

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O'Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, L. McGonigle, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive Officer Mr. J.G. O'Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning and Economic Development. Mr. J. Hallahan, A/ Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The O'Brien Family on the death of Alan O'Brien
- The Twomey Family on the death of Ann Twomey
- The Mannix Family on the death of David Mannix
- The Dermody Family on the death of Irene Dermody
- The Mulcahy Family on the death of Donal Mulcahy
- The Philpott Family on the death of Eric Philpott
- The Clarke Family on the death of John Clarke

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

No Votes of Congratulations/Best Wishes were received.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to hold a Civic Reception in honour of Blue Demons Basketball Club on their 50th Anniversary.

3.2 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT QUESTIONNAIRE & QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING COMPETENCY IN IRISH**

An tArd-Mhéara advised Members that questionnaires in relation to Local Government Reform and Competency In Irish had been circulated. Completed questionnaires should be forwarded to the Meetings Administrator.

3.3 **1916 / 2016 CENTENARY PROGRAMME**

An tArd-Mhéara congratulated T.E.A.M. on the 1916/2016 Centenary Programme, which was launched on 7th January. An tArd-Mhéara advised that it was his priority to attend as many of the Centenary Events in the Programme.

3.4 **CHANGE IN TIME OF SCHEDULED CPG MEETING**

An tArd-Mhéara advised members of a change in time to the scheduled CPG meeting;

CPG Meeting will take place at 3.00p.m. Meeting of CPG Members, Leaders and Party Whips will take place at 3.30p.m. Briefing of Members by the Chief Executive on the Joint Tourism Strategy will take place at 5.30p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS

4.1 **REPORT TO COUNCIL ON RESPONSE TO SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Chief Executive on the recent severe weather and flooding.

4.2 **NATIONAL OVERSIGHT & AUDIT COMMISSION**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Chief Executive on the National Oversight & Audit Commission (NOAC).

5. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 14th December 2015.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 14th December 2015.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved as correct record of the Minutes.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **TRAFFIC FLOW SYSTEM DOUGLAS STREET**

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

When will the new traffic flow as previously agreed for Douglas Street be implemented?

REPLY

The introduction of a one way traffic flow system for the entire length of Douglas Street will need to be the subject of a traffic modeling exercise. This is necessary so as to establish the benefits/ suitability of this change for Douglas Street and also to identify the consequential impact and necessary traffic flow changes on adjoining streets. Thereafter a detailed review can be undertaken to identify and plan the infrastructural works required on the ground to facilitate the traffic changes and enable the preparation of plans, cost estimates and funding applications as necessary. The carrying out of the required traffic modeling work will be added to the programme of work to be undertaken by the Transportation Division.

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

6.2 **REGENERATION OF BLACKPOOL**

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

Can you give an update as to whether there are any plans for Cork City Council for the regeneration for Blackpool in particular the Thomas Davis Street area? This area has become quite desolate and is in need of renovation.

REPLY

Blackpool Village Action Plan was adopted by Council in November 2010, after a public consultation with all the key stakeholders in the area on the Draft Action Plan. It identified the key issues in the area and put forward a number of actions aimed at improving this historic part of the city. Many of the Plans proposals remain to be implemented and continue to be of great relevance to the area. The North Blackpool Local Area Plan, which deals with the area north of Blackpool Village but takes in part of the Dublin St area was adopted in 2011. The intention is to focus on implementing the actions outlined in the exiting Plans and if appropriate, add further actions.

Significant progress is being made on plans for the redevelopment of derelict sites on Thomas Davis Street and Dublin Street for housing purposes, which should contribute greatly to the regeneration of the overall area. The occupation of the renovated Lido in the heart of Blackpool by Cork Community Art Link will also bring additional activity to the core of Blackpool. The OPW flood relief scheme for the area was on public display recently with a view to construction starting in late 2016, and will also greatly benefit the area.

Actions planned or in progress for the area are listed below:

Actions	Status
Upgrade public open space under the flyover at Thomas Davis Street	Options for a new landscaping scheme for this area will be investigated by Recreation and Amenity and City Architects Dept.
Re-development at 27, 28 & 29 Dublin Street, Blackpool	Tenders have been received and a Contractor is to be appointed to deliver ten units of social housing accommodation. It is proposed that the portion of the site in the ownership of Cork City Council (Numbers 28 & 29) will be disposed of to Respond Housing Association to facilitate the delivery of this housing project. It is projected that construction will commence in February of the current year.
Redevelopment of 18/19/20/21/22/24 Thomas Davis Street	It is proposed that Cork City Council will dispose of the properties at 20, 21, 22 & 24 Thomas Davis Street to Respond Housing Association to facilitate the delivery of a proposed new social housing scheme for this area. The properties at 18 & 19 Thomas Davis Street are already in the ownership of Respond. It is projected that construction will commence in the third quarter of 2016. The DECLG have approved a Capital Appraisal submission in the sum of €6,502,000 for the redevelopment of the site.
Lands at Junction of Spring Lane/Thomas Davis Street & North Ring Road	The City Council is currently in discussions with an Approved Housing Body with regard to the development of the site in accordance with the planning objectives for the area. Its redevelopment will incorporate the delivery of a social housing project. It is projected that construction will commence in the third quarter of 2016.
Extension of Living City Initiative 'Special Regeneration Area' to include Blackpool Village	Application for extension of area made to Minister for Finance in July 2015. Response awaited.
Refurbishment of the former Lido Cinema Watercourse Road to house Cork Community Art Link	The refurbishment of the building is virtually complete and is due to be occupied by the Art Link group shortly.
Action on derelict sites	A review of derelict sites in Blackpool will be programmed for 2016.
Bride River (Blackpool) Drainage scheme (part of Lower Lee Flood Relief Scheme)	Draft proposals are on public consultation for 8 weeks 24 th November 2015 for an 8 week period to 2 nd February, following which the design will be finalised. It is hoped to commence construction in the second half of 2016.
Building improvement grant scheme	The provision of a building improvement grant scheme for Blackpool will be considered for 2016.

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

6.3 PROPOSED NEW “TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME”

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

Can the CE give details on the proposed new 'Tenant Purchase Scheme' and the likely time-frame for its introduction in Cork City?

REPLY

I can confirm that the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government has signed the statutory instruments on the 17th November, 2015 to introduce a new tenant purchase scheme from the 1st January, 2016 for existing local authority houses. This scheme has replaced the 1995 Tenant Purchase Scheme which closed for new applications in December 2012.

A written report on the details of the scheme was presented to the Members of the Housing Functional Committee at its meeting held on the 21st December, 2015.

The City Council will invite applications from eligible applicants to be considered for the scheme in early 2016. Public advertisements inviting such applications will also be placed in the local print media.

Members will be updated on progress in this regard over the coming weeks.

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

6.4 DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE NEW CHILDREN’S PLAYGROUND

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

Can the C.E. give an update on the extent of the damage caused to the new children's playground in Fitzgerald Park due to the recent floods and what measures will be taken going forward in order to prevent temporary closure's and keep this amenity open and available for use.

REPLY

Fitzgerald's Park like many amenity areas in the City is situated in a flood plain and subject to flooding during lengthy periods of intense rainfall coupled with the essential need (when necessary) to release large volumes of water from Inniscarra Dam to relieve flooding up river of the dam.

Amenity areas in the flood plain include the Lee fields, Fitzgerald's Park, Atlantic Pond, Mahon Golf Course, Bishopstown Park, Curragheen River Walk and Estuary Walk Mahon. All these areas flood during the above adverse weather conditions and in most situations are the safety valve to protect nearby properties from flooding. All these areas have obvious restricted access when flooded.

Given the zero tolerance for level changes within flood plains, the design of the new playground allows for occasional flooding during periods of prolonged intense rainfall and the drainage system has the capacity to drain quickly when the river level drops.

Flooding of the playground and other areas within the park has always been the situation since the park was developed over one hundred years ago, on a number of days in the past week the entire area of the park was under water.

A recent MET Eireann report on December rainfall states that the Cork region experienced the wettest conditions in the country with all stations in the region reporting above 300% of average rainfall for the month.

Reinstatement of the playground will be carried out immediately as soon as the river level drops, this will involve power washing equipment and replacement of bark mulch as appropriate.

**Jim O Donovan,
Director of services,
Environment & Recreation.**

6.5 **EVENT CENTRE PROGRESS**

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

Mindful of the ever changing timelines, can the CEO outline progress on the event centre and can she secure a statement from the developers as to the projected timeframe from its start to completion.

REPLY

All parties involved in progressing the Event Centre project are mindful of the changing timelines and are working towards the conclusion of a final contract to allow construction begin. While progress has been made on many aspects of the contract, some key issues remain to be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties. These are currently being actively addressed and when agreement is reached the preparation of final legal documentation can be carried out.

It is anticipated that construction of the Event Centre once commenced will take 24 months.

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

6.6 **RECENT GLOBAL VALUATION OF UTILITY COMPANIES**

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

Can the CE outline the financial implications in 2016 for Cork City Council as a result of the recent global valuation of utility companies? How will the lost income be budgeted for?

REPLY

The loss in rates income to Cork City Council as a result of the November global utilities revaluation is €1,035,000. This is higher than previously reported due to the fact that the Ervia building on Gasworks road, previously classified as Offices / Retail Warehouse, has now been reclassified into the global valuation for Gas Networks. There was a 40% reduction in Gas Networks Ireland's global utility revaluation.

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government has advised the City Council that compensation of €751,361 (73%) would be provided for as a result of the loss in income due to the Global Utility revaluations. The Department has advised that this is a once off adjustment for 2016 and will not be available in future years.

The City Council will closely monitor its actual financial performance compared to budget to see if additional income can be achieved in order to counteract the impact of the loss of income on rates.

**John Hallahan,
Head of Finance.**

6.7 **RECENT OCCASIONAL FLOODING OF THE NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT FITZGERALD PARK**

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

Can the CE report on recent occasional flooding of the new children's playground at Fitzgerald Park? Is it's design a contributory factor?

REPLY

Fitzgerald's Park like many amenity areas in the City is situated in a flood plain and subject to flooding during lengthy periods of intense rainfall coupled with the essential need (when necessary) to release large volumes of water from Inniscarra Dam to relieve flooding up river of the dam.

Amenity areas in the flood plain include the Lee fields, Fitzgerald's Park, Atlantic Pond, Mahon Golf Course, Bishopstown Park, Curragheen River Walk and Estuary Walk Mahon. All these areas flood during the above adverse weather conditions and in most situations are the safety valve to protect nearby properties from flooding. All these areas have obvious restricted access when flooded.

Given the zero tolerance for level changes within flood plains, the design of the new playground allows for occasional flooding during periods of prolonged intense rainfall and the drainage system has the capacity to drain quickly when the river level drops.

Flooding of the playground and other areas within the park has always been the situation since the park was developed over one hundred years ago, on a number of days in the past week the entire area of the park was under water.

A recent MET Eireann report on December rainfall states that the Cork region experienced the wettest conditions in the country with all stations in the region reporting above 300% of average rainfall for the month.

Reinstatement of the playground will be carried out immediately as soon as the river level drops, this will involve power washing equipment and replacement of bark mulch as appropriate.

**Jim O Donovan,
Director of services,
Environment & Recreation.**

6.8 FUNDING FOR BLACKROCK PIER PROJECT

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 funding situation for Blackrock pier project. Is it possible to pursue the project now in phases?

REPLY

The construction tender process for the Blackrock Harbour & Village Renewal Project was undertaken in 2015 and a preferred Contractor selected. The value of the winning tender exceeds the available budget assigned. Consequently additional funding is required to deliver the full scheme. Funding applications have been made to a number of agencies including the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine, the National Transport Authority and the South East Regional Authority. Unfortunately however these applications have not been successful.

In the absence of additional funding it is proposed to split the tendered works into two phases and to proceed with that portion of the works that can be executed. It is intended that the first phase will be commenced in early 2016. This will consist of the realignment and widening of Convent Road, Blackrock Road & the Marina including boundaries, footpaths, surfaces, crossing and underground utility works common to phases 1 and 2. The scope of work will be limited to the current level of available funding. Further efforts will be made this year to secure the remaining funding so that work on Phase 2 can commence at an early date.

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

6.9 **ESTIMATE OF EXTRA COST OF THE FLOODING**

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

In view of the recent flooding can the CE estimate the extra cost that may be incurred as a result of the flooding and weather that cost will need to be met from City Council funding or If there is any National funding forthcoming?

REPLY

The costs incurred by Cork City Council dealing with the recent severe weather and flooding were estimated at €214,200.

The National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management have requested that Local Authorities who have incurred exceptional costs arising from the inclement weather should submit recoupment claims to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government. The City Council submitted a claim on 4th January 2016 for €214,200. A response from the Department is awaited.

Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services.

6.10 **ELECTRICAL PYLONS IN CORK CITY**

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

How many electrical pylons are in Cork city? How many additional pylons have been erected over the past ten years? Does the ESB consult with Cork City Council before they erect pylons in the city or on the border of the city. Does the ESB consult with Cork City Council if it erects pylons on or close to Cork City Council property or land? Has Cork City Council discussed with the ESB the laying of electrical cables underground rather than using pylons?

REPLY

Electricity pylons are the transmission towers formed as a tall structure, usually a steel lattice tower, used to support an overhead high voltage power line which is installed and managed by Eirgrid to provide the national electrical power transmission. The regional distribution system also utilises both underground electrical supply cables and pylons to support overhead cables. ESB Networks is the authorised Distribution Systems Operator (DSO) and is regulated by the Commission for Energy. Cork City Council has no specific consultation with the ESB Networks in relation to this issue and does not have details as to the number of pylons in the City. I will however liaise with the ESB on this point and revert to the Elected Members.

ESB Networks has liaised with Cork City Council with regard to the development and upgrading of the distribution network in the city from the point of the impact on road infrastructure and traffic management to cater for construction. In recent years however, this has related only to the undergrounding of cables and as an example, the

undergrounding of high voltage cable supply cable between Marina Station and Half Moon Substation (developed in 2014) was discussed in detail with the Roads & Transportation Directorate and agreements but in place to facilitate the works.

The development of over-ground facilities for above 20kv requires planning permission. However, there has been no such proposal in the last ten years. Over-ground facilities not exceeding 20kV (typically the smaller electricity poles and wires that serve older housing estates and buildings) do not generally require planning permission.

The planning authority does apply conditions to larger developments to ensure that services, including electrical supply, are underground.

Patrick Ledwidge.
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning and Economic Development.

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 21st DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held on the 21st December 2015.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th NOVEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30th November 2015.

8. **PARTY WHIPS – 4th JANUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of Party Whips from its meeting held on the 4th January 2016

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 30th NOVEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee of 30th November 2015.

9.1 **HOMELESS SERVICES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 in relation to Homeless Services.

9.2 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 in relation to the Housing Assistance Payment.

9.3 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

9.4 **DEVELOP HOUSING STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council identify housing property, in the Authority area then invest in or sell off that property with a view to developing a housing strategy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/185)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council is currently advancing development proposals under the Social Housing Strategy 2020 on a number of City Council owned sites. The Council also has an extensive refurbishment scheme under way for vacant City Council owned housing stock. The Housing Directorate has also engaged with the Department with regard to a number of properties that are long term vacant and are in a derelict condition. It is envisaged that capital funding will be made available to return these units to productive use.

The report further stated that the Council had identified properties in its ownership that could be offered for sale on the open market and any property disposal will come before the members for approval in early course.

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 21st December 2015.

10.1 **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING ON 16TH NOVEMBER, 2015:**

10.1.1 **HOMELESS SERVICES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 in relation to Homeless Services.

10.1.2 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 in relation to the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.

10.1.3 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 & the report dated 17th December, 2015 (**Item 8**) in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

10.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for November 2015.

10.3 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th December, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 74, Gurranabraher Avenue, Cork by Clúid Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €7,650 (previous loan being €7,612) be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

10.4 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT LOWER JOHN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th December, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 5, The Mill, Lower John Street, Cork by Focus Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, 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 €186,150 be granted to Focus Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

10.5 **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT KILBRACK GROVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th December, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 17, Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Cork by Túath Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, 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 €71,000 be granted to Túath Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

10.6 **TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th December, 2015 in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

10.7 **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING ON 16TH NOVEMBER, 2015**

10.7.1 **DEVELOPING A HOUSING STRATEGY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council identify housing property, in the Authority area then invest in or sell off that property with a view to developing a housing strategy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/185)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council is currently advancing development proposals under the Social Housing Strategy 2020 on a number of City Council owned sites. The Council also has an extensive refurbishment scheme under way for vacant City Council owned housing stock. The Housing Directorate has also engaged with the Department with regard to a number of properties that are long term vacant and are in a derelict condition. It is envisaged that capital funding will be made available to return these units to productive use.

The report further stated that the Council had identified properties in its ownership that could be offered for sale on the open market and any property disposal will come before the members for approval in early course.

10.7.2 **GLENTRASNA ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would establish process of taking in charge, The Glentrasna Estate, The Glen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/252)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Housing & Community Services Directorate had established a process for the taking in charge of the Glentrasna Estate, The Glen, Cork. This process should be concluded in early 2016.

10.7.3 **CONTROL OF HORSES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Could the CE inform to Cork City Council how many horses were impounded by Cork City Council for 2010-2011-2012-2013-2014-2015, and how many horses were destroyed in the pound.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/283)

The report of the Director of Services outlined figures compiled by Animal Collection Services, the Contractor responsible for the Control of Horses enforcement, in relation to the number of horses impounded and euthanized over the requested period:-

Year	Impounded	Euthanized
2010	152	28
2011	123	70
2012	67	28
2013	173	120
2014	87	69
2015	40	31 (As at 31/10/15)

10.7.4 **VACANT PROPERTIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That unoccupied local authority housing units should not be referred to as “voids” in official communications. The term suggests that this is a blank space rather than a home that could be allocated to a tenant upon refurbishment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/287)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government have renamed the “Return of Voids Programme” to the “Return Vacant Properties to Productive Use Scheme”. Future communications will reflect this change.

10.7.5 **LOCAL PROPERTY TAX**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12th November, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would increase the rent on Cork City Council housing stock by €2.00 per week. This additional €2.00 per week is to equal the €100.00 charge which is imposed on each Council house towards Local Property Tax. I would also look for agreement that the €880K raised would be ring fenced towards housing repair and adaptation grants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 15/297)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council does not intend to recoup the Property Tax on Local Authority houses by increasing the rent.

10.8 **FIRE SAFETY REVIEW**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th December, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Cork City Council will report on the extent of health and safety checks at local Traveller Halting Sites both official & unofficial.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/313)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council’s Housing electrical maintenance contractor carries out monthly electrical checks on the City’s official halting sites. The report further stated that a Fire Safety Review into Traveller Accommodation is to be carried out in the immediate future. This Review is to be led by Cork City Council’s Fire Department. The Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government guidance on best practice has been received by Cork City Council. Engagement with local Traveller advocates to assist in undertaking the Review and implementing an agreed plan is central to carrying out a successful Fire Safety Review. The over-riding emphasis of this review process will be on life safety and ensuring that practical and appropriate fire safety measures have been applied systematically across Traveller Accommodation within Cork City’s administrative boundary.

10.9 **REALIGNMENT OF R.A.P.I.D.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th December, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would put in place some structures in the realignment of R.A.P.I.D. that would enable the local structures to function thus coordinating /feeding into the city wide Committee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/317)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a proposal to realign the RAPID programme was recently approved by the Party Whips. The proposal recommends that a City-wide Area Based Committee be established. The RAPID Area Based Committee will meet on a quarterly basis and will have community representatives from each RAPID area on the committee as well as elected members that will also represent the needs of the RAPID areas.

The report further stated that RAPID Coordinators will also link in with existing networks and forums to identify issues on the ground e.g. safety forums, youth networks etc. The intention is that local meetings will be convened to ensure that the links with the issues on the ground in each area are strengthened and that community representatives are supported in bringing issues forward. These meetings may take on a different form in each area to best fit the local structures in each RAPID Area. This approach is subject to adequate resourcing of the RAPID Service; currently the service is under-resourced as a result of retirements and non-replacement of staff who have left or transferred from the service. A review of the service is currently underway internally, with the aim of resolving these issues.

10.10 **YOUTH FACILITY IN MAHON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 17th December, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council reports on the provision of a permanent youth facility in the Mahon Community. Are there buildings in Councils possession that may be suitable for same and has any work on this issue been progressed in recent years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/ 319)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there was a plan drawn up a number of years ago for a permanent youth facility on the grounds of the Nagle Community School. The cost of a permanent building is in the region of €2m and currently there are no funding streams available for this. The existing prefabs are in reasonable condition, with a recent government grant received to upgrade the heating system.

The report also stated that there are no suitable premises in the council’s possession that would be suitable for a permanent youth facility in Mahon. The current location of the youth facility is ideal as it is easily accessible for all without being in the heart of a residential setting.

11. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Roads and Transportation Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 21st December 2015.

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th December 2015 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending November 2015.

11.1.1 **LOW COST SAFETY SCHEMES – NON NATIONAL ROADS SECTION 38 OF THE ROADS TRAFFIC ACT 1994 INTERSECTION OF RUTLAND STREET AND SAWMILL STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 17th December 2015 on Low Cost Safety Schemes – Non National Roads Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 intersection of Rutland Street and Sawmill Street.

11.1.2 **LOW COST SAFETY SCHEMES – NON NATIONAL ROADS SECTION 38 OF THE ROADS TRAFFIC ACT 1994 BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on Low Cost Safety Schemes – Non National Roads Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 Blarney Road.

11.1.3 **LOW COST SAFETY SCHEMES – NON NATIONAL ROADS SECTION 38 OF THE ROADS TRAFFIC ACT 1994 GLENHEIGHTS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on Low Cost Safety Schemes – Non National Roads Section 38 of the Roads Traffic Act 1994 Glenheights Road.

11.1.4 **CORK CITY PARKING BYE-LAWS 2016**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on Cork City Parking Bye-Laws 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 17th December 2015, on Cork City Parking Bye-Laws 2016.

11.1.5 **CORK CITY COUNCIL SURFACE LEVEL PAY PARKING CAR PARK BYE LAWS 2016**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on Cork City Council Surface Level Pay Parking Car Park Bye Laws 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 17th December 2015, on Cork City Council Surface Level Pay Parking Car Park Bye Laws 2016 and further agreed to adopt the Cork City Council Surface Level Pay Parking Car Park Bye Laws 2016.

11.1.6 **CORK CITY APPOINTED STANDS (TAXI) BYE-LAWS 2015**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on Cork City Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-laws 2015.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 17th December 2015, on Cork City Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-laws 2015 and further agreed to adopt the Cork City Appointed Stands (Taxi) Bye-Laws 2015.

11.2 **MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

11.2.1 **NORTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will investigate the feasibility of putting in place a yellow box or some form of traffic regulatory measure on The North Ring Road at the exit point from Silversprings Court. Residents are finding it more difficult and extremely dangerous exiting on to the North Ring Road at this junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/307)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the installation of a yellow box on the North Ring Road/ Silversprings Court junction has been assessed and will be added to any future road painting programme.

11.2.2 **REPORT ON ALL PUBLIC LIGHTING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council circulates a detailed report on all public lighting that is currently not working throughout the City. To include the location, pole number, fault reported, any actions undertaken & what the expected time for completion of repair will be.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/318)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the summary table below shows the classification of Job ticket types as listed on the Public Lighting Works Management System on the 14th Dec 2015 12.00. The level of outage is recorded in real time and varies by the hour as faults are rectified and new faults are raised as job tickets. There are currently 87 public lighting faults requiring a visit from Airtiricity on the system which have a time to rectification of 5 days from the time of recording (new requirement since 1st Oct 2015). There are currently 530 locations requiring work and type are highlighted as works in progress by Airtiricity Utility Solutions and the estimated time to repair the particular types of defects is included in the table 1.1

Table 1.1

Job Type	STATUS	NO. OF TICKETS	COMPLETION OF REPAIR
Fault Submitted to Contractor for repair	S	87	5 day repair under PL Maintenance Contract
Job Type	STATUS	NO. OF TICKETS	COMPLETION OF REPAIR
Fault attended to by contractor, access issues	AAI	30	2016-Subject to approval +tree cutting
Fault attended to by contractor, cable fault	ACF	13	2016-Subject to approval
Fault attended to by contractor, ESB Networks Required	AER	53	Subject to ESBN programme
Additional material required to undertake repair	AMR	12	Works in progress
Fault attended to by contractor, 3rd party responsible	AO	13	3rd Party Works in progress
Fault repair quoted for, awaiting CCC approval	APO	16	2016-Subject to approval
CCC have approved work to the contractor	LAA	76	Works in progress
Replacement lantern required, CCC approval required	NLR	80	2016-Subject to approval
Overhead bracket removed as part	OHB	84	2016-Subject to approval

of planned structural survey			
Quote required from contractor	QR	61	2016-Subject to approval
Fault attended to by contractor, additional traffic management required	TMR	5	Works in progress
	TOTAL	530	

The following table outlines the total recorded public lighting inventory per the various Ward areas.

Table 1.2

Total Public Lighting	1587	2182	2031	2516	2438	3121
Ward	NW	NC	NE	SW	SC	SE

The following table provides details of the various jobticket types per ward area as per the breakdown of Table 1.1.

Table 1.3

Job Type	NW	NC	NE	SW	SC	SE	TOTAL
Fault attended to by contractor, access issues	12	5	6	4	2	1	30
Fault attended to by contractor, cable fault	0	0	0	0	12	1	13
Fault attended to by contractor, ESB Networks Required	5	21	5	0	13	9	53
Additional material required	1	9	0	0	2	0	12
Fault attended to by contractor, 3rd party responsible	6	0	3	0	4	0	13
Fault repair quoted for, awaiting CCC approval	3	0	8	2	2	1	16
CCC have approved work to the contractor	13	13	13	13	21	3	76
Replacement lantern required, CCC approval required	5	3	11	7	32	22	80
Overhead bracket removed as part of planned structural survey	4	10	5	10	19	36	84
Quote required from contractor	10	9	10	18	12	2	61
Fault Submitted to Contractor for repair	12	24	3	9	15	24	87
Fault attended to by contractor, additional traffic management required	0	0	0	3	0	2	5
							530

The following table provides details of the various Job tickets rectified in 2015 as per the breakdown of Table 1.4.

Table 1.4

Description	No
Job tickets raised as Lamp Out during 01-01-2015 to 15-12-2015	2902

Percentage Jobs rectified within the allowed time period between 01-01-2015 to 15-12-2015	85%
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11.2.3 **DESIGNATED PARKING PASSES FOR MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS - AND OTHER COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘In light of the fact that meals on wheels drivers - and other community outreach workers - are getting parking tickets on an ongoing basis while making deliveries to service users, and conscious of the vital role such groups play in our communities, that Cork City Council issues designated parking passes/badges/licences for strictly controlled use by these organisations in the course of their daily operations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/322)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council operates a Permit Scheme that includes Residents Permits, Carers Permits and Special Parking Permits to charitable organisations.

Applications for Special Parking Permits are considered on a case by case basis on receipt of a written application and provided the organisation meets the following criteria:

- The organisation must be of charitable status;
- The Special Parking Permit will only be issued for use by unpaid volunteers of the organisation. Permits will not be issued for the use of staff members;
- The Special Parking Permit must be essential to the core business of the organisation;
- The Special Parking Permit will be location and time specific;
- A letter of support must be submitted with the completed application from the Chief Executive of the organisation to confirm that the permits, if issued, will be kept secure and under the control of the organisation and confirming details of who will be using the permits.
- Other requirements may be applied from time to time depending on the nature of the business

The Parking Office is liaising with Meals on Wheels, Middle Parish at present in relation to making an application for Special Parking Permits.

11.2.4 **INCLUDE WOODLAWN, POULADUFF ROAD IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Woodlawn, Pouladuff Road be included in the Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/326)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface at Woodlawn will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Programme which is subject to funding being available.

11.2.5 **PONDING ON THE LOUGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council address the issue of ponding on the Lough Road opposite Beechwood House.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/327)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the area across from Beechwood House, Lough Rd will be assessed in the wet in order to establish the reasons for any ponding and to identify possible solutions.

11.2.6 **SURVEY ROAD SIGNAGE IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘The Cork City Council would ensure that road signage in Cork City is surveyed and any obstructions, damage or signs in need of remediation are addressed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/340)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Transportation Division has a small crew that undertakes road closures (both emergency closures and planned closures), lining (renewal & new lining) and signing (including any remediation). Historically areas of the city were surveyed on a rotational basis and any identified works programmed. Given reduced resources over recent years it has not been possible to undertake planned maintenance. Current resources permit response maintenance only. Any specific issues in relation to signage can be reported to the CRM system with the location, signage type and a brief description of the issue can be documented where upon the maintenance crew will investigate the matter to resolution.

11.2.7 **COST EFFECTIVENESS OF INTRODUCING A PARKING METER SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would engage with other local authorities to determine the cost effectiveness of introducing a parking meter system, and would undertake to implement a flexible coinage and digital parking meter system in the city centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/341)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to refer the report of the Director of Services back to the Committee for further consideration, in conjunction with the Finance Functional Committee.

11.2.8 LIST ALL ROADS REINSTATED OR RESURFACED

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would list all roads reinstated or resurfaced in the South West Ward, South Central Ward and South East Ward in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/342)

The report stated that -

The following is the list of roads reinstated or resurfaced (either wholly or in part) under contract from 2013 to 2015:

2012

N/A

2013

SC

Grand Parade

Pouladuff Rd

Lough Rd

Plunkett Rd

Bandon Rd

Noonan Rd

Eglington St/McSwiney Quay jct

South Mall

An Fhaithche

Bishops St

College Road

Gillabbey St

SE

Loreto Park

Ashdale Park

Greenhills Estate

Monahan Rd

Blackrock Road

Victoria Road

Ardfallen Estate

SW

Rose Lawn

Donovans Road

Tramore Road

St.Finbarrs Park

Model Farm Road

Melbourn Avenue
Clashduv Road
Bishopstown Road
Elton Lawn

2014

SC

South Douglas Road

2015

SC

Tuckey St
Union Quay
South City Link Road
Cotter St
Kinsale Road
Marlboro St
McCurtain Villas
Morrisons Quay
Mercier Park

SE

South Douglas Road
Ringmahon Road
Ardfallen Estate
Centre Park Road
Beaumont Drive
Nursery Drive
The Marina
Hettyfield Downs
Kennedy Quay
Alderwood

SW

The Rise
College Road
Wilton Road
Bishopstown Avenue West
St.Finbarrs Park
Leesdale
Uam Var Avenue
Uam Var Drive
Ashford Estate
Curraheen Road
Tramore Road
Togher Road
Hartlands Avenue
Magazine Road
Benvoirlich Estate
Waterfall Road.

11.2.9 **ERECT SIGNAGE TO HIGHLIGHT WHERE ILEN GARDENS IS WITHIN DEANROCK ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would put in place / erect signage to highlight exactly where Ilen Gardens is within Deanrock Estate.

The present situation is that you cannot access this area from Ilen Court due to infill housing.

This area can only be accessed through Maglin Grove and Araglen Court and is causing huge problems for residents as there is no signage whatsoever to direct deliveries or taxis/ambulances.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/343)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a small annual allocation to fund the erection of road and street nameplate signs within the city administrative area. This fund covers the costs for replacing old, damaged or stolen signs as well as the erection of new signs.

The appropriateness of a new sign for Ilen Gardens will be assessed. If deemed suitable, it will be added to the list of requests for nameplates that will be put forward for consideration, subject to funding being available.

11.2.10 **INSPECT THE ROAD SURFACE IN CROGHTAMORE SQ./LOUGH VIEW TERRACE /LOUGH VILLAS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would inspect the terrible state of the road surface in the following areas Croghtamore Sq./Lough View Terrace /Lough Villas with a view to carrying out remedial works while waiting to be included in the Roads Resurfacing programme for 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/344)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surfaces at Croghtamore Sq., Lough View Terrace and Lough Villas will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Programme which is subject to funding being available.

11.2.11 **REPLACE THE PAVING STONES ON SUMMERHILL SOUTH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the paving stones on Summerhill South be replaced given that they are totally broken and constitute a real hazard for the public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/329)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the flagged footway between the Capwell Bus depot and the junction with Evergreen Road has been assessed and is programmed for remedial works in 2016

11.2.12 **STEPS CONNECTING WELLINGTON ROAD AND SIDNEY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the "unnamed" steps connecting Wellington Road and Sidney Park be officially named as "Sidney Steps" and that appropriate designating signs would be erected at both ends of the steps and that the "unnamed" roadway connecting Wellington Road to Sidney Park be officially named "Sidney Drive" and relevant signage be erected accordingly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/345)

The report of the Director of Services stated that, the formal consultation process to name the roadway connecting Wellington Road and Sidney Park has commenced. Following clarification, there is no requirement to name the steps separately as the steps will be included in the road naming process.

11.2.13 **INCLUDE GOAL CROSS IN THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will include Goal Cross in its reconstruction and resurfacing programmes. The pavement on Goal Cross has fallen into disrepair and it is in need of necessary if not urgent improvements. There are students who have visibility issues, these students find it most difficult to go to and from UCC. The bridge wall being so low is an added concern should someone trip in that vicinity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 15/350)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the road surface at Gaol Cross will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Road Resurfacing Programme which is subject to funding being available. The issue of the low parapet wall on the bridge will also be considered.

11.2.14 **FOOTPATHS AT MAYFIELD PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpaths at Mayfield Park on Old Youghal Road be repaired as they have deteriorated very badly and pedestrians are having to step on to the road to avoid the severely damaged areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/352)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this area will be inspected and any essential repairs will be carried out in 2016.

11.2.15 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON THE BRIDGE AT GAOL CROSS NEAR UCC**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council repair footpaths on the bridge at Gaol Cross near UCC which are a trip hazard.’

(Proposer: Cllr F. Kerins 15/353)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this area will be inspected and any essential repairs will be carried out in 2016.

11.2.16 **JUNCTION OF ST. RITA’S AVENUE AND GURRANABRAHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would assess the junction of St. Rita’s Avenue and Gurrabraher Road with regards to the signs indicating a one way system as the current signs are only visible once vehicles start to turn into St Rita's Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/354)

The report of Director of Services stated that the signage indicating a one way system at the junction of St. Rita’s Avenue and Gurrabraher Road will be assessed.

Any identified signage can be put forward for consideration in the next works programme subject to funding being available.

11.2.17 **TRAFFIC SURVEY ALONG ST. MICHAELS DRIVE, MAHON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council carries out a traffic survey along St. Michaels Drive, Mahon (adjacent to Mahon Point). The survey should pay particular attention to issues with illegal parking and propose measures that may alleviate this particular problem for the many residents along the road who are frequently blocked from entering or exiting their driveways.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/356)

The report of Director of Services stated that double yellow lines have been installed along St. Michael’s Drive to deter parking on the roadway.

In addition the Traffic Warden Service will be requested to pay additional attention to the area along St. Michaels Drive, Mahon (adjacent to Mahon Point) in order to deter illegal parking incidents referred to in the Motion.

11.2.18 **SURVEY THE ENTRANCE TO ST. VINCENT'S H & F CLUB COMPLEX OFF KILMORE RD, KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council survey the entrance to St. Vincent's H & F Club Complex off Kilmore Rd, Knocknaheeny to determine if the area is safe for pedestrians & motorists alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/358)

The report of Director of Services stated that this location will be inspected with a view to improving pedestrian safety.

The entrance to St. Vincent's Hurling & Football Club complex, off Kilmore Rd, Knocknaheeny can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist as well as to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there

Any identified measures can be put forward for consideration in the next works programme subject to funding being available.

11.2.19 **REPLACE THE E.S.B POLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO BLACKWATER GROVE, DEANROCK ESTATE, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would replace the E.S.B pole at the entrance to Blackwater Grove in Deanrock Estate, Togher. This pole was demolished by a car last year and was never replaced and it is dark in the area with elderly residents living in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/359)

The report of Director of Services stated that Airtricity Utility Solutions has been given approval to replace the public lighting column (PL14) near the entrance to Blackwater Grove in Deanrock Estate, Togher. This work forms part of their approved works for Q4 2015.

11.2.20 **REPAIR THE POTHOLE IN ARDCULLEN HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council repair the potholes in Ardculleen Hollyhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/364)

The report of Director of Services stated that this area will be inspected and any essential localised repairs will be carried out in 2016.

11.2.21 **ERECT GATES AT SULLIVAN’S LANE, BARRACK STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would investigate erecting gates at Sullivan's Lane in Barrack St. that could be locked in the late hours to prevent anti social behaviour and give the residents some form of security.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/349)

The report of Director of Services stated that a preliminary assessment will be carried out, and report prepared concerning the gating request at Sullivan’s Lane. This will be made available to the Councillors in advance of 2016 the ward meeting.

11.2.22 **ERECT GATES AT THE REAR ENTRANCE TO NICHOLAS CHURCH PLACE ON COVE STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services dated 17th December 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To combat the use of an area for drinking and drug taking, and to prevent criminal damage to residents' property, that Cork City Council moves swiftly to erect gates at the rear entrance to Nicholas Church Place on Cove Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/323)

The report of Director of Services stated that a preliminary assessment will be carried out, and report prepared concerning the gating request at Nicholas Church Place, Cove Street. This will be made available to the Councillors in advance of the 2016 ward meeting.

12. **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th JANUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 4th January 2016.

12.1 **REPORT OF THE ARTS OFFICER ON ARTS GRANTS 2016**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Arts Officer dated 31st December 2015, on Arts Grants Allocations 2016. Comhairleoir F. Dennehy declared his interest, as Chair of Togher Music and would not be voting on the item.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy a vote was called for on the approval of the report of the Arts Officer, on Arts Grants Allocations 2016, where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, H. Cremin, P. J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (15)

AGAINST: Comhairleoir T. Brosnan (1)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir F. Dennehy (1)

As those voting in favour was greater than those voting against, an tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Schedule of Arts Grants 2016 approved.

12.2 **ACTIVITY REPORT 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Activity Report 2015, from Director of Services dated 31st December 2015, which incorporated the activities of TEAM and the Library Service.

12.3 **1916 COMMEMORATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st December 2015 on 1916 Commemorations.

12.4 **ST. PETERS CHURCH**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 31st December 2015 on St. Peters Church.

12.5 **MOTIONS**

Members considered the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

12.5.1 **MARKETING INITIATIVE WITH CORK AIRPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services on the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council seeks to engage in a co-operative marketing initiative with Cork Airport in order to maximise the benefit to the City from inbound tourism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, 15/302)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members will be aware of recent announcements of new routes for Cork Airport. The new routes represent an opportunity to generate increased visitor numbers for the Cork region. Airport Management made a formal presentation to An Chomhairle on 14th December, 2015 in which the potential for increased inbound tourism was highlighted.

The City Council is currently engaged in a dialogue with the airport’s communication unit to optimise the marketing strategy from the City’s point of view. Members will be updated as this strategy progresses.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, An Chomhairle agreed to write to the Transport Minister expressing concern about U.S. licensing delays on the Cork-Boston Service.

12.6 **MOTIONS**

Members considered and approved the reports of the Director of Services on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

12.6.1 **RE-HOUSE THE MODEL OF CORK CITY AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MILLENNIUM HALL IN CORK CITY HALL**

‘That the now unused model of Cork City that was housed in St Peter’s Church (Cork Vision Centre) will now be re-housed at the entrance of the Millennium Hall in Cork City Hall and to be on view to the general public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/324)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the entrance foyer to the Millennium Hall represents an important facility on City Hall Campus which is used regularly for a variety of purposes. Placing the model permanently in the foyer of the Millennium Hall would compromise that space significantly and render it unusable for many of the functions to which it is currently put.

Once relocated from St. Peter’s Church, the cost of remounting the model of Cork City is significant and could not be afforded on an ad-hoc basis and therefore the model would

benefit from having a permanent home. We are looking at a number of options for permanently locating the model, and I will advise Members further in due course.

12.6.2 **CORK CITY COUNCIL CALLS ON ESB TO REMOVE THE HIGH TENSION CABLES CROSSING OVER THE RIVER LEE**

‘That Cork City Council calls on ESB to remove the high tensions cables crossing over the River Lee so that the Tall Ships event can again be invited come to Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/372)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it is unlikely that any request from the City Council to the ESB to relocate the high tension cables crossing over the River Lee will meet with any agreement due to the significant cost involved. It should be noted, however, that approx 80% of Tall Ships that take part in the various races and regattas are classified as Class B Tall Ships, which are capable of passing beneath the high tension cables in Cork harbour.

12.6.3 **REPORT THAT LISTS ALL THE ORGANISED FESTIVALS HELD IN CORK THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

‘That Cork City Council compiles a report that lists all the organised festivals held in Cork that are supported by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/379)

The report of the Director of Services stated that:-

The following are the list of organised festivals held in Cork that are supported by Cork City Council:-

The Nightmare Realm	Quarter Block Festival
Mother Jones Festival	Cork Culture Night
The Dragon of Shandon Festival	Cork Folk Festival
The Gradam Cheoil	Cork Film Festival
The Munster Fleadh Cheoil 2017	Discovery Science Festival
Guinness Cork Jazz Festival	Finbarre’s Festival
Cork French Film Festival	Cork International Short Story Festival
Cork St. Patrick’s Festival	Cork Cycling Festival
GLOW Festival	Cork Pride Festival
Lifelong Learning Festival	Cork Singers Club Festival
Cork Harbour Festival	Cork Spring Poetry Festival
Cork International Choral Festival	
Ocean to City Maritime Festival	
Cork City Marathon	
Cork Midsummer Festival	

13. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th JANUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 4th January 2016.

13.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

13.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF NOVEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of November 2015.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting to beyond 8.00 p.m. to complete the Agenda.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Kildare County Council, dated 15th December 2015 regarding motion which was passed.

15. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

No Conference/Seminar summaries to note.

16. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

- 16.1 An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin and M. Shields at the “Auditing and Governance in Local Government” conference, taking place in The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, on the 26th – 28th February 2016.

16.2 **ECAD ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir Mary Shields at the ECAD Advisory Board Meeting in Stockholm from February 11th to February 13th 2016.

17. **TRAINING**

None received.

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **INVESTIGATE THE ROAD SURFACE OF MCDONAGH ROAD AND FR. DOMINIC ROAD**

‘That McDonagh Road and Father Dominic Road have the road surface investigated with a view to inclusion in an Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/332)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.2 **INCLUDE ST. KEVIN STREET IN AN ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include St. Kevin Street in an Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/333)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.3 **TO SPEED UP THE TIME IT TAKES TO GET A MOTION ANSWERED AND DEBATED**

‘I propose a motion that, when making a motion for example on roads, instead of it going on the Agenda of a full Council meeting to be sent to the Functional Committee for an answer and discussion, that Councillors could sent it straight to the correct Functional Committee thus speeding up the length of time (by at least 2 weeks) it takes to be debated on the floor of Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/382)

Corporate Policy Group

18.4 **REPLACE LIGHTS IN THE PUBLIC TOILETS TO ULTRA VIOLET LIGHTS**

‘That Cork City Council replace all lights in the public toilets to ultra violet lights or similar to deter intravenous drug users from using public toilets.’

By replacing the lights to ultra violet lights it prevents intravenous drug users from finding a vein to inject themselves thus preventing them from using public toilets to inject themselves.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/383)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.5 **GREEN AREA TO PARKING IN THE DEANROCK ESTATE TOGHER**

‘That City Council would consider green area to parking in the Deanrock Estate Togher particularly in Blackwater Grove / Maglin Grove as residents in both of these areas are making requests for these measures to be put in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/385)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

18.6 **INVESTIGATE THE RECENTLY INSTALLED BREATHERS ON THE ROOFS ON TENANTS PROPERTIES**

‘That City Council would investigate the recently installed breathers on the roofs on our tenants properties when the fabric-upgrade scheme was carried out as there were huge problems experienced recently by some tenants when the rain actually entered their attics

during the recent storms.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/386)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.7 **UPGRADE N20 LINKING CORK AND LIMERICK TO MOTORWAY STANDARD**

‘That the N20 linking Cork and Limerick be upgraded to Motorway standard in the interests of balance regional development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 16/001)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.8 **FUNDING FOR THE SHANDON COMMUNITY**

‘In view of the success of the Shandon Street Festival and multiple other community based activities that Cork City Council would assess if further funding by way of a block support to the Shandon Community’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/003)

Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee

18.9 **DRINKS INDUSTRY FUND BOTH A MOBILE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY FACILITY FOR CORK CITY TO DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF OVER DRINKING**

‘That the drinks industry fund both a mobile accident and emergency facility for Cork City to deal with the consequences of over drinking and that it also fund Garda overtime where it's deemed necessary to protect city centre properties and maintain public order.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/005)

Joint Policing Committee

18.10 **RIGHT OF WAY ON NASH'S BOREEN**

‘That Cork City Council report on a recent legal case regarding right of way on Nash's Boreen which has seen the area open to vehicular traffic on the Hollyhill side, this is of concern to local residents and those that use it as a walking amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 16/006)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.11 **REPORT ON PROGRESS TO IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE TRAVELLER COMMUNITY**

‘That Cork City Council report on progress being made implementing the recommendations of former South County Dublin Manager Joe Horan on issues relating to the Traveller Community

in Cork, the report has now being subsumed within the Traveller Inter-Agency Group workplan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/007)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.12 **PROVIDE PREMISES OR LAND FOR CORK CITY, MISSING PERSONS, SEARCH & RECOVERY GROUP AND THE ATLANTIC DIVERS ORGANISATION**

‘Considering the enormous and invaluable role that the Cork City, Missing Persons, Search & Recovery group and the Atlantic Divers organisation have both played in assisting the authorities in the search for missing persons, I request that Cork City Council meet with these groups jointly with a view to providing a premises or land for these voluntary, non-profit making organisations to store boats and other equipment which would be in relatively close proximity to, and accessible to the river Lee. This facility could also be used as a hub for other voluntary and statutory organisations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 16/008)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.13 **REPORT TO THE HOUSING FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE**

‘That Cork City Council provide a report to the Housing Functional Committee outlining difficulties that have occurred with faulty or incorrect ventilation products that have been used by sub-contractors in attic insulation of Council Housing which have led to an influx of water. The report should include the estimated number of houses involved, locations and the proposed remedy and timescale.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 16/009)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

19. **MOTIONS**

19.1 **OPW TO BRIEF CITY COUNCIL REGARDING DELAYS IN INSTALLING FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES IN AND FOR THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:

‘That the OPW be requested to brief Cork City Council regarding the delays in installing flood prevention measures in and for the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/369)

19.2 **SOUND PREVENTION/ALLEVIATION MEASURES (TREES, NOISE BARRIERS ETC) IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE SOUTH RING ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:

‘That the NRA is contacted yet again re the need for sound prevention/alleviation measures (trees, noise barriers etc) in residential areas of the south ring road (e.g. at Turners Cross, Togher) and also that Council should pursue the matter in terms of possible breaches of EU noise pollution policy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M Finn 15/370)

19.3 **UNDERGROUND ALL HIGH TENSION CABLES IN THE MONTENOTTE , BALLYVOLANE , DUBLIN HILL AND KILBARRY**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:

‘That Cork City Council calls on the ESB to underground all High Tension Cables in the Montenotte , Ballyvolane , Dublin Hill and Kilbarry areas for public health reasons and also to release significant areas of land for housing development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/004)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion to the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Functional Committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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