

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th JUNE 2017

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate and External Affairs. Ms. N. Sheehan, Administration Officer, Corporate and External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads and Transportation Directorate. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

Comhairleoir F. Ryan proposed a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss the following motion;

“I am seeking a suspension of Standing Orders to request a debate on the horrific case that has come to light today where a teenager was sectioned after requesting an abortion on suicide grounds and to request a vote that Cork City Council urge the Dáil Committee to discuss the Citizen Assembly recommendations to go ahead without any further delays and to meet over the summer.”

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, F. Ryan, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin (13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O'Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, N. O'Keeffe, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican. (14)

ABSTENTION: (0)

As the numbers voting For was less than those voting Against and given the vote was not carried by a 2/3rds majority of those present and voting as prescribed in Standing Orders, An tArd-Mhéara declared that the Motion had failed and the vote to suspend Standing Orders was not carried.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Bridgeman Family on the death of Christina Bridgeman.
- The O'Mahony Family on the death of John V. O'Mahony.

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

- Paddy O'Brien on the success of the over 60's talent competition.
- To the Lord Mayor on the success of the Lord Mayor's Charity Ball.
- Meithal Mara and the Cork Harbour Festival.
- The volunteers and team for the organisation of the Cork City Marathon.
- Reverend Evin O'Brien on his ordination to the priesthood.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **COOPERATION OF AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An tArd-Mhéara thanked An Chomhairle for its cooperation during his year as Ard-Mhéara, this being his last Ordinary Meeting as Ard-Mhéara.

3.2 **REPORT OF THE EXPERT ADVISORY GROUP ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN CORK**

An tArd-Mhéara referred to the launch of the Report of the Expert Advisory Group on Local Government Arrangements in Cork which had taken place on Friday 9th June 2017.

An tArd-Mhéara sought and received the approval of An Chomhairle to the following Statement:-

"We attended at the Silver Springs Hotel on Friday for the launch by Minister Simon Coveney of the report of the Expert Advisory Group on Local Government Arrangements in Cork.

As Lord Mayor and reflecting the sentiments of Council, I welcome the conclusion of the review process and the publication of the McKinnon Report.

I particularly want to welcome the fact that a two authority approach is recommended unanimously by the McKinnon Group.

Accepting that considerable work will be required in the implementation of the Review Recommendations, we in City Council have always acknowledged that a boundary extension would require a significant compensation element to ensure that the entire Cork County would benefit from the review of local government arrangements. A strong Cork County is also in the best interests of our City.

The review of local government arrangements in Cork commenced in January 2015. For the benefit of Cork and the role that Cork City needs to play as the country's second city and as the driver of economic development of the region, it is essential that the process would now move quickly to implementation.

In recognition of this I wish to formally propose that we formally accept the recommendations of the McKinnon Report, and that we write to the Minister to advise him of this and to take him up on his offer to have the City Council meet with both him and John O'Connor, Chairman of the Implementation Group."

On the proposal of an tÁrd-Mheara, An Chomhairle unanimously welcomed the publication of the McKinnon Report accepting that further detail will be needed in relation to a number of the recommendations.

An Chomhairle agreed that a meeting of Full Council In Committee would be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday 19th June to discuss the Report of the Expert Advisory Group on Local Government arrangements in Cork.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

5. **VISIT TO RENNES – JUNE 28TH TO JULY 1ST, 2017**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the travel of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn to our Twinned City of Rennes on June 28th to July 1st, 2017.

6. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 22nd May 2017.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

With reference to traffic management in the South West Ward, to ask the Chief Executive Officer;

- i. The dates by which Management Mobility Plans were submitted for review to the City Council from major employers in the Ward, namely, CIT, UCC, Bons Secours Hospital and CUH/CUMH and the period of time for which they are valid;
- ii. A description of the process for review and enforcement of Management Mobility Plans by City Council, the dates of such reviews, the Directorate(s) undertaking such reviews and outcomes from those reviews;
- iii. An outline of granted planning applications to each of the above named institutions, CIT, UCC, Bons Secours and CUH/CUMH from 2012.

- iv. To identify plans and strategies for traffic management and modality shift over the next five years in the South West Ward.

(Cllr. John Buttimer)
Deferred from meeting
of 22nd May

REPLY

- (i) The dates by which Management Mobility Plans were submitted to the City Council from major employers in the Ward, namely, CIT, UCC, Bons Secours Hospital and CUH/CUMH are detailed below.

Year	Description	MMP submitted
2012		
12/35358	CUH- New Pediatric Unit	Submitted 28/07/2015
2013		
13/35753	UCC -4 storey extension to College of Medicine and Health	Not conditioned as UCC Commuter Plan covers the extension
2014		
14/35903	Bon Secours- Proposed extension to North	Conditioned to be submitted within 6 months of completion of the development
2015		
15/36283	CIT -Arena	Conditioned and to be submitted post completion of development
15/36198	CUH - Radiation Oncology Unit	Conditioned and to be submitted post completion of development
2016		
16/36687	UCC - Student Hub Building	None conditioned. UCC Commuter Plan to cover extension
2017		
17/37360	CUH- Lab extension	Conditioned and to be submitted post completion of development

- (ii) Mobility Management Plans (MMP's) are formally submitted to the Planning Directorate in accordance with conditions associated with a grant of planning. The Planning Directorate refers Mobility Management Plans received to the Roads & Transportation Directorate for review. The Planning Directorate is advised on the adequacy of the MMP by the Roads & Transportation Directorate, and any issues arising are referred to the applicant to address. The date of submission of MMP's varies from organisation to organization according to the timing of developments.

MMP can also be operated on a campus basis and they have to be tailored to suit the individual organisation. All plans received are available for review on the public planning file.

The enforcement activities in relation to MMPs are mainly concerned with their submission as required by the relevant planning conditions and compliance with the guidelines relating to the preparation of such plans.

The actions and measures in individual Mobility Management Plans are reviewed by the Planning Authority through the Roads & Transportation Directorate. It is generally required that these be submitted prior to first occupation of a proposed development. The targets set out should be in line with the recommendations contained in national guidelines and local policies. These include the DoTTAS Smarter Travel publications, *A Sustainable Transport Future- A New Transport Policy for Ireland 2009-2020* and *Ireland's First National Cycle Policy Framework*, the NTA publications, *Workplace Travel Plans, A Guide for Implementers, Achieving Effective Workplace Travel Plans- Guidance for Local Authorities*, and local policies such as *The Cork City Walking Strategy 2013-2018*.

MMP's are generally updated with changes in respect of traffic volumes, modal split and any other relevant parameters on an annual basis. Any actions arising out of the plan are implemented in the following period. The Mobility Management Plan should be continually monitored by a Designated Mobility Manager within each major employer organization.

Mobility Management Plans represent a useful tool in promoting long term modal shift for workplace travel trips. However they require an ongoing commitment from employers and employees in supporting and sustaining sustainable travel practices across their organizations and the level of success achieved is directly related to same.

It is to be noted that some large organizations have put in place sustainable travel plans on a voluntary basis, separate from any requirement imposed under the planning permission process. UCC has for example been active in the promotion of sustainable travel through its Commuter Plan. This covers car park management, alternative modes of travel, Park + Ride service, cycling, car pooling (sharing the daily car journey), walking, full time Commuter Plan Manager, public transport promotion etc. Many major employers, such as CIT, also separately engage directly with the NTA and participate in their Smarter Travel programmes for workplaces and campuses

There is also ongoing engagement through the Transport & Mobility Forum which provides an interface between key stakeholders in the use of sustainable transport and the transport infrastructure providers and policy makers.

- (iii) Granted planning applications from CIT, UCC, Bon Secours and CUH since 2012 include the following:

Year	Description
2012	
12/35358	CUH- New Pediatric Unit
12/35198	Bon Secours- Modification of entrance on Western Road

2013	
13/35753	UCC -4 storey extension to College of Medicine and Health
2014	
14/35903	Bon Secours- Proposed extension to North
2015	
15/36283	CIT - Arena
15/36198	CUH - Radiation Oncology Unit
2016	
16/36687	UCC - Student Hub Building
2017	
17/37360	CUH- Lab extension

All of the

permitted developments have not been commenced/completed.

(iv) Plans and strategies to improve traffic management and modal shift over the next five years in the South West Ward generally follow national and local policies. These include

- **South West Strategic Travel Corridor Study** (see below) which seeks to increase the mode share for alternatives to the car and improve connectivity between South West area and the City Centre;
- **NTA Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy** (currently being prepared)
- **Cork Cycle Network Plan 2015** which sets out recommendations for cycle route infrastructure for the Cork City Metropolitan Area and the surrounding towns;
- **Cork City Walking Strategy 2013-2018** which seeks to reduce car use for short journeys (up to 2km) by improving pedestrian facilities;
- **Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021** which includes policy provisions relating to
 - **Cork City Council maximum parking standards** which endeavor to limit car usage in favour of sustainable modes;
 - **School Travel Plans** which are conditioned in the grant of planning for new and significantly extended school developments;
 - **Mobility Management Plans** which are required for planning applications for new and significantly extended developments within excess of 100 employees;

The main improvement schemes identified in the Corridor Study above include -

Works Package	Est cost
Wilton Corridor to Thomas Davis Bridge (incl Sarsfield Rd)	€3.6m
Carrigrohane Rd to City Centre	€2.8m
Curaheen Rd / Bishopstown Rd	€3.7m
Kinsale Rd to Curragh Rd	€1.5m
South City Link, bus corridor	€3.1m
Togher Rd Corridor	€1.8m
CIT Cycle links (Melbourne Rd)	€2m
Curragh Rd – City Centre	€0.8m
Glasheen Rd	€1.4m
Model Farm Rd	€1.0m
College Rd	€0.6m

Sarsfield Rd	€0.2m
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These improvement schemes will be progressed in accordance with the grant funding secured by Council particularly from the National Transport Authority.

G O BEIRNE
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

7.2 **PLAYING PITCH AT THE GREEN ON TRAMORE ROAD**

What current arrangement exists between Cork City Council and Cork County Board in relation to the playing pitch at the Green on Tramore Road?

(Cllr. Tom O'Driscoll)

REPLY

The playing pitch at Tramore Road , is licensed by Cork City Council to Ballyphehane GAA Club, there being no arrangement in place with the Cork County GAA Board. A 99 year sporting lease is in place between the Club and the Council for the lands on which the Club premises are built.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

7.3 **PARKING IN THE WHITE STREET AREA**

CAN the CE outline in relation to the White Street area:

- 1) How many car parking spaces are in the appropriate zone?
- 2) How many residents' permits are issued for that zone?
- 3) What was done with the fees for provision of parking adjacent to the area that were levied on developers for units that did not have parking within their curtilage (eg TP 25879/02)?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

- 1) There are approximately 130 on street car parking spaces in Zone N.
- 2) As of 2nd June, 2017 there are 143 valid permits for Zone N.
- 3) TP 25879/02 was inspected on 21st October, 2008, no development had taken place at this time and the Planning Permission had expired. No development fees were paid under this application.

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

7.4 **FORTHCOMING TRAFFIC MEASURES IN WILTON AREA**

Could an assessment be done in relation to the environmental impact of the South-West Strategic Corridor Plans and how they may impact on estates like Liam Lynch Park, Roger Casement Park, Shears Park and surrounding areas?

(Cllr. Mary Shields)

REPLY

The South East/South Central Corridor Study was undertaken in 2015/16. It identifies twelve improvement projects to be undertaken on key strategic routes across the area. The projects were assessed on the basis of benefit and are ranked accordingly. The study is an important aid to the Council in its efforts to attract the external grant funding necessary for the works identified.

The improvement schemes set out in the study are now being progressed in order of priority. In each case the proposed improvements are subject to the part 8 planning process. As members will be aware the Council has approved planning for the Wilton Road corridor and proposals for Carrigrohane Road will be prepared for similar consideration over the coming twelve months. It will be recalled that as part of the planning process the Council undertook an Appropriate Assessment and an Environmental Impact Screening Assessment. It was concluded that the works by reason of nature, scale and location would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment. In this regard it will be noted that the works are similar to other road improvement schemes carried out by the Council and are generally considered to be beneficial in nature.

The works will consist of road resurfacing, footpaths renewals, junction improvements, street lighting enhancements, traffic signals, new pedestrian facilities etc. along with limited alterations for bus and cycle facilities. The improvements will benefit road users and residents in the surrounding areas. It is acknowledged that there will be some negative impacts such as traffic delays during construction. However this will be temporary in nature and post completion there will be reduced traffic congestion and better facilities for public transport and vulnerable road users.

Council staff will monitor the progress of work and its impact across the broader network and will be happy to engage with local residents to address any issues arising.

G O BEIRNE
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

7.5 **SECURITY MEASURES REGARDING FLOODING**

Could The Manager please update the Council as to what security measures and provisions have been put in place to ensure that the flooding which occurred in 2011 in the Ballyvolane area of Cork City Council shall not occur again?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

I understand this query to relate to flooding that occurred in the Ballyvolane area in June 2012.

This impacted Mervue, Meelick Park, Parkcourt areas.

Arising from this event, works were carried out to the river screen at Mervue, additional water entry points to the culvert were provided at various locations along its course. Repairs were also carried out to the culvert in Parkcourt where it had been found to have been damaged.

In order to facilitate a full review, assessment was included in the Lower Lee Flood Relief Project initiated in 2013. As part of this a flow meter was installed in the stream, which continues to provide real-time monitoring of the flows.

The assessment concluded that the culvert was adequate to meet the 1% AEP demand but that additional works were required to facilitate additional entry into the culvert and measures to address containment of possible overflows due to blockage. These proposals were included in the exhibition in 2014. Subsequent to removal of Blackpool from the LLFRS, the proposed work in Ballyvolane was deemed to be best dealt with by means of a Minor Drainage Scheme. Work on preparing this scheme has commenced.

In the meantime the flow monitoring, river grating and culvert maintenance are continuing.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation

7.6 **MOBILE FACILITIES IN THE PARK AND RIDE FOR CAMPER VANS**

What research has been done in relation to the cost of putting mobile facilities in the Park n Ride for Camper Vans?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The Park & Ride facility currently operates from Monday to Saturday inclusive, with the first bus departing from the site at 07:30 and the last bus departing from Lapps Quay at 19:15. It is only accessible by vehicles during these hours. Given that the site is not manned outside of these hours, overnight parking by any vehicles is not currently permitted due to security and insurance considerations. In addition, there are no formal facilities on site for the accommodation of people/camper vans overnight. The specification and costing for the additional facilities necessary to accommodate camper vans has not been assessed. The Tourism Section of Cork City Council is however currently reviewing possible locations within the City for camper van parking in conjunction with camper groups and the Park & Ride site will be considered as part of this process.

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

7.7 **VACANT SITES REGISTER**

Can the Chief Executive please advise if Cork City Council officials have as yet compiled a Vacant Site Register for the City. If so, can a copy please be circulated to Councillors with the answer to this question. If not, can the officials please do so as a matter of urgency so that the 3% levy can be charged?

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Under the [Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015](#), Cork City Council is required to establish and maintain a [Vacant Sites Register](#). The Register must be in place by January 1st 2017. An identified vacant site can be entered on the register when the Planning Authority is of the opinion that it has been vacant for a minimum of 12 months preceding its entry on the register.

The Vacant Sites Register was established in January 2017. Work is progressing on the work necessary to populate the register. No levy can be charged before January 2019.

By way of clarification and in accordance with the legal provisions, the Planning Authority must notify property owners before 1st June 2018 that their sites, which are included in the register, shall be charged the levy. The levy shall be payable in arrears each year beginning in January 2019 and every further year thereafter until the site is no longer vacant by the owner of the vacant site. The levy shall be payable on a demand being made by the authority and shall be calculated at 3% of the market value of the site.

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

7.8 **LIST OF PROPERTIES LEASED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of all properties, land and units leased by the City Council from private bodies, public bodies, semi-state bodies, statutory and non-statutory bodies and to also state their initial intended purpose, current purpose, annual lease payment, the owners of the properties, the original length of lease and duration of lease remaining?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

Please see the requested list of properties below:

PROPERTIES	DATE FROM	DATE TO	ANNUAL RENT	RENT PAYABLE TO	PURPOSE
Connolly (Keane's) Yard , Ballinlough Road	21/03/05	20/03/20	€ 26,000	John Keane & Sons, LTD	Recreation & Amenity (Depot)

Douglas Branch Library Unit n67	01/06/09	30/05/34	€150,000	Canmount LTD	Library
Blackpool Library	01/02/10	31/01/35	€146,000	Chandos Investments PLC	Llbrary
K5 Marina Commercial Park.	18/09/07	Ongoing	€ 25,000	Templeford LTD	Storage

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

7.9 **TRAFFINC MANAGEMENT AROUND BEAUMONT NATIONAL SCHOOLS**

Can the CE outline details of the traffic management plan for the area around Beaumont Boys & Girls National Schools?

Does the plan include the provision of Double Yellow Lines at specific locations?

Are there plans for a pedestrian crossing to be provided close to the school entrance?

Is there a possibility of providing a traffic warden for the two schools?

Can the CE outline if and when any of the above can be provided to ensure the health & safety of all the students of the school.?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

Beaumont Boys & Girls National Schools are located in a residential area adjacent to Beaumont Park. There is no specific traffic management plan for the area around the schools.

The area was assessed earlier in the year and all lining works recommended as a result of the assessment are now in place. There are no plans to install a pedestrian crossing or provide a school warden for the schools. It will be noted that there are a number of pedestrian routes to the school with no single crossing point on adjacent roads.

The main issues outside the gates of schools is poor parking behaviour by parents/guardians. There is an onus on everybody to take responsibility for their own behaviour and it is important that the school reminds parents of this on a regular basis. Furthermore the school, parents and students should continue the valuable work and behaviour change initiatives they undertook in the development of their School Travel Plans as through the SMILES EU project.

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

7.10 **NORTH-WEST REGIONAL PARK**

Can the CE outline at what stage are plans for the North-West Regional Park? Can she also report on the active recreation area of the City North-West Regeneration Scheme and how both proposals could complement each other?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The provision of the North West Regional Park is an aspiration of the existing Cork City Development Plan 2015-2019. The plans are currently not being progressed due to land ownership and current budgetary constraints.

The Cork North West Regeneration Implementation Framework seeks a significant improvement in the quality of the open space available to residents and local people. The open space framework will be developed as a key element providing key spaces that are and will be integrated with the existing and new community. The overall framework will include a range of landscape spaces ranging from quiet passive recreation areas to more active public spaces. The City Council will co-operate with sports groups in developing recreational facilities subject to funding being made available. An Active Recreation Area is proposed for the north of Kilmore Road at the ridge (site of the proposed regional park). This area will consolidate existing and/or new pitches and associated facilities at one location ensuring optimum management. It may also accommodate multi-purpose and all weather fields and a walking/running circuit are to be provided.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

7.11 **COST OF DOG FOULING BINS AND LITTER BINS**

Can the CE outline the cost of placing and servicing on an annual basis

- a) A litter bin
- b) A dog fouling bin

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

REPLY

In relation to bins in Public Parks and on Walkways the cost of installation varies from € 750 to € 1000 depending on the type of bin. No distinction is made in relation to dog waste, specific Dog Receptacle Units no longer used and dog waste accepted in ordinary Park bins. The cost of servicing bins in Parks is difficult to establish, as duties also include Park opening, litter picking and safety inspections of parks and playground equipment.

For on-street litter bins, installation costs vary from €1,200 to €2,000 depending on type and location. Maintenance and collection of bins varies from €1,600 to €15,000 per annum per bin depending on location and frequency of collection.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

7.12 **JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

To ask the CE about solutions being rolled out to tackle Japanese Knotweed?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Members are aware that the Council has completed a City wide survey and identified and mapped the locations/sites in City Council ownership containing Invasive Flora including Japanese Knotweed. The process of estimating the cost of eradicating Japanese Knotweed is presently underway in preparation for inclusion for consideration in the 2018 Draft Estimates. The most cost effective treatment recommended in the guidelines for eradication of knotweed is application of herbicide over a period of time.

A training workshop on the identification of Japanese Knotweed for relevant City Council Staff and the public is planned for mid to late summer.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

8 **PARTY WHIPS – 6th JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips Meeting held on the 6th June 2017.

8.1 **INTERNAL AUDIT FINAL REPORT V3.1**

An Chomhairle considered and agreed to amend the Draft of the New Ward Funds Guidelines as follows:-

- (b) That allocations continue to be made on the instruction of the individual Elected Member. When an Elected Member makes a Ward allocation, a letter is to issue to the relevant groups/organisations in that Elected Member's name.
- (k) Ward funds will only be spent in the Ward with the exception that Councillors will be permitted to spend a total not to exceed €1,000 on citywide groups/organisations outside their Ward if they so wish.
- (l) A record of allocations to be retained and issued as appropriate.

8.2 **DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CORK CITY OF IRELAND THE CITY OF SHANGHAI OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (2017-2022)**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed revised Memorandum of Understanding plus a Clause relating to Healthy Cities on the Future Development of the Sister-City Relationship between the Cork City of Ireland the City of Shanghai of the People's Republic of China (2017-2022).

9 **TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 6th JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts and Culture Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 6th June 2017.

9.1 **CORK CRUISE AMBASSADORS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 1st June on Cork Cruise Ambassadors from April to date. The report of the Director of Services stated that passengers on board the cruise ships are provided with copies of the Top Attractions in Cork City brochure given details of train times etc, and advise on all that Cork City has to offer. It is anticipated that the Cruise Ambassadors will service more than 65 cruise liners during the 2017 season.

9.2 **TOP ATTRACTIONS IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 1st June 2017 on the production of a new “Top Attractions in Cork City” tourist information brochure. The report of the Director of Services stated that the brochure has proven very successful with feedback to date has being extremely positive, it has been widely distributed and will be made available in a number of languages.

9.3 **CREATIVE IRELAND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 1st June on Creative Ireland outlining the projects and programmes that will be developed and extended through the Creative Ireland Programme for 2017 in Cork City. The report of the Director of Services stated that the National Creative Ireland Office had requested that Cork City Council and Cork County Council host a joint launch of both plans in coming weeks.

10 **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 22nd MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 22nd May 2017.

10.1 **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN TWO YEAR REVIEW**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 9th May, 2017 in relation to the Cork City Development Plan Two Year Review.

11 **TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee from its meeting held 6th June 2017.

11.1 **CRUISE AMBASSADORS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 1st June 2017 on Cork Cruise Ambassadors.

11.2 **TOP ATTRACTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 1st June 2017 on Top Attractions Cork City.

11.3 **EVENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 1st June 2017 on the establishment of an Events Office.

11.4 **ENGLISH MARKET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 1st June 2017 on English Market – Tourism Procedures Progress Report.

11.5 **CREATIVE IRELAND UPDATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 1st June 2017 on Creative Ireland update.

11.6 **MOTIONS**

11.6.1 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE LITTLE MUSEUM OF CORK CONCEPT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report from the Director of Services dated 1st June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘To get an update from TEAM on the development of the Little Museum of Cork concept.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/159)

The report of the Director of Services stated that I have no direct knowledge of any proposal for the development of a Little Museum of Cork. I understand that there was a proposal made known to Cork City Council in respect of 58 McCurtain Street. This is the former Garda Station property which is owned by the Office of Public Works. I understand that the property will be offered to the market shortly and will be open to any individual to acquire the building and advance development proposals for same.

11.6.2 **RELOCATION OF CORK PUBLIC MUSEUM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report from the Director of Services dated 1st June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork Public Museum be relocated to a city centre venue in order to make it more accessible to national and international tourists and residents of the greater Cork city and county areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/165)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there are very positive reasons why Fitzgerald’s Park is a good location for the Museum. The Council has invested heavily in both the Museum and the Park. In the middle of the last decade a major extension and refurbishment was completed in the Museum, and more recently investment in the Park saw a new bandstand and the developments along the river bank. The development of both civic facilities, and their promotion with the public, go hand in hand. In international context public parks and public museums are integral to the life of European cities, and frequently go together: a visit to the Museum is enhanced by its location in the Park, and likewise time spent in the Park is enhanced by a visit to the Museum.

The motion refers to a city centre venue for “national and international tourists and residents of the greater Cork city and county areas”. Taking a long-term view of the development of the city, and its tourism offer, I believe we must think in terms of a Metro Cork area which is already reaching 300,000 in population, and is estimated to reach 500,000 in the near future. We must therefore think of the ‘centre’ as including a much wider area than heretofore, and Fitzgerald’s Park is certainly within the centre of Cork City of the present and future.

Cork Public Museum is currently reviewing improved promotion and accessibility to the Museum, through signage etc.

Considering the investment made by the Council in both resources, I consider that on balance the Cork Public Museum is best retained in its present location.

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan’s request to have it recorded that he did not approve of the Report of the Director of Services was noted.

12 **FINANCE AND ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th JUNE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee recommendations from its meeting held 6th June 2017

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

An tÁrd-Mheara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, vacated the Chair at this juncture and Comhairleoir J. Buttimer assumed the duties of the Chair from this point on.

12.1 **FINANCIAL RELATED REPORTS**

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

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

12.2 **REPORT OF JOHN HALLAHAN, HEAD OF FINANCE, ON THE PERFORMANCE OF OFF-STREET CAR PARKING IN QUARTER 1, 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved The Table which shows the income generated from Off-Street Parking in Quarter 1, 2017 and the number of vehicles using each Off-Street Parking Site.

CHANGE TO THE CHAIR

An tÁrd-Mheara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, resumed the Chair at this juncture.

12.3 **REPORT OF JOHN HALLAHAN, HEAD OF FINANCE, ON LAND BANKS CURRENTLY HELD BY CORK CITY COUNCIL AND THE LOAN COSTS INCURRED TO DATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved The Table which showed a schedule of loans outstanding at 31/12/16 and the cost of interest repayments during the period 2013 to 2016.

An Chomhairle also agreed to write to Simon Coveney T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, to request debt forgiveness in relation to the land loans currently held by this Council.

12.4 **MOTIONS**

12.4.1 **FUNDING FROM THE I.P.B. TO BE USED FOR ESTATE ROAD RESURFACING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Head of Finance dated 1st June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the funding (once off) accruing to Cork City Council from the I.P.B. be exclusively used for estate road resurfacing and Council would match the grant from its own funding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/174)

The report stated that the retained earnings distribution from I.P.B is to be used to target insurance blackspots for the City Council and also provide appropriate insurance cover for existing live insurance claims. The City Council does not have enough insurance reserves to cover the value of live claims that are currently being taken. It is essential that the City Council has the appropriate reserves to cover insurance claims.

The City Council will use part of the distribution to re-invest in asset upgrades. Specific assets will be identified from claims data and surveys.

The City Council currently does not have the resources to match the once off distribution from I.P.B and put against estate road resurfacing. The City Council is facing considerable challenges to balance its budget for 2017. Should additional resources become available for estate roads resurfacing, the members will be advised and a programme can be put in place.

12.4.2 **TENANT PARTICIPATION OFFICERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Head of Finance dated 1st June 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council apply for national funding or make provision for funding at the next budget for the positions of Tenant Participation Officers given its success in recent years as part of Councils positive interaction with our tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/053)

The report stated that the City Council will commence its 2018 Budget process this month. National funding is not made available for Tenant Participation Officers. Such positions will have to be funded out of existing resources.

The 2018 Budget will provide challenges for the City Council. Our levels of income have remained relatively static over the last number of years while the demand for services has increased along with the cost for these services.

If Tenant Participation Officers are to be provided for in the 2018 budget, then most likely there will have to be reductions in other areas of the budget as we have a finite level of resources.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

14. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

15. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

16. **TRAINING**

None received.

17. **MOTIONS**

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

17.1 **RESURFACE MEADOW PARK GROVE AND MEADOW PARK AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council include in the programme for works of 2017 the resurfacing of Meadow Park Grove and Meadow Park Avenue, as the Road has decayed to a significant state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/172)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.2 **REPAINT RAMPS IN MEADOW PARK**

‘That the Ramps be repainted at the entrance to Meadow Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/173)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR FR. RODGERS PARK, GARVEY'S BRIDGE**

'That Cork City Council would assess Fr. Rodgers Park, Garvey's Bridge for traffic calming measures (speed ramps).'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/179)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.4 **INSTALL A YELLOW BASE IN CURRAGH ROAD**

'That a yellow base be installed on the Curragh Road with its junction at O'Connell Avenue.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/182)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.5 **RESURFACE REEDS SQUARE**

'That Reeds Square be immediately resurfaced given its horrendous conditions and its proximity to Barrack Street and Elizabeth Fort.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/183)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.6 **RE-PAINT SPEED RAMPS ON ST JOSEPHS DRIVE IN MONTENOTTE**

'That the speed ramps on St Josephs Drive in Montenotte be re-painted. Also, as per my recent motion the speed ramps on Murmont Road and Murmont Avenue be re-painted. These need to be done as a matter of urgency in the interest of public safety.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/195)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

17.7 **REPLACE MISSING PANELS ON CORK CITY COUNCIL FENCE AT TRAMORE ROAD**

'That the missing panels on the City Councils fence at the Green, Tramore Road be replaced as soon as possible in the interest of safety.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 17/198)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.8 **LOWER THE WALL BORDERING HOLLYWOOD ESTATE AND BLARNEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council consider lowering the wall bordering Hollywood Estate and Blarney Road in the interest of community safety in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/205)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

17.9 **REPAIR ROAD SURFACE AT HOLLYMOUNT ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council undertake immediate works to repair the road surface at Hollymount Estate and Include the estate in the road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/206)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.10 **CLEAN ST. PETERS AVENUE, OFF GRATTAN STREET**

‘That St.Peters Avenue, off Gratten Street be cleaned on a regular basis as it is a public street that is used by many pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/207)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.11 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN AND RISK ASSESSMENT ON BAKERS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would do a traffic management plan and risk assessment on Bakers Road Gurrabraher from Templeacre avenue to Where Bakers Road meets Cathedral Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/208)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.12 **DETER MOTORISTS FROM PARKING AT THE CORNER OF TRAMORE LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council would install a yellow hatch box on the Douglas Road at the top of Tramore Lawn, and extend the double yellow lines at the top of Tramore Lawn further down the lawn to deter motorists from parking close to the corner which is happening at present and poses a public safety issue to motorists and local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/213)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.13 **REMEDIAL WORK AT LAKE LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out remedial work on the green area at Lake Lawn and the public park between Lake Lawn and Ardmahon Estate, Well Road. There works should include:-

1. Renewal of the curbing at Lake Lawn
2. Pruning of trees and cleaning out over grown vegetation under the trees.
3. Renewal of the footpath in the park and install curbing.
4. Remove the hedging in the park and install new seating in the park.
5. Install a dog fouling bin at this location.
6. Removal of cherry blossom tree at the corner of Lake Lawn and the Well Road, and clean the Lake Lawn name plate at this location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 17/214)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.14 **EXAMINATION OF TREES ALONG THE RIVERBANK OF GLENDALE AND CLASHDUV ROAD**

‘That City Council would carry out a detailed examination of the trees along the riverbank that runs parallel with the rear gardens of both Glendale and Clashduv Rd. Residents have asked for these trees to be trimmed / removed back in 2014 and these same residents are now looking for at the very least that they be examined. This riverbank is dangerously eroding which leaves these trees in danger of toppling onto peoples properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/218)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.15 **CONTACT RESIDENTS WHEN WORK IS CARRIED OUT ON CHERRY TREE ROAD, TOGHER**

‘That city council would at the very least contact the residents in the flats on cherry tree road Togher and give them some idea of when the work will be carried out on their back gardens in order that they can safely without fear have access to them again.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/219)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

17.16 **DEXTERITY OF THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS TO ELECTED MEMBERS**

‘That in the interests of transparency in the expenditure of public money and to ensure the continuing dexterity of the housing allocations process, details of who receives an allocation of a public house - including names, number of adults/children and reasons for allocation (including time on list etc) be given to elected members one month after the allocation is made.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 17/225)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

17.17 **RUBBISH BIN ON WOLFE TONE STREET**

‘That Cork City Council would place a rubbish bin in Wolfe Tone Street Area’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/227)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.18 **ENCOURAGE GROWTH OF A MEADOW IN SPORTS FIELD AT TINKERS CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council having failed to properly secure the sports field at Tinkers Cross from motor bike scramblers would facilitate the Parks Department to encourage growth of a meadow with planting of various indigenous grasses and wild flowers. Such a development would enhance the area and any monies arising under the percent for Art scheme from future roadworks at Tinkers Cross could also be directed towards further enhancing the space for the benefit of local residents and the wider community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/228)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.19 **DIRECTIONAL SIGNS TO MAYFIELD WITHIN THE CITY**

‘That City Council Roads department officials would note that I have not been able to locate any directional signs to Mayfield within the city and as a Councillor for the area I insist that this failure by officialdom needs to be rectified immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/229)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

17.20 **RECRUIT EXTRA HOUSING OFFICERS TO REDUCE RATION OF STAFF TO TENANTS**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately recruit a minimum of 9 extra Executive Housing Officers, enough to reduce the ratio of staff to tenants to the maximum figure of 1 to 500 and not the 1 to 1000 that Cork City Council currently operates. Also that Cork City Council must ensure that this maximum figure of 1 Executive Housing Officers to 500 tenants is not breached going forward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/230)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

17.21 **REPLACE IRON FENCE BETWEEN HOUSES IN COURTTOWN DRIVE AND FOYLE AVENUE, KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council will replace a corrugated iron fence between houses in Courtown Drive & Foyle ave, Knocknaheeny with a more appropriate structure, the current fencing is inconveniencing residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/232)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

17.22 **EXTRA CAPITAL FUNDING FOR TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION**

‘That Cork City Council will report on the announcement of extra capital funding in 2017 for Traveller accommodation. Council will seek to avail of such funding that could assist in providing solutions for families on existing sites on Spring Lane & Nashs Boreen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/233)

Housing and Community Functional Committee

17.23 **ASSESS TREES ON PUBLIC AREAS IN BENVOLIRLICH ESTATE, HALDENE ESTATE AND EARLWOOD ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would assess the trees on the public green and public areas in Benvolirlich Estate, Halldene Estate and Earlwood Estate for size and appropriateness to their location and undertake remedial action as required.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/234)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

17.24 **OWNERSHIP OF LANDS FOR SPORTING PURPOSES**

‘That Cork City Council would produce a report of all grounds/lands in its ownership for sporting purposes currently not in use and would outline strategies for bringing them into future use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/235)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Functional Committee

17.25 **INSTALL A PONTOON AT BLACKROCK VILLAGE END OF THE MARINA**

‘That Cork City Council would install a pontoon at the Blackrock Village end of the Marina to coincide and enhance access to the newly re-developed Blackrock Harbour area that would also increase boating & leisure activities in the area of this wonderful amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/236)

Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **INSTALL BUS SHELTER AT BUS STOP OUTSIDE MAHON POINT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on Bus Eireann and those responsible to install a bus shelter at the popular bus stop outside Mahon Point (retail park side). All other stops in the area have shelters and there is significant demand at this particular stop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/203)

18.2 **REQUEST NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Government requesting the establishment of a new Affordable Housing Scheme to help low and middle income families to purchase a house.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/224)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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