

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2017

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| PRESENT | Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill. |
| NORTH EAST | Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh. |
| NORTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, J. Sheehan. |
| NORTH WEST | Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan. |
| SOUTH EAST | Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe. |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin. |
| SOUTH WEST | Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. |
| ALSO PRESENT | Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. |

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of James O’Sullivan.
- The O’Brien Family on the death of Edward O’Brien.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Paul McCarthy.
- The O’Leary Family on the death of Mary O’Leary.
- The Church of Ireland Community on the death of Rt. Revd. Samuel G. Poyntz.

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

- Mr. James Bowen and the organising committee on the international conference “International Law and The State of Israel Legitimacy, Exceptionalism and Responsibility” to be held in Cork from 31st March to 2nd of April.
- Mayfield Hurling & Football Club on winning the All Ireland Junior Hurling Championship.
- Rev. Mike O’Sullivan on his ordination in the Unitarian Church.
- TG4 and Corporate Affairs staff on the Gradam Ceoil TG4.

- Management of Cork Airport on the launch of Transatlantic Flights from Cork.
- Organisers of Fleadh Ceol na Mumhan.
- Thomas McCarthy on reaching the final of the National Championship in the National Stadium in Dublin and narrowly beaten in the Final by Rio Olympian Brendan Irvine.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **AILG TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Members at the Association of Irish Local Government “In Service” Training dates for Elected Members of Council 2017.

3.2 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR MAYFIELD GAA**

An Chomhairle agreed to hold a Civic Reception for the Mayfield Hurling and Football Club on winning the AIB GAA Hurling All Ireland Junior Club Championship.

3.3 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR FORD PENSIONERS**

An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill proposed and An Chomhairle agreed to hold a Civic Reception for the Ford Pensioners in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Ford in Ireland.

3.4 **SUICIDE AWARENESS WORKSHOP**

An tArd-Mhéara thanked those who attended the Suicide Awareness Workshop, Comhairleoir M. Finn and the City Council Staff who organised the Event.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive’s Monthly Management Report for January 2017.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 13th February 2017.

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

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 13th February 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 20th February 2017.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held 20th February 2017.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **FIXING OF VOIDS**

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

How much was spent from the revolving fund towards the fixing of voids since its inception?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

The revolving fund commenced operation in 2014. Its function was to enable the expenditure of monies on materials and contract works to a maximum value of €5,000 per property. Since that date €787,000 has been spent through the revolving fund facilitating the return of 246 vacant properties to productive use.

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

6.2 **UPDATE ON FLATES IN CHERRYTREE ROAD**

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

I have made a number of representations on behalf of the residents of the flats in Cherrytree Road and the issues the residents are having. At council meeting 11th April 2016 the CE answered a number of question I asked in relation to this. Can I get a full update on where all the repairs, costs, timeline of works etc. Are at?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

The Council are currently examining funding mechanisms through which the flats at Cherrytree Road can be repaired and upgraded. Once this mechanism is in place the necessary repairs and upgrading will be completed.

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

6.3 **INSTALL COLUMBARIUM WALLS IN CEMETERIES**

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

To ask the CE if there are any plans to install columbarium walls in cemeteries owned by Cork City Council? If so, when is it envisaged that the first columbarium wall will be installed?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

Given the growing popularity of cremation, it would be the Council’s intention in the medium term to have columbariums in all of its cemeteries, there only being one at present in the greater Cork region. One has an option to inter an urn in an existing family plot at present but the numbers are still very small.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.4 **RESURFACING OF DOUGLAS SWIMMING POOL**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the resurfacing of Douglas Swimming Pool car park and hill.

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Consultants were appointed last year to oversee design and tender process for works to the roadway and car park serving the Gus Healy Pool and park. Following detailed design process, tenders were sought for the project and these are now being evaluated at present.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation

6.5 **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION UNITS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive with regard to purpose built student accommodation units:

How many such developments are there are in the city

The number of residents units within these developments

The location of these developments

The number of planning applications granted but not yet commenced

The number of applications awaiting decision by City Council or with An Bord Pleanala, and Is it a policy of City Council not to have preplanning meetings with individuals or residents who have a concern regarding a proposed development, --and if so, when and

why was this policy introduced and how was it communicated to and approved by Council?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

How many such developments are there in the city*:

There are c27 such developments in the city.

The number of residential units within these developments*:

Approximately 4500.

The location of these developments*,

Locations include:

Leeside Apartment, Deans Hall CrossGreen, Brookfield, Student Village, Monastery Hill, Lancaster Hall, Reeves Hall, Copley House, Island House, Sheraton Lodge, Arcadia, South Mall Corut, Barrack's Street 41/42, Victoria Station Beckett's Hall Mogeley Mews Cregane Hall, Victoria Mills, DaveCon Court, Mardyke Hall, Farranlea Hall, Copley Court, Carrigbarre, Seven North Mall, Abbey Warf, The Spires, Abbeyville Deans Hall Bishops, Eden Hall, Parchment Square.

*Subject to verification.

The number of planning applications granted but not yet commenced,

- TP 09/33647 – Crows Nest Site – 43 student apartments.
- TP 15/36530 – Brookfield Student – 17 apartments.
- TP 15/36663 – Coca Cola Site – 92 Student Apartments (site clearance works have been undertaken).
- TP 15/36931 – Muskerry Garage – 30 student apartments (site clearance works commenced).

The number of applications awaiting decision by City Council or with An Bod Pleanala,

- TP 16/37131 – Copley St – 33 Apartments (further information has been requested).
- TP 16/37243 – Beamish and Crawford Site (Amendment to existing permission) – 61 Student Apartments. Notification of decision to grant issued 24 February 2017 – (the decision may be appealed).
- TP 16/37214 – Dorgans Road/Magazine Road – 7 housing units (further information has been requested).
- TP 16/37064 – Rossa Avenue – 63 Student Apartments (on further information request).
- TP 17/37257 – Farranlea Road – 62 Student Apartments.

Is it a policy of City Council not to have preplanning meetings with individuals or residents who have a concern regarding a proposed development, -and if so, when and why was this policy introduced and how was it communicated to and approved by Council?

Section 247 of the Planning Act provides that a person who has an interest in land may request a pre application consultation regarding a proposed development. There is no provision under the Act for pre application meetings with third parties. In addition such a meeting is not likely to be of any practical benefit as the details of what is proposed will not be clear to either third parties or the planning authority until an application is made. Once an application is made there is no provision under the Act for either the applicant or third parties to meet with the planning authority prior to decision on a file and all submissions have to be made in writing. The planning authority does on occasion meet with applicants to clarify the terms of a further information request following a decision to issue such a request. There is no formal policy in relation to the matter however it is based clearly on the terms of the Planning Acts (which is important given the quasi judicial nature of the planning function).

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

6.6 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir M. Nugent was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 13th March 2017:-

Can the CE report on the number of Cork City Council applicants, receiving the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), who have been allocated standard social housing since the introduction of the payment?

(Cllr. Mick Nugent)

6.7 It was noted that the Question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary at the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 13th February 2017, and responded to by V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing and Community Directorate would be circulated to An Chomhairle for their information.

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 20th FEBRUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group held 20th February 2017.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JANUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st January 2017.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 6th FEBRUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee held 6th February 2017.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20th FEBRUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee held 20th February 2017.

9.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 16th February, 2017 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in property situated at the former Car Park, Wandersford Street (former Queens Place), Cork to The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, c/o Eileen Creedon, Chief State Solicitor, Osmond House, Ship Street Little, Dublin 8 for the sum of €6.35.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- b. Disposal of freehold interest in an area of ground at Sullivan's Quay, Cork to Super Dollfin Limited, c/o George Mills & Co., Solicitors, No. 27, Washington Street, Cork, for the sum of €45,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- c. Disposal of property known as 3 & 4 Sawmill Street and 6A Rutland Street, Cork to Cork Education & Training Board, NO. 21, Lavitts Quay, Cork by way of lease for a period of 4 years and 9 months subject to an annual rent of €70,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

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

Comhairleoirí C. O'Leary, P.J. Hourican, M. Shields and T. Brosnan declared their interest in relation to this Disposal as they are Members of the Cork Education and Training Board.

- d. Disposal of an area of ground situated adjacent to the former South Presentation Convent, Douglas Street, Cork to South Presentation Centre Ltd., Evergreen Street, Cork for the sum of €1,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) plus costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- e. Disposal of Fee Simple interest in dwelling house and premises situated and known as No. 46, Ashmount Mews, Silversprings, Cork to Margaret Walsh for the value of the Council's equity in the property in accordance with the Shared Ownership Scheme.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

At this juncture An tArd-Mhéara vacated the Chair and An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh assumed the duties of the Chair from this point on.

9.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for February, 2017.

9.3 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT GREENHILLS COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th February, 2017 in relation to the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, 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 €40,500 be granted to Clúid Housing Association for the acquisition of 180, Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

9.4 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th February, 2017 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

9.5 **PRIVATE RENTED TENANCIES & HAP SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th February, 2017 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will report on whether a landlord must have their rental property registered with the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) prior to the entering in to a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/016)

The report stated that all private rented tenancies must be registered with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) (formerly the Private Residential Tenancies Board) in accordance with the Private Residential Tenancies Act 2004. As all tenancies availing of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) are private tenancies then they should be registered with the RTB.

It should also be noted that HAP is a housing financial support to facilitate a private rented tenancy and there is no HAP specific contract put in place. The tenancy agreement is a standard private tenancy agreement between the landlord and tenant only which is always

entered into prior to applying for HAP assistance. The only agreement which the local authority is party to is a differential rent agreement with the tenant.

On application for HAP, RTB registration details are not required so as not to delay providing the financial support needed by the tenant as many are likely to be new tenancies not yet registered.

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

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20th FEBRUARY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 20th February 2017.

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 16th February 2017 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork's Programme for the month ending January 2017.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue past 8 p.m.

10.2 **PART 8 PLANNING REPORT – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED – WILTON CORRIDOR REALIGNMENT AND RENEWAL PROJECT.**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 16th February 2017 on Part 8 Planning Report – Planning & Development Regulations 2001 As Amended – Wilton Corridor Realignment And Renewal Project.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir of M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, A vote was called for on the approval of the report where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, F. Ryan, K. O'Flynn, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe, M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, H. Cremin, M. Shields, T. Moloney (18)

AGAINST: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan (1)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour was greater than those voting against, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report approved. The Chief Executive undertook to have

matters raised by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer relating to residents meeting with Planning Officials investigated.

10.3 **INTRODUCE GREEN TO PARKING WHERE PRACTICABLE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding introducing green to parking where practicable.

‘That Cork City Council would re-introduce a programme of Green to Parking for all city areas where practicable.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/299)

The report stated that proposals for green areas to parking can be listed on the agenda for consideration at Ward meetings. While there has been no ongoing funding for such works in recent budgets, proposals will be assessed and costed where members are in agreement. The agreement of local residents affected will also be necessary and works can be implemented when funding is allocated.

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

10.4 **RE-PAINTING ALL DISABLED PARKING BAYS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding the repainting of all disabled parking bays.

‘That Cork City Council would implement a policy where by a re-painting of all disabled parking bays would take place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/300)

The Report stated that disabled parking bays are repainted as necessary and subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

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

10.5 **SLOW DOWN MEASURES IN SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding slow down measures in Shanakiel.

‘That cork city council put in place

1. Slow down signs
2. Cut back hedging and over growth onto footpath. Council or private
3. Clean, Replace and repairs footpaths from Calvary cross to traffic lights

4. Appropriate Slow down measures on Shanakiel Road so that pedestrians and motorists from Shanakiel Park can exit the estate safely and that children and parents from neighbouring estates can walk to school safely.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/001)

The report stated that the request to erect slow down signs and appropriate slow down measures on Shanakiel Road will be assessed.

If appropriate, any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration and will be undertaken, subject to funding being available.

The issue of overgrown hedges at the junction of Blarney Road and Shanakiel Road will be raised with the property owner concerned. The footpaths mentioned will be inspected and any essential repairs will be carried out.

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

10.6 **FOOTPATH ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE TO WYNDWOOD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding the footpath on either side of the entrance to Wyndwood.

‘That City Council would investigate putting a footpath on either side of the entrance to Wyndwood, Model Farm Road so that residents who reside here can reach a safe place to get across the Model Farm Rd. [Safely].’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/003)

The report stated that the difficulty for residents of Wyndwood to try and to access a safe place to cross Model Farm Road is acknowledged and the issue will be assessed. A direct pedestrian link to the footpath network on Rossa Avenue may be a possibility.

Any works deemed appropriate will be inputted into the roads programme and undertaken as soon as resources area available.

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

10.7 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL, BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th January 2017 regarding the footpath renewal in Ballyphehane.

‘The sections of the footpaths in the vicinity of the Church of the Assumption, Ballyphehane be renewed as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/008)

The report stated that the footways adjacent to the Church of the Assumption, Pearse Road will be assessed with works carried out as required during the 2017 programme.

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

10.8 **REPORTS TO MEMBERS ON THE PUBLIC BIKE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding reports to members on the public bike scheme.

‘That the Roads and Transport Directorate would include the following in future reports to members on the Public Bike Scheme in Cork City.

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| Amount of trips taken over | 30 mins |
| | Over 1hr |
| | Over 2hrs |
| | Over 3hrs |
| | Over 4hrs |

Total amount of trips.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/012)

The report stated that in December 2016, the average weekday trip duration in Cork was 8’ 00” and the average weekend day trip was 9’ 05”.

For the three cities with the Coke Zero Public Bike Scheme, namely Cork, Limerick and Galway combined, the summary of trip duration was as follows:

| Journey Duration | No of Rentals | % of Total Rental |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 30 mins | 20,736 | 97.8% |
| 30-60 mins | 266 | 1.2% |
| 1 to 2 hours | 155 | 0.7% |
| Over 2 hours | 55 | 0.3% |

Of the 2.2% of trips over 30 minutes, 86.6% (or 1.9% of the total) were under 2 hours.

While these trips relate to the three cities combined, it should be noted that 18,381 of the 21,212 trips in December were in Cork, which is 87% of total scheme activity.

For each month in 2016, the number of trips under 30 minutes was consistently over 95%.

A detailed breakdown of trip duration in a single city is currently not available and it will be requested from the operator.

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

10.9 **FOOTPATH AT THE JUNCTION OF MOUNT SION ROAD AND POULADUFF ROAD/GREEN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding the footpath at the junction of Mount Sion Road and Pouladuff Road/Green Street.

‘That this Council lower the footpath at the junction of Mount Sion Road and Pouladuff Road/Green Street to allow easier access for people using the footpath.’

(Proposer: F. Kerins 17/019)

The report stated that the footpath in question will be assessed to establish what actions are required to allow for easier access for users.

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

10.10 **SIGNAGE BE INSTALLED IN COURTLANDS, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding signage be installed in Courtlands, Mayfield.

‘In the interest of public safety, can a speed ramp and “Drive Slowly” signage be installed in the Courtlands cul de sac in Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/020)

The report stated that Courtlands, off Comcille Avenue, Mayfield can be assessed. It should be noted however that it is not usual to install traffic calming in a cul de sac that is approximately 120m in length.

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

10.11 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF BOHERBOY ROAD AND THE NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017.

‘That Traffic Lights be put in place at the junction of Boherboy Road and the North Ring Road. Due to a new Housing Development and local School amalgamation on Boherboy Road, there will be significantly increased volumes of traffic using this junction on a daily basis. This junction needs to be modified by putting Traffic Lights in place and a yellow box across the full width of the junction in the interest of smooth regulated traffic flow and public safety. A pedestrian crossing also needs to be included as part of this junction modification.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/021)

The report stated that this location has been included on the Northern Strategic Corridor Study which is still in the process of being completed. All of the proposed measures identified as being consistent with more sustainable travel will be put forward for consideration and details of the final recommendation will be presented to Members shortly. Implementation will be dependent on the allocation of funding by the NTA in support of more sustainable travel options.

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

10.12 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO SAFELY ACCESS SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding traffic lights to safely access Silversprings Lane.

‘That Cork City Council Roads directorate engineers erect traffic signals that will enable pedestrians and motorists from Silverheights, Ashmount and Boherboy to safely access Silversprings Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/027)

The report stated that this location has been included on the Northern Strategic Corridor Study which is still in the process of being completed. All of the proposed measures identified as being consistent with more sustainable travel will be put forward for consideration and details of the final recommendation will be presented to Members shortly. Implementation will be dependent on the allocation of funding by the NRA in support of more sustainable travel options.

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

10.13 **PARKING AREA/FOOTPATHS AT MARIAN PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding the parking area/ footpaths at Marian Park.

‘That the Council review the deteriorating conditions of the parking area/footpaths fronting Housing No’s 11 to 20 at Marian Park. They have completely disintegrated over the Winter, pockmarked with potholes, and are giving rise to the risk of damage to vehicles and a trip hazard for residents in particular young children. The surface levels of the whole

parking area needs to be reduced and resurfaced. Also the footpaths fronting these houses need to be replaced as they are now very uneven and at the same level as the parking area (Council Reference No. 21947 and 19198).

With reference to the works carried out by the City Council on the triangular piece of green area to the front of No's 9 and 11 Marian Park where two strips of tarmac were laid, the Committee would request the City Council to also tarmac/pave the remaining piece of the green area as it is now a patch of mud which is a trip hazard and quite unsightly (Council Reference No. 19199)

There is also the issue of road/footpath subsidence outside Number 59 and 60 on Church Road. This may have been connected to the recent repair of water main break, which was repaired very effectively and expeditiously by Council Staff. However, the road over the main has subsided due to the works leading to a series of ponds forming anytime it rains causing an inconvenience to pedestrians. We request the Council to raise the surface level and resurface the area (Council Reference No. 21950).'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/028)

The report stated that the footways at Marian Park will be assessed and works programmed as required as part of the 2017 roads programme. The issue of the parking area and the green area will also be assessed to see if works are required.

The Roads Maintenance Division will also attend to the area of previous water main break and carry out any necessary repairs.

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

10.14 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ON THE WILTON ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding the traffic management on the Wilton Road.

'That Cork City Council would address current significant traffic management difficulties on the Wilton Road by:

- Enhancing signage
- Introducing speed monitoring and reduction measures
- Address pedestrian safety
- Repair footpaths
- Assess the junction with Wilton Gardens for traffic light controlled signals
- By removing the bus land and

Would report back to Council on the implementations of these actions.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/030)

The report stated that the footways along Wilton Road will be assessed with works programmed as required.

The matters outlined above will be addressed as part of the Wilton to City Centre Corridor Project which is currently before Council for consideration under the Part 8 Planning Process.

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

10.15 **STATUS OF THE ROAD NETWORK IN KENLEY CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding the status of the road network in Kenley Crescent.

‘That Cork City Council would survey the status of the road network in Kenley Crescent (accessed via Westgate Road) and would undertake remedial measures as required, noting that there currently are large potholes on the road network, and that Ashgrove Park off the Curraheen Road would be assessed for double yellow lines and that there would be consultation with local residents and the Resident’s Association as part of this process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/031)

The report stated that the road surface in Kenley Crescent will be assessed and remedial action will be taken as required.

Ashgrove Park off Curraheen Road will be assessed for the appropriateness of installing double yellow lines.

If deemed appropriate and subject to approval from the residents, it will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions.

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

10.16 **PUBLIC LIGHTS THAT ARE OUT OF ORDER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 16th February 2017 regarding the Public Lights that are out of order.

‘That Cork City Council reports on the number of public lights that are currently out of order (longer than 10 days) and identifies what action is required for these lights to be repaired. How many of these lights are awaiting capital funding and or replacement? When is it envisaged that these lights will be repaired.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/033)

The report stated that the public lighting status as recorded on the DeadSure database operated by the Transportation Division indicates the following:

| Issues | No. | Further Details |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| • AAI (Attended: Access Issues) - | 75 | (Mostly tree cutting required) |

| | | |
|--|-----------|---|
| • AER (Attended: ESBN Required) – | 95 | (Lights removed, Switch-wire problems, Inaccessible lights etc) |
| • AMR (Additional Material Required) - | 20 | (Non-standard/stocked items requiring ordering etc) |
| • AO (Attended: Other) - | 97 | (Urban Renewal Schemes, 3 rd Party Interference etc) |
| • NLR (New Lantern Required) - | 20 | (Lanterns beyond repair) |
| • OHB (Overhead Bracket) - | 2 | (OHB requiring replacement) |
| • QR (Quote Required) - | 81 | (Cable faults, column replacement etc) |
| • LAA (Local Authority Accepted) - | 31 | (Jobs approved by LA) |
| Total | 421 units | |
| Total Inventory (01/17) | 14380 | |
| % of inventory | 2.9% | of total inventory listed for repairs in excess of 10 days. |

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

10.17 **MOTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN COMMITTEE**

10.17.1 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE CLASHDUV ROAD AT THE PLAYGROUND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 12th January 2017 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘As we face into the budget 2017 I am again requesting that Cork City Council would put a provision in the budget to put a pedestrian crossing on the Clashduv road at the Playground.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/293)

The report stated that Clashduv Road is in a 50kph zone and the section of Clashduv Road, between Riverview Estate and Deanrock Avenue (approximately 500m in length) and adjacent to the playground, was part of low cost safety scheme in 2012. This saw it being traffic calmed over the whole of its length by reducing the width of the road and introducing two uncontrolled crossing points with central refuge islands.

Previously this section of Clashduv Road was quite wide and straight so it tended to have cars travelling quite fast along its length and in particular adjacent the park/ residential housing opposite the park. There was also a tendency for people to park their cars in the cycle lane. Pedestrians had to just wait for gaps in the traffic, which was not very satisfactory when there was a desire line to access the park by crossing Clashduv Road.

A controlled pedestrian crossing was considered at the time as part of the assessment but was not deemed the most appropriate solution for the following reasons:

1. There is an existing pedestrian crossing on Clashduv Road just east of the junction with Riverview Estate. Installing a second controlled pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the playground would require the removal of this existing crossing as the two crossing would not be effective due to the proximity to each other.
2. A controlled pedestrian crossing has to be a minimum of 20m away from a junction for road safety reasons. A controlled pedestrian crossing at the Playground would be too close to the junction with Whitebean Road. In addition north or south of here means that any proposed controlled pedestrian crossing will be located adjacent to the residential parking on Clashduv Road which again is not appropriate.

The outcome of the assessment is that the most effective solution would be to traffic calm the length of the road (500m) adjacent to the park which will provide a much safer and pleasant environment for all road users and in particular pedestrians and cyclists.

The most appropriate solution for the area is therefore in place.

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

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle agreed to write to Simon Coveney, T.D. Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government inviting him to address An Chomhairle in relation to Roads and Transportation in the city.

10.17.2 **SIGNS ON THE N40 – BOTHER CUMANN NA MBAN**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 12th January 2017 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle and agreed to refer this motion back to the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee for further report:-

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to erect signs informing road users entering the N40 South Ring Road that the name of this road has been changed to N40- Bothar Cumann Na mBan, as agreed by this Council at a Council meeting in early 2015, to commemorate the vital role of women in the struggle for independence. This omission is another example of women being treated as 2nd class citizens. The Council has shown further disrespect by making no effort to correct the media such as Cork 96 FM, Cork Red FM etc when they refer to the road by its former name.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 16/313)

The report stated that the South Ring Road is located within the functional areas of both Cork County Council and Cork City Council and as a National Road falls within the responsibility of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (previously the National Roads Authority).

While the purpose of the motion is understood in terms of commemorating Cumann na mBan, it would not be possible for the Council to erect signage or contact media outlets in relation to the use of N40- *Bóthar Cumann na mBan*. A change of name in the case of a National Road traversing two authorities requires the approval of the two Councils and should have the agreement of TII. The relevant statutory procedures (Local Government Act 1946 as amended) also require the local authorities to have the consent of not less than the majority of the qualified electors. For the purposes of this provision qualified electors means every person who in relation to the road is a registered local government elector or rated occupier (excluding full abatements).

The matter has been the subject of previous discussion by Cork City Council and Cork County Council. This includes this Councils previous support for renaming the road as *Bóthar Cumann na mBan*. In its communications with the National Roads Authority it is understood that Cork County Council was advised that the renaming of the road would be contrary to safety of use, strategic future proofing of signage, ease of wayfinding and National Policy. It is also understood that Cork County Council recently discussed a further motion on the matter and it decided to refer the issue to its Commemoration Committee for further consideration as to how Cumann na mBan might be best commemorated.

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

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh reminded An Chomhairle to complete and return the document relating to St. Patrick’s Day Events 2017.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following summaries by members of Conferences/Seminars attended:-

- Cllr Terry Shannon – AILG Training Seminar National Planning Framework – Waterford – 11/02/17
- Cllr Tom O’Driscoll – AILG Training Seminar National Planning Framework – Waterford – 11/02/17

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None Received.

14. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon to attend the “The Fair Deal Scheme” Conference in Four Seasons, Carlingford Lough, Louth to be held on the 10th – 12th of March 2017.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **TAKE OVER FENCED OFF AREA IN THE CENTRE OF ASHMOUNT ESTATE**

‘That the fenced off area in the centre of Ashmount Estate be taken over by Cork City Council and a playground be put in place there for the children of the estate. It currently lies just outside the City Councils perimeter similar to a portion of houses in the Ashmount Estate where some of the Estate lies in the City and some in the County. It would be of significant benefit to all the young children of the Ashmount Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/024)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.2 **ANGEL GUARDIAN BOYS SCHOOL, LOWER MAYFIELD**

‘This derelict site which is owned by the Church and lies on a significant area of land is an eyesore, a venue attracting anti social behaviour yet has the potential to be a significant asset for the Local Community of Mayfield. I ask that Cork City Council engage with the owners of this property and investigate any possible ways of renovating this building, returning it to a state of possible use by local Community Associations such as The Mayfield Men's Shed, Mayfield Ladies Club, Local Youth Club, a meeting place for the many elderly people living alone locally in the area and various other voluntary organisations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/025)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

15.3 **RESURFACE ROADS LEADING INTO MURPHY’S FARM**

‘Can we get the roads resurfaced leading into Murphy’s Farm & the parking area there? The laneway leading into it, the car parking area down there is a total disgrace, there is a residential unit and a lot of groups using the area, The lions club residential centre, a Disability School which has buses coming from all over to drop the kids off, there is a preschool, a tennis club & courts with a cafe, there are 4 soccer pitches with the dressing rooms, the scout hall & the youth project as well as all the visitors who use the area for walking, jogging etc. There is a lot of traffic in & out of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/064)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

An Chomhairle agreed to transfer this Motion to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee.

NOTE: On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to amend this minute to include the referral of this motion to both the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee and the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee

See Item 5.1 in the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 13th March 2017.

15.4 **HARBOUR VIEW ROAD REGENERATION PROJECT**

‘Given the high volume of traffic through Harbour View Road under The Regeneration Project, Hollyhill Industrial Estate and numerous successful developments in the area that Cork City Council :

1. Paint the roundabout outside Terence MacSwiney Community College.
2. Repair and paint the traffic calming island at the top of Hollyhill Lane.
3. Repair the potholes along the route
4. Include Harbour View Road in the Resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/065)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS WHEN PLANNING FUTURE HOUSING PROGRAMMES**

‘That the Council takes demographic trends fully into account planning future housing programs and in particular includes provision for an increase in the number of units for elderly people.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/066)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.6 **BLACK ASH PARK AND RIDE TO FACILITATE MOTORISTS TRAVELLING TO PÁIRC UÍ CAOIMH**

‘That the Council carries out a feasibility study into using the Black Ash Park and Ride to facilitate motorists travelling to major events at Páirc Uí Caoimh in advance of it opening later this year.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/067)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **PATHWAY CONNECTING SILVERSPRINGS LAWN AND ASHMOUNT ESTATE, MAYFIELD**

‘That City Council proceed with the creation of a pathway connecting Silversprings Lawn and Ashmount Estate in Mayfield according to the original planning decision and design (Town Planning Reference 23842/99).

The fence currently blocking this access was originally built to cordon off the construction of residential housing in the early 2000's, and was supposed to be replaced by a footpath and wall as per TP 23842/99. This pathway was intended to provide freedom of movement for residents between Silversprings and Ashmount.

However, the construction of this pathway was never undertaken, and the fence has since remained in place. Although an opening through the fence has existed since 2002, this has now been closed as of January 2015.

Residents of Silversprings and Ashmount estates in Mayfield are currently separated by this closed fence, which is imposing great inconvenience to those living nearby, and is in direct contradiction to the original planning designs for the area.

The construction of the mandated pathway was never undertaken, and the fence has since remained in place. The closure of this fence has greatly inconvenienced the local community. This restriction of free movement for the residents of both Silversprings and Ashmount has affected them in the following ways:

- Young children have been walking on a wall running over and adjacent to the fence, and there exists a serious danger of injury should a child fall on the palisade railings of the fence
- Access to the local GAA and soccer pitches in Ashmount, Boherbuoy and Lotamore has been curtailed
- Users of the 208 bus stop at Ashmount face a lengthened journey, posing a special difficulty to elderly shoppers
- The fencing presents a physical separation for the residents and children of the Silversprings and Ashmount estates who wish to visit friends and relatives in nearby areas
- The fence poses a barrier to walkers, and those residents who seek to enjoy the local amenities
- Children of the Silversprings area are denied access to the green area of Ashmount for recreation'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/068)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.8 DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN AND REFURBISHMENT OF MURPHY'S FARM / BISHOPSTOWN PARK

'That Cork City Council, with respect to the development of a playground in Bishopstown and the refurbishment of Murphy's Farm/Bishopstown Park would;

- (i) report on current plans for the upgrading and refurbishment of access routes to and from Murphy's Farm/Bishopstown Park;
- (ii) publish a timeline and costing for the completion of associated works;
- (iii) would outline what further public consultation is required and if a Part VIII or similar planning process is required and,
- (iv) would give a progress report on the proposed development of a playground in Bishopstown.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/071)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.9 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATIVE FORA**

‘That Cork City Council would establish two consultative fora to discuss, develop, report and make policy recommendations on the following issues within six months:

1. Planning and development issues pertaining to dedicated purpose built student accommodation. The terms of reference to include but not limited to; quantity required, location, standards of accommodation, density, impact on local communities, protection of local communities, the role of third level institutions and the private sector.
2. Planning and development issues pertaining to an ageing city population. The terms of reference to include but not limited to; a statistical analysis of residential profile across the city, identification of changing residential need, establishment of current market failure to meet the need, development of specific age friendly residential communities and residential complexes which are stand alone or integrated within existing or new developments, research international best practice on meeting the needs of an ageing population with regard to planning and residential provision.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/072)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

15.10 **FILTER LIGHT FROM CLASHDUV ROAD ONTO TOGHER ROAD**

‘I’ve made numerous representations starting back in 2014 (Filter light turning right from Clashduv Road onto Togher Road reference number – 20488 & 20409) to get a filter light turning right from Clashduv Road onto Togher Road. Everyone is complaining about the lack of a filter light turning right & the delays this has on traffic on the Clashduv side. There is a big fear that people will take risks at this junction and cause accidents due to the lack of time to turn at this junction. This wasn’t possible due to the cost but in April 2015 there was a 8 second delay put on the lights after the Vicar’s Road side shuts down, allowing the traffic turning right. This had a massive positive affect at reducing the traffic flow for everyone but for some reason this is no longer in place causing the same issues again. Would it be possible to introduce this 8 second delay again please?’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/073)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **SEWAGE SYSTEM SERVING COURTOWN DRIVE AND COURTOWN PARK, KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘That Cork City Council will, in conjunction with Irish Water, survey the sewage system serving Courtown Drive & Courtown Park, Knocknaheeny, to determine the cause of regular blockages particularly affecting houses near a closed off alleyway between the 2 areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/075)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.12 **PHASE 2 OF THE FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council will report on phase 2 of the Fabric Upgrade Scheme, the works involved and the timeline for same, the council will ensure that areas in the latter phases of the City North West Regeneration Scheme are included.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/076)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.13 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON AVENUE DE RENNES, MAHON**

‘That Cork City Council provide an official pedestrian crossing at the already installed ramp on avenue de Rennes, near to Scoil Na Croise Naofa, Mahon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/077)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.14 **DOG LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS**

‘That Cork City Council reports on dog licensing arrangements in the City. Can the report indicate if fees are waived or reduced with respect to guide dogs and/or assistance dogs for Children with Autism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/078)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **STATE’S HOUSING CRISIS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘In order to deal adequately with the state’s housing crisis Cork City Council calls on the government to implement the following measures:

1. Introduce Rent certainty and tenancies of indefinite duration
2. Increase stock of real social housing units by 10,000 per year
3. Turn the 198,000 plus vacant houses across the state into homes
4. Ensure that purchasing a home is affordable
5. Direct NAMA to play a meaningful role in providing more social and affordable housing

6. Moratorium on home repossessions until there is a fair strategy in place to deal with mortgage arrears.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/060)

16.2 **GARDA SUPERINTENDENT IN THE GURRANABRAHER DISTRICT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the Police Authority to appoint the position of Garda Superintendent to the Gurrabraher District as the post is vacant now for a number of months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 17/069)

16.3 **PAY AND CONDITIONS OF THE BUS ÉIREANN WORKERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this council supports the Bus Eireann workers in their struggle to defend pay and conditions and calls on the Department of Transport to reverse the cuts to the state subsidy introduced in 2008 and calls on the Department of Social Protection to fully cover the costs of the free travel passengers carried by the company.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/074)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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