

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26th JANUARY 2015

PRESENT	An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance, Finance. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager, Housing & Community Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. B. Cassidy, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing & Community. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. D. O'Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & External Affairs.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.1 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to:-

- The McCarthy Family on the death of Michael McCarthy.
- John Brennan on the death of Denis Shine
- The McGeogh Family on the death of Eddie McGeogh.
- Ursuline Convent on the death of Sr. Jean Brown.
- The Burns Family on the death of Carmel Burns.
- The Kelleher Family on the death of Morgan Kelleher.
- The Savage Family on the death of Alisha Savage.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

- Togher Boxing club on holding the tournament against Gwent Boxing Club, Swansea Wales.
- Evelyn Grant and Gerry Kelly on the Lord Mayor's Tea Dance.
- UCC Demons Basketball Club.
- John Looney, Cork City Hospitals Children's Club on the LAMA Special Merit Award.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

1.3.1 **iWISH**

An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Shields advised An Chomhairle of correspondence received from Ruth Buckley iWish in relation to a schools initiative for female transition students to promote a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and mathematics)

1.3.2 **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that a Special Meeting of Corporate Policy Group was held on the 26th January 2015 to consider the following:-

- (a) Scheme for Strategic Policy Committees
- (b) External nominations to Strategic Policy Committees

(a) **SCHEME FOR STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group on the scheme for Strategic Policy Committees.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the scheme for Strategic Policy Committees.

(b) **EXTERNAL NOMINATIONS TO STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendations of the Corporate Policy Group on the external nominations to the Strategic Policy Committees.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of the following:-

- Colm Cronin, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- Dan McSweeney, Chambers Ireland
- Reserved membership for PPN nominations

HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of the following:-

- Barry Murphy, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- Kevin Smyth, Royal Institute of Architects Ireland
- Reserved membership for PPN nominations

TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. O’Driscoll, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of the following:-

- Gene Mealy, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- Seamus Heaney, Chambers Ireland
- Declan O’Mahony, Chambers Ireland

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of the following:-

- John Bowen, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- Denis Cambridge, Chambers Ireland
- Reserved membership for PPN nominations

STRATEGIC PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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

- Pat Guilfoyle, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- Trish O’Sullivan, Irish Planning Institution
- Reserved membership for PPN nominations

1.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS

1.4.1 An Chomhairle noted the report of the Chief Executive on City Centre Strategy.

2. MINUTES

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Minutes:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 12th January 2015.
- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 22nd December 2015.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS OUTSIDE THE GLEN ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

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

Could the CEO please inform the Council of when the Traffic Lights outside the Glen Rovers Football Club were:

- a) Erected
- b) The Cost
- c) What year does the Manager envisage that they would be switched on?

Also could the CE please advise the Council of when the traffic lights were erected at Wellington Bridge?

Along with the cost to City Council and the plans of when they'll be switched on?

REPLY

The controlled Pedestrian Crossing facility was installed on Ballincollie Road, outside the Glen Rovers Football Club in Blackpool in 2009. The approximate cost was €18,000. The controller operated satisfactorily for a number of years before becoming the subject of repeated vandalism leading to the removal of controller equipment. The installation will be re-examined by the repair crew and consideration given to how best to address the facility into the future.

Preliminary work was undertaken at the Thomas Davis Bridge (Wellington Bridge) - Sunday's Well Road junction some years ago. However, this was not progressed to completion due to concerns raised in relation to the adverse impact for parking on the approaches to the junction. A new proposed scheme for Thomas Davis Bridge-Sunday's Well Road junction has been drafted and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for consideration and possible grant- funding.

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

3.2 **INSULATION OF PROPERTIES IN DESMOND SQUARE, GREENMOUNT**

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

Mindful of work ongoing in the city, can the CE outline when the local authority properties in Desmond Square, Greenmount will be insulated to an acceptable standard and conform to regulations?

REPLY

As per the current fabric upgrade plan circulated to Councillors at the last council meeting it is intended to commence fabric upgrade work in Desmond Square, Greenmount during

the last week of March 2015. This work involves the installation of attic and cavity wall insulation into each social house where appropriate. The work is carried out in accordance with S.R. 54:2014 Code of Practice: Methodology for the energy efficient retrofit of existing dwellings.

**Dan Buggy,
Assistant Chief Executive,
Housing & Community Services.**

3.3 **MARINA PARK**

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

When will Phase 1 of the Marina Park begin?

The Council was led to believe that the €1.6m the Council obtained by the County Board in lieu of the lands sold by the Council to the County Board for the redevelopment of Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

REPLY

The Part 8 Report for Area A Marina Park was scheduled for consideration by the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee on 29th September, 2014.

An Bord Pleanála advised the Council in the week prior to this Committee meeting that they had received a representation on the Part 8 process requesting them to review whether an Environmental Impact Statement was required for this development and, advised the Council to defer the report to Committee until this representation was determined by them.

An Bord Pleanála advised on 22nd December, 2014 that they had reviewed the representation and determined that an Environmental Impact Statement was not required for this development.

The Part 8 Report will now be submitted to the Environmental and Recreational Committee on Monday 16th, February for consideration.

On completion of the Part 8 process, initial works will be phased in order of priority in line with available resources. It is intended to undertake low cost elements of the plan as part of the Gateway Project Programme. The estimated cost of phase 1 (areaA) is of the order of 3.5 M Euro

Proposed works will form part of the overall capital budget of Council. Funding for the park development will be sourced in different ways including Development Contributions , sale of land including from Cork County Board ,Government grants etc

**Jim O Donovan ,
Director of Services,
Environment and Recreation.**

3.4 **RENTAL INCREASE**

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

Can the Manager confirm that there will be a rental increase of approx 15% to be brought in over three phases beginning on the 1st July, 2015?

REPLY

The City Council has not received any update from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government since July 2014 in relation to the new national differential rent scheme. The information received last year would suggest a rental increase in the region of 15% which could be brought in over phases with the final phase being implemented on 1 July 2017.

Dan Buggy
Assistant Chief Executive
Housing & Community Services

3.5 **CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009 – 2015**

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

To date, Cork City Council has made twelve variations to the current City Development Plan 2009 – 2015, can the Chief Executive list:

- a) The dates that Council made these variations and
- b) The dates on which these variations were subsequently notified to An Bord Pleanala and other notice parties.

REPLY

Variations to the Cork City Development Plan 2009 – 2015

There are 11 adopted variations to the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015. The dates of adoption of each and of the its notification to the Prescribed Bodies, under the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, are set out below:

Variation No 1 (Farranferris Local Area Plan) Adopted on 7th December 2009.
Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 18th December 2009

Variation No 2 (Carrigrohane Park and Ride) Adopted on 13th September 2010.
Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 29th September 2010

Variation No 3 (Hollyhill) Adopted on 27th June 2011
Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 4th July 2011

Variation No 4 (Cork City Core Strategy) Adopted on 27th June 2011.

Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 4th July 2011

Variation No 5 (North Blackpool Local Area Plan) Adopted on 26th September 2011
Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 28th September 2011

Variation No 6 (Ballyvolane) Did not proceed to adoption.

Variation No 7 (Marina Park Pairc Uí Chaoimh) Adopted on 16th April 2012.
Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 23rd April 2012

Variation No 8 (Knocknaheeny) Adopted on 25th June 2012.
Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 6th July 2012

Variation No 9 (Model Farm Road) Adopted on 10th December 2012
Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 17th December 2012

Variation No 10 (Tinkers Cross) Adopted on 15th July 2013
Letters sent to prescribed bodies on 31st July 2013

Variation No 12 (Mahon Local Area Plan 2014) Adopted on 24th March 2014. Letters sent to Prescribed Bodies on the 8th May 2014.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

3.6 **MAINTENANCE OF BROKEN FOOTPATHS & ROADS**

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

Leading on from the answer received that CCC have spent close to €3 million on personal injury claims in each of the last 3 years, and my supplementary question “How much is being spent on the maintenance of broken footpaths & roads”? Can the CE tell me?

1. What fund pays for this personal Injury Claims?
2. How many are settled out of court?
3. How much is being spent on the maintenance of broken footpaths & roads – routine maintenance?
 - a. What is the breakdown of those costs?
 - b. How much of that comes out of CCC’s own fund?
4. What would Dublin City Council spend per capita?
 - a. What does Cork City Council spend per capita?

I understand that we will never come to a place that all personal injury claims against CCC will be irradiated but does the CE not think it would be better to they and be proactive

rather reactive and try and put in place a fund to fix the pot holes & broken footpaths around the city rather than having to pay close to €3 million each year on claims?

REPLY

1. Provision is made for Insurance and Liability costs for all compensations claims inclusive of personal injury claims in the revenue account budget each year.

The City Councils' self insured status and its employment of a dedicated and experienced in house investigation team allows for the Councils direct control and management over its own claims costs which saw a significant decrease in the levels of expenditure the Council was previously exposed to. Current claims budget has effectively been frozen for seven years at €3,536,700 and results in the equivalent of 2.3% of the City Councils revenue expenditure as against 6.2% in earlier years.

2. The Claims Unit endeavours to handle/manage public liability and employer liability claims in an effective and efficient manner and to protect the City Councils interests and to minimise the Councils exposure to risk and financial losses whilst obtaining value for money in the handling of claims.

The Unit in its investigation of any claim seeks an early determination on liability, information as to the validity of the claim, advices on quantum, early offset transfer or sharing of liability where appropriate, or early settlement where liability is not an issue. In all other cases the Council practices a policy of robust and vigorous defence of claims at Court. There were 106 cases listed for Court Hearing during 2014.

The Claims Unit further endeavours to minimise the City Councils exposure to risk and financial losses by monitoring trends, identification/reporting/preventing of risk.

**Tim Healy,
Head of Fincance**

- 3 (a) Expenditure in 2014 on the repair of footpaths and roads amounted to €3.5m. For 2014 this was broken down evenly between footpath and road repairs.

The above figure does **not** include other maintenance works such as gully cleaning, weed control, bridge maintenance, wall maintenance, winter maintenance, maintenance of bollards, permanent repairs to Irish Water road cuttings etc

- 3(b) This breakdown is not recorded as income is not allocated to expenditure at sub service levels. However central government grants to the Council for maintenance and improvement of regional and local roads account for approx 40% of the total spend on regional and local roads.

- 4 Information on Dublin City Council's expenditure on road and footpath repairs per capita has been sought as requested.

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

3.7 **BLACKROCK PIER**

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

To ask the Manager for an update on

- a) The start date and works at Blackrock Pier?

REPLY

Construction of the Blackrock Renewal Project is expected to commence in June 2015. The construction timeframe will be of the order of six months. The proposed scope of work is being expanded to include Phases 1 & 2. Phase 1 covers the area north of Blackrock Road (current car parking area) and phase 2 relates to the realignment of Blackrock and Convent Roads. Phase 3 relates to the park within the Ursuline grounds. It is expected that the latter will be advanced when further funds become available.

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

3.8 **PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIMS AGAINST COUNCIL**

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

Can the Manager please keep councillors updated in relation to Public Liability claims against Council. Specifically advise on quarterly basis the following information:

Electoral Ward

Reason for claim

Amount of Compensation paid.

Whether payment is by settlement or Court Award

Legal costs to Council

What action must Council take to avoid a recurrence

REPLY

Reports on the City Council Insurance and Liability Claims have heretofore been brought to Council through the Finance and Estimates Functional Committee. The report on 2014 activity is at presently being prepared and will be brought o the next meeting of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee.

**TIM HEALY
HEAD OF FINANCE**

3.9 **BLACKROCK VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT**

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

Can the CE please provide a comprehensive update on the status of the Blackrock Village redevelopment, including expected construction commencement date and timeframe for completion?

REPLY

Construction of the Blackrock Renewal Project is expected to commence in June 2015. The construction timeframe will be of the order of six months. The proposed scope of work is being expanded to include Phases 1 & 2. Phase 1 covers the area north of Blackrock Road (current car parking area) and phase 2 relates to the realignment of Blackrock and Convent Roads. Phase 3 relates to the park within the Ursuline grounds. It is expected that the latter will be advanced when further funds become available.

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

3.10 **GATEWAY SCHEME**

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

Can the Chief Executive report on the number of personnel on placement with the City Council through the Gateway Scheme and how many will be in place by the end of the year?

What are the Gateway workers duties and the terms and conditions of their positions?

Is there any prospect of full-time employment for the workers at the end of their term?

REPLY

The City Council were assigned 110 places under the Gateway Scheme. To date 94 participants are in situ. The remaining 16 are scheduled to commence at the beginning of March 2015. The participants undertake maintenance and upkeep duties in Parks & Amenity areas. They are employed on fixed-term contracts for a period of 22 months. There is no progression route for participants to full time work at this time.

**Michael Burke,
A/Director of Services,
Human Resource Management
& Organisational Reform.**

ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 12th JANUARY 2015

Prior to 4.1 being discussed by An Chomhairle, Comhairleoir C. O'Leary advised An Chomhairle that he is a Director of the Volunteer Centre and excused himself from the Chamber.

4. HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th JANUARY 2015

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, and from its meeting held on the 5th January 2015.

4.1 DISPOSALS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 31st December, 2014 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 34, McSwiney Villas, Gurrabraher, Cork to Marcella Murphy, c/o Barry C. Galvin & Sons Solicitors, No. 91, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €6.35 plus costs of €460.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Shea, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 59, Loretto Park, Ballyphehane, Cork to Carol Hennessy, c/o Kieran Riordan & Co., Solicitors, No. 14, Princes Street, Cork, for the sum of €6.35 plus costs of €460.00 plus VAT. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.
- c. Disposal of property known as No. 3, Heather Walk, Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel, Cork to Patrick Casey and Catherina Dunne, c/o Finbarr Murphy Solicitors, Lee White House, No. 8, Washington Street, Cork in exchange for the property owned by Patrick Casey and Catherina Dunne at No. 21, Glandore Park, Knocknaheeny, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.
- d. Disposal of property known as No. 30, Mount St. Josephs Heights, Gurrabraher, Cork to Pauline Walsh, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey, Solicitors, No. 54, North Main Street, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Pauline Walsh at No. 66, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, the disposal was approved.
- e. Disposal of property known as No. 47, Glencurragh, South Douglas Road, Cork, to Mary Harvey, c/o Joyce & Co., Solicitors, No. 9, Washington Street West, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Mary Harvey at No. 22, Glandore Park, Knocknaheeny, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, the disposal was approved.
- f. Disposal of property known as No. 59, Spriggs Road, Gurrabraher, Cork to Denis and Paula McSweeney, c/o Hannon Solicitors, No. 70, Shandon Street, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Denis and Paula McSweeney at No. 96, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, the disposal was approved.
- g. Disposal of property known as No. 60, Spriggs Road, Gurrabraher, Cork to Alan and Noreen Good, c/o Barry O'Meara & Sons, Solicitors, No. 18, South Mall, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Alan and Noreen Good at No. 16, Glandore Park,

- Knocknaheeny, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, the disposal was approved.
- h. Disposal of property known as No. 58, Templeacre Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork to Christopher and Christine Coleman, c/o Timothy Hegarty & Sons, Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork, in exchange for the property owned by Christopher and Christine Coleman at No. 17, Glandore Park, Knocknaheeny, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgeald, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, the disposal was approved.
 - i. Disposal of premises known as No. 13, North Main Street, Cork by way of lease to Cork Volunteer Centre Limited c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, No. 54, North Main Street, Cork at an initial rent of €7,500.00 per annum. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, the disposal was approved.
 - j. Disposal of an area of land situated at No. 6, St. Mary's Road to Sheila Wolfe, c/o Dunlea Mulpeter & Company Solicitors, No. 6, Strand Street, Passage West, Co. Cork for the sum of €1.00. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.

4.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services on Housing for December 2014.

4.3 **ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services on Housing for the year ended 31st December 2014.

4.4 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

Comhairleoir M. Nugent Proposed by An Cathaoirleach Comhairleoir T. Gould,
Seconded by Comhairleoir F. Kerins

Comhairleoir K. McCarthy Proposed by Comhairleoir P. J. Hourican
Seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan

4.5 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADE SCHEME - FLATS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council seek funding from the Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Scheme for the flats on Ballyphehane, Pouladuff and Noonan Road, Fort Street and St. Finbarr’s Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 14/318)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that the Sustainable Energy Agency Ireland Warmer Homes Scheme provides grant aid to house owners towards the cost of works to upgrade the energy efficiency of their houses. Cork City Council does not apply directly to SEAI but supports Community Based Organisations or Energy providers who are eligible to make applications in respect of social housing. Consideration will be given to including flats at these locations if the scheme is available in 2015.

4.6 **DATABASE OF MAINTENANCE WORKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would keep a database of the maintenance works required in all houses that become vacant in order to readily ascertain the costs associated with renovation of each house in City Council stock. This database should also include the costs associated with standing utility charges, security & any miscellaneous charges on each property to fully estimate the ongoing costs to City Council of vacant houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 14/396)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that the cost estimates for the repair of vacant units are already compiled as a matter of course for the purposes of instigating necessary repairs by City Council staff or by Contract as appropriate. Consideration will be given to adding individual ongoing utility and security costs, currently monitored in bulk, to provide an individual property cost register as suggested.

4.7 **GARAGES ON FARRANFERRIS AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘Can Cork City Council secure and carry out any necessary repairs to the 5 garages on Farranferris Ave and that Cork City Council facilitate the use of the garages to members of the community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 14/397)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that there are no resources available to secure and repair these garages. All Housing Maintenance resources are better directed towards necessary repairs to Housing stock. Without such repair, it is considered unlikely that any local expressions of interest for future use for the garages would be forthcoming. It may thus be preferable to demolish the garages, but leaving the rear walls standing to the normal garden wall height of 2m. It is suggested that local Ward Councillors should consider and agree this course of action before implementation.

4.8 **FLATS/APARTMENTS ON TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Council would include the Council owned Flats / Apartments on Togher Road in the insulation / Warmer Home Scheme in the next programme if / when funding is allocated from the Dept. of Environment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 14/398)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive stated that the Sustainable Energy Agency Ireland Warmer Homes Scheme provides grant aid to house owners towards the cost of works to upgrade the energy efficiency of their houses. Cork City Council does not apply directly to SEAI but supports Community Based Organisations or Energy providers who are eligible to make applications in respect of social housing. Consideration will be given to including flats at these locations if the scheme is available in 2015.

4.9 **CORRESPONDENCE WITH IRISH WATER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Housing & Community Services dated 31st December, 2014 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this Council calls on management to produce a report including all correspondence, if any, received from and sent to Irish Water, relating to any request for information of Council tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 14/400)

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive included copies of the relevant correspondence from Irish Water relating to requests for information on Council tenants. Correspondence received from Irish Water on 5 January 2015 (date of the Housing Functional Committee meeting) was also circulated to members at the meeting. The report confirmed that no information has been forwarded to Irish Water on Council Tenants.

5. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th JANUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group, from its meeting held on the 19th January 2015.

6. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th JANUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 19th January 2015.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, An Chomhairle requested that correspondence be forwarded to An Taoiseach and The Minister for Finance regarding outstanding loans in relation to affordable housing, and the situation in relation land banks in the ownership of Cork City Council.

7. **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th JANUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 19th January 2015.

7.1 **ARTS GRANTS 2015**

An Chomhairle considered the Arts Grants recommended from Arts Committee meetings. On the proposal of N. O’Keeffe, seconded by S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Arts Grant 2015.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to complete the Agenda.

7.2 **MOTIONS**

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

7.2.1 **STREET FESTIVAL AT ELIZABETH FORT**

‘That a street festival, centred around Elizabeth Fort, be commissioned to mark the re-opening of Barrack Street following a multi-million makeover.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 14/383)

The report stated that T.E.A.M. will liaise with the Roads & Transportation Directorate in relation to this proposal and revert to the Committee.

7.2.2 **DEVELOP A CORK.IE APP**

‘Following on from the Cork.ie website, that the Council develop a Cork.ie app.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 14/453)

The report stated that T.E.A.M. is in the process of developing a number of apps based on the tourism offering in Cork City.

7.2.3 **CORK CITY LIBRARY**

‘That the roof of local studies in Cork City Library be fixed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/003)

The report stated that the Council submitted a proposal to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government in the autumn of 2014 for the construction of a new City Library on the Grand Parade.

The City Librarian and City Architects Department are currently finalizing a scheme for interim improvements on the City Library building, which would include securing vulnerable parts of the fabric, including the roof over the Local Studies Library.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

1. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 16th January 2015 regarding the Motion adopted on ‘Gender Identity Self Determination’.
2. Letter from office of the Taoiseach dated the 16th January 2015 regarding the Motion adopted in relation to a housing regulator.
3. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 16th January 2015 regarding the Motion adopted in relation to restoration of the D.P.G grant on Housing units.
4. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 16th January 2015 regarding the Motion adopted on water charges.
5. Letter from Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality dated the 19th January 2015 regarding the Motion adopted on ‘Gender Identity Self Determination’.
6. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 19th January 2015 regarding the Motion adopted in relation to tolling at the Jack Lynch tunnel.
7. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 19th January 2015 regarding the Motion adopted on recognition of the State of Palestine.
8. Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 19th January 2015 regarding the Motion adopted on a constitutional referendum to retain water services in public ownership.

At the request of An Chomhairle it was agreed that reminder correspondence would issue to Minister Alan Kelly in relation to a letter requesting that Minister Alan Kelly would meet with a delegation of Members to discuss issues relating to Cork City.

9. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended:-

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the seminar ‘Mental Health and Suicide Awareness at Dungarven, Co. Waterford on the 1st February 2014.

Comhairleoir S. Martin at the seminar ‘Crime and its Impact on Quality of Life at Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 18th to 19th April 2014.

10. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

To approve attendance at the following Conferences/Seminars:-

1. Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the seminar ‘Government’s Construction 2020 Strategy – Local Government Housing Supply’ at White’s Hotel, Wexford on the 5th – 8th February 2015.
2. Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll at the seminar ‘Sustainable Tourism Development’ at The Connacht Hotel, Galway on the 20th – 21st February 2015.

11. **TRAINING**

None received.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **SIGNAGE ON THE NORTH RING ROAD**

‘That Cork Council would erect signage on the North Ring Road in the Ballyvolane, Pynes valley and Ballyvolane shopping area, advising oncoming traffic of both sides of resident’s traffic. Due to the extreme increase of accidents, that has occurred on the North Ring Road over the last 12mths in those particular areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/018)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.2 **RESURFACE ACCESS POINTS FROM SKEHARD ROAD ONTO THE BLACKROCK AMENITY WALKWAY**

‘That the access points from Skehard Road onto the Blackrock amenity walkway will be resurfaced as promised by the Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Also the signage be removed or changed to promote the walkway as promised also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 15/019)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.3 **RETAIL STRATEGY**

‘In light of the recent closures of many retail shops, mostly long established old Cork business’s and the fact that the long awaiting retail strategy for the City Council has as yet not come to Council. Would the Council facilitate a public meeting for all the business owners in the City, Primarily to outline the retail strategy and also to take concern directly from the rate payers.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 15/020)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.4 **REDRAW ROAD MARKINGS**

‘To redraw the lines, arrows etc at the important junction opposite Aldi’s entrance, the turn-off to Mahon Point from Skehard Road. The markings are faded, some cannot be seen and have led to near car collisions.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 15/021)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

‘That the stretch of road between St Josephs Church and The Library on Old Youghal Road in Mayfield be included in the Road resurfacing programme for 2015.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/025)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.6 **MOTION TRACKER SYSTEM**

‘That Cork City Council in Conjunction with the IT Department put in place a "Motion Tracker System" which would enable Councillors to log in and check the status and progress of each individual motion that they have submitted and has been approved by Council. Motions should stay on the system indefinitely under the relevant Councillors name until they are completed. All motions are genuine proposals which originate from within our communities through necessity and under the current system are getting lost over time. This proposed Tracker system would be of benefit to Councillors and officials in tracking progress and the status of each individual motion and would enable these issues to be dealt with methodically and efficiently over time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/026)

Corporate Policy Group

12.7 **CORK CITY MARATHON**

‘That Cork City Council will consider holding the Cork City Marathon on an alternate day to the Bank Holiday Monday over the June long weekend, such a move could increase the numbers participating in the marathon and encourage many to stay in Cork over the weekend.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/027)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.8 **SURVEY CHURCHFIELD TERRACE EAST**

‘That Cork City Council survey Churchfield Terrace East to determine if increased parking spaces can be provided to residents so as to alleviate issues with parking and allow easier access to the terrace.’

(Proposer: N. Cllr. M. Nugent 15/028)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.9 **CLEAN ROAD SIGNS AND PUBLIC SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council undertake a comprehensive programme to clean road signs and public signage throughout the city. A build up of dirt on some signs has rendered them illegible which can be hazardous for road users and pedestrians alike. In addition having some of the public signage in such a condition is a poor reflection on the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/029)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.10 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OR APPROPRIATE PAINTED ROAD MARKINGS AND SIGNAGE ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE MAHON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council provide a pedestrian crossing or appropriate painted road markings and signage on the road outside Mahon Community Centre. Currently, there is no differentiation between the footpath and the road leading into the Community Centre, which is a significant hazard for pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/030)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.11 **DOG LITTER BINS**

‘That City Council would erect Dog Litter [Deposit Bins] on all our walkways across the city. Presently there are none on the following Walkway’s.

Carrigrohane Road to Model Farm Road.
Bandon Road to Sarsfield Road.
Sarsfield Road to Togher Road.
Togher Road to Kinsale Road.
Curraheen Road to Model Farm Road just the ONE.
All these walkways are very popular in the western suburbs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/031)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.12 **TREES IN HARLEY WOOD COMPLEX TO BE CUT DOWN OR TRIMMED**

‘That immediate attention be given to the Residents of 1 to 14 Arrigdeen Lawn and Togher road in their request for the Trees in Harley Wood complex to be cut down or trimmed . These trees are on private property and are causing huge problems for years for these residents,
a commitment was given to residents that contact would be made with the owner to rectify this problem.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/032)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

13. **MOTIONS**

13.1 **1916 RISING ANNIVERSARY**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘That the Irish Government to mark the 1916 rising in 2016 give protected structure status to the hundreds of memorials inspired and created by the government commemoration fund in 1966. It would give continuity and build on the aspirations of the fiftieth

anniversary year giving status to a wide range of memorials in the 100th anniversary year; that this motion would also be copied to other Councils in the country as well.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 15/022)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the amended Motion as follows:-

‘That the Irish Government to mark the 1916 Rising in 2016 give protected and national monument status to the hundreds of memorials inspired and created by the government commemoration fund in 1966. It would give continuity and build on the aspirations of the fiftieth anniversary year giving status to a wide range of memorials in the 100th anniversary year; that this motion would also be copied to other Councils in the country as well.’

(Proposer: Cllr K. McCarthy 15/022)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, it was agreed that the Minister be written to requesting €100,000 to commemorate the 1916 Rising.

13.2 **PUBLISH EXPENSE CLAIMS FOR TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE BY PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘That details of all expense claims for Travel and Subsistence by public sector employees be published online by all State bodies in a similar manner to how such information is published in respect of all politicians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/023)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O’ Keeffe, M. Finn, S. Martin, T. Moloney. (8)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J Hourican. (14)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Gould. (1)

As the numbers voting against the motion were greater than those voting in favour of the motion, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

13.3 **AMALGAMATION OF UCC AND CIT**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

‘That this Council calls on the Minister for Education and Science to initiate a review that would look at the amalgamation of UCC and CIT into a major University which would offer enhanced education opportunities and achieve major savings in administrative costs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/024)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan. (1)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, L. O'Donnell, M. Nugent, M. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, N. O' Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (21)

As the numbers voting against the motion were greater than those voting in favour of the motion, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

14. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 29th NOVEMBER & 8th DECEMBER 2014, 22nd DECEMBER 2014 AND 12th JANUARY 2015**

An Chomhairle considered the following Motion:-

14.1 **NATIONAL REVIEW BE UNDERTAKEN TO ASCERTAIN IF SEGREGATION ON GENDER GROUNDS AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM CAN BE SUSTAINED**

‘That a National Review be undertaken to ascertain if segregation on gender grounds at Primary and Secondary level in our Education system can be sustained or justified as it does sponsor gender based discrimination in our society.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/423)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed to approve the Motion with the following amendment:-

‘That a National Review be undertaken to ascertain if segregation on gender grounds at Primary and Secondary level in our Education system can be sustained or justified.’

14.2 **IRISH WATER**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘That Irish Water be wound up. It is an ill conceived FG / Lab super quango set up without a proper national debate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 14/424)

At the request of Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, D. Cahill, J. Kavanagh, P.J. Houican, their objection to the above Motion was noted.

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