

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir C. Kelleher
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M.R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, E. Rýng.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, F. Ryan.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, 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. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. D. Roche, A/Director of Services, Housing. Ms. R. Buckley, Head of Information Systems. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Ms. B. Ní Leighin, Senior Executive Engineer, Infrastructure Development. Ms. E. Roberts, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Mr. N. Carroll, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS

1.1 VOTE OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of An tArdmhéara, An Chomhairle agreed a vote of sympathy to the family of former Lord Mayor Comhairleoir Michael O'Connell on the death of Catherine O'Connell, former Lady Mayoress.

- The Quinn Family on the death of Joe Quinn.

1.2 **CIVIC RECEPTION**

A Civic Reception was held on the 4th September to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Naval Service.

1.3 **CONGRATULATIONS**

An tArdmhéara congratulated all Cork GAA teams at all levels both male and female on their achievement in 2021.

An tArdmhéara acknowledged the participation of all Olympians and Paralympians in the Tokyo Olympics 2021.

1.4 **MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that a consensus was reached at the Corporate Policy Group to move the next meeting of An Chomhairle from the 11th October to the 26th October to facilitate a physical meeting. An Chomhairle agreed to hold the next meeting of An Chomhairle on the 26th October subject to approval of venue location by Party Whips.

2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

2.1 **PART 8 REPORT – ERRIGAL HEIGHTS**

The Chief Executive presented the report under Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 – 2015 as amended.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive dated 7th September 2021 on the Part 8 report relating to site situated at Errigal Heights, Glen Avenue, The Glen, Cork.

3. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 12th July 2021.

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 19th July 2021.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 26th July 2021.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **HOUSING ESTATES NOT TAKEN IN CHARGE**

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

Could the City Manager please confirm how many housing estates are currently not taken in charge in Cork City?

Could she also list those housing estates and put them in order of years on the waiting list to be taken in charge?

REPLY

Cork City Council are in receipt of a Taking in Charge Application form or valid Plebiscite for 83no. private residential estates. These estates are at various stages of the taking in charge process. This excludes estates that are currently under construction where it is the intention of the applicant to submit a taking in charge application following completion of the residential estate.

	Date of TIC Application/Plebiscite	Estate Name	Location
1	26/10/2000	Woodville	Rochestown
2	23/04/2001	Sandylane	Blackrock
3	18/06/2004	Fernwood	Togher
4	25/07/2005	Maryborough Downs, Mews, Green	Douglas
5	29/03/2006	Ardfield, Grange	Douglas
6	02/11/2006	The Headlands	Wilton
7	11/02/2008	Ard Patrick	Assumption Road
8	26/05/2008	The Maples	Mahon
9	03/08/2008	Avoca	Pouladuff Road
10	29/10/2008	Downview	Farranlea Road
11	16/11/2008	Ard na Greine	Banduff
12	12/12/2008	Castlemeadows	Skehard Road
13	c. 2008	7& 8 Shandon Street	Cork City
14	19/08/2009	Ard na Ri	Banduff
15	18/06/2010	Bluecoat Mews	Stephen/King Street
16	15/12/2010	Riverview Rise & Gardens	Ballyvolane
17	16/12/2010	Brickfields	Skehard Road
18	c. 2010	Orchard Court	Blackpool

19	22/06/2011	The Heights	Blarney
20	23/03/2012	Lios Rua	Ballyvolane
21	05/05/2012	Evergreen Close	Evergreen Street
22	17/04/2013	Cuil na Greine, Church Hill	Glanmire
23	10/06/2013	Ashwood	Glanmire
24	10/06/2013	Ashwood Estate	South Douglas Road
25	14/10/2013	Woodview Terrace	Ballyvolane
26	02/12/2013	Woodhill, Lover's Walk	Tivoli
27	31/01/2014	Blackthorn Drive, Blackstone Bridge	Blarney
28	26/02/2014	Woodbury	Boreenmanna Road
29	24/07/2014	The Cedars, Glencoo Park	Boreenmanna Road
30	29/05/2015	Dewberry, Mount Oval (Phase 1)	Rochestown
31	03/06/2015	Maglin Grove	Ballincollig
32	18/08/2015	Kilbrody/Wrenbank, Mount Oval	Rochestown
33	03/09/2015	Coolflugh Drive	Tower
34	09/11/2015	Woodville	Glanmire
35	23/11/2015	Castlejane Woods	Glanmire
36	12/01/2016	Fernwood	Glanmire
37	11/02/2016	Cuil na Greine, Church Hill	Glanmire
38	23/08/2016	Cooper's Grange nos. 99-114	Ballincollig
39	24/08/2016	Willowbank	Church Road
40	11/11/2016	Ardkeale, Mount Oval	Rochestown
41	13/12/2016	Granary Hall & Maple Court, Mount Oval	Rochestown
42	13/02/2017	Sheridan Park	Tramore Road
43	10/03/2017	The Meadows	Hollyhill
44	15/03/2017	Clonlea, Mount Oval	Rochestown
45	13/04/2017	Rowan Hill, Mount Oval	Rochestown
46	27/04/2017	Clarkes Wood, Mount Oval	Rochestown
47	02/06/2017	Ashomount Mews	Silversprings
48	31/07/2017	Ard na Coille	Mayfield
49	12/10/2017	Kinloch Court	Bishopstown Road
50	19/10/2017	Fairfield Meadows & Lawn	Gurranabraher
51	19/12/2017	Fionn Laoi - Phase 1	Ballincollig
52	22/12/2017	Courtwood	Rochestown
53	28/03/2018	Woodfield	Blarney
54	17/04/2018	Mitchels Court Ph.1 nos. 15- 33	Kerry Pike

55	16/07/2018	Springmount Woods	Glanmire
56	14/09/2018	Bramble Hill nos. 11-40	Douglas
57	02/10/2018	Millers Court nos. 26-54, 63-85 & 96-109	Ballincollig
58	26/11/2018	Fionn Laoi - Phase 2 (Woodview)	Ballincollig
59	04/01/2019	Ashton Court	Ballincollig
60	17/01/2019	Williamscourt	Rochestown
61	04/06/2019	Maryborough Ridge, Moneygourney	Douglas
62	19/06/2019	Glen Iris	Killeens
63	14/10/2019	Lois Rua	Ballyvolane
64	14/11/2019	The Oaks	Boreenmanna Road
65	25/02/2020	Berkeley Court	South Douglas Road
66	31/03/2020	Brooklane	Glanmire
67	29/05/2020	Ard Aoibhinn	Banduff Road
68	02/07/2020	Knocknahunney Cottage	Knocknaheeney
69	20/08/2020	Manor Farm, Lehenaghmore	Togher
70	03/09/2020	Knocknacullen	Gurranabraher
71	08/09/2020	Dunkerrin Mount Oval	Rochestown
72	14/09/2020	Matthew Hill & Laurel Brook, Lehenaghmore	Togher
73	28/09/2020	Ballinglanna, Junction	Glanmire
74	02/10/2020	The Ferns, Classes Lake	Ovens/Ballincollig
75	02/10/2020	Monfieldstown	Rochestown,
76	01/01/2021	Riverside Farm	Model Farm Road
77	02/02/2021	Dorgans Footpath	Magazine Road
78	09/02/2021	Cleve Hill, Botanika	Blackrock
79	23/02/2021	Westview, Coolroe	Ballincollig
80	25/02/2021	Rosefield	Model Farm Road
81	11/03/2021	Clonlara, phase 1 Nos. 3, 5, 7-25 incl and 51-57 Clonlara,	Kerry Pike
82	28/04/2021	Bessboro, Crawford Gate	Blackrock
83	01/06/2021	Lisheen Woods	Ovens

Adrienne Rodgers,
Director of Services,
Community, Culture & Placemaking.

4.2 **EVENTS CENTRE**

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

Has there been any progress regarding the proposed Event Centre at the former Beamish & Crawford site and could the CE outline in the reply the nature and frequency of interactions with all involved parties?

REPLY

As previously advised all parties have continued to work together to progress this project, with the appropriate legal structures having being put in place by Live Nation/BAM and there has been agreement in principle on all the substantive issues in the funding agreement. All parties will enter into the agreement as the detailed design is completed and further certainty is achieved on the cost risks involved. This will also inform the construction programme.

Live Nation / BAM are working to mobilise their design team so that it can be fully engaged once corporate approval is obtained by Live Nation in Ireland.

Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.

4.3 **PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A GREENWAY ON ABANDONED RAIL LINE**

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 for an update on the proposal to develop a greenway on the abandoned rail line from Cork to Waterfall Station, from Waterfall Station to Kinsale Junction, from Kinsale Junction to Farrangalway Station and from Farrangalway Station to Kinsale Town.

REPLY

The City Council recently secured grant funding from the National Transport Authority, in the amount of €80,000, to progress the preliminary design of the first project along the route referenced above i.e. The Viaduct to City Cycle Route Phase 1 (Viaduct to Kinsale Road). This project will enable the provision of new connections to adjoining areas along its extent and discussions are also underway with NTA regarding the continuation of this route to the City Centre via existing roads with connections to Tramore Valley Park. The remainder of the old rail network referred to above falls outside the administrative area of the City Council.

The Design Team procurement documents for the Viaduct to City Cycle Route Phase 1 will issue later this month. The preliminary design is scheduled to be completed by the end of Q2 2022 and the Part 8 Planning process is scheduled for Q3 2022 with detailed design, tender and construction to follow thereafter. It is expected that these facilities will be delivered under the current five year investment framework and Members will kept apprised of progress in the delivery of same.

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

4.4 **VACANT CITY COUNCIL HOUSING UNITS**

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

Can the CE clarify the average turnaround for vacant City Council housing units? What is the target for this year in returning vacant housing units to housing allocations out of the total vacant housing stock.

REPLY

The turnaround time is currently 64 weeks. This includes the time taken to interview and process allocations to tenancy in addition to the period required to undertake necessary maintenance works in order to bring a property back to habitable standards.

The annual target number is normally in the region of 250. However, there will not have been that level of vacants arising over 2021 and in our submission to the Department we had only indicated approximately 160 vacants available for return. As of the end of August, the City Council had 217 properties requiring repairs; we expect most of these to have been returned to stock by the end of the year.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.5 **BIODIVERSITY MEASURES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to highlight any additional biodiversity measures taken by the Council in the year to date, as in the amount of public parks rewilded, the type and quantity of pollinator friendly plants planted, any reduction in the cutting of grass verges or the use of chemical based weed killer?

REPLY

Additional biodiversity measures taken during 2021 include the following:

- Creation of wildflower meadows in parks, amenity walks, roadside verges, and open space areas.
- Planting of native Irish tree species
- Planting of pollinator friendly herbaceous perennials
- Over 70% of seasonal floral planting is now pollinator friendly.
- Installation of bug hotels.

Approximately 25% reduction in the use of chemical herbicides in amenity areas during 2021.

Trials on the use and effectiveness of organic herbicides, mechanical weed control and mulching were carried out during 2021. The findings of these trials will feed into a review of herbicide use later this autumn with a view to reducing chemical herbicide use in amenity areas by 90% in 2022.

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

4.6 **DISC PARKING – MAGAZINE ROAD AREA**

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

Can the CE give an update on the request from the Magazine Road Resident's Association for an extension of disc parking to 8:30pm and the revision of the residential parking permits for the area.

REPLY

4.7 **MARINA PARK**

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

To ask the CE for an update on the opening of Marina Park?

REPLY

As agreed at the Roads & Transportation SPC, a draft revised parking permit policy will be submitted to the committee at their next meeting. The revised parking permit policy will include proposals made by Members at the last SPC. If agreed, or agreed with amendments, the revised parking permit will be submitted to Council for consideration.

The request to extend the operational hours is currently being considered and a report in relation to the possible implementation of this request, the potential for displacement, the limitations for enforcement etc. will be prepared and presented to the Local Area Committee.

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

4.8 **POLICY OPTIONS – LED LIGHTING**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what policy options are available to the city with regards to the choice of public LED lighting, especially with regards to the strength, colour and angle of lighting, the preferences of communities, and effects on wildlife in the city.

REPLY

The information requested is contained in Cork City Council's Exterior Lighting Design Requirements, Guidance & Specification Manual for Lighting Equipment Supply, Installation & Maintenance and can be found on Cork City Council's website under the public lighting section at the following link:

<https://www.corkcity.ie/en/media-folder/roads-and-traffic-management/cork-city-council-exterior-lighting-design-requirements.pdf>

The query responses are extracted from the document as follows:

Lighting levels are designed in line with public lighting standard BS EN 13201 and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) standards DN-LHT-03038 (Design of Road Lighting for the National Road Network)

The colour temperature policy is found in section 8.4.3 of the document "Exterior Lighting Design Requirements, Guidance & Specification Manual for Lighting Equipment Supply, Installation & Maintenance (Rev 10)". Cork City Council have implemented a policy of 3000K (Warm White) colour temperature light fittings. Existing lantern installations may vary.

The Dimming profiles available for use for scheme design can be found in section 8.4.4 and 8.4.5 of the document "Exterior Lighting Design Requirements, Guidance & Specification Manual for Lighting Equipment Supply, Installation & Maintenance"

The desired upward Light Output Ratio of new luminaires installation is 0%. Cork City Council promotes the Campaign for Dark Skies and the Reduction of Obtrusive Light in our Exterior Lighting Design Requirements, Guidance & Specification document to ensure the effects of lighting on citizen and wildlife within the city is minimised. Cork City Council follows best practices in minimising light pollution and light spill.

Lighting is designed and specified according to environmental zones as follows:

Zone E0	- Astronomical Observable dark skies, UNESCO starlight reserves, IDA dark sky places
Zone E1	- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Areas, Sites of special Scientific Interest, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Special Areas of Conservation and Urban Conservation Areas.
Zone E2	- Areas of low district brightness (rural locations outside Zone E1) corresponding to high sensitivity on map.
Zone E3	- Areas of medium brightness (urban locations) corresponding to medium sensitivity on map.
Zone E4	- Areas of high district brightness (urban centres with high night –time usage) corresponding to low sensitivity on map.

In accordance with the above environmental zones, new schemes are reviewed and consider wild life on a case by case basis to ensure the best design possible in accordance with best practice guidance from the Institution of Lighting Professionals.

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

5. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

5.1 **SECTION 85 – PRIMROSE HILL ESTATE, TOWER**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boylan, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved Section 85 Report Primrose Hill Estate, Tower Remediation Works.

5.2 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Executive, dated 2nd September 2021 on the following property disposal:-

1. Disposal of the freehold interest in a plot of ground, measuring approximately 247.7 square metres, situated to the rear of “Rosnaree” Rope Walk, Blackrock, Cork to Catherine Martin c/o Joseph S. Cuddigan & Co. Solicitors, 30/31 Washington Street, Cork, T12 HXE6, for the sum of €500.00 plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
2. Disposal of the freehold interest in a plot of ground, measuring approximately 117 square metres, situated to the rear of No. 20, St. Finbarr’s Place, Proby’s Quay, Cork to Tom Cotter & Mary Cotter, c/o Nancy O’ Driscoll Solicitor, 11, South Bank, Crosses Green, Cork, for the sum of €100.00 plus costs of €750.00 plus VAT.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

3. Disposal of the freehold interest in a plot of ground, measuring approximately 21 square metres, situated to the rear of No. 21, St. Finbarr's Place, Proby's Quay, Cork to John Clifford, c/o Kevin O' Donovan & Partners, Solicitors, The Old Market House, Upper Main Street, Bantry, Co. Cork, for the sum of €100.00 plus costs of €750.00 plus VAT.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. O'Callaghan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
4. Disposal of the freehold interest in a plot of ground, measuring approximately 21 square metres, situated to the rear of No. 22, St. Finbarr's Place, Proby's Quay, Cork to Kevin Ryan, c/o Daniel F. Murphy, Solicitor, 69, Shandon Street, Cork, for the sum of €100.00 plus costs of €750.00 plus VAT.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
5. Disposal by way of lease of Stall No. 12, Princes Street Market, Cork to Starlow Ltd, t/a Farmgate Café, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, 54, North Main Street, Cork by way of lease for a term of three years from 20th January 2022 at an annual rent of €3,103.75 plus rates and service charges.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
6. Disposal by way of lease of Stall Nos, 34 & 38, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade, Cork to Margo Ann Murphy, t/a The Roughty Foodie, c/o, Stokes McCarthy Solicitors, 19 South Mall, Cork by way of lease for a term of 21 years at an annual rent of €9,226.21 per annum, plus rates and service charges.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
7. Disposal by way of lease to property known as Butter Exchange Building, Shandon, Cork to Recreate Shandon Limited CLG, c/o Whelan Solicitors, Grattan Court, Washington Street West, Cork, by way of lease, for a term of 25 years, subject to a nominal rent of €1.00 per annum, if demanded.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

5.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OVER A SECTION OF THOMAS STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendations of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 2nd September 2021, following public consultation, on the proposed extinguishment of a public right of way over a section of Thomas Street, Cork, pursuant to Section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, An Chomhairle further agreed to approve the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

No written objections or representations 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 point AA at Thomas Street, Cork, at the rear of the Mercy University Hospital on said map for approximately 18.7 metres in an easterly direction towards Moore Street to point BB.”

5.4 **SECTION 38 – KNAPPS SQUARE AND LOWER JOHNS ST AREA PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE MEASURES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendations of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 1st September 2021, following public consultation, on the proposed pedestrian and cycle infrastructure improvements at Knapps Square and Lower John St Area pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

5.5 **SECTION 38 – RIVERSTOWN TO HAZELWOOD ROAD CYCLE ROUTE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendations of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 6th September 2021, following public consultation, on the proposed Riverstown to Hazelwood cycle route pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

6. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD, 19th JULY 2021**

6.1 **UPGRADE JUNCTION AT DOUGLAS VILLAGE EAST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Council write to the TII seeking immediate funding for upgrade of junction in Douglas East Village due to congestion of traffic through the village.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Forde 21/293)

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 6th SEPTEMBER 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 6th September 2021.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JULY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st July 2021.

7.2 **REQUEST FROM SIPTU**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the request from SIPTU to present to Elected Members regarding Enhancing Local Government and the role of Local Authorities.

7.3 **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, dated 2nd September 2021 in relation to Bye-Laws for Prohibiting the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on the Streets of Cork.

7.4 **REPORT ON MOTION**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations dated 2nd September 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will develop a specific policy to appropriately involve children in decision-making.’

(Proposers: Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. L. Bogue 21/324)

The report stated the importance of involving the voices of children and youth in public affairs and in decision-making is well appreciated and encouraged by the City Council and the Council supports a number of initiatives to engage and involve young people in decision making, the following of which are examples:

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

On the request of the Lord Mayor, Cork City Council, through the ETB, engaged directly with a number of schools to prepare the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Schools attended workshops and their deliberations were written up and recommendations were integrated into the Strategy.

Freedom of the City Children’s Art Programme

As part of preparation of the City Development Plan, Cork City Council worked with the Planning Department of UCC and the Glucksman to develop a school’s programme where children were asked to imagine if they had ‘freedom of the city’ to plan the city. This was a successful programme, stimulated thought by children and conversation on the future of Cork City in the homes.

Comhairle na nÓg

For many years the City Council has supported and facilitated Comhairle na nÓg and particularly in the past number of years, has engaged with this group to involve them in the formulation of the LECP, as well as inviting them to present to the LCDC on a number of occasions and to Cork City Council meetings. Cork City Comhairle na nÓg is also regularly invited and consulted by the HSE and by the Arts Office on the promotion and dissemination of information to younger cohorts. The City Comhairle na nÓg is managed through a Service Level Agreement with Youth Work Ireland which also includes them on national consultative projects

Young Social Innovators

YSI is jointly supported by Strategic and Economic Development, Corporate Affairs and International Relations and Community, Culture & Placemaking to encourage engagement with Local Government and more recently the Draft City Development Plan.

Women's Caucus

The Women's' Caucus was established by Cork City Council in 2020 and as part of that initiative a schools engagement project is proposed to encourage female involvement in public affairs and politics.

Through the long-established tradition of the Lord Mayor's School Visits, the younger citizens of Cork City have always enjoyed a positive relationship with the civic authority. The Council is committed to ensure that this relationship continues to be strengthened by engaging with young voices in decision-making in a broad range of important policy areas and functions.

7.5 STATUTORY RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Head of Finance, dated 2nd September 2021, in relation to the adoption of statutory Resolutions regarding the Annual Financial Statement 2020.

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

"That the Annual Financial Statement for 2020 and, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 16 are hereby approved."

8. FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 6th SEPTEMBER 2021

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 6th September 2021.

8.1 FINANCE RELATED REPORTS

8.1.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF JULY 2021

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

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING 2021

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, An Chomhairle agreed to hold the Annual Budget Meeting 2021 on 15th November 2021.

9. **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE – 12th JULY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Climate Action Committee from its meeting held, 12th July 2021.

9.1 **MOTION**

CLIMATE ACTION PORTAL

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations dated 8th July 2021 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will develop a climate action portal on its website, showing the actions it is taking across all areas of the organisations for the city to be a leader on climate action, and with practical supports for residents, neighbourhoods and businesses in the just transition to a zero-carbon city.’

(Proposers: Cllr. O. Moran, Cllr. D. Boyle 21/267)

The report stated that in reviewing this motion, it was thought important to identify existing resources and initiatives that are in place and so consulted with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, CARO Regional Offices in Cork, Dublin Metropolitan, Eastern & Midlands, and Atlantic Seaboard North and Cork City Council’s Climate Action Team.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications have responded as follows with respect to enquiries regarding a ‘sectoral portal’:

A national version might be considered to be the Climate Action Plan 2019 (CAP2019) – targeting the actions to be taken by Departments and organisations rather than individuals/residents. The reporting on the CAP2019 can be found at:

gov.ie – Climate Action: Important Publications (www.gov.ie)

The CAP2021 will obviously have a greater level of ambition for the Departments and Agencies and progress will be reported in a similar manner.

While there are no Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications proposals for a national web portal that would focus on the needs of residents, business and neighbourhoods, in terms of practical supports, the Climate Ireland website, the EPA website, and particularly the SEAI, provide a level of information and/or support to residents, neighbourhoods and businesses.

The SEAI has a YouTube channel with a lot of practical information in video format along with the various information leaflets available on its website. Climate Ireland also has a wealth of information that can be accessed.

In terms of initiative by individual Local Authorities, the CAROs have responded as follows:

Dublin Metropolitan CARO state that South Dublin Council are currently developing a climate change section on their website.

Eastern & Midland CARO report the some Local Authorities in their Region are putting climate action “sections” onto their websites with a view to signposting their work in the climate area – adoption of strategies, electrification of fleet, flood schemes, etc.

Atlantic Seaboard North CARO have replied that Galway city Council are looking to develop a climate action section within their website. The intention is to provide links to agencies/departments involved in climate action and provide information and updates relevant at a local level, such as community funding, updates on DZs, Galway City Projects, etc.

For Atlantic Seaboard South, no Local Authorities have, to their knowledge, advanced a proposal for a climate action ‘portal’ as envisaged by Cork City Council.

As has been pointed out in the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications response, there is a lot of information already available (e.g., SEAI) and as this information is subject to change, continuous review and updating would be required should it be available on a Local Authority website.

Cork City Council ‘Climate Change’ page on our website is available at:

<https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/services/environment/climate-change/>

It is proposed to develop this section of our website to incorporate the actions we are taking across all areas of the organisation, demonstrating how the city is a leader on climate action. Relevant links to the Climate Ireland website, the EPA website, and particularly the SEAI, that provide a level of information and/or support to residents, neighbourhoods and businesses will also be available.

10. **CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR (DRINKING ON THE STREET BYE LAWS) – 30th JULY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor (drinking on the Street Bye Laws) from its meeting held, 30th July 2021.

11. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 20th JULY 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 20th July 2021.

12. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 6th SEPTEMBER 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 6th September 2021.

13. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 6th SEPTEMBER 2021**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 6th September 2021.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received and agreed to refer response received from the Minister for Agriculture, Food & Marine in relation to motion 21/113 to the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee.

15. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

None received.

16. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

17. **TRAINING**

None received.

18. **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.

An Chomhairle agreed to refer motion 21/355 to both the Housing Strategic Policy Committee and South Central Local Area Committee.

An Chomhairle agreed to refer motion 21/360 to the Strategic, Economic Development, Enterprise & Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

19. **MOTIONS**

19.1 **COMMENTS REGARDING AFGHAN REFUGEES**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held 11th October 2021:-

‘That Cork City Council officially distances itself from the recent comments made by an elected member of this Council regarding Afghan refugees fleeing the Taliban and clarifies that such comments in no way reflect the views of Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 21/340)

19.2 **LIFTING OF PARTNERS RESTRICTIONS AT CORK UNIVERSITY MATERNITY HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council writes to the individuals listed in Schedule A to this motion, requesting an immediate response setting out a roadmap for the lifting of partner restrictions in Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH) in the context of the following:

1. the impact of the vaccination programme.
2. the recommendation by the World health Organisation ‘supporting women to have a chosen companion during labour and childbirth, including during COVID-19’, without restriction.
3. recent media reports that restrictions on partner visits to maternity services are now having an impact on mental health services.

SCHEDULE A

1. Gerry O’Dwyer, Chief Executive Officer, South/Southwest Hospital Group
2. Gerard O’Callaghan, Chief Operations Officer, South/Southwest Hospital Group.
3. Professor John R. Higgins, Clinical Director of CUMH & Ireland South Women & Infants Directorate.
4. Katie Bourke, Director of Midwifery, CUMH.
5. The Manager of the UCC Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, in partnership with the South/South West Hospital Group.

(Propose: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 21/341)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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