 0.5 mw of electricity until 2021.
2. It is financially feasible to provide the necessary infrastructure to commence electricity generation and continue until 2021. A rate of return on the investment is estimated at 25%.
3. The quantity of electricity generated will vary from approximately 4.0 million units per annum in 2015 to approximately 3.3 million units per annum in 2020.

Beyond 2021 the landfill gas yield will decline gradually to such an extent that electricity generation will be no longer financially feasible.

To this end, electricity generation at Kinsale Road will reduce the City Council energy reduction requirements by 3.3 million units per annum in 2020, i.e. 1/3 of its requirements.

In order to achieve the aim a number of actions are required:

- a. Cork City Council is the beneficiary of an energy grant under the REFIT 2 Scheme. This is an ongoing payment of approx. 8.2c per unit generated during the project.
- b. The Council has applied to the ESB for a grid connection. These works have been approved and will be carried out over the next 3 months.
- c. The Council is undertaking a procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to operate the landfill gas infrastructure and proposed electricity generator.
- d. A similar process is underway for the appointment of a contractor to supply, install and commission a landfill gas electricity generating machine under lease.
- e. Following a national bidding process an electricity supply company, Vayu, has been identified as the preferred bidder to purchase electricity generated by the Council. Discussions are ongoing with a view to finalising an agreement with Vayu for a medium term contract.

Once the five items (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) are finalised the City Council will commence electricity generation until 2021.

The income derived from the sale of electricity will cover the capital and operational costs of the 5 year project.

The additional benefit of the project is that the generation of electricity from landfill gas will reduce the Council's carbon footprint and substantially reduce the Council's energy reduction requirements which in turn will result in financial savings to the Council.

The project will also satisfy the EPA licence requirement in regard to the collection and treatment of landfill gas.

8.4 **INVESTIGATION INTO DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE GOULDING PLANT AND SUTTON'S COAL YARD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council investigate the daily operation at the Goulding Plant on Monahan Road and Sutton’s Coal Yard also on Monahan Road. This investigation should include:-

1. Operating times
2. Environment impact on the locality
3. Noise and dust levels
4. EPA Licence infractions, if any.
5. Suitability of their locations.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/416)

The report of the Director of Services stated that investigations into this matter by the Waste Enforcement Section have been ongoing since submission of the motion. Multiple inspections and onsite meetings have been carried out and monitoring is still ongoing. A further report will be brought to the next Committee on the outcome of the investigation.

8.5 **BOYNE CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council undertake to cut back the large trees in the Centre of Boyne Crescent as they are overgrown, are blocking light and are a safety concern to local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/045)

The report stated that trees at Boyne Crescent will be added to the 2015 schedule of tree works and remedial pruning will be carried out as quickly as resources permit.

8.6 **ASSESS THE SECURITY OF THE AREA UNDERNEATH THE BRIDGE OF SKEHARD ROAD ALONG THE OLD RAILWAY LINE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council would assess the security of the area underneath the bridge of Skehard Road along the Old Railway Line, with a view to proposing arrangements that might alleviate the accumulation of hazardous and dangerous litter. This area is a draw for

anti-social behavior on weekends and the resultant hazardous litter causes a significant risk to the health and safety of many pedestrians who use the walk as an amenity.’

(Proposer: N. O’Keeffe 15/048)

The report stated that the underpass on the Blackrock/Rochestown walkway is inspected and cleaned daily including Saturday, Sunday and bank holiday mornings. Local Gardaí monitor the underpass during late evenings as frequently as resources permit to address and deter anti-social activities.

8.7 **NAME THE BLACKROCK CASTLE WALKWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would officially name the walkway at Blackrock Castle. In order to do so, I propose that Cork City Council would invite suggestions from members of the public that could then be considered and approved by council. This is a fantastic amenity in the city and it would be fitting to name it appropriately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/055)

The report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 was also considered. The report stated that the walkway between Blackrock Castle and Hartys Quay / Old Blackrock Railway Walk is the Mahon Estuary Walkway and known as such. The name has a strong local link, and any change would be deemed unnecessary and could lead to confusion.

8.8 **DOG FOULING COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That Cork City Council would form a sub-committee of Council to look specifically at the issue of Dog -Fouling throughout the City. An action committee tasked with looking solely at this issue would be able to consult widely with members of the public, interested parties and think up creative solutions to tackle this problem once and for all. The ultimate aim of this committee should be to report back; within a specific time period: with a list of clearly defined actions that could be undertaken to address the problem once and for all. This report could also be used as leverage for extra funding from Central Government.”

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/056)

The report of the Director of Services stated the Street Cleaning and Litter Management Section has included dog fouling awareness in its anti litter campaign over the past number of years including

- (1) An information leaflet on responsible dog ownership, including a section on dog fouling, has been issued to all holders of dog licences. This leaflet has also been issued to Community and Residents Associations.
- (2) Dog faeces collection bags are provided free of charge to all holders of dog licences within Cork City Council's administrative area.
- (3) "No dog fouling" signs are provided on footpaths, walkways, public parks and open spaces.
- (4) Information on dog fouling has been included in Cork City Council's anti litter media campaign including cinema, press and radio.
- (5) A "Sminky Short" animation short on dog fouling has been produced and is used as advertising.
- (6) Council has supported community initiatives in Blackrock and turners Cross

It is intended to continue to examine other measures that could be taken to increase public awareness of the issue of failure to remove dog faeces.

An on the spot fine of €150 can be issued under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2009 if one of Cork City Council litter wardens observe a member of the public's failure to remove dog faeces during their patrols. However no such fines have been issued in the past number of years as dog owners remove their dog faeces when the litter wardens are on patrol.

Alternatively an on the spot fine can be issued if a member of the public is prepared to identify a person who does not remove their dog faeces and act as a witness in any court proceedings.

Should Council decide to set up a specific sub-committee it will be facilitated by the staff in the Street Cleaning and Litter Management Section.

8.9 **CLASHDUV PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'Can we get the signs in Clashduv Park, Togher, for dog fouling & litter offences replaced. While there are a lot of signs at the entrances to the park, they have all faded so badly no one can read them anymore. Also can we get extra signs posted in the car park on the Ilen Court, Togher side? This is where a lot of people walking their dogs enter the park and there are no signs advising people of their responsibility.

Would it be possible for the dog warden to take a visit to the park to discuss with people walking their dogs their responsibility, just a gentle reminder as people often respond better in this way.

Would it be possible to get the dog foul bin that was taken down @ the park in Murphy's Farm, Bishopstown, put back up please? There is a lot of work going on in this area so I can only presume it was taken down due to this work but a lot of people walk their dogs & use this bin and it is badly missed.

The summer is coming and more families are going to be using our parks. It is imperative we tackle the dog fouling issues sooner rather than later. We want to encourage families to be out playing with their children in the parks, but this will open happen if the dog fouling is sorted out.'

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney 15/05)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the existing dog fouling and litter signs within the park are scheduled to be replaced in the coming months as part of the ongoing improvement works within the park. Prior to 2012, all parks and amenities within the city were visited on a regular basis by the Council's Park Rangers to advise dog owners on their responsibilities and regard for other users of these facilities. Both Park Rangers retired in 2012 and have not been replaced due to the embargo public sector recruitment.

The dog warden visits various parks and responds to specific requests within parks as best he can with the limited time available to him, however, this falls seriously short of the service provided by the Park Ranger Service.

It is important to note that most dog owners using our parks and amenity areas do so in a responsible manner with respect for other users of these facilities.

8.10 **BONFIRES**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

'That City Council would make contact with companies in all Industrial Parks across the City requesting that any materials that may be used for bonfires would be secured / locked away at night and weekends in a closed locked compound thus preventing any future damage to public property.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/068)

On Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the following amendment to the Motion:-

'That City Council would make contact with companies in all Industrial Parks across the City requesting that any materials that may be used for bonfires would be secured / locked away at night and weekends in a closed locked compound thus preventing any future damage to public and private property.'

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015

The report of the Director of Services stated that a letter will issue to companies in industrial parks in early June requesting them to secure material that may be used in bonfires.

8.11 **RESTORE THE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN JERRY O SULLIVAN (COLMCILLE) PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To ask council to restore the public lighting in Jerry O Sullivan (Colmcille) Park as a matter of urgency’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/070)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the public lighting at the above park is vulnerable to wanton vandalism on a regular basis and has been repaired on three occasions during the past twelve months. The system is being assessed at present to determine how best to prevent these acts of vandalism, repairs will follow this assessment.

8.12 **OUTDOOR CINEMA AT FITZGERALD'S PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the possibility of an outdoor cinema at Fitzgerald's Park be explored for this summer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn (15/073))

The report of the Director of Services stated that a summer programme of events for Fitzgerald's Park is being scheduled at present and will include outdoor cinema events.

8.13 **DOG FOULING BINS AND SIGNS, THE GREEN TRAMORE ROAD, BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Would it be possible to get more dog fouling bins & signs placed around “The Green *Tramore Road* Ballypnehane” there is 1 bin there already but for such a large area 1 bin is not sufficient enough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/076)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a bin was installed in recent years at the green area at *Tramore Road* to encourage dog owners to clean up dog litter. This is deemed sufficient as the institution of additional bins would encourage domestic dumping. The number of signs will be reviewed and additional signs erected if necessary.

8.14 **CLEAN UP OF INCHAGAGGIN LANE MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That City Council in conjunction with County Council do a complete clean up of Inchagaggin Lane Model Farm Road as this Lane is being used as a dumping ground and is in terrible/ unsightly state at present due to the amount of litter and materials dumped there.”

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/092)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Cork County Council is responsible for the maintenance of Inchigaggin Lane excluding the junctions at either end of it under the road maintenance agreement between Cork City Council and Cork County Council dated October 2008. Staff from the Street Cleaning and Litter Management section will work with officials of Cork County Council to facilitate a cleanup of Inchigaggin Lane.

8.15 **DOG PARK IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would set up a dog park within Cork City where dog lovers can walk their dogs. Tramore Valley Park could be considered for this.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/095)

The report of the Director of Services stated that consideration will be given to the setting up of a dog Park at Tramore Valley Park

8.16 **PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would engage with local residents and action groups in Bishopstown to progress development of a playground in the locality.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/112)

The report of the Director of Services stated that plans were prepared in 2008 to develop a playground at Murphys Farm in Bishopstown, the most suitable area for such a facility. However, there are no funds available at present to fund the proposal.

Provision will be made in the 2016-2018 Capital Budget to provide a playground in the park.

8.17 **SKATEBOARD PARK IN TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th April 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That an elaborate skate board park be developed in Tramore Valley Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/389)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the skateboarders in the City area are well catered for at present with facilities located at Tory Top Park in Ballyphehane, and at the Mardyke (another located at the Regional Park at Ballincollig). The skate park at the Mardyke was constructed by the Council following consultation with skateboarders and met their criteria in terms, of a purpose built concrete facility near to the City Centre. The skateboard, which cost over €300k, has been very well used since and is one of the best of its kind in the country, and caters for the needs of Cork skaters.

There are no plans to duplicate such a facility at Tramore Valley Park. However, the Council is constructing a quality BMX Track and a Pump Track in the park which will provide a major attraction for young people with an interest in the sport.

9. **STRATEGIC PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20th APRIL 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 20th April 2015.

9.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

9.1.1 **REPORT ON RENE BOLL, COLOGNE EXHIBITION AT CITY HALL**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of Ms Valerie O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs, Housing & Community dated 16th April, 2015 on Rene Boll Exhibition at City Hall in April, 2015.

9.1.2 **REPORT ON VISIT OF CLLR KIERAN MC CARTHY TO COVENTRY MARCH 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of Cllr Kieran Mc Carthy, Chairperson Coventry Sub-Committee dated 20th April, 2015 on his visit to Coventry in March, 2015.

REPORT ON VISIT OF LORD MAYOR TO COLOGNE MARCH 2015

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the recommendation from the International Relations Committee on the report of the Lord Mayor, Cllr Mary Shields dated 16th April, 2015 on her visit to Cologne on March 18th, 2015.

9.2 **CITY CENTRE DERELICT SITES REPORT & DERELICT SITES FILES IN THE CITY CENTRE CONTRIBUTIONS AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the City Centre Derelict Sites and Derelict Sites Files in the City Centre Contributions Area.

It was agreed that the report was a very full, comprehensive and useful report. The view was expressed by a number of councillors that this and similar reports should be used to prioritise the older and more obtrusive derelict sites i.e. Portney's Lane, Barrack Street and the site on North Main Street.

It was agreed that there would be a review of derelict sites city wide when the reports on the remaining wards were completed.

9.3 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 16th April, 2015 on Housing Estates from 1st January 2015 to 31st March, 2015.

9.4 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 16th April, 2015 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January 2015 to 31st March, 2015.

An interest was expressed in highlighting residential new builds in future reports.

9.5 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 16th April, 2015 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st January 2015 to 31st March, 2015.

9.6 **MOTIONS**

9.6.1 **WASTE COLLECTION COMPANIES AT CHURCHFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

‘That in relation to the operations of waste collection companies at Churchfield Industrial Estate, Cork City Council acknowledges the following:

A widespread community campaign highlighting ongoing significant issues of concern. Previously adopted City Council motions stating that Churchfield Industrial Estate is an unsuitable location for such companies and the services they provide, continuing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) engagement with Country Clean Ltd who have stated that the companies site is a ‘national priority’ for the agency. That the EPA have recently initiated court action against Country Clean Ltd.

In light of the above Cork City Council will now initiate a process that will lead to the revocation of Country Clean’s planning permission to operate at their current location, in this process Council will engage with the company and other relevant stakeholders to locate an alternative suitable location.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, K. Collins 14/451)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) legislates under Section 44 for the revocation or modification in limited circumstances of a planning permission. However, none of the relevant planning permissions relating to this matter where “County Clean Recycling” was the applicant satisfy the requirements of this section of the Act.

Under Section 46 of the Act, a planning authority may in exceptional circumstances require the removal or alteration of a structure or the discontinuance of a use. In this regard a planning authority must consider the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the provision of the development plan, the provisions of any special amenity area order, any European site or other designated area, and any other relevant provision of the Act and the Regulations made thereunder. There is an appeal process and compensation is payable. Having regard to the above, and to the views of the Law Agent, there are no exceptional circumstances in a planning context under which the planning authority could require the removal of any structure or the discontinuation of any use in relation to the lands that are the subject of this Motion.

Members are urged to note that which are the responsibility of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are dealt with under separate codes by the EPA and are not issues regulated under the Planning Acts or Regulations.

I recommend that the Committee note the position and refer the report to An Chomhairle for consideration.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Oifig an Taoisigh dated the 8th April 2015 regarding a Junior Minister for Drugs.
- Letter from Oifig an Taoisigh dated the 13th April 2015 in relation to Government shares in Aer Lingus.
- Letter from Office of the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation date the 14th April 2015 regarding internships.
- Email from Mayo County Council regarding passing of a Motion.

11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended:-

- Cllr Terry Shannon - LAMA Spring Seminar – Tuam, Co. Galway – 10th April – 11th April 2015.

- Cllr Terry Shannon - AILG –Local Economic Development & the Role of the Local Authority – Limerick – 18th April 2015.

12. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

No Items.

13. **TRAINING**

No Items.

14. **MOTIONS**

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

14.1 **REPLACE PUBLIC LIGHT FITTING IN DUNBAR STREET**

‘That Cork City Council immediately replace the public light fitting which was removed from Dunbar Street opposite Needham Place. This was removed in November and is leading to anti-social activity in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/099)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.2 **FREQUENCY COUNT AND SPEED SURVEY OF VEHICLES USING THE WILTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a frequency count and speed survey of vehicles using the Wilton Road as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/125)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.3 **RESURFACE LOWER KILEENS AT BLACKSTONE BRIDGE**

‘That Cork City Council resurface lower Kileens at Blackstone Bridge as a priority as it is the main route to local schools and St. Catherine's Cemetery from the North West of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/133)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.4 **RESURFACE TOP OF STRAWBERRY HILL AND JUNCTION OF BLARNEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council resurface top of Strawberry Hill and junction of Blarney Road approaching Sundays Well Boys and Girls schools.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/134)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.5 **PUBLIC SAFETY AT ST LUKE'S CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council in the interest of public safety install traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing at St Luke's Cross junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/135)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.6 **TOLL BOOTH AT ST LUKE'S CROSS**

‘That the Toll Booth at St Luke's Cross be repainted and because of its historic significance a plaque be erected on the Toll Booth briefly outlining its origin and it's past uses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/136)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.7 **NEW NON –COMPETING RENTAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

‘New non –competing rental and commercial services aimed at new initiatives that have not traded in Cork in the past two years and that will not compete directly with existing enterprises. The grant to be applicable for new developments or for premises vacant for at least three months. The grant relief to be 100% for first three years (Blackrock Village, Blackpool, derelict inner city areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/141)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

14.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON WALLACE’S AVENUE**

‘That the City Council install traffic calming measures on Wallace’s Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/146)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING AND NOISE REDUCTION MEASURES ALONG THE SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘To ask Cork City Council to consider undertaking resurfacing works, putting in place traffic calming and noise reduction measures along the South Douglas Road between junctions with Belvedere Lawn and Willow Court.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/147)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.10 **CLOSE THE QUARRY STEPS, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council proceed to permanently close the Quarry Steps, Ballyhooley Road, as the area has become an unmanageable source of anti social behaviour to local residents on Old Youghal Road and Ballyhooley Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/148)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.11 **REPAIRS TO OLD YOUGHAL ROAD FROM ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY CENTRE TO ST JOSEPHS CHURCH**

‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate repairs to Old Youghal Road from St Joseph Community Centre to St Josephs Church, in the interests of Public Safety both regarding pedestrians and motorists alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/149)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.12 **ASSESS THE ROAD OUTSIDE CARA HOUSE, REDEMPTION ROAD**

‘The Cork City Council would assess the road outside Cara House on Redemption Road regarding the placing of double yellow lines on the left hand side of the road as emergency vehicles are having difficulty accessing Cara House due to parking on both sides of the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/150)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.13 **ASSESS THE FOOTPATH IN FARRANLEA ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the footpath in Farranlea Rd at the back entrance to County Hall with a view to lowering the footpath on the west side of the entrance to make it wheelchair accessible. Many residents from Farranlea Community Nursing Unit who are wheelchair bound use this entrance and have difficulty accessing same.’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Sheehan, Cllr F. Dennehy 15/151)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

14.14 **REPORT ON THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE OLD LIDO BUILDING IN BLACKPOOL**

‘That Cork City Council will provide a report on the acquisition by the City Council of the old Lido building in Blackpool of which Cork Community Art Link are now the trustees. The report should include the details of the tendering process for the refurbishment contract of the building and all grants/loans contributed by the Council towards costs of the project.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/152)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

14.15 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME 2015**

‘That Cork City Council would include City Council tenants in Phase One of the Fabric Upgrade Programme 2015 who live in our properties with Single/Standard Block walls.

These are our tenants and have been waiting years for the insulation work to be carried to their properties and have had to endure terrible damp conditions in their homes year after year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/153)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.16 **WRITTEN REPORT ON THE HOUSING STRATEGY PLAN FOR 2015**

‘That Cork City Council provides a written report on its housing strategy plan for the remainder of 2015 and on wards towards 2017 for the spend of €124,390,671 recently allocated to Council by the Dept of Environment. The recent announcement was specifically allocated for the building, buying and leasing schemes, to accommodate 21% of those currently on the housing waiting list.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 15/155)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

14.17 **COMMISSION AN ARTIST TO CREATE A BRANDED 'SKYLINE IMAGE' OF CORK CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would commission an artist to create a branded 'skyline image' of Cork City. This could take the form of a minimalist outline drawing of the key buildings and places in Cork City that would become internationally recognisable.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/158)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

15. **MOTIONS**

15.1 **AMEND THE SEANAD ELECTORAL (PANEL MEMBERS) ACT 1947**

‘That the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 be amended to provide for the nomination of Seanad Candidates on the same date as the nomination of candidates to the Dáil and that candidates who wish to run for either the Dáil or the Seanad declare those intentions on the same day.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/129)

An Chomhairle approved the following amendment to the Motion:-

Cork City Council calls on the Government to amend the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 to provide for the nomination of Seanad Candidates on the same date as the nomination of candidates to the Dáil and that candidates who wish to run for either the Dáil or the Seanad declare those intentions on the same day.’

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer requested that his opposition to the Motion be noted.

15.2 **'DECENCY FOR DUNNES WORKERS' CAMPAIGN**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the 'Decency for Dunnes Workers' Campaign. We hereby call on the Dunnes Company to immediately engage with their workers through their Union.

We fully support the workers' demands in relation to the campaign, including the right to (i) secure hours and incomes; (ii) secure jobs; (iii) fair pay, and (iv) the right to trade union representation.

Furthermore we call on the Government to set a date for the introduction of Collective Bargaining legislation before the summer recess which statutorily compels employers to engage with trade unions, provides for trade union recognition and has robust anti-victimisation clauses to protect workers from intimidation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/154)

15.3 **SCHEDULE A BUS SERVICE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ARD SIONNACH, SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer the following motion to the Housing & Community Functional Committee for the attention of the Regeneration Section.

‘That Cork City Council would write to Bus Eireann requesting that they schedule a bus service for the residents of Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel and nearby areas. Many of the residents were transferred by the City Council as part of the City North-West Regeneration Scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. Collins 15/157)

PROPOSAL TO AMEND STANDING ORDERS

On the Proposal of Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney
An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to proceed beyond
8pm.

15.4 **CORK AIRPORT**

**An Chomhairle agreed that the management of Cork Airport would be invited to
address a meeting of An Chomhairle in Committee.**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Transport & the Government to
immediately intervene in the future of Cork Airport to ensure it remains viable. This
council calls for swift, substantive & meaningful actions on this vitally important issue for
the ongoing development of our great City & the entire region.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/159)

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