

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ
HALLA NA CATHRACH
CORCAIGH



CORK CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
CORK

Bíodh a fhios agat go dtionólfar cruinniú de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí ar an dáta thíosluaite, ar a **5.30 A CHLOG I.N., I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, HALLA NA CATHRACH, CORCAIGH** chun na gnóthaí seo a leanas a dhéanamh:-

Take notice that a Meeting of Cork City Council will be held on the undermentioned date, at the hour of **5.30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, CORK** for the transaction of the following business:-

GNATHCHRUINNIU – DÉ LUAIN, 24 MÁRTA 2014.

ORDINARY MEETING – MONDAY, 24th MARCH 2014.

- 1 Votes of Sympathy.
- 1.2 Votes of Congratulations/ Best Wishes.
- 1.3 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**
 - 1.3.1 To consider any item the Lord Mayor may wish to raise.
- 1.4 **CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS**
 - 1.4.1 To consider any item the City Manager may wish to raise.
2. **MINUTES**

To consider, and if so decided to approve as correct record and sign Minutes of:-

 - Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10th March 2014.
3. Question time – Questions submitted enclosed.
4. **THE FUTURE PROMOTION OF THE ECONOMY OF CORK**
 - 4.1 Report of City Manager on the future promotion of the economy of Cork - report to be circulated at meeting.

5. **INCREASED FUNDING FOR PROJECT, INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS BURSARY AND ARTS IN CONTEXT GRANT SCHEMES**

5.1 Manager's Report on Increased Funding for Project, Individual Artists Bursary and Arts in Context Grant Schemes

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 18th MARCH 2014**

To note the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 18th March 2014.

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 28th FEBRUARY 2014**

T. Healy, Head of Finance summarised the main elements of the financial report for the first two months of 2014.

Decision of Group

It was agreed to refer the Financial Statement to 28th February 2014 to An Chomhairle for consideration.

6.2 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2013**

The Members considered the Annual Financial Statement 2013. The Head of Finance confirmed that the Council ended 2013 in surplus which was a welcome outcome from a challenging year. Members complimented the executive on achieving this and thanked T. Healy and his staff.

Decision of Group

It was agreed to recommend the Annual Financial Statement 2013 to An Chomhairle for approval and to approve the following resolution:

“**RESOLVED**, That the Annual Financial Statement for 2013 and, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 17 are hereby approved”.

7. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 24TH FEBRUARY, 3RD MARCH, 5TH MARCH 2014.**

To note the minutes of the Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 24th February, 3rd March, 5th March 2014.

7.1 **PRESENTATION ON ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC MODELLING REPORT**

Members received a presentation on the Additional Traffic Modelling Report (Mahon Local Area Plan) by Mr. Ian Byrne and Mr. David Conlon of Systra.

Following the presentation, members asked a number of questions which were responded to by Mr. Byrne and the Director of Service. On receipt of legal advice, the report was not forwarded to third parties for comment. The Director advised the Committee of the content of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act which sets out the framework for decision-making on the LAP.

Decision of Committee

Members agreed to recommend that An Chomhairle reject the report on Mahon LAP Additional Modelling.

7.2 **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009-2015 VARIATION NO. 11 (MAHON LOCAL AREA PLAN)**

Members considered the report of the City Manager dated 18th February 2014 on the public consultation on the issues arising from Variation No. 11 to the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 - Mahon Local Area Plan.

Decision of Committee

Following a vote where there appeared 4 voting in favour and 1 voting against, the Committee agreed the motion.

The Committee agreed to recommend the report, as amended by the above motion, to An Chomhairle to formally make by Resolution at its meeting on 24th March 2014 the proposed Variation No. 11 of the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015: Mahon Local Area Plan, subject to the recommendations contained in the City Manager's report of 18th February 2014 as amended by motion A above.

7.3 **MAHON LOCAL AREA PLAN**

Members considered the report of the City Manager dated 18th February 2014 on the public consultation on the material amendments to the Draft Mahon Local Area Plan.

Decision of Committee

Following a vote where there appeared 3 voting in favour and 1 voting against, the committee agreed motion B.

Following a vote where there appeared 3 voting in favour and 1 voting against, the committee agreed motion C.

Following a vote where there appeared 3 voting in favour and 1 voting against, the committee agreed motion D.

Following a vote where there appeared 4 voting in favour and 1 voting against, the committee agreed motion E.

Following a vote where there appeared 4 voting in favour and 1 voting against, the committee agreed motion F.

Following a vote where there appeared 4 voting in favour and 1 voting against, the committee agreed motion G.

The Committee agreed to refer the report of the City Manager dated 18th February 2014 on the public consultation on the material amendments to the Draft Mahon Local Area Plan, as amended by the above motions, to An Chomhairle for consideration at its meeting of 24th March 2014.

The Committee agreed to recommend to An Chomhairle that, at its meeting of 24th March 2014, it resolve to “Make the Local Area Plan” following a resolution to make the *Proposed Variation No. 11: Mahon Local Area Plan to the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015*, subject to the following changes:

Proposed Alterations to the Draft Mahon Local Area Plan 2013 (dated 12th December 2013), subject to the recommendations of this report;

Proposed changes to the alterations and consequent changes, on foot of this report, which were set out in a separate document dated 21 February 2014;

As modified by Motions A, B, C, D, E, F and G above.

8. **RECOMMENDATION FOR SCHOOLS MEALS SCHEME**

- 8.1 On the recommendation of the School Meals Committee, An Chomhairle to approve the inclusion of Scoil Cholmcille, Blarney Street for the 2014/2015 School Meals Scheme.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 10th MARCH 2014**

To note the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its minutes held on the 10th March 2014.

10. **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th MARCH 2014**

To note the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 18th March 2014.

10.1 **MOTIONS**

Members considered the reports of the Director of Services dated 13th March, 2014 on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

10.1.1 **DEVELOP AND PROMOTE A HISTORIC QUARTER**

‘That Cork City Council, via T.E.A.M. would establish, develop and promote the City Quarter from Shandon, Old Blackpool Village, Coburg Street, McCurtain Street, Summerhill, St Lukes Cross, Montenotte, Dillons Cross, Collins Barracks and Patricks Hill as a "**Historic Quarter**" (*To be Named*) in Cork City. A marketing Strategy enhancing and highlighting the Tourist potential of this Historic Quarter of Cork City should be formulated with a view to breathing new life into this Quarter of our City which is steeped with a variety of historical events, landmarks, people and folklore. The incredible underlying potential that this "**Historic Quarter**" could yield to the promotion of the History of our City to the Tourism Industry, the Education sector and most importantly the retention and portrayal of our City's History into the future would be significant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 13/432)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10.1.2 **REGULAR STREET MARKET ON THE GRAND PARADE**

‘That Cork City Council will facilitate a regular street market on the Grand Parade.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 13/433)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10.1.3 **LAUNCHING OF A CORK DOMAIN**

‘In light of the recent launch of the recent Generic Top Level Domains that Cork City Council would engage with the relevant agencies to investigate the possibility of launching a .Cork domain. This has already been rolled out in New York, London & Paris in an effort to give local businesses an opportunity to differentiate their business from international competitors.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O ‘Halloran 14/011)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

10.1.4 **AMERICA'S CUP SAILING COMPETITION**

'That the Council and City and Region would campaign to host a leg of the America's Cup sailing competition.'

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/016)

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to accept the report of the Director of Services and refer it to An Chomhairle for approval.

11. **FINANCE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18th MARCH 2014**

To note the minutes of the Finance Functional Committee and if so decided to approve the following recommendations from its meeting held on the 18th March 2014.

11.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

11.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF FEBRUARY 2014**

Members considered the Financial Statements to end of February 2014, and a detailed discussion took place. The Head of Finance responded to questions raised.

Decision of Committee

It was agreed to note the Financial Statements and note also that An Chomhairle will consider recommendations regarding same from the Corporate Policy Group.

11.2 **REPORT OF JIM O' DONOVAN, DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION DATED THE 13TH MARCH 2014 ON THE VALUE OF ASSETS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO IRISH WATER**

Members considered the report of the Director of Environment & Recreation and a detailed discussion took place. The Head of Finance responded to questions raised.

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the report of the Director of Service and refer to An Chomhairle for noting.

11.3 **MOTIONS**

To consider the reports of Tim Healy, Head of Finance dated the 13th March 2014 on the following motions referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

11.3.1 **PROPERTY LEVY**

‘That Cork City Council welcome the announcement that Council will be able to vary the property charge downward in 2015 by 15% as a direct result of the very high percentage paid by citizens so far. 80% of which will be returned to City Council to provide local services.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 14/038)

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the report of the Head of Finance and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

11.3.2 **LORD MAYOR’S OFFICE**

‘That Cork City Council by way of vote is to approve any future works carried on Lord Mayor’s office’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 13/429)

Decision of Committee:

It was agreed to note the report of the Head of Finance and refer to An Chomhairle for approval.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To note correspondence, if any.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle to note Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

14. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

To approve attendance at the following Conferences/ Seminars:-

BUDGETS & FINANCING OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the “Budgets & Financing of Local Authorities” seminar, held in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford, on the 28th February – 1st March 2014.

15. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

To approve attendance at any conferences/seminars which may be tabled on the night.

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **REVIEW THE RECONFIGURATION OF WASHINGTON STREET/SOUTH MAIN STREET**

‘THAT the council reviews immediately the reconfiguration of Washington Street/South Main Street for the purpose of restoring proper routes for all users and not be biased in favour of cyclists who represent just one group of users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/029)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.2 **RAILINGS ALONG THE WALLS AT WANDESFORD QUAY BE REPLACED WITH STONEMWORK**

‘That the railings along the walls at Wandersford Quay be replaced with stonework as a first measure to alleviate flooding along the Quay and in Sharman Crawford Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 14/048)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.3 **REACTIVE/RE-ESTABLISH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES**

‘That Cork City Council engages with local Gardai to reactive/re-establish local neighbour watch schemes. In recent years many of them have gone dormant in the City particularly in areas of the City where the population has become older.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Gibbons 14/099)

Corporate Policy Group

16.4 **REMOVE THE DERELICT BUILDINGS HOUSING PUBLIC TOILETS ON MERCHANTS QUAY**

‘That Cork City Council remove the derelict buildings housing public toilets on Merchants Quay.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/100)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.5 **REPAIR THE PALISADE FENCING IN SOUTHRIDGE, MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council repair the palisade fencing in Southridge, Mayfield, which was damaged when a tree fell on it during the recent storms. It's currently in a very dangerous condition and in the interest of public safety this matter needs to be addressed urgently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 14/101)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.6 **INSTALL DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AND BOLLARDS AT THE ENTRANCE TO KNOCKREA LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council would install double yellow lines and bollards at the entrance to Knockrea Lawn on the Ballinlough Road, in an effort to stop motorists parking on the corners at the entrance to the park, which severely restricts the sight-lines of residents trying to enter and exit their homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 14/102)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.7 **UPGRADING, RETROFITTING AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME WORKS OF ALL LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING UNITS**

‘That Cork City Council will implement an upgrading, retrofitting and replacement programme works of all local authority housing units commencing in the South East Ward with the inclusion of windows, doors, fascia –soffit, the installation of central heating, ceiling level attic insulation, cavity wall insulation, damp proofing, roof, electrical works, CFL bulbs and post works BER, in all the housing units, making each unit an energy efficient homes and a long-term solution to fuel poverty for our tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/104)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.8 **INSPECTION OF SEWAGE SYSTEM AT CASTLEVIEW TERRACE, LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘Bearing in mind the problems being caused for some residents, that the sewage system at Castleview Terrace, Lower Glanmire Road, be inspected and, if necessary rectified.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh 14/105)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.9 **TRAFFIC – CALMING MEASURES AT DELANEY PARK**

‘That traffic-calming measures are introduced on both sides of Delaney Park

(Proposer: Cllr K. O’ Flynn 14/106)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.10 **MONITORING SYSTEM IN HOMES OF CORK CITY COUNCIL TENANTS**

‘That Cork City Council would install monitoring systems in the homes of tenants of Cork City Council to ensure that the vibrations arising from the major construction works being undertaken on the site of the New Cork Prison in the Glen does not cause cracks, subsidence or other damage to the resident’s homes. In my view Cork City Council, as landlord, has a responsibility in relation to the above issues. I am also requesting a meeting would be held with the residents group as soon as possible to discuss these matters.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/107)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.11 **BOUNDARY WALL AT ST. MARY’S PLACE**

‘A section of long existing homes in St Mary's Place are now overlooked, even at ground level which needs to be immediately addressed.

This is as a result of a large *dip being left in part of the boundary wall between the new development at Spriggs Rd & St Mary's Place.

I am asking that Cork City Council instruct the Builder to finish off and raise that section of the wall without further delay.

* meaning 3 rows at least of unfinished brickwork in the middle of the wall.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 14/108)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.12 **SAFETY RAIL OR BARRIER AT THE MEWS, ARD SIONNACH**

‘That Cork City Council will erect a safety rail or barrier at the edge of the green at The Mews , Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel to prevent children running onto the roadway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 14/109)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.13 **YELLOW LINES AT ENTRANCE TO ASHBORO, SHANAKIEL**

‘That Cork City Council will put down' yellow lines ' at the entrance to Ashboro, Shanakiel to prevent continuous dangerous parking at this spot.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 14/110)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.14 **REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS IN SUNDRIVE PARK, BALLINLOUGH**

‘To have the footpaths in Sundrive Park, Ballinlough repaired especially those sections that are trip hazards’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 14/112)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.15 **HERITAGE INFORMATION PANELS AT FORMER ST PAUL’S CHURCH**

To have heritage information panels installed on the wall of the graveyard of the former St Paul’s Church on Paul Street

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/113)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

16.16 **UPGRADE OF PUMPING STATION AT GREENHILLS ESTATE, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That the pumping station situated in Greenhills Estate, South Douglas Road, be upgraded to increase the capacity of the pumps, to enable them to efficiently pump the foul and sewerage water to the main drain on the South Douglas Road. At present the pump capacity is not sufficient to do this job, and consequently flooding and seeping sewerage water on the road surface is frequently occurring at this location.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/118)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.17 **INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF FOOTPATH FROM NO. 1. TO NO. 6 ILEN COURT DEANROCK TOGHER**

‘That City Council would investigate the condition of the footpath from No. 1. to No. 6 Ilen Court Deanrock Togher with a view to resurfacing same as it is in a terrible dangerous condition.

In the event of remedial work been undertaken here that at least the shore's that are presently there on this footpath be removed/shifted to the roadway to make it safer for the elderly residents to walk this pathway.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. H. Cremin 14/123)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.18 **CHILDREN AT PLAY SIGNS BE ERECTED IN BENVOLRICH ESTATE**

'That children at play signs be erected in Benvoirlich Estate.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/124)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16.19 **EXAMINE ROAD SURFACE AT ROSSA AVENUE**

'That City Council would examine the road surface at the bus stop on Rossa Avenue particularly outside the house NO.68 [CHARLTON] which is right beside this stop. This whole stretch needs a reinforced surface to facilitate the high volume of buses that stop/park here and while the potholes are filled regularly these reappear again after a few days. This bus stop caters for 5 C.I.E. routes and various private coaches that facilitate the C.I.T. student population.'

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/127)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.20 **TASK FORCE TO TACKLE DERELICTION IN THE BLACKPOOL AND SHANDON STREET AREAS**

'That Cork City Council would organise a Task Force to tackle dereliction in the Blackpool and Shandon Street areas to help encourage businesses to set up locally. If Blackpool and Shandon Street areas are to thrive then a plan or vision needs to be put in place

The Task Force would need to be comprised of key decision makers from each department from within Cork City Council and a representative from the Business Association that could develop a framework to facilitate business start ups.

The Task Force would initiate similar to the rate schemes in the past where new businesses would pay reduced scale rates over a number of years to help establish them.

The Task Force would be key to make these areas focal points once again by identifying suitable companies to locate within these areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 14/130)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

16.21 **REFUSE CHARGES**

‘Can the Manager tell me how much was refunded to customers who had overpaid their Refuse Charges prior to Cork City Council discontinuing the service.’

(Proposer: M. O’Connell 14/132)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

17. **MOTIONS**

To consider the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

17.1 **END THE FLUORIDATION OF DRINKING WATER**

‘That Cork City Council ends the fluoridation of drinking water to Cork City and calls on the Irish Government to end the practice of artificial fluoridating drinking water supplies because of scientific evidence of its dangers. As citizens of Europe the Irish people must have the same standard of care as our European neighbours. Currently water fluoridation does not meet the minimum standards as required of the ‘precautionary principle’ enshrined in the treaty of Europe. It is imperative that this practice ceases.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 14/103)

17.2 **REDUCE THE PROPERTY TAX BY 15%**

‘That Cork City Council call on the Tánaiste Eamonn Gilmore to ensure that he gets the necessary Cabinet approval and funding that would allow this Council to reduce the property tax by 15% as he has recently spoken about.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 14/117)

17.3 **INTEGRATED APPROACH TO MEETING THE RESIDENTIAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with the HSE and providers of service for adults with a disability to ensure an integrated approach to meeting the residential, occupational and social needs of people with a disability with equal access to community setting and resources, and that this is reflected in the City Development Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 14/125)

17.4 **EDUCATE TOGETHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

‘That Cork City Council supports the campaign for the establishment of an Educate Together Secondary School in Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 14/128)

17.5 **GOVERNMENT GATEWAY SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council will not participate in the Government's 'Gateway Scheme' for local authorities’.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 14/129)

17.6 **LOWERING OF THE VOTING AGE FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

‘That Cork City Council supports recommendations by the Constitutional Convention calling for:

The lowering of the voting age for Presidential elections to 16-years-of-age;

The introduction of votes in the Presidential election for citizens in the North of Ireland & for the Irish Diaspora.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 14/131)

TADHG KEATING
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Chuig gach ball de Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí.

20^ú Márta, 2014