

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, K. O'Flynn, Lil, O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O'Keeffe.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
APOLOGIES	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive.
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy 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. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The McGregor Family on the death of Alan McGregor.
- The Gamble Family on the death of Joe Gamble.
- The Wiseman and Cremin Family on the death of Kitty Wiseman Cremin.
- The Montague Family on the death of John Montague.
- The Condon Family on the death of Elizabeth Condon.
- The Gill Family on the death of A.A. Gill.
- The Knightly Family on the death of Phillip Knightly.
- The O'Leary Family on the death of Liam O'Leary.

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

- Mayfield GAA Club on winning the Junior Munster Hurling Championship on Sunday 4th December.
- Cork City Council Staff, Parks and Wardens on the Tree Lighting Ceremonies across the city.
- Cork City Library Service, Breda Hasset and Staff in Bishopstown on the Growing Imagination Project which won the Library Association of Ireland Specific Project Prize 2016.
- Ibrahim Halawa on his 21st birthday, detained without trial in Egypt.
- Cork Youth Orchestra on their recent concert with Seo Linn.
- Cork City Archive on the publication of 'Voice of the Many'.
- Cork City Library on the publication of 'Cherish, Cherish, Cherish'.
- Ballintemple National School on Sciath Na Scoil.
- Beaumont Boys National School on Sciath Na Scoil.
- Connie Wiseman on the Santa Cycle for Straight Ahead Charity.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **JOINT CORK CITY COUNCIL/CORK COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

The Lord Mayor informed An Chomhairle that a meeting of the Joint Cork City Council/Cork County Council Committee has not taken place for almost two years. It was intended to call a meeting early in the new year.

3.2 **SUICIDE FORUM**

The Lord Mayor congratulated Comhairleoir M. Finn and N. Sheehan, Administrative Officer on a very focused Suicide Forum event which will be followed by a further event at the end of January.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **LOWER LEE (CORK CITY) FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive informed the members that the Lower Lee (Cork City) Flood Relief Scheme is on public inspection in the Foyer, Anglesea St and Central Library Grand Parade. Engineers from the Scheme will be available in the Millennium Hall for consultation.

4.2 **CORK CITY LECP**

The Cork City LECP (Local Economic Community Plan) will be launched in the Council Chamber on Friday 16th December at 2.30 p.m.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 14th November 2016 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary meeting of An Chomhairle held 28th November 2016.

The Meetings Administrator advised An Chomhairle that the legal advice received from the Law Agent in relation to “Proposed Variation No 3 (Mahon Residential Initiative) City Development Plan 2015 – 2021” was that “the matter was one which An t-Ardmhéara brought especially before the meeting on the 14th November, 2016. The Elected Council’s consideration of same was appropriate and consistent with Standing Order number 11 (1) (e).” Following discussion, Comhairleoir S. Martin confirmed that seeking the Law Agent’s advice was as had been requested.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **HOUSING ALLOCATION OUTSIDE THE CBL SYSTEM**

Can Cork City Council advise regarding the criteria for housing to be allocated outside the CBL system (not including housing associations, homes allocated for the elderly and modified housing for those with disabilities) and the different categories of cases that are considered?

(Cllr. Fiona Ryan)

REPLY

The Choice Based Letting Scheme has now been in operation for 54 weeks - during that period, 293 properties were advertised on the dedicated website with 56,433 expressions of interest received.

There are very limited circumstances whereby consideration may be given to allocating properties outside of the CBL system, as outlined below:

- Families/individuals in Homeless Services may on occasion be considered – however, many people in these circumstances still bid on the CBL system;
- Transfers where Cork City Council’s Architects Directorate advise that a particular property is required in advance of its return, due to their being unable to carry out works on the existing property for various reasons;
- Emergency cases (e.g house fires; extensive repairs required to a property) Often these cases are facilitated as Temporary Convenience Lettings.

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

6.2 **PROCESSES TO TACKLE THE HOUSING LIST**

What avenues or processes are available to Cork City Council to help it alleviate or tackle the housing list?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Housing Legislation from 1966 to present sets out the various processes available to Housing Authorities to address housing need and deliver housing.

At present the following mechanisms are utilised for eligible housing applicants:

- Increase housing supply through the Capital Programme as follows:
 - 51 units on 3 sites to start January 2017
 - 173 units on 8 sites to be advertised under Part 8
 - 146 units in construction on 4 sites at present
 - 428 units in the pipeline representing a €114m investment

Social Housing Leasing Initiative with approved housing bodies (61 units approved in 2016)

- Nomination of applicants to approved housing body schemes
- Partnership with approved housing bodies (361 currently being advanced)
- Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (over 1,016 tenancies secured)
- Rental Accommodation Scheme (897 agreements in place)
- Acquisition Programme – 169 units acquired in 2015 & 2016
- The return of vacant units to stock through the voids and maintenance programmes: 840 units returned from 2014 – 2016
- Preventative measures to ensure housing need does not increase through the Tenancy Protection and Tenancy Sustainment Services, MARP, Mortgage to Rent etc.

It is essential that the Housing Authority has accurate data with regard to housing need and social housing demand. To this end a number of initiatives have been implemented since November 2015 including:

- Introduction of the Choice Based Letting Scheme
- Comprehensive Rent Review
- Housing Needs Assessment

These processes, combined with increasing supply as outlined herein, have resulted in a reduction of the number of eligible housing applicants on the waiting list from almost 9,000 in November 2015 to 4,640 as at 30th November, 2016.

Housing staff are available for any queries Members may have and detailed reports on all of the above are prepared every month and presented to the Housing Committee as well as to full Council and questions are addressed at length as they arise.

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

6.3 **CONTRACTOR TO LOOK AFTER HEATING PROBLEMS**

Cork City Council used to employ a contractor to look after any heating problems tenants had with their gas heating, radiators, boilers etc. To the best of my knowledge this service was an excellent service and any resident that had problems with their heating, the problem was fixed within days. To the best of my knowledge this company is no longer employed by Cork City Council and Cork City Council haven't replaced the company or tendered for new contracts for this service.

Can the CE firstly tell me if the statement above is true?

Can you tell me how long it took while this company was employed to answer peoples' heating problems and get them resolved?

How long is it now taking to resolve peoples heating problems?

Is there any intention to tender for this service again?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

1. The Council has always engaged contractors to carry out repair works on domestic central heating installations.
2. The contractors currently engaged to carry out central heating repairs complete all such repairs to a high standard and in a reasonable period of time.
3. The Council does intend to tender again for the renewal of the central heating repair and boiler servicing contract in the near future.
4. The length of time it takes to resolve a problem depends on the nature of the problem.
5. The Councils targets are as follows:
 - a. all calls will be responded to within four hours e.g. contact made with tenant to determine the nature of the problem and an appointment made to visit the property if required
 - b. 85 % of all problems resolved with one site visit and/or three days

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

6.4 **PLANNING POLICY FOR SHORT TERM LETTING**

Can the CE give an update to Members on Cork city planning policy for holiday/short term letting and clarification for owners of property if there is a need to apply for material change of use if operating an Air BnB or other holiday letting business?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

The issue of short term letting of residential property for tourist accommodation has come to the fore in recent times through the use of software platforms such as Airbnb which allow individuals to easily sub let their property for tourist use.

Cork City Council, as planning authority, does not have a policy on such lettings and would treat each case on its individual merits. Whether or not the use of a property for tourist use constitutes a material change of use would depend on a range of factors including the permitted use of the property and the frequency and duration of the holiday related use of the building. The matter was considered in a recent significant An Bord Pleanála Section 5 Referral relating to the use of an apartment in Temple Bar in Dublin for holiday letting through Airbnb (Ref. No. PL29SRL3490). The Bord determined that the use did constitute a material change of use. The Board Inspector took into account:

- No one in the subject apartment was a resident – all were visitors, so it was no longer in use as a private apartment but as a short term holiday letting accommodation,
- The Dublin City Council development standards relevant to visitor accommodation differ to those for residential units (for example relating to parking standards).
- There was a high turnover of visitors staying in the apartment with attendant security risks for residents.
- There were support activities that serviced this high turnover including cleaning staff.
- There was no resident hosting the visitors or providing oversight that would be the case for example in a bed and breakfast.

Based on the above it would appear that the full time use of a residential apartment within an apartment complex for short term holiday letting would constitute a material change of use. However there is no generic response that would apply in all circumstances and each case would have to be considered on its merits. For example a different conclusion may apply where the property was only used occasionally for holiday letting, where this was for a short time and/or where the residents hosted the visitors.

A particular concern for Cork City Council would be impact of short-term lettings on the residential amenities of surround properties.

In response to the Board's decision, the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government are preparing guidelines for local authorities to provide clarity on the issue and any policy response from Cork City Council will be set in that context.

Patrick Ledwidge,
Deputy Chief Executive.

6.5 STAFFLESS LIBRARIES

Can the CE indicate if the introduction of staffless libraries is being considered for Cork City?

(Cllr. Stephen Cunningham)

REPLY

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government issued a call to Local Authorities in June 2016 for proposal's for inclusion in the Open libraries Project. Cork City Council indicated that it was not in a position to submit a proposal at that time.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate and External Affairs

6.6 SALTING ROADS AND FOOTPATHS DURING WINTER MONTHS

Can the CE please outline what arrangements are in place for gritting and salting of roads and footpaths during the winter months?

Will grit be made available to members of the public and at what locations will it be available at throughout the city?

In exceptional circumstances, in estates that are known black spots for ice, can the roads in these estates be included on the gritting route?

(Cllr. Nicholas O'Keeffe)

REPLY

Cork City Council has a defined salting route which prioritises main traffic routes, bus routes and other areas such as those adjacent to hospitals and schools. The route is available for viewing at:

<http://www.corkcity.ie/services/corporateandexternalaffairs/severeweather/coldweathersaltingroutes/>

Bridges and selected footpaths are also salted especially in the city centre in the areas of greatest pedestrian movement. Other areas which are not on the defined salting route are treated as resources allow.

Salt bags are also made available to resident associations/community groups on request to enable them to salt local areas within their communities. The salt comes in up to one tonne bags. The resident associations/community groups who request the salt have to provide a secure location where the salt can be delivered and stored. The provision of the salt is primarily intended to empower local communities to help themselves during a cold spell. The salt bags are collected by Cork City Council at the end of the winter period.

Salt bags have already been distributed for the current season but if further community groups are interested in the above they can contact the Roads and Transportation Directorate, Cork City Council, Room 333, Floor 2, City Hall, Cork.

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

6.7 **LIFE BUOYS MAINTAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

To ask the Chief Executive how many life buoys are maintained by the City Council, the process for monitoring and maintenance of those buoys, the number of buoys damaged or vandalised on an annual basis and if there is any intention to place positive mental health messages in strategic locations close to life buoy locations?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

The City Council maintains 172 ring buoys, placed along the banks of the River Lee from the Lee Fields, along both North and South Channels, and continuing along the Marina and Mahon Walkway. The ring buoys are inspected daily to ensure that the life saving devices are in proper working order if needed in an emergency. Over 300 ring buoys per annum or an average of 25 per month, have to be replaced as they are missing from their holders, caused by a deliberate act of vandalism. A number of these are subsequently recovered from the water. These figures are similar to those reported by Dublin City Council. There are no plans to erect signage near ring buoys but the Council will cooperate where possible with any agency regarding messaging if deemed to be of merit.

David Joyce
Director of Services
Environment & Recreation.

6.8 **RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES BILL 2016**

Can the CE report on the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Bill 2016 and any recent amendments to same?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Bill 2016 is currently being considered by the Oireachtas.

A copy of the bill was circulated to all Elected Members as it was on the Agenda of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Planning Committee on Monday, 5 December 5 2016. The committee decided to refer it to the Party Whips for discussion and recommendations to Council.

I am unaware of any proposed amendments to the bill.

Patrick Ledwidge,
Deputy Chief Executive.

6.9 **HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY**

To ask the CE the mechanisms in place to combat homelessness this winter in the city?
How many homelessness cases on the streets in the first weekend (4th/5th) of December 2016?

Are their beds available for all homelessness at this point in time in the city (early December 2016)? How many emergency accommodation units?

REPLY

It is worth noting that every year, the Council works with the Homeless Person Unit, as well as with all homeless service providers locally, to secure a Cold Weather Strategy for the winter period. This is in place already for the current year. We have block-booked 20 beds in the City to ensure that no person needs to sleep out this winter, and we do this every year. This will free up beds in emergency shelters to accommodate rough sleepers with the highest support needs. Additional support staff costs within Cork Simon and St. Vincent de Paul will be funded in order to provide the higher levels of support required.

In December 2015 there were 28 families with 67 children in Edel House and Emergency B&B accommodation, currently there are 29 families with 78 children in Edel House and B&B accommodation. The Good Shepherds Cork, who manage Edel House, the emergency shelter for women and children have a dedicated Outreach Worker to meet with all the families and provide visiting support for the families in private emergency accommodation, B&B/hotels.

This will facilitate referrals to the Homeless Action Team, Tusla and other identified family Supports and assist the families and single women in compiling any information that they require for housing or rent allowance applications.

St. Vincent de Paul will continue to key work clients who move from the shelter to B&Bs.

Severe Weather Initiative

As agreed by the Cork Homeless Forum, during cold spells, stormy nights, periods of heavy rain and forecasted flooding in the winter season, Cork Homeless Services working with the Army implement a Severe Weather Initiative. This involves provision of short term Emergency Shelter during periods of severe weather between January and March.

In these circumstances, assuming that no mainstream Emergency Beds or B&B places are available Cork Simon Community outreach team will offer Rough Sleepers access to Emergency Accommodation provided in partnership with the Army and Cork City Council for the period of the weather emergency.

Availability of emergency accommodation does not ensure use, however. With a figure of 6 to 8 on average of rough sleepers, out of a total population in the city of 125,000, and in the county of 500,000 (as homeless people tend to gravitate to the City where the services are based) the situation is definitely capable of resolution. While no level of homelessness is acceptable, we are fortunate as a city to be in a position to resolve this, and are determined to do so.

Accommodation Types

A breakdown of the types of accommodation available for Homeless persons in Cork City is set out below. These units are provided through various Voluntary Associations and funded by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and Cork City Council.

Emergency Accommodation	163 Units
B&B Emergency	20 Units
Transitional Accommodation	132 Units
Long Term Supported	153 Units
TOTAL	468 Units

On Thursday 1st December there were four people Rough Sleeping Bedded Down and six people Rough Sleeping NOT Bedded Down
On Friday 2nd December there were three people Rough Sleeping Bedded Down and six people Rough Sleeping NOT Bedded Down.

On Monday 5th December there were four people Rough Sleeping Bedded Down and three people Rough Sleeping NOT Bedded Down.
On Tuesday 6th December there were five people Rough Sleeping Bedded Down and six people Rough Sleeping NOT Bedded Down

The “bedded down” category captures all those who have been confirmed (observed by an outreach worker sleeping on the street in the night in question) as rough sleeping.

The “not bedded down” category captures all who presented to the Cork Simon rough sleeper service in the day centre. These individuals self reported as sleeping rough but this has not been observed by the outreach services.

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

7. **PARTY WHIPS – 28th NOVEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips held 28th November 2016.

7.1 **MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Meeting Schedule 2017.

An Chomhairle also agreed that Strategic Policy Committees would meet in January 2017 and agree a schedule of SPC meetings for the year. These dates to be advised to the Meetings Administrator for inclusion in the 2017 Meetings Schedule.

An t-Ardmhéara proposed and An Chomhairle approved that the Annual General Meeting of An Chomhairle would take place on Friday, 16th June.

7.2 **USE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER FOR A SITE SPECIFIC PIECE OF THEATRE DURING THE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the use of the Council Chamber for a site specific piece of Theatre during the Midsummer Festival, in June 2017.

8. **PARTY WHIPS – 5th DECEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips Meeting held 5th December 2016.

8.1 **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle agreed that a Civic Reception would be held for Michael Murphy, President of University College Cork in recognition of his contribution to the City.

8.2 **DESIGNATED OFFICIAL BE APPOINTED**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the following motion referred from the meeting of An Chomhairle dated 28th November 2016.

‘That a designated official be appointed to ensure that decisions made by Council are promptly implemented.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/330)

An Chomhairle noted that the Chief Executive is the designated official.

8.3 **HELD IN COMMITTEE**

8.3.1 **QUESTIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

An Chomhairle noted that the Chief Executive would address “Questions to the Chief Executive” in the manner she deemed effective and appropriate.

MEETING OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK JOINT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that it was imperative that the nominated members of An Chomhairle attend all meetings.

An Chomhairle agreed that the 6 Cork City Council representatives would be the Chairs of each Ward.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 28th NOVEMBER 2016

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee held 28th November 2016.

9. **TOURISM, ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 5th DECEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 5th December 2016.

10.1 **TOURISM STRATEGY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services 2nd December 2016 on the Tourism Strategy 2017.

10.2 **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE SPC 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services dated 28th November 2016 on the Schedule of Meetings for 2017.

10. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 5th DECEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 5th December 2016.

11.1 **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN VARIATION NO. 4 (VACANT SITES)**

An Chomhairle considered the revised report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 30th November, 2016 in relation to the Proposed Development Plan Variation No.4 (Vacant Sites).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, a vote was called for on the revised report where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney. (23)

AGAINST: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Proposed Development Plan Variation No. 4 (Vacant Sites) approved. On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following resolution:

‘Having considered the Proposed Variation No.4 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 and the Chief Executive’s report on the public consultation, dated 5th December 2016, and having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of Cork City Council as local authority and any relevant policies and objectives of the Government or Ministers of the Government, it is hereby resolved to make Variation No.4 to the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021.’

An Chomhairle further agreed that Proposed Variation No. 4 should read Proposed Variation Number 3 of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021.

11.2 **CENSUS 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report and approved of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 30th November, 2016 in relation to the Census 2016 Report.

11.3 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 30th November, 2016 in relation to the CASP Policy Committee Report October, 2016.

12. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 28th NOVEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 28th November 2016.

12.1 **REPORTS CONSIDERED**

12.1.1 **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW**

An Chomhairle noted and endorsed the Director of Services report on Speed Limit Review and associated Guidelines for the setting and managing speed limits in Ireland.

13. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th DECEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th December 2016.

13.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 1st December 2016 on the progress of the ongoing Roadwork's Programme for the month ending October 2016.

13.2 **LOCAL AREA TRANSPORT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding the Local Area Transport Plan.

‘That a Local Area Transport Plan be carried out by Cork City Council for the South Parish, Evergreen, Greenmount Road network. The plan to look at one way system pedestrian crossing and junctions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/228)

The Report stated that subject to resources being available, Cork City Council can assess the existing traffic management arrangement for the South Parish, Evergreen, Greenmount Road network to, determine the extent of the problems that exist and identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

13.3 **PLAQUE ON KEMP STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 3rd November 2016 regarding the Plaque on Kemp Street.

‘That Cork City Council put a plaque on Kemp Street, i.e., the unmarked street between Sawmill Street and South Terrace.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/229)

The Report stated that Cork City Council has a nameplate for Kemp Street and will be erecting it in the very near future

13.4 **FOOTPATH OUTSIDE NO. 28 SILVERHEIGHTS DRIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding the Footpath Outside No.28 Silverheights Drive.

‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate repairs to the footpath outside No. 28 Silverheights Drive as the ecoflex surface laid by council has deteriorated seriously and has left serious flaws to the footpath such as to be a danger to pedestrians , young and elderly.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/291)

The Report stated that the area will be inspected and the options for carrying out remedial works will be investigated.

13.5 **RESURFACE CARPARK OF PEARSE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding to resurface the carpark of Pearse Square Shopping Centre.

‘That the Carpark at the Northern end of Pearse Square Shopping Centre in Ballyphehane be resurfaced as parts of it are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T O’Driscoll 16/303)

The Report stated that the car park at Pearse Square will be assessed for possible inclusion in a future resurfacing programme.

13.6 **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding the road improvements for Ballyvolane.

‘That Cork City council expedite the proposed road improvements already agreed under a previous Part 8 for Ballyvolane as the roads and footpaths from Gordons Hill to its junction with the so called north ring road are in such a bad condition as to lead to road accidents likely to cause death or serious injury.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T Brosnan 16/304)

The Report stated that the tender process for the realignment and widening of Ballyhooley Road between the North Ring Road and Gordon’s Hill is now complete. The Construction Contract is ready to commence in January 2017 subject to NTA funding approval.

13.7 **DISABLED CAR PARKING SPACE ON AVENUE DE RENNES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding a disabled car parking space on Avenue De Rennes.

‘Can the roads department assess the possibility of painting a disabled car parking space on Avenue de Rennes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/307)

The Report stated Avenue de Rennes can be put on the list of requests for the provision of a disabled parking space if the location of same is identified. If appropriate, it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

However, it should be noted that there are three (3) conditions which must be adhered to in order to qualify for a disabled parking space, namely:

1. A valid disabled parking permit;
2. A vehicle registered to the address of the applicant;
3. No availability of off road parking.

It should also be remembered that a disabled parking space is not ‘owned’ or reserved solely for the use by a specific individual and therefore can be used by any motorist displaying a valid disabled parking permit.

13.8 **ASSESSMENT OF THE JUNCTION OF COMMONS ROAD AND POPHAM'S ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding the assessment of the junction of Commons Road and Popham's Road and further agreed to examine the feasibility of the installation of an additional lane at Brother Delaney Road.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a traffic and roads assessment of the junction of the Commons Road and Popham's Road by Dino's Restaurant to install an additional road lane off Brother Delaney Road on to Popham's Road. This would allow more cars leave Dunnes Stores and reduce traffic congestion. Also to install a slip road at the bottom of Fairfield Avenue on to the Commons Road above the Topaz Garage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/310)

The Report stated that there is no plan by Cork City Council to install an additional road lane off Brother Delaney Road onto Popham's Road by Dino's restaurant or to install a slip road at the bottom of Fairfield Avenue on to the Commons Road above the Topaz Garage.

13.9 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR THE STONERIDGE ESTATE, BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st December 2016 regarding the pedestrian crossing for the Stoneridge Estate, Blarney Road.

‘That Cork City Council report on progress on commencing works for a pedestrian crossing and associated traffic-calming measures for the Stoneridge est, Blarney rd and timeline for same?’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/311)

The Report stated that the detailed design for this scheme is currently underway with the view of it going out to Tender in Q1 2017. An application to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DOTTAS) has also been made for 2017 low cost safety funding to cover the costs of the construction of the scheme.

13.10 **ENTRANCE TO THE NORTH MONASTERY ON NORTH MONASTERY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding the entrance to the North Monastery on North Monastery Road.

‘That Cork City Council would widen the entrance to the North Monastery on North Monastery Road and install pedestrian gates and footpaths for use by the pupils of the three North Monastery Schools. At the moment the current entrance is dangerous for students and motorist alike. Also for Cork City Council to install traffic calming measures outside the North Monastery entrance on Fairhill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/315)

The Report stated that the widening of the entrance to the North Monastery on North Monastery Road and the installation of pedestrian gates and footpaths is a private matter for the North Monastery and will require planning.

The installation of traffic calming measures outside the North Monastery entrance on Fairhill will be assessed. Any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future traffic calming programme

13.11 **GREEN TO PARKING ON CONNOLLY ROAD AND PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding converting the green to parking on Connolly Road and Pearse Road.

‘That Cork City Council put a budget in place that would allow it to carry out a rolling programme of Green to Parking on Connolly Road and Pearse Road. These are two wide streets/Roads with exceptionally wide footpaths. It would tidy up the public realm and legitimize the practice in these roads of parking on the footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/231)

The Report stated that this request for converting green areas to parking will be included in the agenda for the next South Central ward meeting. In the meantime the feasibility of the proposals will be investigated.

The agreement of the residents affected will be required for the proposal to progress. There has been no ongoing funding of ‘green areas to parking’ schemes for a number of years and any works will be dependent on funding being available.

13.12 **REPAIR THE PUSH BUTTON PEDESTRIAN LIGHT ON SUNDAYS WELL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding repair of the push button pedestrian lights on Sundays Well Road.

‘That Council repair the push button pedestrian light on Sundays Well road for the safety of local residents and visitors to the City Gaol.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/298)

The Report stated that the location has been listed for inspection by Traffic Section staff and any necessary repairs will be done to put the pedestrian facility back in normal operation.

13.13 **CLEAR ALL STREET GULLIES IN THE CITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding the clearing of all street gullies in the city.

‘That Cork City Council would seek to initiate a programme to clear all street gullies in the City immediately as blocked gullies are a major cause of local flooding all over the city.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/305)

The Report stated that there is currently an ongoing programme to clear street gullies but due to leaf fall there is a higher tendency for gully blockages at this time of year. All reported locations of gully blockage will be attended to on a priority basis.

13.14 **STEPS TO CASTLEVIEW TERRACE ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding the steps to Castleview Terrace on Lower Glanmire Road.

‘That Cork City Council resurface and refurbish the steps leading up to Castleview Terrace on Lower Glanmire Road. As these steps are quite steep and the residents are elderly can a handrail also be put in place as a safety measure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/320)

The Report stated that a handrail will be installed at this location in the coming weeks and the steps will also be inspected with a view to improving the access for the residents of Castleview Terrace.

13.15 **CHANGES TO THE 203 BUS ROUTE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding changes to the 203 bus route.

‘That Cork City Council acknowledges that a number of public meetings have taken place in Farranree recently to discuss changes to the 203 bus route and that the overwhelming view of residents was the original long-standing route be restored, which Bus Éireann are agreeable to. Recognising this, and my previous motion, Council will facilitate the process by securing funding from the NTA to install parking outside retail units on Pophams rd to allow buses to traverse the road once again with greater ease.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/322)

The report stated that the request for funding to facilitate works to improve the 203 bus route will be made to the NTA in the context of the 2017 funding allocation.

13.16 **PARKING PERMITS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding parking permits for health care workers.

‘That Cork City Council reviews its parking policy to allow permits for health care workers who are engaging in emergency care in local communities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/323)

The report 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 all 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.

13.17 **KIOSK AT ST LUKES CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated the 1st December 2016 regarding the Kiosk at St Lukes Cross.

‘That Cork City Council undertakes the repainting and Windows repaired on the kiosk at St Lukes Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/325)

The report stated that the two broken windows in the Kiosk will be replaced with security glass within the next two weeks and the structure will be repainted when the weather permits.

14. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th DECEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th December 2016.

14.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for November 2016.

14.2 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Deputy Chief Executive dated 1st December 2016 on the following disposals:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in premises known as “The Angelus”, No. 35, Colmcille Avenue, Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork, (also known as Site B12), to Bernadette Naughton, c/o Timothy J. Hegarty & Son, Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €76.16 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 plus VAT.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
- b. Disposal of properties known as Nos. 1 & 2, Bridge House, Off High Street, Cork to Good Shepherd Cork, having its registered office at Bruac Eile, Redemption Road, Cork and c/o O’Flynn Exhams, Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork by way of lease for a term of 4 years and 9 months at a rent of €250.00 per annum.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

14.3 **HOUSING UNITS AT SHERIDAN PARK, TRAMORE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 in relation to the purchase of housing units at Sheridan Park, Tramore Road, Cork.

14.4 **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT ARD SIONNACH, SHANAKIEL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 in relation to the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 12, Heather Walk, Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel, Cork by Túath Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, 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 €23,800 be granted to Túath Housing Association in respect of the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 12 Heather Walk, Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel, Cork, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

14.5 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

14.6 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME – PHASE II**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 in relation to the development of Choice Based Letting Scheme – Phase II.

14.7 **INCREMENTAL TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 in relation to an update on the Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016.

14.8 **NASH’S BOREEN, FAIRHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 3rd November, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will report on a site it owns on Nash's Boreen, Fairhill where an extended Traveller family have been living for several years. The report should outline whether the families accommodation needs are to be considered in the forthcoming Traveller Accommodation Plan. In the interim period can the Council facilitate the families with electricity and improved sanitation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/248)

The report of the Director of Services stated that under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998 a local authority has, under the direction of the Minister, to adopt a Traveller Accommodation Plan.

Under the legislation, a local authority must make an assessment of the accommodation needs of travellers within its administrative area, engage with the local consultative committee, and give notice in writing to relevant bodies of the preparation of the Traveller Accommodation Plan. This process allows consultation with the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee and any other relevant stakeholders. The adoption of the Traveller Accommodation Plan is a reserved function of Council.

The current plan expires in 2018 and preparatory work on a new plan will commence next year. Submissions to be included in the Traveller Accommodation Plan can be made on behalf of the residents of Nash’s Boreen at that stage.

As the site is an unauthorised site, an electrical supply will not be sought by Cork City Council in the meantime.

Currently, basic sanitation and refuse removal facilities are provided to the site and are paid for by Cork City Council. Measures to improve sanitation would mean legitimising the site and it is Council policy not to do so.

14.9 **BOUNDARY WALLS AT COPPINGERS ACRE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council undertake the Painting and repairs to the boundary walls at Coppingers Acre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/268)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will carry out an inspection of boundary walls in public ownership at Coppingers Acre and carry out any necessary repairs where required.

14.10 **DRAINS AT FAIRFIELD COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council clear all of the drains at Fairfield Court Farranree.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/288)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council would arrange for clearance of drains where required at Fairfield Court, Farranree.

14.11 **VICARS ROAD/VICARS COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would provide a full report to the Housing Functional Committee on the present condition of the roofs on our properties at Vicars Rd. / Vicars Court. Residents are very concerned about the present conditions of these roofs as these are only painted corrugated sheeting that were put in place back in the 80's. Some of these residents in our properties are now seeing that the paintwork is now deteriorating thus leaving this corrugated sheeting exposed to the elements which is resulting in signs of rusting near the fascit soffit boards. A maintenance programme will have to be put in place to rectify this to prevent it escalating to something more serious.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/309)

The report of the Director of Services stated that as of 2015, the Housing & Community Directorate has been in a position to initiate roof maintenance works across a limited

number of the City Council's social housing stock. Whilst this is positive, it is limited in its scope to address all the roofing related issues in the immediate term.

It is planned to continue addressing housing roof issues throughout 2017. Planned roof work will be set out on a priority needs basis and, in line with same, the roofs at Vicars Road/Vicars Court will be assessed. The City Council will seek to address the issues found at Vicars Road/Vicars Court in accordance with their prioritisation on the overall list of roof works to be addressed across the social housing stock.

It is appreciated that action now can prevent further deterioration or issues developing over time, however, the ability to address any issues found will be determined by resources and the extent of roofing issues to be addressed across the entire social housing stock.

14.12 **OVERGROWN LAND TO THE SOUTH OF LAGAN GROVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st December, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would in consultation with Mayfield East Community Association block off the overgrown land to the south of Lagan Grove, Mayfield and convert it for use as allotments for local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/211)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council is currently examining a number of options including the feasibility of constructing new infill housing at a number of locations in this area. The option of using the land to the south of Lagan Grove for allotments for local residents can also be considered as part of the assessment process.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

16. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries by members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

17. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

18. **TRAINING**

None received.

19. **MOTIONS**

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

19.1 **ROAD MARKINGS IN SOUTH CENTRAL WARD**

‘That a survey on the road markings in South Central Ward be carried out and those that have disappeared be included in a renewal programme of work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/259)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City council include Sundays Well road in the traffic calming programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/341)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING SPEED RAMPS IN MAYFIELD**

‘I propose to the Council that traffic calming speed ramps be installed on Silversprings lawn, Upper Silversprings Court, Silverheights Road, Upper Lotabeg Road and Boherboy Road, Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/354)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.4 **DISC PARKING OUTSIDE VESTA PLACE AND ST. JOSEPHS VILLAS**

‘That because of chronic overparking by those who drop cars there for the day, disc parking is introduced on the small stretch of Blackrock Road outside Vesta Place, and St Josephs Villas (across from Ashton) to facilitate local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/355)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.5 **SUPPORT OF THE RED HEAD CONVENTION**

‘In view of the world wide publicity the Red Head Convention receives, that Cork City Council explore ways to try and Support this unique festival.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/357)

Tourism, Art & Culture Functional Committee

19.6 **STREET LIGHTS AT ARD PATRICK CLOSE**

‘That Cork City Council would assess Ard Patrick Close where numerous street lights without pole numbers are not working with a view to repairing same’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/358)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.7 **ROAD RESURFACING ON ROMAN ST, GERALD GRIFFIN ST, WOLFE TONE ST, CATHEDRAL WALK, CATHEDRAL RD, UPPER JOHN ST AND OLD COMMONS RD**

‘That Cork City would carry out road resurfacing on Roman St. Gerald Griffin St, Wolfe Tone St, Cathedral Walk, Cathedral Rd, Upper John St, Old Commons Rd and surrounding areas because these roads are in terrible condition following recent works and they require urgent action.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/359)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.8 **LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That Cork City Council would develop a local transport plan for Bishopstown in the context of it being a large employment area with CIT and CUH as well as being an access point for the city from West Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/360)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.9 **STRATEGY TO BRING OPEN AIR CONCERTS TO CORK**

‘That Cork City Council would develop a strategy and policy of engagement with relevant stakeholders to bring large open air concerts to Cork on an annual basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/361)

Tourism, Art & Culture Functional Committee

19.10 **INCLUDE SILVERHEIGHTS DRIVE, SILVERSPRINGS LAWN, SILVERSPRINGS COURT AND SOUTHRIDGE IN THE 30 KPH ZONE**

‘That Cork City Council extend the recently introduced 30 kph zone to include Silverheights Drive, Silversprings Lawn, Silversprings Court and Southridge in the interest consistency and the health and safety of residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/362)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.11 **NAMEPLATES ON SUMMERHILL**

‘That Cork City Council erect nameplates on Summerhill to reflect the correct name of the area and remove the signs which incorrectly name the area as Summerhill North. For the information of all can officials outline in their response the procedure which must be followed to properly effect a name change as there would appear to be a widespread mis naming of streets in nameplates erected by Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/363)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.12 **SAFETALK HALF-DAY TRAINING COURSE IN CITY HALL**

‘That in the context of ongoing Inter-Agency work on suicide, Cork City Council in the new year will assist the process by hosting in City Hall; The safeTALK half-day training course on a number of dates for staff and elected members a number of performances of the 'Bring Me Back Alive' play, a thought provoking piece about suicide awareness, targeted at secondary school transition year students and the general public Council will continue to engage with all the relevant agencies and community based groups wherever possible in addressing the issue of suicide in our city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/365)

Party Whips

19.13 **TRAFFIC / PEDESTRIAN STUDY ON VICARS ROAD**

That City Council would carry out a traffic / pedestrian study with the intentions of improvements to the public realm, and safety and access for pedestrians on Vicars Road. There is a need to make the road safer. In particular, I believe that there is a need for a zebra crossing on Vicars Road, and to get the pedestrian crossing on Togher Road improved. This is particularly important given that Vicars Road is home to the QDS day Service, Cope Foundation, and many of those accessing this facility have Visual Impairments, mobility issues and are wheelchair users. In this context it is vital that these junctions are as safe and straightforward as possible. Many walk to the facility, and it is important that it is made safe for both, people attending QDS and people in the wider community.

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/366)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.14 **PUBLIC LIGHTS ON RINGMAHON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the status of public lights pole number 19 on Ringmahon Road & pole number 19 on Convent Road. Are there outstanding works pending for these lights.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/367)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.15 **TRAFFIC SURVEY IN RAVENSDALE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council roads department carry out a traffic survey in the Ravensdale Road area of Mahon with a view to assessing the feasibility of providing traffic calming measures. Residents have mentioned the increased volume of cars driving at high speed through this residential area that is a significant concern for all especially families with young children.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/368)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.16 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION AT THE GARDA STATION IN BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That City Council would investigate the traffic lights at the Junction at the Garda Station in Bishopstown and consider introducing a green arrow to allow traffic to turn right onto Bishopscourt Road, drivers are taking chances here cutting across cars here to get to the local Gael Scoil with their children and some parents have approached me to mention it to the relevant Dept. and try to make it safer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/369)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

20. **MOTIONS**

20.1 **EMERGENCY WORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the Minister to resource Cork City Council in project management, engineering, architectural technical surveying and other skills as well as in the community engagement staff critical to executing the emergency works programme. If the current housing situation is indeed an emergency then emergency powers must be given to housing authorities to deliver the emergency response.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/260)

20.2 **RENT HIKES IN CORK CITY AND ELSEWHERE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘Given that the Government are soon to be present their rent proposals to the Dáil, that Cork City Council write to Minister Coveney to demand that strong rent controls be introduced in light of the continuation of rent hikes being experienced in Cork City and elsewhere.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 16/335)

20.3 **BUS ÉIREANN TO SUPPLY MONTHLY SERVICE LEVEL REPORTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would contact Bus Éireann looking for them to supply monthly service level reports on the bus service in Cork City (if buses arrive on time and if any buses were cancelled or if buses broke down). That this information would be available to

the public so that the public can check the information, comment or log a complaint if they wish to do so. I have received a number of complaints from members of the public in relation to bus service being up to an hour late or not turning up at all and this type of service is not acceptable especially at a time when we are encouraging more and more people to leave their cars at home and use public transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/356)

20.4 **CONTACT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF IRISH CITIZEN
IBRAHIM HALAWA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny urging him to directly contact Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el Sisi on behalf of Irish citizen Ibrahim Halawa. Ibrahim remains imprisoned in Egypt without trial since 2013 enduring inhumane and unjust incarceration.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/364)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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