

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14th JUNE 2021

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Cauty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. D. Roche, A/Director of Services, Housing. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. K. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Development. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS

1.1 ROLLE OF HONORARY CITIZENS OF CORK CITY

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that on Friday, 11th June 2021 a ceremony was held to add the names of Tomás MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney to the roll of Honorary Citizens of Cork City.

A traditional ceremony could not be held due to Covid19 restrictions, therefore the ceremony was filmed and broadcast live on Cork City Council's YouTube channel.

1.2 **HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that on Thursday, 10th June 2021 he officially opened sixty four new homes across Cork City, and turned the sod on two housing developments that will create a further sixty two new homes in Cork City over the coming months.

1.3 **TREE PLANTING CEREMONIES**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that on Wednesday, 16th June 2021 tree planting ceremonies will be held across Cork City. Trees will be planted as symbols of hope for the future at Glen River Park, Bridevalley Park, Blackrock Castle and Curraheen Greenway.

1.4 **THROWING OF THE DART**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that on Thursday, 17th June 2021 the annual Throwing of the Dart ceremony will be held.

1.5 **ANNUAL MEETNIG 2021**

An tArdmhéara reminded An Chomhairle that the Annual Meeting of Cork City Council will be held on Friday, 18th June 2021, venue, and time to be decided later in the meeting.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle passed a vote of sympathy to the family of former Cork City Council (Cork Corporation) planner, John O'Donnell.

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

3. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 10th May 2021.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **SPRING LANE**

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

- A. Could the City CE please give details of how many members of the Spring Lane Halting Site have been given offers of housing in the past 12 months?
- B. How many have accepted?
- C. How many refusals?
- D. Can the CE inform the council the cost of clean-up in Ellis Yard for the past 12 years
- E. Could the CE also inform the cost of cleanup of illegal dumping on the road outside Spring Lane halting site for the past two years
- F. Could the CE inform the council of the cost waste collection that Cork City Council provides to the halting site of Spring Lane
- G. What steps has the CE taken for the protection of animals on the Spring Lane site
- H. Can the CE make a veterinarian report available to the elected members regarding farm animals and equestrian animals on the site

REPLY

Response to Part A:

Cork City Council has processed twenty offers of housing between May 2020 and May, 2021.

Response to Part B:

Of the above twenty offers, a total of 2 offers were accepted.

Response to Part C:

Of the above 20 offers of accommodation, 3 offers were withdrawn and 15 offers were refused.

Response to Part D:

The cost of the clean-up of Ellis Yard over the last 12 years has amounted to €547,633.42.

Response to Part E:

The waste collected from the road outside Spring Lane forms part of a number of pickups done by City Council staff. In this regard it is estimated that 156 tonnes of waste have been collected in past 2 years at a cost of approx. €31,000.

Response to Part F:

Cork City has paid a total of €42,402.94 in skip services for the removal of waste from the Spring Lane Site for the period May 2020 to May 2021.

Response to Parts G& H:

The welfare of animals is the responsibility of Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). The City Council has no responsibility in this regard.

We do have responsibilities that allow us to seize, detain and/or destroy horses in a number of situations; unlicensed horses in control areas, stray or unidentifiable horses or horses causing a nuisance or posing a danger. Likewise, we have operational responsibilities regarding the control of dogs; but again this does not encompass animal welfare.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.2

PERMANENT SITES FOR BALLINCOLLIG SCHOOLS

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

Can I please request an update on any progress that has been made in the identification of permanent sites for Gaelscoil an Chaisleáin (currently operating from its temporary accommodation in Tanner Park on the grounds of Ballincollig R.F.C.) and the Le Chéile Secondary School in Ballincollig (due to open its doors to first year students in September 2021 from its temporary home on the grounds of Ballincollig GAA Club)?

REPLY

The identification of school sites is being considered and progressed as part of the Cork City Development Plan review process. Cork City Council continues to engage with the Department of Education in this respect.

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

4.3

UPDATE ON SECURITY PROTOCOLS

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 12th July 2021:-

In light of the recent cyber attack in both the HSE and the Department of Health. Can I ask the chief executive for to an update regarding security protocols in place and an assessment of firewalls in place to protect Cork City Council's IT services.

4.4 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FOR COLMCILLE ROAD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to update me on proposals to provide a push button pedestrian crossing on Colmcille Road with a view to the provision of a safety crossing for pupils and parents entering Scoil Padre Pio and Jerry O' Sullivan Park, Churchfield.

REPLY

A request and a petition to install a pedestrian crossing on Colmcille Rd was received on 27th May 2021 and has been added to the list of requests for works in the vicinity of schools.

The NTA have made funding available for a Safe to Schools Programme in 2021 and undertook a process with An Taisce to invite schools to participate in the programme. It is our understanding that applications are currently being reviewed by the NTA/ An Taisce. If Scoil Padre Pio made an application, and is selected for the 2021 programme, the request for a pedestrian crossing can be assessed at the feasibility and design stage. If not selected, the request will remain on our list until selected and funds made available.

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

4.5 **CBL HOUSING**

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

Cork City Council provide a breakdown of how many applicants from the “transfer housing list” were offered CBL bid social housing over the past 24 months?

REPLY

A total of 137 of tenants were considered for the offer of alternative accommodation (both Cork City Council and Approved Housing Body properties) following a CBL bid between 1st June 2019 and 31st May 2021. The status of the offers are as follows:

Accepted transfer to alternative accommodation:	93
Refused transfer to alternative accommodation:	24
Consideration for transfer withdrawn:	6
Offer currently pending:	14

There were a further 50 offers made to tenants seeking transfer on medical/disability grounds or to one of the developments designated for older persons in the same period:

Accepted transfer to alternative accommodation:	25
Refused transfer to alternative accommodation:	16
Consideration for transfer withdrawn:	2
Offer currently pending:	7

The Members are aware that, aside from CBL, tenants seeking a transfer can also avail of the Homeswapper website, due to the extension of the pilot initiated in late 2019 for a further year long period.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.6 **GOVERNMENT FUNDING – HOUSING VOIDS**

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

Can the CE provide the amount of government funding received between 2016 and 2021 towards works needed to return housing voids?
How many units did this return?

REPLY

Between the years 2016 and 2020, inclusive, the Department of Housing issued Cork City Council, a total of €15,576,780 towards the return of 868 vacant properties.

Government voids funding for 2021 has not yet received approval. Submissions were only requested as part of the recent Voids Programme 2021 announcement. Cork City Council made its submission, to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, on 4th June last.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.7 **MANAGEMENT COMPANIES' OBLIGATIONS UNDER CORK CITY BYE LAWS FOR PREVENTION OF WASTE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive whether the City Council intends to investigate and, if necessary, fine and/or prosecute management companies in Cork which fail to provide the residents of their properties with the necessary facilities (including recycling and composting bins) to recycle and compost their waste in accordance with the

management companies' obligations under the Cork City bye-laws regarding the segregation, storage and prevention of waste. If so, please provide details of what the City Council intends to do in that regard.

REPLY

The Cork City Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws are very clear that in the case of Multi-user Buildings, Apartment Blocks etc. that the Management Company (if one exists), or the building owner (if the building is solely owned by one entity) or otherwise the individual owners of the individual apartments have certain duties and responsibilities. These include that:

- a) separate receptacles of adequate size and number are provided for the proper segregation, storage and collection of recyclable household kerbside waste and residual household kerbside waste,
- b) additional receptacles are provided for the segregation, storage and collection of food waste where this practice is a requirement of the national legislation on food waste,
- c) the receptacles referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) are located both within individual apartments and at the place where waste is stored prior to its collection,
- d) any place where waste is to be stored prior to collection is secure, accessible at all times by tenants and other occupiers and is not accessible to any other person other than an authorised waste collector,
- e) written information is provided to each tenant or other occupier about the arrangements for waste separation, segregation, storage and presentation prior to collection,
- f) an authorised waste collector is engaged to regularly service the receptacles referred to in this section of these bye-laws, with documentary evidence, such as receipts, statements or other proof of payment, demonstrating the existence of this engagement being retained for a period of no less than two years. Such evidence shall be presented to an authorised person within a time specified in a written request,
- g) appropriate waste containers for kerbside waste are presented for collection on the designated waste collection day,
- h) adequate access and egress to and from the premises by waste collection vehicles is maintained.

Cork city council has been actively engaging with management companies across the city and over the past few months we have opened investigations into several properties on foot of our work in this area. Cork City Council has written to these properties to advise of the targeted enforcement campaign underway within our

functional area, focusing on multi-unit developments, mixed-use developments, flats or apartment blocks, combined living/working spaces or other similar complexes.

The purpose of this targeted campaign is to improve waste management compliance levels including the segregation of waste (such as food waste) at householder level with a particular focus on apartments and other multi-unit dwellings (MUDs).

It is Cork City Councils intention to bring these properties into compliance and where they fail to do so a Fixed Penalty Notice under the (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2019 will issue.

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

4.8 **PENROSE QUAY HOARDING**

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

To ask the CE on an update on the Penrose Quay hoarding? Whilst acknowledging, the recent creation of a smaller hoarding space and the Crawford Art Gallery print display of historic Cork paintings, it is now over a decade since my initial asking of when this remnant of the Cork Main Drainage Project will be completed, and the site levelled off?

REPLY

The hoarding in question surrounds the access shaft to a large wastewater siphon, which carries wastewater (Sewage) from the northern environs of the city beneath the River Lee and onward to a large wastewater pumping station, to the east of the Atlantic Pond.

During periods of high flow, the siphon and hence, the access chamber, become prone to venting, owing to entrained air within the flow being released due to turbulence. As such, it is necessary to keep members of the public back from the openings to the chamber; hence, the hoarding structure.

The issues causing the venting are complex and are currently being assessed by Irish Water.

In October 2020, Irish Water issued a draft report identifying the nature of the current operational issues being experienced within the siphon.

Following preliminary data collection, a workshop and further assessment, this report was revised and reissued in May 2021, with a recommendation to carry out *“Further investigative works to determine root cause of the pressure (i.e. venting) issue and to determine the most appropriate solution”*.

These works by Irish Water are ongoing; however, the timeframe for their completion, and hence, the overall resolution of the issue, is not currently known. We, as we have been, will continue to follow this matter up with Irish Water.

David Joyce
Director of Services,
Roads & Environment Operations.

4.9 **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT ENNISMORE ON MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if and how comparable oversight is being taken during construction of the public housing development at Ennismore on the Middle Glanmire Road to conditions 17c and 24 (relating to the protection of bats during construction) that were attached to the grant of private planning permission at the same site 17/37608.

REPLY

The permission attached to the Middle Glanmire Road development is not the private planning permission granted under TP17/37608, but the Part 8 approval granted by An Chomhairle in February 2020.

An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) were undertaken for the development, which did not identify the presence of bat roosts, nor the potential for an issue relating to bats. A Bat Survey however was a requirement of the Council in order to provide assurances at construction stage, requiring the developer to undertake a bat survey by a suitably qualified bat expert.

In accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Service Guidance, this bat survey should be conducted at the appropriate time of year, between June and September. An initial survey was undertaken which did not highlight any concerns, and an emergent/returning survey will be undertaken again between June and September at the appropriate time as recommended in the guidance.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.10 **APPROVED HOUSING BODIES OPERATING IN CORK CITY**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the number of Approved Housing Bodies operating in the Cork City and the number of housing units per ward area for which they are responsible?

REPLY

There are currently 33 active Approved Housing Bodies in the Cork City Council administrative area.

The total number of housing units for which they are responsible, including the management of Cork City Council schemes, comprises a total of 1,881 properties, which can be summarised by ward as follows:

Ward	Total
North East	360 units
North West	389 units
South Central	453 units
South East	360 units
South West	319 units

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.11 **VACANT SITE FEES**

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

Can the CE outline if the City Council is owed Vacant Site fees with the amount collected since 2019?

REPLY

Vacant Site Levy applies to sites that are vacant from the 1st January of the previous year. Therefore, the Vacant Site Levy is billed one year in arrears. This can change because the status of sites can change, i.e. they are no longer vacant, or ownership has changed, subject to clear criteria. Therefore, the bills for 2019 were issued in 2020 and bills for 2020 were issued in May 2021.

In 2020 Cork City Council billed €1,120,875 for the vacant site levy that applied in 2019. Of this:

- €606,375 was collected;
- Levies of €227,500 was reduced to €0 for two sites, because of change of ownership and / or they were longer considered to be a vacant site;
- €287,000 remains outstanding, of which, €175,000 will be collected due to an imminent sale of the site and €112,000 is being pursued.

In May 2021 Cork City Council billed €633,325 under the vacant site levy for sites that were deemed vacant in 2020.

All outstanding amounts are being pursued.

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

4.12 **TEXTURED SURFACE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

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

Does textured surface for visually impaired get incorporated into all new junction footpaths particularly with reference to the junction of Pearse Road and Lough Road?

REPLY

As per design standards, it is Cork City Council's policy that tactile paving is generally included in a project when the upgrading of junctions is being delivered as part of a project or scheme.

With regards to the specific junction of Pearse Road and Lough Road mentioned in the question, I can confirm that this location is not included in the current Operations Directorate footpath upgrade contract. Should it be included in a future programme of works then tactile paving will be installed as per design standards.

Tactile paving is provided at all new controlled and uncontrolled crossing facilities on public roads. This policy has been in place for more than fifteen years. Tactile paving will be provided on older crossings such as those at the junction of Pearse Road and Lough Road when they are next upgraded.

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

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

4.13 **REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL POLICY REGARDING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AMONG CITY COUNCIL TENANTS**

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

Could I ask the CEO please when last was there a review on the City Council policy regarding anti social behaviour among City Council tenants and how many evictions have been issued in the last 5 years.

REPLY

Cork City Council's current Anti-Social Behaviour Policy was adopted in 2010. It has not been updated since then. The City Council has high expectations of its tenants and promotes excellent social behaviour in communities. Eight evictions were effected over the period 2016 to 2020. The prohibition on evictions during much of the Covid restrictions has not been a concern.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

5. ANNUAL REPORT 2020

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Annual Report 2020.

6. STATUTORY ITEMS

6.1 SECTION 19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 – CASUAL VACANCIES

6.1.1 VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF CORK CITY COUNCIL

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Eolan Ryng to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir H. Cremin.

6.1.2 VACANCIES ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir E. Ryng to fill the vacancies on the Boards/Committees listed below arising from the resignation of Comhairleoir H. Cremin:-

Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee
International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee
South West Local Area Committee
Cork Area Strategic Plan Committee (CASP)
An Grúpa Forbatha Gaeilge
Arts Committee
RAPID ABC – City Wide Steering Committee
Cork Local Sports Partnership CLG
Joint Policing Committee
Travellers Accommodation Consultative Committee
Climate Action Committee

An tArdmhéara invited Comhairleoir E. Ryng to address the meeting.

6.2 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 3rd June 2021 on the following property disposal:-

1. Disposal by way of supplemental sporting lease of an area of land approximately 3223m², located at Ringmahon Road, Blackrock, Cork to John Fitzgerald, Henry O’Herlihy, Joe O’Herlihy, Michael Dorney, Christy Hayes and Michael Dorney, being the current Trustees of Ringmahon Rangers AFC, their successors and assigns, c/o Foley Turnbull Solicitors, Joyce House, Barrack Square, Ballincollig, Cork, at a nominal rent of €5.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Chief Executive, dated 3rd June 2021 on the following property disposal:-

2. Disposal of an area of ground, measuring approximately 256.5m², situated at South City Link Road, Cork to Seamus Scally & Evelyn Scally, c/o Frank Kelleher & Co. Solicitors, 1, Pearse Square, Cobh, Cork for the sum of €250,000.00 plus VAT if applicable plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

A vote was called for on the approval of the disposal where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, J. Kavanagh, G. Keohane, T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, M. Finn, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Ryng. (24)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, O. Moran, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, D. Boyle, C. Finn. (6)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting for the disposal were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

6.3 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: COLLEGE SQUARE, COLLEGE ROAD, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 20th May 2021 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one, two bed unit at 1 College Square, College Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, 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 €253,250 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one, two bed unit at 1 College Square, College Road, Cork.”

6.4 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: ROCK COTTAGES, NORTH MALL, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 20th May 2021 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one three bed unit at 18 Rock Cottages, North Mall, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, 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 €221,435 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one, three bed unit at 18 Rock Cottages, North Mall, Cork.”

6.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: FARRAN STREET, GERALD GRIFFIN STREET, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 20th May 2021 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one, one bed unit at 11 Farren Street, Gerald Griffin Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, 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 €188,043 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one, one bed unit at 11 Farren Street, Gerald Griffin Street, Cork.”

6.6 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: SARSFIELD TERRACE, RICHMOND HILL, CORK – GALTAN CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Interim Director of Services, Housing, dated 20th May 2021 in relation to a loan facility for Galtan CLG in respect of the provision of one, two bed unit at 64 Sarsfield Terrace, Richmond Hill, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, 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 €244,970 be granted to Galtan CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one, two bed unit at 64 Sarsfield Terrace, Richmond Square, Cork.”

6.7 **PART 8 PLANNING PROPOSAL CURRAGH ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 179 (4) (a) of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed Curragh Road Scheme and the attached report of the Director of Infrastructure Development thereon, as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Canty, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development viz. the Curragh Road Scheme and the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council thereon, it is hereby resolved pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, that the Curragh Road Scheme be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 14th June 2020.”

6.8 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OVER LANEWAY FROM FAIRHILL TO MOUNT AGNES ROAD, FAIRHILL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 20th May 2021 on the extinguishment of public rights of way over laneway from Fairhill to Mount Agnes Road, Fairhill, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

One written objection having been received within the prescribed statutory period set out in Section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the following Public Right of Way be extinguished with effect from the date of the making of this Order:-

The Public Right of Way marked on the attached map, from the point marked AA at Fairhill on said map for approximately 27 Metres in a south-westerly direction to point marked BB at Mount Agnes Road, Fairhill.”

7. **CORK HEALTHY CITIES ACTION PLAN PHASE VII 2020-2030**

An tArdmhéara invited Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald to brief An Chomhairle on Cork Healthy Cities Action Plan Phase VII 2020-2030.

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Cork Healthy Cities Action Plan Phase VII 2020-2030.

8. **BOARD OF CORK OPERA HOUSE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, Comhairleoir M. Finn was nominated to replace Comhairleoir D. Cahill on the Board of Cork Opera House.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, Comhairleoir G. Kelleher was nominated to replace Comhairleoir D. Cahill on the Board of Cork Opera House.

As one member only was required a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

For Comhairleoir M. Finn

Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, G. Keohane, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, L. Bogue, M. Finn, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, T. Moloney, E. Ryng. (13)

For Comhairleoir G. Kelleher

Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher. (17)

As those voting for Comhairleoir G. Kelleher were greater than those voting for Comhairleoir M. Finn, An tArdmhéara declared Comhairleoir G. Kelleher nominated to the Board of Cork Opera House.

9. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 8th JUNE 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 8th June 2021.

9.1 **UPDATE ON HEALTHY CITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the position on Cork Healthy Cities Action Plan 2020-2030.

9.2 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th APRIL 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30th April 2021.

9.3 **(UNAUDITED) ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the (Unaudited) Annual Financial Statement 2020.

9.4 **REPORT ON BYE-LAWS FOR PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON THE STREETS OF CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 3rd June 2021 in relation to the Bye-Laws for Prohibiting the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on the Streets of Cork.

9.5 **REPORT ON MOTION**

PROJECT BASED PUBLIC WORKS

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 3rd June 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will investigate instituting a Cork City Council BETA unit to test and implement project-based public works based on suggestions from the general public with the purpose of crowdsourcing and providing innovative solutions to common problems such as but not limited to; dog fouling, pedestrianisation and play areas, accessibility, bench provision, public toilets, breastfeeding facilities, circular economy, and waste disposal in public spaces. This will be discrete from the current work of the executive in that the basis of the interventions will be to innovate and trial proposals in an experimental way which has a higher risk of failure and to provide the latitude for this approach for the long-term public good.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 21/222)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the creation of a BETA Unit within the City Council to test and implement project-based public works would require financial and staff resources that were not provided for in the process for the approval of Budget 2021. The option of crowdsourcing as a means of funding the suggested projects is not considered robust and again would require resources to administer and implement, as well as very specialised diligence measures and controls.

Cork City Council is well acknowledged for its record in developing innovative solutions to evolving societal needs and was recently approved funding for 2 projects (out a national total on 20) under Public Service Innovation Fund administered by the Department of Expenditure and Reform. The Council also has a soundtrack record of public engagement and consultation across its broad range of activities and functions. This public dimension has informed and benefitted many of our activities and projects and this public engagement will continue. Embedding innovation across the organisation is a priority and a continuing process which is expected to continue to create innovative responses and projects. A “specialist unit” could have the unintended consequence of weakening the commitment of individuals and therefore the organisational strength in delivering on the innovation agenda.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, An Chomhairle agreed to refer the motion back to the Corporate Policy Group for further consideration.

10. **PARTY WHIPS – 24th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 24th May 2021.

11. **PARTY WHIPS – 4th JUNE 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its special meeting held, 4th June 2021.

12. **PARTY WHIPS – 9th JUNE 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its special meeting held, 9th June 2021.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8pm.

12.1 **ANNUAL MEETING 2021.**

An Chomhairle considered options for the location of the Annual Meeting 2021.

On the proposal of An tArdmhéara, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig was nominated as a location.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, the Clayton Hotel was nominated as a location.

A vote was called for on the location of the Annual Meeting 2021 where there appeared as follows:-

For Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig

Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, T. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, D. Boylan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher. (18)

For the Clayton Hotel

Comhairleoirí J. Maher, M. Nugent, K. Collins, L. Bogue, M. Finn, P. Dineen, F. Kerins, T. Moloney, E. Ryng. (9)

Comhairleoirí T. Tynan and F. Ryan voted to hold the Annual Meeting 2021 at an outside location.

As those voting in favour of Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig were greater than those voting for the Clayton Hotel, An tArdmhéara declared Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig to be the location for the Annual Meeting 2021, and An Chomhairle agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“It is hereby resolved that at the meeting of Cork City Council on 14th June 2021, An Chomhairle agreed to hold the Annual Meeting 2021 of Cork City Council at Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig.”

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Dineen, An Chomhairle further agreed that the meeting would commence at 7p.m.

13. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 17th May 2021.

13.1 **REVIEW OF UNITED KINGDOM CITY RELATIONSHIPS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, concerning a “Review of United Kingdom City Relationships”.

13.2 **OVERVIEW OF CURRENT FUNDING INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT TOURISM**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development on current funding initiatives to support tourism.

14. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 18th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 18th May 2021.

14.1 **MOTIONS**

14.1.1 **PARK OPENING HOURS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would change the City Council park opening hours on the weekend from 10.00am to 8.30am.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 21/128)

The report of the Director of Services stated that I can confirm that all parks are being opened at weekends and bank holidays at 8.30am. The signs at the entrances to each park are now being amended to reflect this.

14.1.2 **DOG FOULING BYE LAWS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council introduce a bye law that empowers our Dog Wardens to issue fines to any person not carrying a dog bag in an effort to stop dog fouling in our communities. It would be important to note that any monies collected would go into infrastructure to help stop dog fouling in communities such as bins, bag dispensers and signage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 21/131)

The report of the Director of Services stated that under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 fines in relation to dog fouling can only be issued where a Litter Warden observes faeces being deposited by a dog and also observes the person in charge of the dog failing to remove the faeces. In effect the warden has to be present to observe the offence. The introduction of bye-laws requiring dog owners to carry bags with them to clean up after their dogs would be unenforceable as most instances of dog fouling take place early in the morning or late in the evening when dogs are being walked or when dogs are let out unsupervised.

14.1.3 **PROVISION OF TEMPORARY PUBLIC TOILETS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council considers the provision of temporary public toilets in locations around the city mindful of closed bars, hotels and cafes and in expectation of public amenity areas being extra busy as Covid-19 restrictions continue and the weather improves. These measures to be funded by central government as part of its covid response.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 21/107)

The report of the Director of Services stated that at its meeting held on Monday the 10th of May, Council adopted a comprehensive Public Toilet Options Appraisal Policy Document which included short term, medium term and long term policy actions. Work has now commenced on the delivery of the policy actions approved by Council.

14.1.4 **SIGNS FOR DOG OWNERS AT WALKWAYS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That City Council would erect signs at both ends of our walkways asking dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead while using these walkways and to put in place dog litter bins also at these spots to facilitate dog owners who obey the rules by picking up their dogs litter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 21/164)

The report of the Director of Services stated that appropriate signage will be erected along the City walkways advising owners to keep their dog on a leash. Extra bins have been installed on all walkways since earlier this year.

14.1.5 **MOBILE TOILET FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘I call on this Council to give serious consideration to providing mobile toilet facilities at popular locations/destinations throughout the City during the Spring/Summer months from March to Sept. The areas that should be considered for this initiative should be the Lough, Grand Parade, Mardyke and the Marina. I would propose that we Cork City Council would seek tenders for the provision of mobile toilet facilities that can be towed in and positioned in the morning, maintained during the day and towed out again in the evening.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 21/141)

The report of the Director of Services stated that at its meeting held on Monday the 10th of May, Council adopted a comprehensive Public Toilet Options Appraisal Policy Document which included short term, medium term and long term policy actions. Work has now commenced on the delivery of the policy actions approved by Council.

14.1.6 **INSTALL PORTABLE TOILETS AT PUBLIC AMENITY SPACES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 15th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That this council install portable toilets in public amenity spaces in the city for the remaining duration of Covid-19 restrictions with a view to looking at more permanent solutions going forward into the future.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 21/143)

The report of the Director of Services stated that at its meeting held on Monday the 10th of May, Council adopted a comprehensive Public Toilet Options Appraisal Policy Document which included short term, medium term and long term policy actions. Work has now commenced on the delivery of the policy actions approved by Council.

15. **SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 7th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its special meeting held, 7th May 2021.

16. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 20th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 20th May 2021.

16.1 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

16.1.1 **STRENGTHEN BYELAWS ON CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 20th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That because byelaws surrounding possession and consumption of alcohol in public areas and at public amenities are not fit for purpose (despite regular Council replies to Cllrs to the contrary), and because our much needed outdoor amenity areas are being abused by some, Cork City Council moves to introduce new strengthened byelaws as a matter of urgency to increase powers of enforcement to include €500 fines, community service (e.g. supervised clean-ups of area where offences occurred) and ASBO or Public Order Act charges that remain on the transgressors’ records in the most serious of cases. Enforcement of littering laws by Council and use of alcohol in a public place must be stepped up and signage to signal the law should be erected immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 21/156)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there is a committee of Council established to discuss the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor (Drinking on the Street Bye Laws) and that this matter would be referred to the Corporate Policy Group.

16.1.2 **FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES, SPORTS CLUBS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 20th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council, with the expansion of the City boundary, would consider in its funding process community centres, sports clubs and other community organisations that have their premises just outside the City boundary but have a significant membership and involvement from communities living within the City boundary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 21/190)

The report of the Director of Services stated that prior to boundary extension, Cork City Council had and continues (post extension) to have due consideration for clubs, community centres and community organisations in boundary areas. The approach we take is twofold, if the facility is within the City boundary but population outside or if facility outside the boundary but the majority members within the City limits, we would consider all such applications subject to whichever funding stream guidelines were applicable.

16.1.3 **TASK FORCE TO TACKLE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 20th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call upon the Chief Superintendent of the Cork City division of An Garda Síochána to address the continuing rise in antisocial behaviour across our communities, take action to prevent a summer of discontent and, if necessary, establish, in conjunction with Cork City Council, a task force to tackle serious public order issues.’

(Proposers: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, Cllr. D. Boylan, Cllr. G. Kelleher 21/198)

The report of the Director of Services stated that until March 2020, Community Safety Forums, a collaboration between An Garda Síochána and Cork City Council, were held in Communities across the city 3-4 times a year.

These forums were supported by members of the Community Team, specifically RAPID coordinators, now situated in Community, Culture and Placemaking. These forums provided an invaluable opportunity for community engagement as well as to address local issues in a timely manner allowing for tailored solutions and avoiding issues escalating.

The onset of COVID required a pause in the running of these forums, and this cessation was keenly felt by all.

The virtual Community Safety Forums, scheduled for w/c May 24, will present an opportunity to reinstate this important process. Members of the public are invited to make submissions on issues and concerns, both Council and Garda related, relevant to their area. Council colleagues and Garda partners will work to find solutions and present these to virtual attendees, or work to put in place sustainable long term solutions to issues arising. It is anticipated that progress will be reported not alone through virtual meetings in May, but also will be fed back to Chairs of Community Safety Forums across the city subsequently.

The Community teams and our colleagues in An Garda Síochána are aware that there has been growing concerns about incidents of anti social behaviour across the city. It is anticipated that members of the public will have reported specific details of anti social behaviour in their own areas, allowing local Community Policing personnel to

respond appropriately or provide feedback to communities on their plans to curb these issues. Typically, where a specific Council action can aid with this response, collaboration will ensue to ensure this.

Community Safety Forums will be available to view on the streaming function on the main Cork City Council website.

16.1.4 **WORKSHOP WITH DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 20th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will hold a workshop with disability rights advocates and accessibility experts for councillors and council staff on the topic of accessibility and its intersection with built infrastructure interventions by Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 21/221)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council would be happy to schedule an awareness workshop for Members and with relevant staff on the topic of accessibility and its intersection with built infrastructure interventions by Cork City Council. It is hoped that this training will take place later on this year.

16.1.5 **ILLEGAL SCRAMBLER AND QUAD BIKES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 20th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council prepare a plan in conjunction with An Garda Síochana and Garda Youth Diversion Projects to commit to ending the scourge of illegal and dangerous scrambler and quad bikes. Provide interventions, youth justice strategy and legislative changes that are underway to tackle this issue. In the interest of public and road safety, damage to local green areas and noise pollution.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 21/092)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will cooperate and collaborate with An Garda Síochana and Garda Youth Diversion Projects in the areas affected by the illegal and dangerous use of scramblers and quad bikes where and when possible. Cork City Council is well connected to respond positively given our excellent relationship and long-established professional working relationship with An Garda Síochana who will lead in the legal and community responses which will assist a resolution to this issue.

Youth Justice Workers are key to a localised response to this issue and given the opportunity for a positive community response Cork City Council will support the Youth Officers who may design such a response in cooperation with An Garda Síochana in any way we can.

16.1.6 **APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY BASED CCTV GRANT AID SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 20th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would make an interagency application to the Department of Justice for Community Based CCTV Grant Aid Scheme for the North West Ward and discuss at the next JPC meeting.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 21/137)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will examine the need for Community Based CCTV in the North West Ward taking into account the parameters of the scheme and will refer the recommendation to the JPC in due course. The Scheme has a number of limitations and challenges which will be examined prior to a recommendation to the JPC.

16.1.7 **COMMUNITY BASED WEALTH BUILDING MODEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 20th May 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council should examine the Community Wealth Building model with a view to incorporating it into their Local Economic Community Plans (LECP). Community Wealth Building has emerged as a powerful approach to local economic development and has been particularly successful in Preston, England, North Ayrshire, Scotland and Cleveland, Unites States. The model will allow counties to leverage existing resources, such as procurement, to meet local needs while creating quality employment and promoting equity and sustainability. The Council initiate dialogue with local public bodies and semi-state companies in the locality regarding their potential role in the strategy. Local businesses, enterprises and community activists need to be brought into the discussion around developing the project. The Council could also engage with councils in Preston, North Ayrshire and elsewhere which have successfully developed this model.’

‘Gur cheart do Chomhairle Cathrach Chorcaí scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an múnla Neartú Maoín Cheantair d'fhonn é a chur san áireamh ina bPleananna Ceantair Geilleagar Áitiúil. Tá Nartú Maoín Cheantair ag teacht chun cinn mar bhealach cumhachtach d'fhorbairt gheilleagrach áitiúil agus tá sé ráthúil ach go háirithe i bPreston, Sasana, Ayrshire Thuaidh, Albain agus Cleveland, na Stáit Aontaithe. Ligfidh an múnla seo do thíortha a n-achmhainní reatha a threisiú, mar shampla soláthar, chun riachtanais áitiúla a shású, agus fostaíocht d'ardchaighdeán a chruthú agus cothromas is inbhuanitheacht a chur chun cinn ag an am céanna/ Go dtosóidh an Chomhairle ag plé le comhlachtaí poiblí áitiúla agus comhlachtaí leathstáit sa cheantar ó thaobh a róil fhéideartha sa stráitéis. Ní mór go dtógfar gnólachtaí áitiúla, fiontair agus gníomhaithe ceantair isteach sa chomhrá ar fhorbairt an tionscnaimh seo. D'fhéadfadh leis an gComhairle dul i mbun plé le comhairlí i bPreston, North Ayrshire agus áiteanna eile a bhfuil an múnla seo forbartha go ráthúil acu.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. K. Collins 21/163)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Local Community Development Committee will commence development of a new Local Economic & Community Plan this year. Currently, guidelines are being developed nationally and Cork City Council and Cork City LCDC are participating in this process, providing feedback on delivery of existing LECP. This will include a review on the current LECP prior to developing a new plan.

As part of this process, there will be widespread consultation with State Agencies, NGO's, Elected Officials, Public Participation Network, Cork Business and all actors across the Community, Cultural and Economic life of the City.

As the plan is being developed the opportunity for incorporating the Community Wealth Building Model will be looked at in tandem with the plan. The model has great potential and will certainly feature in any new iteration of the Local Economic and Community Plan and should provide opportunities for creating synergies across economic and community actions within the new plan.

Council will be kept informed as the LECP progresses.

16.2 **REPORT ON THE AWARDING OF COMMUNITY GRANTS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, dated 20th May 2021 on the awarding of community grants.

16.3 **MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking on minutes of the Arts Committee.

16.4 **REPORT ON OUTDOOR PUBLIC SPACE SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking on the Outdoor Public Space Scheme.

17. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th May 2021.

18. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th May 2021.

19. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th May 2021.

20. **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 5th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 5th May 2021.

21. **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 11th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 11th May 2021.

22. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 24th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 24th May 2021.

23. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 25th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 25th May 2021.

24. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 8th JUNE 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 8th June 2021.

24.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

24.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF FEBRUARY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of April 2021.

25. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 10th MAY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 10th May 2021.

26. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

27. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

28. **TRAINING**

None received.

29. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management report for April 2021.

30. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

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

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle agreed that motion 21/254, Regeneration Plan for Avenue De Rennes, be referred to the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee rather than to the South East Local Area Committee

31. **MOTIONS**

31.1 **LIVE ANIMAL EXPORTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion noting the objection of the Sinn Féin group to it :-

‘That Cork City Council calls on national government to follow New Zealand’s lead with plans for the phasing out of live animal exports from Ireland, mindful of poor practices and cruel conditions that can prevail in the process of such exports from our ports, including Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 21/233)

31.2 **ANONYMOUS TWITTER ACCOUNTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council condemn the use of anonymous twitter accounts to denigrate journalists and people with differing political opinions and that Cork City Council condemn the use of anonymous twitter accounts by “twitter trolls” who use such accounts to verbally abuse people on social media in a shameful and cowardly manner.

(Propose: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 21/236)

31.3 **MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR HISTORIC POST BOXES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on An Post to create a maintenance plan for the older green historic post boxes. These are historical artefacts which, literally have history inscribed on them, and which deserve to be preserved and maintained. They are examples of craftsmanship and are part of our fine national heritage and Cork's fine street furniture.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 21/262)

31.4 **INCREASED POWERS FOR THE GARDAÍ**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle agreed that the following motion be withdrawn:-

‘That following sustained noise and disturbance issues in the vicinity of UCC in recent months caused mainly by summer ‘free for all’ lettings and more generally at rented properties or public locations where Gardaí have to continually respond to ongoing issues around noise or anti-social behaviour, Cork City Council pushes for provision to be made in law or bylaw for Gardaí to enter such premises or public areas and be empowered to enforce public order/antisocial behaviour legislation and ensure offenders are dealt with properly. To support such measures, I call on Cork City Council to write to the Justice Minister and seek support for our Gardaí by giving them increased powers to act where these issues are a regular occurrence and which may include powers to force property owners take responsibility for what goes on in their premises (not just responsibility for rental income); a comprehensive report of options rather than the usual standard response to issue to Councillors on these proposals which are not (as some unaffected by sleepless nights might suggest) aimed at curbing liberties but which are aimed at protecting the everyday rights of residents to live in peace in their own properties and communities but who are exasperated by a lack of impactful laws governing these situation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 21/263)

31.5 **GLASHABOY AND CORK CITY WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT PLANS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will write to Irish Water seeking an update on the remediation actions recommended by the EPA for the Glashaboy and Cork City Water Supply water treatment plants, the current status of water quality at these plants, and risks if remediation actions are not undertaken.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 21/266)

31.6 **2019 INDECON REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the Minister for Finance Mr Pascal Donohoe and request that the 2019 Indecon Report "Evaluation of Concept of Community Banking in Ireland" be set aside. Further to ask the Minister to consider supporting a local public bank which would serve the communities and businesses in the city in light of the withdrawal of KBC and Ulster bank from the Irish market and the closing of some Bank of Ireland and Post Office branches across the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 21/276)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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