

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Forde.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, T. Shannon.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Rying.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Housing. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. B. O'Hare, Financial Accountant, Finance. Mr. K. O'Connor, Senior Planner, Strategic and Economic Development. Ms. Alma Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. K. Fitzgerald, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Cronin Family on the death of Seán Cronin.
- The O'Regan Family on the death of Martin O'Regan.
- The Bhreathnach Family on the death of Niamh Bhreathnach.
- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of Rowena O'Sullivan.
- The Walsh Family on the death of Pat Walsh.
- The Barry Family on the death of Noreen Barry.

- The Nation Family on the death of Michael Nation.
- The Rennie Family on the death of Sheila Rennie.
- The Crowley Family on the death of Mary Crowley.
- The Keane Family on the death of Dermot Keane.
- The O'Mara Family on the death of Pat O'Mara.
- The Lynch Family on the death of Philip Lynch.
- The Mc Knight Family on the death of Eileen Mc Knight.
- The Lowther Family on the death of Denise Lowther.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Liam Murphy.
- The Brady Family on the death of Noel Brady.
- The McFarlane Family on the death of Noel McFarlane.
- The Blount Family on the death of Garreth Blount.

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

None received.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **40th ANNIVERSARY OF TWINNING WITH RENNES**

An tArdmhéara acknowledged the welcome the delegation received in Rennes, France. An tArdmhéara acknowledged the work of Brittany Ferries. The delegation visited a cooperative made up of 360 producers of vegetables. They were informed of a diversity programme in Roscoff in relation to the propagation of seeds. It was a culture exchange and the role of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor was acknowledged.

3.2 **US DELEGATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

An Chomhairle to approve the attendance of an tArdmhéara, Comhairleoirí C. Kelleher, P. Dineen, D. Canty and D. Boylan at the US Delegation for St. Patrick's Day.

3.3 **CIVIC RECEPTION, 15th FEBRUARY 2023**

An tArdmhéara reminded An Chomhairle of a Civic Reception to be held on Wednesday 15th February, 2023 to celebrate the retirements of Brigadier General Paddy Flynn, retired Chief Superintendent Barry McPolin and retired President of MTU, Barry O'Connor.

3.4 **UNVEILING OF PLAQUE IN CONNOLLY HALL, 16th FEBRUARY**

An tArdmhéara reminded An Chomhairle of the commemoration plaque unveiling to be held in Connolly Hall and the reception to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 16th February 2023.

3.5 **40th ANNIVERSARY OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTRE**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that a Civic Reception for the 40th Anniversary of the Sexual Violence Centre would be held on 8th March 2023.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **CORK ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive on the proposed holding of an event by Cork City Council under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Planning and Development Regulations 2001. The event is the Cork St. Patrick's Day Parade, Friday 17th March 2023.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 9th January 2022.

5.1 **STATE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, An Chomhairle agreed to refer item 20.2 to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee.

‘That in view of the current housing emergency, and in recognition of the failures of successive central governments and the private sector to build sufficient, good quality housing for people, Cork City Council calls on the Government to set up a State Construction company.

This company would be tasked to build public and affordable housing. The creation of such a State company, using the local authority infrastructure such as Cork City Council, would remove the profit motive and reverse the commodification of housing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 23/007)

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **EVENTS CENTRE**

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

Can the CE give an update early in Q1 of progress on the Event Centre at the former Beamish & Crawford site, including details of whether or not the detailed design is now complete, the next steps and the anticipated construction start date... this information is pertinent given it is now over 12 years since the site was first selected.

REPLY

This site was first selected in December 2014, just over 8 years ago. The detailed design process is ongoing, and it is currently expected to be completed early in Quarter 2, 2023.

It is anticipated that construction will begin at the beginning of Quarter 3 2023. The construction of the Event Centre will take two years from commencement.

Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.

6.2 **YELLOW LINES FOR AUDLEY PLACE & RATHMORE TERRACE**

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

Could the CE please indicate why yellow lines have not been provided between Audley Place and Rathmore Terrace despite a plethora of calls from the elected representatives in the area as well as a copious amount of service requests from residents in the area despite the fact that it is an obvious health and safety issue?

REPLY

All requests for services must be assessed to determine the need for the service and if such requests comply with national or local guidelines or policies etc if applicable. Once assessed and the request deemed appropriate, the request is added to the roads programme and undertaken subject to priorities and to available resources. The area between Audley Place and Rathmore Terrace has been assessed by Traffic Operations and as an initial step the double yellow lines at the junctions of Sarsfields Terrace and Rathmore Terrace will be extended to improve visibility. Subject to priorities, resources and weather, it is anticipated that this work will be completed before the end of Q1 in the current year. The situation will then be monitored to determine if further measures such as the complete removal of parking is warranted.

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

6.3 **APARTMENT UNITS AWAITING CONSTRUCTION**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir F. Ryan was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 13th March 2023:-

Can the CE advise how many apartment units have not commenced construction after receiving planning approval for more than 2 years?

6.4 **LÁ NA GAELIGE – MARCH 16th**

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

I wish to ask the CEO what actions the Council intends to take to promote an Irish Language Day to coincide with Saint Patrick's Day as per her response to Motion 22/060 (May 2022). I fully appreciate that much is done through (Seachtain na Gaeilge) during the month of March, however the spirit of said motion is to encourage the people of Cork to use the Irish Language when and where possible or appropriate beginning on the Eve of the Saint Patrick's Day Festivities thereby revitalizing the Irish Language overall and over time.

REPLY

The Council welcomes Cllr Dineen's interest and plans are at an advanced stage in incorporating promotion of the spoken language across the city throughout Seachtain na Gaeilge but especially on the day preceding the National feast. These include

- Encouraging the business community through Cork Chamber, the CBA, together with our own Local Enterprise Office to recommend their client base to use simple Irish language greetings with their customers.
- Promotion of spoken Irish across Schools and Colleges in the city.
- Using our extensive library network to disseminate phrasebooks/commonly used phrases/greetings and to bolster their already established Ciorcail Comhrá (conversation circles).
- Reaching out to print, broadcast and online media to support us in this initiative.

The Council's Grúpa Forbartha Gaeilge met earlier today to discuss plans for 2023 for the support of the Irish language across the city.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

6.5 **TORY TOP ROAD WORKS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir F. Kerins was referred to the South Central Local Area Committee:-

In relation to the proposed works at Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane can the CE inform the members of council of the following:

1. How many parking spaces will be removed from the area to facilitate the proposed bike lane?
2. How many trees are proposed to be cut down to facilitate this work?
3. If parking is to be removed for visitors to St. Joseph's cemetery where is it proposed that they park in the future?

4. What percentage of the footpath outside shops / businesses is to be lost to facilitate a cycle lane and reconfiguration of parking?

6.6 **NORTH WEST PARK**

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

To ask the chief executive:

What steps have been taken to activate the design and negotiations with land owners for the North West Park. Given the enormity of the project is there a team in place to oversee its implementation as a priority?

REPLY

The development of a new North West Regional Park is an objective of the City Council as set out in the City Development Plan 2022-2028. The Plan envisages a facility that includes both active and passive recreational areas accessible for all age groups and abilities with interconnected spaces including parks, natural green spaces, ecosystems, greenways and blueways. The proposal is intended to create green linkages between the City and its hinterland, compliment biodiversity and provide important economic, leisure, health and environmental benefits to the north west quadrant of the City.

The City Development Plan envisages the preparation of an overall masterplan to guide the development of the proposed Park and work will commence shortly on the preparation of a brief for the appointment of a multidisciplinary design team for same. It is anticipated that the tenders for the appointment of a design team will be issued around mid year and that work on the preparation of the masterplan will be progressed thereafter. The proposals to be developed for the new Park will be presented to Members in advance of public consultation and Members will be kept apprised of progress on the development of same.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.7 **BALLINCOLLIG WEIR**

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

It's been over 12 months now since I as Lord Mayor along with numerous other elected representatives accompanied Minister O'Donovan on his visit to the Regional Park in Ballincollig. He was shown and viewed the damaged weir. The Minister suggested the exploration of the feasibility of the weirs repair being included in the Cork Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme. Can I ask the C.E what correspondence Cork City Council has received from the department in relation to including the repair and

reinstatement of the weir in the Regional Park in the flood relief scheme and if so do we have a timeline on repairs?

REPLY

The Office of Public Works has committed to assessing the feasibility of repairing Ballincollig Weir and incorporating the repair works into the construction contract and budget for the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme, if appropriate.

While there are no hydraulic benefits to the flood relief scheme from the weir, the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme Steering Group has agreed to assess the feasibility of incorporating any remedial works to the weir into the construction contract and budget for the proposed Scheme. The nature of any such remedial works will be subject to an assessment of planning, structural, fisheries and cultural heritage considerations, which the Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme Steering Group asked the Scheme's design consultants, contracted by the Office of Public Works, to review.

The consultant's assessment is currently underway and is due to be complete, at the earliest Q2 2023. Elected Members will be updated further following completion of same and receipt of related reports.

Gerry O'Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructural Development.

6.8 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS**

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

Can the CE outline how many sales have been completed on affordable housing units in Cork City and how many people are living in these houses?

REPLY

The sales process is underway in respect of 100 affordable homes across 3 affordable schemes. The conveyance process for their sales has commenced and the expectation is of completion and occupation of the majority of those 100 homes from April 2023.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing

6.9 **MECHANISMS TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS**

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

To ask the CE about the mechanisms in place to combat homelessness this winter in the city?

How many homelessness cases on the streets in the last weekend of January 2023?

Are there beds available for all homelessness at this point in time in the city (early February 2023)?

How many emergency accommodation units?

To ask for the breakdown of finance given to housing homeless agencies in the city in 2022 and proposed expenditure to agencies in 2023?

REPLY

As part of the 2022/2023 Cold Weather Strategy, Cork City Council allocated 12 additional emergency beds to ensure that no one has to sleep rough during the cold weather. There is a Cold Weather Strategy in place and a dedicated team who meet fortnightly which includes Cork City Council, Cork Simon Outreach Services, De Paul, Community Gardai & Good Shepherd Services. This is to concentrate on ensuring there is capacity within the Cork Simon emergency shelter to accommodate those who are rough sleeping and who have the highest support needs. There are more frequent meetings held to monitor any arising weather warnings and weather advisories. There has been periods of severe weather alerts and Cork City Council has protocols in place that will be activated in the event of a warning and the severity of that warning.

As in previous years, to provide appropriate accommodation for people who are sleeping rough, it is necessary to create vacancies in the Cork Simon shelter by facilitating the accommodation of current Anderson's Quay residents, where possible, in St. Vincent's Hostel or Deerpark House, a lower threshold emergency shelter for men over 20 years or Edel House. Individuals who are considered most suited to the B&Bs will be moved from St. Vincent's etc and all moves are subject to the approval of the APS team.

The space in the Cork Simon Day Centre at Anderson's Quay known as Night Light provides sleeping space for up to 15 additional people, men and women, each night throughout the winter period. APS also negotiated an extended time allocation for the one night only beds which was previously from 11pm to 7am this has now been extended to 9.30am. The day centre opens at 9am so users of Nightlight services are no longer required to vacate the building.

The extra beds are available to ensure that those most in need, and individuals known to services as sleeping rough, will all have the option of accommodation during the cold weather months. The location is central and well known to people accessing the rough sleeper service.

The number of people sleeping rough has hugely declined in Cork City over the last number of years due to the success of the Housing First program. This program has provided a response to date, to 37 long term homeless individuals in Cork City. Housing First primarily focused on the long term entrenched rough sleepers. As part of a new plan, the Housing First National Implementation Plan, 2022-2026, has set

new targets for a further 45 tenancies to be delivered over the next 5 years. Housing First is a housing-led approach that enables people with a history of rough sleeping or long-term use of emergency accommodation, and with complex needs, to obtain permanent secure accommodation, with the provision of intensive supports to help them to maintain their tenancies.

Additional Accommodation Measures – Capacity 12

- Up to 4 additional respite beds – St Vincent’s Hostel
- Two One Night Only beds – Cork Simon
- 6 additional respite spaces in Cork Simon– These are available as part of the winter strategy providing respite for any additional nightlight presentations available 11pm - 9.30am.
- B&B accommodation on standby if required.

For severe weather alerts each building has additional capacity and we also have access to 5 additional spaces that are used for isolation in the event of a Red Weather Warning.

Outreach Services

The Outreach Service – there are now 4 staff conducting daily outreach checks in the city centre and surrounding areas. APS monitors this situation daily as reports from Cork Simon and St. Vincent’s are provided each morning, where there are times of large presentations, we take action to create space for presenting individuals as necessary.

How many homelessness cases on the streets in the last weekend of January 2023?

January 31/01/23 - 9 individuals were met; Outreach engage and offered all individuals access to accommodation in Cork Simon on a daily basis.

- Cork City Council Applicants – 2
- Unknown – 3 Refuse to Engage
- Other counties – 2
- Roma – 1
- Other country – 1

Are their beds available for all homelessness at this point in time in the city (early February 2023)?

Yes.

How many emergency accommodation units?

251 TEA - Temporary Emergency Units.

To ask for the breakdown of finance given to housing homeless agencies in the city in 2022 and proposed expenditure to agencies in 2023?

All expenditure for 2022 for the region is published on [gov.ie - Homelessness data \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie)

2023 proposed expenditure has not been signed off on by the Department Housing yet, it is expected in the coming weeks.

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

6.10 **NAMING OF CYCLE LANE AND BRIDGE – GRANGE ROAD TO TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the proposal that, once completed, the Pedestrian and Cycle Lane and Bridge from the Grange Road to Tramore Valley Park will be officially called “Vernon Mount Way” (as per the proposal in my motion to the Council meeting on 13th June 2022) and to outline what consideration has been given by the Council Executive to the naming of the Cycle Lane and Bridge since June 2022.

REPLY

Construction work on the new N40 pedestrian/cycle bridge is currently progressing and is scheduled to be completed in late Q3 2023. The bridge is an important piece of infrastructure and its completion will present an opportunity for celebration and commemoration by way of naming. The City Council, on the recommendation of Party Whips, previously approved a process for the naming of Mary Elmes Bridge pedestrian/cycle bridge. Subject to consideration and review of same by Party Whips/Council, it is anticipated that a similar approach will be taken to the naming of the N40 pedestrian/cycle bridge and that the related process will be undertaken over the coming months.

Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.11 **RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if any measurement is being made of residential parking permits not being renewed due to an inability or an unwillingness to state whether a rented property has been registered or not with the Residential Tenancies Board?

REPLY

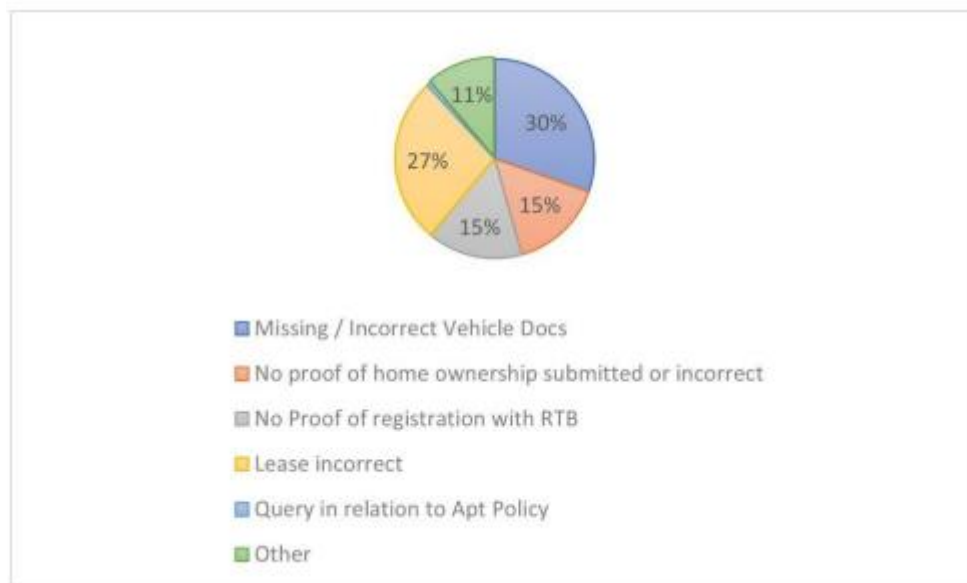
The Parking Permit Policy and Parking Permit Scheme were amended in 2022 to endeavour to make the Policy and Scheme more robust and less likely to abuse and thereby ensure that only valid applicants are in receipt of a Residents Parking Permit as well as encouraging the switch to more sustainable transport modes.

The amended Scheme (2022) requires an applicant to submit one additional piece of information over and above the pre 2022 Scheme requirements depending on the nature of residency. In the case of rented property, the applicant is required to submit proof the property/tenancy is registered with the Residential Tenancies Board

Initial Assessment Phase

Analysis was carried out on 300 online applications that did not pass the initial assessment phase in November / December 2022. Initially 46 applications (16%) did not initially satisfy the requirement of registration with the Residential Tenancies Board. These applicants were contacted by members of the parking permits team and requested to supply the necessary information.

Figure 1: Breakdown of Initial Assessment



Unsuccessful Parking Permit Applications 2022

In 2022, a total of 3,580 applications were reviewed by Permit Team with 296 applications for residential parking permits being refused which is a refusal rate of 8%. 252 of those refusals related to those who applied under the tenant category with 4 (1.6%) of these being unsuccessful as they did not satisfy the requirement of registration with the Residential Tenancies Board.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Roads Operations

6.12 **CORK CITY MARATHON**

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

Can the CE report on this year's Cork City Marathon including any changes in the format?

REPLY

Cork City Council engaged Davis Events Ltd to organise the 2022 Cork City Marathon. The aim of bringing Davis in as partners is to secure the future of the event, by making it financially viable, and to continue its growth as one of the most successful and the most inclusive marathons in the country.

Davis Events organised a hugely successful event in June 2022, with record marathon and half-marathon entries. The team relay numbers, however, were down on 2019. In the early years of the marathon, the team relay was extremely successful, attracting over 1,000 teams annually. However, when we introduced the half marathon, team numbers plummeted – many people progressing from the c. 8/9k of the relay legs to the 21k half marathon.

The relay has been stagnant since the introduction of the half, and despite a massive marketing push in 2022, entries were down 12% on 2019. The only effective marketing tactics for the relay were pushing the fact that this was a shorter race, close to a 6-mile / 10k, a fun run, and an entry level event. Effectively it appears that people took part looking for a 10k run. The Davis team reported a lot of feedback asking about a 10k run for individuals. We have always been a marathon that listens to our participants – that was why we introduced the half marathon in 2011. It's an important part of how we have developed a world-class event for our city. We now believe it is right to trial a 10k, and the current entry numbers suggests that it is going to be very successful.

Organising four race categories on the same day simply would not be possible in year one, so we made the decision to drop the team relay. The relay is a resource-heavy event, requiring significant numbers of additional stewards, a fleet of meticulously organised shuttle buses, and additional volunteers for medal distribution at City Hall.

While the relay has given our marathon a tremendous festive sense, we believe that the 10k will bring a similar energy to the city and will, crucially, increase inclusivity for many. The Sanctuary Runners, for example, have welcomed the introduction of the 10k since it will allow larger numbers to run together on the course. Acknowledging the importance of teamwork for many, we have structured the 10k to allow individuals enter as teams, so the sense of friendly competition and comradeship will be maintained.

We will, of course, review the full event after race day. As always, we will listen carefully and if there is a strong enough demand for its return, we can re-introduce the team relay in future years.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services, Community,
Culture & Placemaking.

6.13 **FORMER CAR SHOWROOMS AT DENNEHY'S CROSS**

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

Noting that the "Former Car Showrooms at Dennehy's Cross, Cork" appear to have been removed from the Derelict Site Register, can the CE:

1. Confirm if this is the case?
2. If so, provide Council with a brief report detailing the rationale for same?
3. Noting that the site was on the register from 13/11/2018; also noting its value according to Council of E1,875,000; and noting the 3 percent levy in place prior to 2020, and 7 percent levy in place post 2020;

Can the CE give an indication of how much of derelict sites levy due to Cork City Council was paid for each of the years the levy was owed respectively?"

REPLY

The site has been removed from the Derelict Sites Register. At the time of removal from the derelict sites register the site was deemed no longer derelict in accordance with the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The site is being levied in accordance with the requirements of the act.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic & Economic Development

6.14 **PARKING AREAS ON SHANDON STREET**

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

To ask the CE for an Update on the proposed 15 parking areas on Shandon St. The traders are strongly in favour of same and it would follow-on the success of a similar scheme in the City Centre. It is now nearly 18 months since this was first proposed.

REPLY

A variety of queries/requests were received in relation to various issues on Shandon St. A review of the street and its uses was undertaken, and it was agreed to install a

two 15-minute set down areas on Shandon Street. The works to install the 15- minute set downs have already commenced and are ongoing. Signs for the lower 15-minute set down area have been installed. Signs for the upper 15-minute set down are to be installed followed by lining for both areas. Subject priorities, resources and weather conditions it is anticipated that this will be complete by the end of Q1.

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

6.15 **MEANWHILE USE OF VACANT PROPERTIES FOR ARTS/CRAFTS COMMUNITIES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what provisions there are for meanwhile use of vacant properties by the arts and crafts communities (and other socially beneficial uses) as part of the city's vacancy and dereliction strategy?"

REPLY

“Meanwhile uses” are a range of temporary uses, including culture, creative and community uses, on land and property awaiting longer-term development. The City Development Plan 2022 supports appropriate meanwhile uses for vacant commercial buildings and sites that add to the quality and character of the local neighbourhood. Meanwhile uses may require planning permission, and where permission is required proposals will be assessed against the City Development Plan’s development and placemaking objectives.

A current example of meanwhile use of a vacant site for arts/crafts communities is the Test Site pavilion on Kyril’s Quay.

The Cork City Council Arts and Culture Strategy, 2022 – 2026, also includes a strategic objective to “extend the availability of permanent, temporary and meanwhile spaces through collaboration with city stakeholders”. An existing scheme designed to support arts uses of vacant premises is Creative Cork: Discretionary Rates Relief, where relief at 50% can be made available to premises which are occupied by groups and individuals involved in arts and cultural activity.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Services,
Strategic and Economic Development.

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture &
Placemaking

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT LIOS RUA, BANDUFF ROAD, BALLYVOLANE, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th January 2023, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Lios Rua, Banduff Road, Ballyvolane, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Canty, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th January 2023, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Lios Rua, Banduff Road, Ballyvolane, Cork, are public roads.”

7.2 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT FIONN LAOI, POULAVONE, BALLINCOLLIG, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th January 2023, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Fionn Laoi, Poulavone, Ballincollig, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 16th January 2023, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Fionn Laoi, Poulavone, Ballincollig, Cork, are public roads.”

7.3 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 2nd February 2023 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of the freehold interest in an area of ground (approximately 8.6m²) situated to the side of No. 8, Close's Green, Farranree, Cork, to Anthony O'Mahony, c/o O'Donoghue & Associates Solicitors, Trinity House, 8, Georges Quay, Cork for the sum of €1,500.00 plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

2. Disposal of site (approximately 1,019.5m²) situated at The Marina, Cork by way of sporting lease to The Board of Management of Presentation Brothers College,

Mardyke, Cork c/o O' Flynn Exhams Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork subject to a rent of €5.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

3. Disposal of property known as Jack Lynch House, Bob and Joan's Walk, Shandon, Cork, by way of lease to The Firkin Crane Limited, c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn, Solicitors, No. 2 Park Place, Citygate Park, Mahon, Cork, at a nominal rent of €5.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

4. Disposal of property known as Kiosk 3, Peace Park, Grand Parade/South Mall, Cork by way of lease at an annual rent of €20,000.00 (plus licence fee of €10.00 for a deck area) to Fratello Limited, c/o. O'Kelly Solicitors, 158, Ballinlea Heights, Killiney, Dublin, Cork.

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

7.4 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 85A GATE LODGE, BLACKROCK, CORK**

In accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at 85a Gate Lodge in Blackrock, in the City of Cork and the report of the Deputy Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 9th February 2023 and, if so decided to adopt the following Resolution:-

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at 85a Gate Lodge, Blackrock, in the City of Cork and the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the development at 85a Gate Lodge, Blackrock, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Deputy Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 13th February 2023.”

7.5 **ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES AT FRANKFIELD ROAD, DOUGLAS - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 6th February 2023, following public consultation, on the proposed Active Travel

Measures at Frankfield Road, Douglas pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.6 **ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES AT MARYBOROUGH WOODS, DOUGLAS TO BERKLEY, DOUGLAS - SECTION 38 APPROVAL**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 8th February 2023, following public consultation, on the proposed Active Travel Measures at Maryborough Woods, Douglas to Berkley, Douglas pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

7.7 **KILCULLY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY SCHEME - PART 8 PLANNING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Comhairle considered and approved the proposed Kilcully Pedestrian Safety Scheme and the report of the Director of Infrastructure Development thereon dated 27th January 2023, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Kilcully Pedestrian Safety Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council dated 27th January 2023, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Kilcully Pedestrian Safety Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council.”

7.8 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 26 LOTAMORE PARK, MAYFIELD, CORK – FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 19th January 2023 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 26, Lotamore Park, Mayfield, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, 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 €331,200 granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 26, Lotamore Park, Mayfield, Cork.”

8. **BOARD OF CRAWFORD ART GALLERY**

An Chomhairle noted the resignation of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan from the board of Crawford Art Gallery.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the appointment of Comhairleoir M. Finn to the board of Crawford Art Gallery.

9. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 7th FEBRUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 7th February 2023.

9.1 **REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

9.1.1 **DRAFT CORK CITY GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2023-2029 AND DRAFT CORK CITY SUPPLEMENTARY DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2023-2029**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated February 2023 on the Draft Cork City General Development Contribution Scheme 2023-2029 and Draft Cork City Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme 2023-2029.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolve under section 48 (8) and 49 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended to make the Draft Cork City General Development Contribution Scheme 2023 – 2029 and Draft Cork City Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme 2023 – 2029 as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report.”

9.1.2 **PROPOSED VARIATION NO.1 (REVISED CAR PARKING STANDARDS ON A CITYWIDE BASIS) OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 22nd December 2022, on Proposed Variation No.1 (Revised Car Parking Standards on a Citywide basis) of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028, with a material amendment as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report, dated 31st January 2023.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolve under section 13 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended to make Proposed Variation No 1 (Revised Car Parking Standards on a City-wide basis) of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 with a material amendment as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report and as amended by the Addendum to

the Chief Executive’s Report, subject to further consultation as set out in section 13 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended.”

9.2 **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICES DATED 2nd FEBRUARY 2023 IN RELATION TO INCREASED LEVELS OF ACTIVITY BY CORK CITY COUNCIL IN EU PROJECTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 2nd February 2023 in relation to increased levels of activity by Cork City Council in EU Projects.

10. **PARTY WHIPS – 23rd JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 23rd January 2023.

10.1 **MOTION REFERRED TO PARTY WHIPS**

UPDATED REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICES, DATED 24th NOVEMBER, 2022 ON THE FOLLOWING MOTION:-

RESTORE MANGAN’S CLOCK

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 19th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That one of the surviving structures from the Burning of Cork on St Patrick's St., Mangan's Clock, be restored and preserved given its present poor state. The busman's shelter from that period, currently rotting away in storage should also be reimagined and reused (possibly as a street sculpture), as previously requested before it disintegrates entirely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 22/456)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this motion originally came to the Commemorations Committee in November. However, the clock isn’t part of the Centenary of Commemorations given that it was erected in c.1847.

Cork City Council has commissioned Stokes Clock and Watches to carry out repair works to restore St. Patrick's Street landmark Mangan's Clock to working order by refurbishing the clock hands, repairing and replacing damaged parts and cleaning and painting the supporting pillar.

At a cost in the region of €7,500, the work will start at the end of January and is estimated to take about 3 months, when this special piece of street furniture will be back in full working order and continue its role as a silent witness to the life of Cork city.

Mangan's Clock has been a landmark on Saint Patrick's Street since the 1850s. Located near Merchants Quay it is a much-loved piece of heritage street furniture in Cork City.

Mangan Jewellers was a family business of clock makers and jewellers in Cork City from 1817 to the late 1980s and were responsible for the installation of Mangan's Clock as well as the iconic clock on St. Anne's Church, Shandon.

The clock is cast iron, comprising of a square-profile base, with a tapered shaft having square-profile capital, with two faces having decorative surrounds and surmounted by a finial.

11. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 16th JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 16th January 2023.

11.1 **CORK CITY COUNCIL'S EU ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development on Cork City Council's EU Activities and Projects.

12. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th January 2023.

12.1 **MOTIONS**

12.1.1 **DETARMACKING OF SPACES FOR PLANTING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 10th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council undertake a number of test projects where detarmacking of spaces no less than 10 metre square in area take place and be subsequently planted on.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/423)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the proposal to detarmac areas in the City is a positive proposal to add to the current initiatives being advanced to increase the greening of the City and increase biodiversity in the built environment.

Suitable locations will be identified during 2023 and funding sought to detarmac and plant these areas.

Should a suitable funding source be identified progress on implementing this initiative can be progressed. There are already some initiatives similar to this being progressed e.g. The centre median at Albert Street which consists mainly of hardcore with a skim of soil is scheduled for preparation and planting during Q1 2023.

12.1.2 **FINING SYSTEM FOR DOG FOULING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 10th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council introduce a new fining system for dog fouling. Fining individuals who are found with a leashed dog and who are without any provisions to take care of dog excrement such as a pooper-scooper or waste bags.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 22/448)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 provides for the issuing of fines for dog fouling and states that “where faeces has been deposited by a dog, the person in charge of the dogs shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.” This firmly places the responsibility on the dog owner / person in charge to clean up after the dog whether the dog is leashed or unleashed.

While there are difficulties in issuing fines for offences under section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (i.e. the Litter Warden must actually witness both the dog depositing faeces and the person in control of the dog, neglecting to remove the faeces) the introduction by Cork City Council of bye-laws setting out the size, type and make up of appropriate faeces collection equipment would be problematic and unworkable in that any list of appropriate equipment could be viewed as restrictive.

National legislation takes precedence over bye-laws and thus in any conflict situation between a bye-law and the primary national legislation the bye-law would be superseded.

The bye-laws would also be unenforceable as the defence of honest mistake in not having a provision to remove dog faces could not reasonably be argued against.

12.1.3 **CLEANING OF GULLIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 10th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will deploy more resources to the roads and drainage sections to schedule regular clearing of gullies particularly in areas prone to flooding.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 22/476)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a dedicated gully cleaning crew of 8 men, led by the Junior Foreperson. There are approximately 25,000 gullies in Cork City.

47,000 gully cleaning operations were undertaken in 2022.

In addition, 5,900m of linear drain were cleaned in the City Centre and surrounds.

Gullies in flood prone areas are cleaned on a more frequent basis, however, during the leaf fall season (late September to November), the gullies are covered very easily by leaves and this can lead to temporary flooding of roads, until the leaves are removed.

As evidenced in recent events leaves can block gullies within 1 hour of an area being completely cleaned of leaves by a gully crew.

Thus, no amount of additional resources will resolve the issue of leaves blocking gullies.

12.1.4 **CIRCULAR ECONOMY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 10th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council establish a Circular Economy committee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/513)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a Circular Economy Committee would more appropriately be accommodated under the Climate Action Committee of Council run by the Corporate Affairs & International Relations Directorate. This motion should be referred back to An Comhairle for redirection to the Climate Action Committee.

13. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19th JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 19th January 2023.

13.1 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

13.1.1 **LISTENING POSTS, PENROSE QUAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 19th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will report on the progress of engaging artists Daphne Wright and Johnny Hanrahan and the technical team who created the Listening Posts at Penrose Quay to assess the works needed to restore this public artwork and on improvements to the public realm that could accompany the restoration of the artwork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/501)

The report of the Director of Services stated that following completion of development at Penrose Quay, in 2021 the Arts Officer and the Senior Parks and Landscape Officer engaged with the artists Daphne Wright and Johnny Hanrahan to assess the

requirements for the refurbishment of their public artwork, ‘Listening Posts’ at Penrose Quay. Inspection confirmed that the structures are in generally good condition with only cosmetic improvements required. In terms of the sound aspect, further investigation of the power supply in the control box located adjacent to the sculpture is required. Work is ongoing and we intend to complete refurbishment of the Listening Posts by Summer 2023.

13.1.2 **COMMUNITY HEALTH CHECKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 19th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council report on the various community health checks that have taken place and outline plans for further checks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 22/509)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Blarney and Tower Collaborative Town Centre Health checks are currently sitting with a graphic designer and will be published in Q1 2023.

‘Shandon Area Ground floor survey and community consultation’ which used the ‘Place Standard tool’ is ready for dissemination. A working group met in Q4 ‘22 to discuss the possibility of a similar project in Blackpool and this group will meet again in the coming weeks to decide how to progress this. UCC Centre for Planning Education and Research are collaborating with this process.

Glanmire Area Health Check

Under the Town and Villages Scheme (2021), administered by the Dept. of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), Cork City Council has been awarded funding to investigate the feasibility of the provision of a Community Enterprise Hub in the Glanmire Area and the completion of a Health Check. Cork City Council will shortly be seeking tenders for the completion of a Health Check for Glanmire.

13.1.3 **PEOPLE IN SEARCH OF SANCTUARY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 19th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council reaffirms its commitment to meeting the needs of those who come to our city in search of sanctuary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/514)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council is committed to engaging with Cork’s migrant communities on an ongoing basis.

2022 saw the publication by migrant rights organisation Nasc, of ‘We are Cork: Stories from a Diverse city’, which was co-funded by Cork City Council’s Local Community Development Committee, HSE Cork and Kerry Community Healthcare and the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund.

In 2023, the Community team will once again convene an interagency working group on the development of an Integration Strategy. It is the intention of this group to develop a strategy which considers integration across the 9 grounds for Equality: gender, marital status, family status, age disability, sexual orientation, race, religion, and membership of the Traveller community. A board working group will be engaged in this, with stakeholder input from across all sectors.

13.1.4 **FORA FOR MEN TO TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE TO WOMEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 19th January 2023 on the following motion:-

‘That this Council as a major public agency, working through its Community Directorate and through other public agencies work to promote the need of fora for men to talk to other men about violence inflicted on women by men.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 23/021)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council through its Community Directorate recognise the need to support all those whose lives are impacted by domestic violence. We will support our community partners whose area of expertise this is in the development of a fora, should they feel it is necessary. The Community directorate will engage with our community partners to raise this concern.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8pm.

14. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 10th JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 10th January 2023.

15. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 7th FEBRUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 7th February 2023.

15.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

15.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF NOVEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of November 2022.

16. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd January 2023.

17. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd January 2023.

18. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd January 2023.

19. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 23rd JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 23rd January 2023.

20. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th JANUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th January 2023.

21. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 2nd FEBRUARY 2023**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 2nd February 2023.

22. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

23. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries of conferences/seminars attended as follows:-

- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher and Comhairleoir D. Forde at the AILG Training Module 4, Local Government and Audit Committees held at the Allingham Arms, Bundoran, Co. Donegal, 23rd July 2022.

- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher at the AILG Autumn Training Seminar, Celebrating Local Government held at the Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath, 14th – 15th September 2022.
- Comhairleoir D. Canty at the Council of Europe Prize Ceremony for Nano Nagle Place held at Strasbourg, France, 25th – 27th April 2022.
- Comhairleoir D. Canty at the Twinning 40th Anniversary held at Rennes, France, 31st October – 5th November 2022.
- Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn at the LAMA Seminar, Planning and Mental Health held at the Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo, 3rd – 5th November 2021.
- Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn at the Celtic Conferences, Finance Act 2022 held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, 7th – 9th January 2023.

24. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle noted section 141 reports as follows:-

- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher – Cork Regional Athletics Stadium Management Committee – April and November 2022.
- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher – Cork Opera House – 2022.
- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher – Southern Regional Assembly – 2022.
- Comhairleoir G. Kelleher – Association of Irish Local Government – January, March, May, July, September and November 2022.

25. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

25.1 **CELTIC CONFERENCE ON THE FINANCE ACT 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and retrospectively approved the attendance of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn at Celtic Conferences, Finance Act 2022 held in Carlingford, Co. Louth, 6th to 8th January 2023.

26. **TRAINING**

None received.

26.1 **SAINCHÚRSA GAEILGE DO CHOMHAIRLEOIRÍ TOFA/SPECIALISED IRISH LANGUAGE COURSE FOR ELECTED COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the participation of Comhairleoir D. Boyle in Sainchúrsa Gaeilge do Chomhairleoirí Tofa/Specialised Irish Language Course for Elected Councillors, a five week course commencing 21st February 2023.

26.2 **LAMA AND AILG CONFERENCES AND TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved attendance by Elected Members at all LAMA and AILG conferences and training during 2023.

27. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Reports for November to December.

28. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle noted the motions on Appendix 1, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

29. **MOTIONS**

29.1 **RESTORE FULL MEDICAL SERVICE IN BLARNEY VILLAGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council calls on the HSE to restore a full medical service and doctor's office to replace Dr. Una O' Halloran in the Blarney village.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 23/059)

29.2 **ROAD SAFETY ON BANDUFF ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'I wish to bring to the Council's attention the dangerous road traffic situation on the Banduff Road.

This road, which is in the vicinity of Cara Junior School, sees heavy traffic throughput daily, with many drivers not obeying the speed limit. Yet, there is no public bus service, no footpath on the Northern part of the road, and no pedestrian lights.

This situation poses a dangerous hazard to pedestrians, many of them schoolchildren.

Around one thousand families live in this area, and many are currently using a private bus service to bring their children to and from school, but these families are paying up to €250 per month for this service.

I call on the City Council to urgently address this situation, and to allow for the construction of a complete footpath on the road, with at least two full pedestrian crossings with lights.

In addition, I urge the City Council to call on Bus Eireann/NTA to immediately provide a badly needed public bus service on this road. This would help to greatly

reduce the number of cars on the road, and would be of particular benefit to school children and their families.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 23/061)

Following discussion, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to the North East Local Area Committee.

29.3 **LEGISLATION ON FINES FOR DOG FOULING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on national Government to change the unworkable legislation pertaining to the imposition of fines for dog fouling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 23/069)

29.4 **REPLICATE NEW ZEALAND LEGISLATION TO REDUCE SMOKING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Minister of Health to ask him to replicate the legislation recently passed by the New Zealand parliament to reduce smoking and protect future generations from the harmful effects of smoking. The New Zealand law means that anyone born after 2008 will never be able to buy cigarettes or tobacco products. Half of all smokers will die from smoking-related conditions. It will mean the number of people able to buy tobacco will shrink each year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 23/076)

29.5 **ENTRANCE TO JACOBS ISLAND**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council apply to the NTA/TII to include an entrance into Jacobs Island in conjunction with the proposed lane work planned for the Mahon exit. This would greatly improve the quality of life for the residents of Jacobs Island and it would reduce the amount of cars queuing on the link road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 23/078)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to the South East Local Area Committee.

29.6 **LÉ EITHNE MARITIME EXHIBITION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to the Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin, asking that his department will locate the LÉ Eithne in Cork City as a permanent maritime exhibition showing the role of the Naval Service in protecting the marine and in the service of humanitarianism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 23/079)

29.7 **HEALTH-BASED APPROACH TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council believes in a health-based approach to substance abuse and will write to the Minister for Justice requesting that prosecutions not be brought against persons found in possession of small quantities of illegal drugs in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 23/081)

Following discussion, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee to request input from Cork Local Drug Task Force and the Joint Policing Committee.

29.8 **CAMHS SERVICES IN CORK/KERRY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion, noting declarations of conflict of interest from Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald and J. Sheehan:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on Government to acknowledge that the Cork/Kerry region of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services is one of the worst in the country and undertakes to develop and invest in practical solutions to mitigate the waiting list of 857 children waiting for CAMHS services in Cork/Kerry and to ensure that recruitment guidelines are amended with enhanced pay and conditions to fill gaps in staffing in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 23/086)

29.9 **REINSTATE ROAD IN BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on Irish Water to instruct their contractor Geda Construction to reinstate and resurface road in Ballyvolane area as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 23/088)

29.10 **EXTEND THE EVICTION BAN**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the Government to extend the eviction ban until the end of 2023 in order to safeguard vulnerable renters from entering homelessness and if legal advice will be sought on ensuring a Cork City eviction ban in the event Government fails to extend the national ban.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 23/089)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the Government to extend the eviction ban for 12 months in order to safeguard vulnerable renters from entering homelessness and if legal advice will be sought on ensuring a Cork City eviction ban in the event Government fails to extend the national ban.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 23/089)

29.11 **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion, noting declarations of conflict of interest from Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald and J. Sheehan:-

‘Following the report of the Mental Health Commission, Cork City Council calls on the Government to ensure mental health services for children and young people are properly resourced, fully staffed and provide support when and where they are needed noting early intervention is key and that;

Services should be extended to 25 to prevent ‘cliff edge’ of 18, multi-annual funding for CAMHS to be able to operate and forward plan, the role of National Clinical Director for Mental Health be re-instated and a serious effort made to address waiting lists.’

‘Ag éirí as tuairisc an Choimisiúin Meabhairshláinte, éilíonn Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí ar an Rialtas cinnte a dhéanamh de go bhfuil na hacmhainní cearta á gcur ar fáil do sheirbhísí sláinte do leanaí agus ógánaigh, go bhfuil foireann iomlán iontu agus go gcuirfear tacaíocht ar fáil san áit agus am a bhfuil sí de dhíth, ag tabhairt faoi deara go bhfuil idirghabháil luath lárnach agus; gur cóir na seirbhísí a shíniú go 25 bliana d’aois le críoch róthobann a sheachaint ag 18 mbliana; go gcuirfear maoiniú leanúnach ar fáil i rith na bliana ionas gur féidir le SMLÓ feidhmiú agus pleanáil ar aghaidh a dhéanamh, go dtabharfar ar ais ról an Stiúrthóra Chliniciúil Náisiúnta do Mheabhairshláinte agus go ndéanfar iarracht cheart dul i ngleic le liostaí feithimh.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 23/092)

29.12 **PERSONAL ITEMS OF VOLUNTEER LEO MURPHY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Manchester Regiment Museum, formally requesting the return of personal items, removed from the dead body of Volunteer Leo Murphy (believed to be a shaving kit and deck of cards) for display at a suitable location in Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. Rynng 23/105)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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