

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Forde.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran.
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.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O'Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, E. Rying.
APOLOGIES	Comhairleoir G. Keohane.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Assistant Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. N. Ó Donnabháin, Director of Services, Housing. Ms. A. Rodgers, Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development. Mr. J. Hallahan, Chief Financial Officer. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Crosbie family on the death of Ted Crosbie.
- The O'Shea family on the death of Judith O'Shea.
- The Amini family on the death of Jini Amini.
- The Linehan family on the death of Mary Linehan.
- The Damery family on the death of Mary Damery.
- The O'Flynn family on the death of Tom O'Flynn.
- The Kavanagh family on the death of Kathleen Kavanagh.
- The Crowley family on the death of Tom Crowley.
- The Walsh family on the death of Der Walsh.

- The Chamberlain family on the death of Sheila Chamberlain.
- The families of those who lost their lives at Creeslough.
- The O’Sullivan family on the death of Jennie O’Sullivan.
- The O’Rourke family on the death of Catherine O’Rourke.

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

- Cork City FC on winning the League of Ireland 1st division title and on their promotion to the premier league.
- Cobh Ramblers U19s on winning the U19 National League title.
- Cobh Ramblers senior team on winning the Munster Senior Cup.
- Mothers and carers of children with disabilities.
- Togher Community Garden on celebrating their 1st birthday.
- Travel Safe to School Committee of Beaumont Boys and Girls National School on winning 1st prize at the Fred O’Connell National Parent’s Council Innovation Award 2022.
- Ables Literacy Project on hosting an event for World Mental Health Day.
- ACLAÍ on hosting a delegation from the Lajee Cultural Centre, Aida Refugee Camp, West Bank, Palestine.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

On the proposal of An tArdmhéara, An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- The Holly Bough to mark its 125th anniversary, date to be confirmed.
- St. Luke’s Home to mark its 150th anniversary, date to be confirmed.
- An Garda Síochana to mark its centenary, to be held 9th November 2022.
- Barry McPolin, former Chief Superintendent to mark his retirement from An Garda Síochana.
- Paddy O’Flynn, former Brigadier General, to mark his retirement from the Army.
- Barry O’Connor, former MTU President, to mark his retirement from MTU.

3.2 **LAUNCH OF THE MACSWINEY COLLECTION**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that the book, The Art and Ideology of Terence MacSwiney – Caught in the Living Flame, edited by Gabriel Doherty, Fiona Brennan and Neil Buttimer will be launched on Saturday 15th October 2022 in the Council Chamber.

3.3 **LAUNCH OF THE FAWSITT PAPERS**

An tArdmhéara advised An Chomhairle that the book, Descriptive List of the Personal Archive of Diarmuid L. Fawsitt by Cork City and County Archives Service will be launched on Thursday 27th October 2022 in the Council Chamber.

3.4 **WELCOME TO UCC EXECUTIVE MBA CLASS**

An tArdmhéara welcomed Dr. Aodh Quinlivan and students of the UCC Executive MBA class to the meeting.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

None received.

5. **MINUTES**

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

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 12th September 2022.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Canty, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle (LPT) held, 28th September 2022.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **PUBLIC PARKS**

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

To ask the CE how many Public Parks are located within the City Boundaries and how many of these are named after women?

REPLY

There are thirty-seven public parks located within the City Boundary. Six are named after men and, one after a woman Dr Mary Hearn Park (Shandon). The remaining parks are named by their geographic location.

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

6.2 **BUDGET ALLOCATION BY DIRECTORATE**

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

To ask the CE what the request was for budget allocation by directorate in tabular form?

REPLY

The following expenditure was sought by Directorates in relation to the 2023 budget:

Directorate	2023 €	2022 €	Increase Sought €
Housing	75,257,500	64,760,200	10,497,300
Operations	74,644,700	65,860,500	8,784,200
CCP	39,466,400	34,542,700	4,923,700
Infrastructure	5,080,600	3,016,200	2,064,400
CA&IR	8,871,200	6,948,900	1,922,300
SED	7,430,800	5,988,100	1,442,700

Additional energy costs across all directorates have been estimated to be €8m over and above the 2022 budget. The increased energy costs are not included in the above figures. The total increase sought in the 2023 budget including energy costs is €37.6m.

John Hallahan,
Chief Financial Officer.

6.3 NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD

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

Can the CE provide update on progress of Northern Distributor Road for the Northside of Cork City?

REPLY

The Cork Metropolitan Area Transportation Strategy was published in February 2020 and details the transportation investment required to support the ongoing development of Cork over the period to 2040. The transport projects set out in the Strategy include a new multi modal Cork Northern Distributor Road. In late 2020, the City Council appointed a multidiscipline design team to commence work on the planning and design for the Northern Distributor Road. This is being done with financial assistance from the National Transport Authority. The proposed route is approximately 14km long and will provide active travel (cycling and walking), public transport and vehicular linkages across the north side of the city.

The planning and design process for the scheme is guided by the Public Spending Code and the design team has now concluded the first stage of this process. This includes an assessment of the feasibility and justification of the scheme, options to be considered and the submission of a related draft Strategic Assessment Report for review to the National Transport Authority and thereafter the Department of Transport. In accordance with the Public Spending Code the public consultation stage can commence

following approval of the Strategic Assessment Report by the Department of Transport. Public consultation will include the publication of an emerging preferred route upon which members of the public and other interested parties will be invited to make submissions. Following completion of the consultation process, and further analysis and refinement, it is anticipated that a preferred route will be identified in circa mid 2023. The scheme can then go forward for funding approval, and if successful, it will then proceed through the detailed design, planning and construction phases. Members will be kept apprised of progress in the development of the project.

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

6.4 **PROGRESS ON EVENT CENTRE**

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

Given we are now well into Q4, can the CE update Council on the progress or otherwise of the detailed design process of Cork's proposed Event Centre undertaken almost a year ago and indicate the timeframe for the start and completion of the project if applicable.

REPLY

The Live Nation / BAM consortium continues to carry out detailed design of the Cork Events Centre. This process was originally expected to take 9 months but due to the bespoke nature of the Cork Event Centre, it has taken longer than anticipated. It is now expected that this detailed design process will be completed in early 2023 which will enable the project to move to the construction phase. Construction is expected to begin in the first half in 2023 and will take two years to complete.

As announced in last week's national budget of €15 million in respect of the Event Centre, this represents the estimated public spending requirement for the project in 2023.

Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.

6.5 **BANDON RAILWAY GREENWAY**

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

Can the CE update Council on plans to progress the Bandon Railway Greenway?

REPLY

In 2022, Cork City Council secured National Transport Authority (NTA) grant funding of €220,000 to enable the development of design proposals for phase 1 of a new cycle/pedestrian greenway scheme from the Viaduct to the City. The proposed scope of work in phase 1 relates to the area between the Chetwydn Reservoir and Kinsale Rd Roundabout. The project will seek to deliver a 5m wide facility with connections to areas along the route as well as existing and planned cycle infrastructure including those to be provided under the Frankfield and Lehenaghmore schemes and their onward connections. The design will also make provision for controlled crossings on existing roads, public lighting, seating and other supporting measures. The Regional Design Office will be separately examining development of proposals for a continuation of the facility westwards through the County Council area along the old railway line and related tie in proposals will be further developed in tandem. The City Council appointed a design team for the phase 1 project in Q1 of 2022 and it is anticipated that preliminary design proposals will be presented to Members in the coming month with a view to commencing public consultation under the Part 8 Planning process. Subject to planning and financial approvals, the detailed design will be progressed in 2023 with tender/construction phases to follow.

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

6.6 NASHS BOREEN – PEDESTRIAN CYCLE SCHEME

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 any plans to resurface areas of Nashs Boreen and implement Pedestrian Cycle Scheme?

REPLY

The City Council is currently preparing a design brief for the appointment of a consultant to prepare preliminary proposals for pedestrian and cycle facility improvements on Nashs Boreen. The project will explore the potential for enhancing the safety and the overall attractiveness of the route from Upper Fairhill to David McCarty Rd and the scope of works may include resurfacing, drainage, pedestrian crossings, lighting, signage etc. Subject to National Transport Authority (NTA) funding approval it is anticipated that tenders will issue for the consultant appointment in Q4. It is anticipated that details of the preliminary proposals will be presented to Members in the first half of 2023 in advance of public consultation under the Part 8/Section 38 process as appropriate. Subject to planning approval and continued funding approval, it is anticipated that an improvement scheme could go forward to tender before the end of 2023.

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

6.7 **DESIGNATED AREA FOR DOG WALKERS**

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

I had a motion passed at the ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2020 which is as follows.

6.2.1.4 DESIGNATED AREA FOR DOG WALKERS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 21st July 2020 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council identify and designate an area for dog walkers within the city where they can leave their dogs off lead but still be in an enclosed safe area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/200)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Council will explore the feasibility of providing a designated area for a dog run to establish if this can be accommodated within one of its existing parks without compromising other uses and activities.

Issues to be considered in the provision of a dog run are the size of area required, suitable fencing, segregation of large and small dogs, supervision, cleaning and maintenance, capital and revenue costs.

The findings from this exercise will be reported back to this committee for consideration.

Can the CE give us an update on this report please & can we receive an update on where we are with establishing a designated area for walking dogs off their leads please?

REPLY

I can confirm that a suitable designated area for exercising dogs has been identified in the Regional Park, Ballincollig.

Following an evaluation of the infrastructure required for such a facility, the cost to enclose this area and provide segregation for large and small dogs is estimated at €95,000.

There is no provision in the 2022/23 Parks and Recreation Capital Programme to finance this project at present.

Should funding be made available in the future, the design and delivery of such a facility will be added to a future programme of works.

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

6.8 **BIKE PARKING**

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

Bike parking is a critical component of any cycling network and without it, infrastructure investments will not fulfil their true potential. Can the CE outline the Council's plans to rectify the absence of indoor bike parking in Cork City?

REPLY

Cork City Council had previously installed indoor bicycle parking in North Main Street shopping centre. When the Shopping Centre became a vaccination centre, the bicycle parking had to be removed, since then Cork City Council has been exploring alternative locations to reinstall indoor bicycle parking.

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

6.9 **WATER QUALITY**

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

Has Cork City Council a record of water quality in Cork city for the past year?

Has Cork City Council any explanation of how the drinking supply has become contaminated, and precisely how many homes have been affected?

Has Cork City Council established the precise nature of the contamination?

Has Cork City Council any record of any incidents which might have led to the supply of drinking water becoming contaminated?

Has the source of this contamination been linked to the opening of the new pumping station on the Lee Road?

Has Cork City Council any explanation as to why boil notices were not issued to areas of the city where brown water was coming from taps and showers?

REPLY

National Legislation was passed by the Dail making Irish Water the Statutory Water Services Authority for Public Water Services as of and from the 1st January 2014. From this date Irish Water took over functional responsibility for the provision of Water and Waste Water Services nationally. As this query relates directly and solely to the provision of public drinking water it has been forwarded to Irish Water for their reply. As soon as a reply is received it will be forwarded to Councillor Tynan.

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

6.10 **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM**

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

Can the CE report on the current work of the City Council Community Response team and how it can assist members of the public going in to the Winter months?

REPLY

The Community Response Forum has continued to meet throughout 2022 as an inter-agency forum focused on the support needs of the most vulnerable families and individuals in our city, and has been meeting fortnightly since March.

The needs of vulnerable members of the public in the coming Winter has been raised by Forum members over the past two meetings and in response the Forum has convened a meeting of the Food Distribution Task Group, established during Covid to co-ordinate the responses of the relevant charities and agencies to food needs.

Key members of this Task group including Saint Vincent de Paul, Penny Dinners, FeedCork, FoodCloud, Meals on Wheels, and agencies including HSE, City Council, TUSLA, DEASP, Cork ETB, Cork City Partnership, and an Garda Siochana. As these members are best placed to play a key role, the group will be asked to add Fuel Poverty to their remit and to exchange current responses and identified additional needs, to prepare for a co-ordinated effort in Winter 2022 - 2023.

In addition the 16 Area Based Teams combining local groups, community representatives and supports, working closely with statutory agency representatives, is being reconvened to pro-actively reach out and co-ordinate responses to the most vulnerable people at local level.

The Community Response Forum and Area Response Teams retains a flexible and focussed approach to co-ordinate efforts, to ensure that: duplication is avoided, good practice by local partners is supported and built upon, and organisations add value to each others efforts.

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

6.11 **HOUSING STOCK AUDIT**

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

To ask the CEO if a recent audit has been undertaken of this Council's housing stock and if so if it is known the percentage of houses/apartments that are above or below a B2 energy rating?

REPLY

The BER rating of the Council's housing stock is determined by independent assessment and has been ongoing since 2014 as a requirement of the drawdown of any central government funding for retrofit and fabric upgrade programmes. All new builds and acquisitions are provided with a BER on handover.

As of the 31/12/21 Cork City Council had Building Energy Ratings for 7,588 houses out of a total of c. 10,500 units. The number of houses/apartments with B2 or higher is 875 which represents 8.3% of our housing stock. The table below provides the full detail in terms of BER ratings for our surveyed building stock:

BER Ratings	BER Value in Kw/hr/m2/yr	No. of Houses
A1	<25	0
A2	>25	78
A3	>50	422
B1	>75	109
B2	>100	266
B3	>125	926
C1	>150	1171
C2	>175	1094
C3	>200	871
D1	>225	815
D2	>260	744
E1	>300	487
E2	>340	306
F	>380	174
G	>450	125

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
Director of Services,
Housing.

6.12 VOIDS

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

To ask the CE for a breakdown of current voids by LEA, how many will be returned to use under the current Voids return scheme funded by Central Government, and a breakdown by LEA of same?

REPLY

06/10/2022	NW	NE	SC	SE	SW	Total
Current Voids for Repair	124	89	49	23	26	311
Returned	NW	NE	SC	SE	SW	Total
Year to Date	23	15	12	10	13	73
Projected Year End	76	52	26	21	22	197

Niall Ó Donnabháin,
 Director of Services,
 Housing.

6.13 **ACTIVE & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PROJECTS**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a list of active and sustainable transport projects benefiting the northside of the city that are in consideration, design or under construction by Cork City Council and for a short description of the ambition of each?

REPLY

As Members will be aware the National Transport Authority (NTA) is currently the primary source of funding for transport schemes undertaken by Cork City Council. The funding for such schemes and the related programme of work across the City has expanded significantly in recent years. All transport schemes supported by the NTA include active and sustainable travel improvements. Some of these improvements are progressed as stand alone projects whereas others are developed in conjunction with broader transport and public realm works. Some projects are City wide in nature and others are focussed on specific individual locations. Details of all current projects, their objectives and ongoing progress are reported to Council and updated in the monthly report.

There is a growing number of schemes at various stages of development and delivery and the funded programme as confirmed by NTA earlier this year includes the following-

Cork City Council

Project Code	Project Name
CCC/15/0001	Sustainable Transport Surveys
CCC/17/0001	CC: McCurtain Street Public Transport Improvements
CCC/18/0001	Pedestrian Safety Improvements
CCC/18/0004	Harley Street Bridge (Mary Elmes Bridge)
CCC/19/0006	Ballyvolane Phase 2 - (Fox & Hound Junction)
CCC/20/0006	Glanmire Cycle Way and pedestrian improvements
CCC/20/0013	Public Transport Asset Renewal
CCC/20/0014	Wayfinder Scheme
CCC/19/0003	MID Improvements
CCC/20/0017	SCOOT Review and IT Development
CCC/20/0020	Northern Distributor Road Route Selection
CCC/20/0025	Upgrade of Dunkettle Road Phase 1
CCC/21/0007	Lee to Sea Cycle Route Study
CCC/21/0012	Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Ph 1 - Village to Dunkettle roundabout)
CCC/21/0016	Blarney Village Cycle Route
CCC/21/0017	Mayfield to Glen Cycle Route
CCC/21/0022	Kilcully Pedestrian Improvement Scheme
CCC/21/0022	Upper Glanmire Pedestrian Improvement Scheme
CCC/21/0026	Cycle Detection at signalised Junctions
CCC/21/0027	Automatic Cycle Lane Counting/Usage Monitoring System
CCC/21/0028	Active Travel - Multi Intervention & Pedestrian Crossings
CCC/21/0029	Additional Bike Parking Infrastructure
CCC/21/0030	Driver Advisory Signage
CCC/21/0032	New and Improved Walking Infrastructure linking Communities to Facilities/Services/Public Transport
CCC/21/0034	Safe to Schools Programme
CCC/21/0038	Banduff Road Upgrade
CCC/21/0039	Kerry Pike Pedestrian Improvements
CCC/22/xxx	Docklands Sustainable Transport Infrastructure (North/South)
CCC/22/xxx	Horgan's (New) Road
CCC/22/xxx	Dunkettle Rd Ph 2 Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Glanmire to City Cycle Route (Ph 2 - Dunkettle to City)
CCC/22/xxx	Wellington Rd Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Shanakiel/Strawberry Hill Cycle Scheme
CCC/22/xxx	Bus Stop Enabling Works
CCC/22/xxx	Cork City Council - Rapid Deployment Active Travel Measures
CCC/22/xxx	Cork City Council Active Travel Office - Staff Costs

In addition to the foregoing, grant funding has recently been confirmed for the development and delivery of further active travel projects including forthcoming proposals for **Knockpogue Avenue**.

Funding has also been confirmed for public lighting improvement schemes in support of sustainable transport for (a) **Innishannon Rd to St Mary's Ave** and (b) **Sallybrook Glanmire**.

It is anticipated that further proposals will be developed in the coming months and Members will be kept updated of the development of new proposals and on the progress of existing schemes.

G. O' Beirne,
Director Of Services,
Infrastructure Development.

6.14 **HAP PROPERTIES**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir K. Collins was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 14th November 2022.

To ask the CE the number of HAP properties purchased since the circular issued by the Minister in June to prevent homelessness, the number currently in discussion to purchase and the other actions being taken by council to prevent homelessness and how many notices to quit have Cork City Council received from tenants in receipt of HAP.

7. **STATUTORY ITEMS**

7.1 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive, dated 29th September 2022 on the following property disposals:-

1. Disposal of interest in property known as No. 14, Woodbine Lawn, Inniscarra View, Ballincollig, Cork to Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork for the sum of €1.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Forde, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

2. Disposal by way of lease of property known as "The Blackrock Inn", Blackrock, Cork, (approximately 1,452 sq. metres) together with a right-of-way, and wayleave, to Messrs Brendan, Neill, Barry, and Ian O'Driscoll, ("The Lessees") c/o David Donegan Solicitor, Galvin Donegan LLP, No 91, South Mall, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Forde, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

7.2 **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT BRAMBLE HILL, CASTLETREASURE, CORK**

In accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Bramble Hill, Castletreasure, Douglas, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, dated 6th October.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Now Council hereby RESOLVE THAT having considered the proposed development at Bramble Hill, Castletreasure, Douglas, in the City of Cork and the report of the Chief Executive, 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 development at Bramble Hill, Castletreasure, Douglas, in the City of Cork be carried out as recommended in the said report of the Chief Executive, Cork City Council, which was put before Council on the 10th October 2022.”

7.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT ARD PATRICK, SUSIE’S FIELD, ASSUMPTION ROAD, BLACKPOOL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 22nd September 2022, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Ard Patrick, Susie’s Field, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 22nd September 2022, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Ard Patrick, Susie’s Field, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork, are public roads.”

7.4 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT PHASE 1 MARYBOROUGH RIDGE MARYBOROUGH HILL, DOUGLAS, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 22nd September 2022, in relation to the proposed taking in charge of roads serving the development at Phase I Maryborough Ridge, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, Cork, described as Phase I: Upgrade of the L2470 Maryborough Hill Road consisting of: (1) upgrade of the L2470 Maryborough Hill Road; (2) Maryborough Ridge Roundabout; (3) Upgrade of all approach legs to the Maryborough Ridge Roundabout; (4) All associated footpaths, cycle lanes, bus stops along upgrade of Maryborough Hill Road & approach legs through the Maryborough

Roundabout; and (5) full implementation of all boundary treatments and landscaping at Maryborough Ridge, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Having considered the Report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 22nd September 2022, and the provisions of Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby declared by this Order that the said roads serving Phase I Maryborough Ridge, Maryborough Hill, Douglas, Cork, are public roads.”

7.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 11 LOWER POULADUFF ROAD, CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 22nd September 2022 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 11 Lower Pouladuff Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, 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 €336,375 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 11 Lower Pouladuff Road, Cork.”

7.6 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 11A LOWER POULADUFF ROAD CORK - FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing, dated 22nd September 2022 in relation to a loan facility for Focus Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 11a Lower Pouladuff Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Boyle, 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 €326,025 be granted to Focus Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 11a Lower Pouladuff Road, Cork.”

7.7 **ACTIVE TRAVEL MEASURES AT LEO MURPHY ROAD, BALLINCOLLIG SECTION 38 APPROVAL (DEFERRED FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD 12TH SEPTEMBER 2022)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Canty, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report and recommendation of the Director of

Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 6th October 2022, following public consultation, on the proposed Active Travel Measures at Leo Murphy Road, Ballincollig pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

ON THE PROPOSAL OF AN TARDMHÉARA, AN CHOMHAIRLE AGREED TO TAKE ITEMS 16.1, 17.1, 18.1, 18.2 AND 19.1 UNDER STATUTORY ITEMS.

16.1 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON COOLROE ROAD, BALLINCOLLIG

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 22nd September 2022 on the post-public consultation report for a pedestrian crossing on the L2211 Coolroe Road, Ballincollig in the vicinity of Innishmore Playground.

17.1 REPORT UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED) FOR PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE L117 ST COLMCILLE'S ROAD, CHURCHFIELD, IN THE VICINITY OF GERRY O'SULLIVAN PARK

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Operations Directorate, dated 22 September 2022 on the proposed pedestrian crossing on the L117 St Colmcille's Road, Churchfield, in the vicinity of Gerry O'Sullivan Park.

18.1 PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED) FOR PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE L2598 AND L2980 ROADS AT DUBLIN PIKE

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 22nd September 2022 on the proposed road safety improvement works at the junction of the L2598 and L2980 roads at Dublin Pike.

18.2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED) FOR PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT JUNCTION OF THE R616, R614 AND L2980 ROADS AT WHITE'S CROSS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, dated 22nd September 2022 on the proposed road safety improvement works at the junction of the R616 and R614 and L2980 roads at White's Cross.

19.1 PART 8 PLANNING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME ON BALLINLOUGH ROAD

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle considered and approved the part 8 planning report on the proposed road safety improvement scheme on Ballinlough Road.

8. CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 3rd OCTOBER 2022

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 3rd October 2022.

8.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CORK CITY COUNCIL TO 31ST AUGUST 2022

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st August 2022.

8.2 BANK OVERDRAFT FOR Y/E 31ST DECEMBER 2023

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 29th September 2022 on the bank overdraft for year ending 31st December 2023.

On the proposal Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, an overdraft facility of €25m (twenty-five million euro) for the twelve-month period to 31st December 2023.”

8.3 MOTION REFERRED TO THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations, dated 29th September 2022 on the following motion:-

AMEND STANDING ORDERS

‘That Cork City Council will amend standing orders and upload the stream of all full Council meetings within 24 hours of completed proceedings.’

‘Go ndéanfaidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí leasú ar bhuanorduithe agus go n-uaslódálfaidh sí cruinnithe iomlána na Comhairle laistigh de 24 uair an chloig ó chríoch na n-imeachtaí.’

(Proposers: Proposed by Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 22/382)

The report of the Director of Services stated that existing Standing Orders prevent recordings of Council meetings. S.I. No. 445 of 2020 provided for Supplementary Standing Orders on an interim basis to allow for remote meetings of the Local Authority and its sub-committee in light of the designation of the Local Authority in the Civil Law

and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 (Section 29) (Local Authorities) (Designation) Order 2020.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions which prevented the holding of Council Meetings in person and the right of the general public to attend, Cork City Council live-streamed Council meetings to enable members of the public to follow proceedings in order to ensure openness and transparency and in adherence with public guidelines. The Supplementary Standing Orders did not provide for a permanent record of the meeting.

Now in obedience with Council meetings in person, Cork City Council will continue to live-stream only, with no recordings of meetings taking place. Exceptions will be requested for Special Meetings of Council such as, but not limited to, the Annual Meeting and Freedom Ceremonies.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 26th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held, 26th September 2022.

9.1 **COUNCIL CHAMBER HYBRID SOLUTION OPTIONS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle agreed that a briefing of An Chomhairle would be held where all options of the proposal for implementing a hybrid solution in the Council Chamber will be outlined.

10. **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 19th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the International Relations & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 19th September 2022.

10.1 **REPORT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES IN TOURISM**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development, on recent activities in tourism.

11. **ENVIRONMENT, WATER & AMENITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 20th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 20th September 2022.

11.1 **PRESENTATION ON HEALTHY CITIES AND THE GLASGOW FOOD & CLIMATE DECLARATION**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle agreed that Cork City Council sign up to the Glasgow Food & Climate Declaration.

11.2 **MOTIONS**

11.2.1 **PLAYGROUND INCLUSION BOARDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 12th September 2022 on the following motion:-

‘Can I ask the CE that playground inclusion boards be rolled out and installed in all playgrounds across the city. They are a wonderful tool for children with autism, down syndrome, verbal dyspraxia or communication difficulties etc. It sends a message of inclusion in the playground and normalises the use of communication boards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Kelleher 22/228)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a programme for the installation of playground inclusion boards in City Council playgrounds will commence in early 2023 and the plan is to complete installation in all playgrounds by Q4 2023.

11.2.2 **REVIEW PARK OPENING TIMES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 12th September 2022 on the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council have invested greatly in the recreation amenities all across the city. I would request that the parks opening times be reviewed especially the opening times with a view to opening them earlier for the use. CCC advertise the parks to open at 8:30am daily and 10am every Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday. I request that this be changed to 7am / 7:30am (particularly in the summer months), to give people greater opportunities to enjoy the parks.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 22/270)

The report of the Director of Services stated that all the large City Council Parks (Regional Park Ballincollig, Glen River Park, Lee Fields, Marina Promenade & Marina Park, Tramore Valley Park, The Lough, Bishopstown Park, Greenways etc) are open 24/7 with no restrictions on access. Many smaller parks (Fair Field, Tank Field, Ballinlough Park, Nursery Drive Park, Beaumont Park, Kennedy Park, Tower Park, Cloverhill Park, Joe Mc Hugh Park, John O’ Callaghan Park) are also open 24/7 with no restrictions on access. Fifteen local parks are enclosed with perimeter railings and gated (requested by residents and Councillors over many years to deter anti-social behaviour activities) are opened at 8.30am to dusk. Dusk can range from 5pm mid-winter to 10pm midsummer. The 8.30am opening is tied to the standard start working time for park staff and therefore the opening of these parks does not involve overtime payments. A review of Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday opening time was carried out several years ago and this was brought forward to 8.30am as there was no additional overtime cost involved. Bringing forward the opening time to 7am/7.30am for summer months would involve additional overtime payments amounting to approximately €110,000.00. This is a substantial additional cost and there is no provision in the 2023 Draft Estimates for this additional expenditure. An estimate reflecting the above cost will be included in the 2024 Draft Estimates for consideration.

11.2.3 **COMMUNICATION BOARDS AT CITY PLAYGROUNDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 12th September 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council install communication boards in city playgrounds/parks.’

‘Go gcuirfidh Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí Boird Chumarsáide isteach ag Páirceanna/Clóis Súgartha na cathrach.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 22/285)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a programme for the installation of playground inclusion boards in City Council playgrounds will commence in early 2023 and the plan is to complete installation in all playgrounds by Q4 2023.

11.2.4 **DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION OPERATORS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 12th September 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports the ending of duplicate kerbside domestic waste collection operators operating in the same area, through area-based tenders or the re-municipalisation of waste collection services; and that this message shall be forwarded to the Minister of State with responsibility for Public Procurement and eGovernment at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Ossian Smyth.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/332)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in Ireland, the waste collection system is run almost entirely by private operators on a side-by-side competitive basis. The provision of such services is governed by national Waste Management Legislation which provide for such a system to operate . Under section 60(3) of the Waste Management Act 1996 the Minister for Environment, Climate & Communications is precluded from exercising any power or control in relation to the performance by a local authority, in particular circumstances, of a statutory function vested in it. Thus, changes would be required to the national Waste Management Legislation in order to effect any significant changes to the present side by side competitive system.

11.2.5 **RECYCLE DOMESTIC COOKING OIL AT THE CIVIC AMENITY SITE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 12th September 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council's civic amenity site will accept domestic cooking oil for recycling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/333)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the food waste receptacle in the Civic Amenity Site accepts used cooking oil from domestic customers. Our website will be updated to reflect same. Commercial users of cooking oil have a responsibility to procure a service themselves to dispose of their waste oil and cannot use the Civic Amenity Site to do so.

11.2.6 **VISIBILITY OF LITTER BINS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 12th September 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will pilot efforts to improve the visibility and presence of litter bins using bright colours.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/365)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council Environment section have been working on a project over the past few months regarding the upgrade of the litter bins in cork city and on the 30th of August last Fifty-four solar compacting bins were installed around Cork city centre. Cork City Council secured part funding under the Litter Infrastructure Support Grant Scheme from the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

These are state -of -the -art bins which determine the amount waste in a bin and compact the waste, when required, to provide more holding capacity. When they are ready to be emptied, they send an electronic message to council staff. This new technology will mean fewer collections, lower collection costs and fewer emissions. In addition, the fully enclosed design means they are bird and vermin-proof, can be operated using a foot pedal and provide data on which streets generate the most binned litter.

The Bins are highly visible and the vinyl print on the bins can be changed out when required currently the bins are providing a message to the public in relation to the Clean air Zone as well as anti-littering message.

11.2.7 **PROVIDE TREES TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations, dated 12th September 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will provide suitable trees to residents and businesses for free or at cost to plant on their own property (or in a pot for residents without a garden).’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/366)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council presently engage with resident and community groups, Tidy Town groups and schools regarding the supply and planting of trees in open space areas within residential areas, public realm areas and in school grounds. This service will be provided again to these groups on request during the upcoming planting season 2022/23 in line with available resources. Unfortunately, there is no provision in the 2022 approved Parks budgets or in the 2023

Parks Draft Estimates to provide trees to residents and businesses to plant on their own property. An estimate for this service will be included in the 2024 Draft Estimates for consideration.

12. **COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACEMAKING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 22nd SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held, 22nd September 2022.

12.1 **CORK CITY CULTURE AND CREATIVITY STRATEGY 2023-2027**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking on Cork City Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027.

12.2 **MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE**

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

12.3 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

12.3.1 **PUBLIC REALM NEEDS FOR 13-19 YEAR OLDS**

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

‘That Cork City Council carry out a consultation process through schools and social media with content and paid advertisements targeted within the Cork City area aimed at 13-19-year-olds so we uncover their needs and how these can best be met in the public realm.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/208)

The report of the Director of Services stated that having received positive feedback on the ‘Freedom of the City’ pilot initiative which was a partnership between Strategic Planning and Economic Development, the Glucksmann Gallery, UCC Occupational Health and Healthy Cities, the Community team has undertaken partnership work with Healthy Cities on the Erasmus+ Part-Y project. This work is focused on developing toolkits to centre teenagers, in particular teenage girls, in the process of developing safe, attractive, and inclusive public spaces for young people. The project partners met in Cork in April 2022. The Cork team will continue to work with colleagues in Operations and SPEC to identify suitable sites to pilot learnings from the project as well as to involve young people in the policy making process.

12.3.2 **LAJEE CULTURAL TOUR IRELAND**

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

‘That Cork City Council provide funding to the Lajee Cultural Tour Ireland. A group of young people from Palestine will tour Ireland from 13th to 21st September 2022 to present their engaging and creative programme of dance, music, film, photography and talks. This tour allows the 15 young people, aged 12 to 17 years from Aida Refugee Camp in the West Bank to showcase their arts and culture, express their cultural identity and talk about their lives. The tour will visit Dublin, Cork and Galway and will have concerts and exhibitions in each city. There will also be public performances and workshops with youth clubs and second level schools. Cork City Council should provide some financial support to the Cork leg of the tour, both because it is a fantastic project which is worthy of support and as a way of demonstrating Cork’s commitment to the struggle for Palestinian identity and statehood.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 22/314)

The report of the Director of Services stated that whilst noting the value of this tour for the young people involved, the Arts Section has no available budget to provide support to cultural tours or exchanges. It should be noted however that the community team are always supportive of any visiting communities and offer whatever assistance, other than financial, that might be required.

12.3.3 **COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET EVENTS**

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

‘That Cork City Council will designate a day for the hosting of community flea market events to promote the community-based economy and the reuse by exchange or trade of unwanted goods in the local economy rather than waste disposal.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/331)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council would be happy to engage with current flea market providers in the promotion of a community based flea market. Particularly with regard to the circular economy and reducing waste.

12.3.4 **CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC ART**

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

‘That Cork City Council put in place a cleaning schedule for all public art, ward by ward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 22/128)

The report of the Director of Services stated that need for renovation and maintenance of the existing public art in the city is a matter that the Arts Office is keenly aware of. With the support of members of the South West Local Area Committee we were able to undergo a complete refurbishment of the John Burke Sculpture at the Wilton Road

Roundabout in 2021, and a refurbishment of Saurian by Jim Buckley at the Lee Fields will be complete in the 4th quarter of this year.

Before a comprehensive maintenance plan for public art can be developed, we will need to invest in the coordination of an audit of current sited works and their conditions. We are hoping to be able to achieve a budget allocation to assist with this approach in 2023.

12.3.5 **SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A SAFE INJECTION FACILITY**

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

‘That this Council recognise the need for and seek to identify a suitable location for a safe injection facility for the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 22/251)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council supports the HSE and the Cork Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force (CLDATF) in its ongoing health response in relation to addiction services provision. As part of this, Cork City Council has committed its support for a safe injection facility in the city and continues to support the CLDTAF campaign to secure same. Should a national decision be made to locate a safe injection facility in the city, Cork City Council will endeavour to support both the HSE and CLDATF in the sourcing of a suitable location.

12.3.6 **SCRAMBLER MOTORBIKES**

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

‘I call on Cork City Council to liaise with an Gardaí to recognise the huge dangers posed by scrambler motorbikes. These bikes are being driven at speed and very recklessly through our housing estates, children’s playgrounds, on footpaths and green areas where children play, and on main roads.

Do we need to wait for a fatality to occur before we act to address the dangers posed by these bikes? Just recently, a twenty-year-old woman was knocked down and seriously injured by a scrambler bike, and two weeks ago a two-year-old infant was hit by a scrambler bike and needed to be hospitalised.

As these bikes are often driven by young people who may be unaware of the risks, both driver and passengers are putting themselves in danger. In addition, scrambler bikes are contributors to air and noise pollution in residential areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 22/268)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will continue to work with their partners An Gardaí Siochana and the RSA to improve on education and enforcement in this area. In particular they will look at the further roll out of the “Wrecked Lives” programme to at risk groups.

12.3.7 **UNUSED AND DERELICT TELEPHONE KIOSKS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking, on the following motions:-

‘That all unused and derelict telephone kiosks (i.e. the Eircom units on South Mall, French's Quay et al) are either immediately removed and the owners billed for removal or alternative uses found (for e.g. positioning of new defibs). They are a blot on the landscape of our city's streets.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 22/284)

POLICY ON PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSKS

‘That Cork City Council will prepare a policy on future uses of public telephone kiosks, including alternative uses, such as community book exchange locations, or their removal as unnecessary street clutter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/299)

REMOVE PHONE KIOSKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

‘That Cork City Council make contact with Eir and ask for the removal of the remaining phone kiosks throughout Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 22/310)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Phone kiosks are not the property of Cork City Council. That stated, Cork City Council will be engaging with ComReg in regard to the telephone kiosks and will be submitting a report on future policy for phone kiosks in the city, and its implementation, to the Strategic and Economic Development SPC in October.

12.3.8 **SECTION 254 (4) LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

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

‘That it be the policy of this Council that all area Councillors be informed of all section 254 (4) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 licence applications that occur within each electoral area, as and when such applications are made and prior to decisions granting such licences.’

(Proposers: Cllr. D. Boyle, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. S. O’Callaghan, Cllr. F. Kerins 22/302)

The report of the Director of Services stated that while there is no provision in the legislation for public notices or for submissions from the public to be considered by the Planning Authority, and no role for the Elected Members in the section 254 licence process, the Planning Development Management section has given a commitment to elected members that when a decision is made on a section 254 licence for

telecommunications infrastructure, the Elected Members of the respective Local Electoral Areas (where the licence is located) will be advised of the decision by email.

12.3.9 **SOFT INDOOR PLAY AREA IN THE CITY CENTRE**

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

‘That Cork City Council will provide a soft indoor play area for children in the city centre, similar to one at Mahon Point shopping centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 22/368)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Playful Cork initiative, which was borne of the City Council’s engagement in the inter-agency URBACT Playful Paradigm project, has put play at the centre many projects and events in the city since 2018. Play has animated our streets and public spaces, encouraged a different approach to placemaking and urban hard spaces, and made resource available to community groups who want to make their locations more playful.

Council Parks teams lead on the installation and maintenance of playground facilities in green spaces across the city, while the Playful Cork group have focused on making spaces safe for play, including in terms of rerouting vehicles, addressing air quality, and training play coaches. Efforts continue towards the development of a Play Street in the City Centre which would exemplify some of the best practise which has been observed across Europe and on a pop up basis nationally.

While the Council has no current plans for a soft play setting for the city centre, the Playful Cork group would be happy to liaise with any such initiative, reflecting best practise and experience.

12.3.10 **HEAT HUB IN CITY HALL**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Community, Culture & Placemaking on the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will set up city hall as a 'heat hub' this winter. Context: A heat hub is a drop-in centre where people who can't afford heating can sit in a warm place for the day. This is an emergency measure that Councils are having to undertake due to Government inaction on the energy pricing crisis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 22/378)

The report of the Director of Services stated that while City Hall is a public building to access council services and the concert hall and millennium hall are event hire venues, the City Library and the other 9 public libraries across the city are natural drop in community centres and provide for this across all communities as a natural part of the service. While they are not heat hubs, the public are welcome to read the paper/magazines/books, study and stay as long as they wish (within our opening hours)

without any monetary obligation in the libraries. Access to all materials is free of charge. Food is not permitted.

An Chomhairle further agreed to refer the motion back to the Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

12.3.11 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An Chomhairle noted the matter of funding for Cork City Marathon.

13. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES COMMITTEE – 3RD OCTOBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Committee from its meeting held, 3rd October 2022.

13.1 **FINANCE RELATED REPORTS**

13.1.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO END OF AUGUST 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to the end of August 2022.

14. **SOUTH CENTRAL LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South Central Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th September 2022.

15. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 6TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its special meeting held, 6th September 2022.

16. **SOUTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th September 2022.

16.1 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON COOLROE ROAD, BALLINCOLLIG**

An Chomhairle considered this item under item 7, Statutory Items.

16.2 **NOISE MONITORING FROM N40 AT HALLDENE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 22nd September 2022 on the following motion:-

‘That noise monitoring from the N40 at Halldene Avenue could be incorporated into the next Cork City Council Noise Action Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Finn 22/376)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the current plan is the Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023 for the Cork Agglomeration Area and was adopted on 13th May 2019 and is available on the Cork City Council website at <https://www.corkcity.ie/en/councilservices/services/environment/noise-monitoring/noise-action-plan-2018-2023.html>

The Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023 was prepared in accordance with EU directive 2002/49/EC commonly referred to as the ‘END’ Directive and the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 140 of 2006), as revoked and replaced by European Communities(Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 549 of 2018). The purpose of the Noise Action Plan (NAP) is to act as a means of managing environmental noise, and to meet the aim of the END Directive of preventing, and reducing where necessary, environmental noise through the adoption of the action plan.

The first 50 high priority areas are listed and ranked in the current Noise Action Plan. The area specifically queried – the N40 at Halldene Avenue is listed as no. 31 on the priority list. There is currently no dedicated funding at this time to progress specific noise reduction schemes. Noise is becoming more of a priority both here and across Europe. As its prominence as a health issue becomes more recognised then hopefully this will increase the funding dedicated to alleviate noise issues. Should funding and resources become available, the high priority areas will be assessed further in order of ranking.

The process to put the next Noise Action Plan in place is currently being progressed. One of the key inputs into the Noise Action Plan is the development of strategic noise maps which are produced using various datasets including traffic data, ground models, road, rail, airport and port data. As such no noise monitoring will be carried out to produce the strategic noise maps or noise action plan.

17. **NORTH WEST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North West Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th September 2022.

17.1 **REPORT UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED) FOR PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE L1117 ST COLMCILLE’S ROAD, CHURCHFIELD, IN THE VICINITY OF GERRY O’SULLIVAN PARK**

An Chomhairle considered this item under item 7, Statutory Items.

18. **NORTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 26th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the North East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 26th September 2022.

18.1 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED) FOR PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE L2598 AND L2980 ROADS AT DUBLIN PIKE**

An Chomhairle considered this item under item 7, Statutory Items.

18.2 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (AS AMENDED) FOR PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT JUNCTION OF THE R616, R614 AND L2980 ROADS AT WHITE'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered this item under item 7, Statutory Items.

19. **SOUTH EAST LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE – 27th SEPTEMBER 2022**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the South East Local Area Committee from its meeting held, 27th September 2022.

19.1 **PART 8 PLANNING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME ON BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered this item under item 7, Statutory Items.

20. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

21. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries of conferences/seminars attended as follows:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2022, Celebrating Local Government, held at the Knightsbrook Hotel Spa and Resort, Trim, Co. Meath, 14th-16th September 2022.

22. **SECTION 141 REPORTS**

An Chomhairle noted section 141 reports as follows:-

- Comhairleoir T. Moloney – Cork Regional Athletics Management Committee – 2019 to Q3 2022.
- Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald – Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland National Network – 2021 to Q3 2022.

23. **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

None received.

24. **TRAINING**

None received.

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

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Reports for June, July, and August 2022.

26. **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 M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, An Chomhairle agreed to defer motion 22/427, Standing Orders Amendment, for consideration at the next ordinary meeting of An Chomhairle to be held, 14th November 2022.

27. **MOTIONS**

27.1 **EXTEND 60KM SPEED LIMIT TO AIRPORT ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council would write to the NTA requesting that the 60 km per hour speed limit at the Kinsale Road roundabout would be extended to the Airport roundabout. As this is a national road is within the power of the NTA to change the limit. I understand that national road speed limits are to be reviewed in 2 years time however, many have seen the footage of cyclists using the new cycle lanes and the cars passing at in excess of 100km per hour. The speed limit should have changed in tandem with the installation of cycle paths funded by the NTA.'

(Proposer Cllr. D. Cahill 22/396)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

'That Cork City Council would write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting that the 60 km per hour speed limit at the Kinsale Road roundabout would be extended to the Airport roundabout. As this is a national road is within the power of the TII to change the limit. I understand that national road speed limits are to be reviewed in 2 years time. However, 100km per hour limit needs to be reduced much earlier than that.'

(Proposer Cllr. D. Cahill 22/396)

27.2 **CSO TO MAHON POINT EASTERN CORRIDOR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would formally request the NTA to fund the CSO to Mahon Point eastern corridor without waiting for Bus Connects. The NTA have funded the project to date (the last 20 years) and Bus Connects will only delay the delivery. The project to date has been 5 stages and this final piece will greatly increase the bus times. Bus Connects is funded through the NTA.’

(Proposer Cllr. D. Cahill 22/397)

27.3 **NTA TO DEVELOP BUDGET TO COMBAT PUBLIC PERCEPTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That the CE will write to the NTA about the need to develop a budget for soft and informal measures to combat the public perception that Cork was not a cycling city in the past.’

(Proposer Cllr. C. Finn 22/399)

27.4 **REOPEN MIDLETON TO YOUGHAL RAILWAY LINE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government and particularly the Minister for Transport and the Environment Eamon Ryan to reopen the Midleton to Youghal railway line as was planned when the Glounthane to Midleton section was reopened a number of years ago.

The case for this is even stronger now due to the increased level of commuter traffic on the Midleton to Youghal road, which causes long tailbacks at the villages of Castlemartyr and Killeagh resulting to excessive levels of CO2 in the atmosphere as well as the inconvenience that these delays cause.

It is estimated that the opening of Midleton to Youghal rail line would replace approximately 8,000 car journeys per day.

The reopening of the Midleton to Youghal rail line would make good sense both from traffic management and environmental points of view as it would certainly result in many commuters switching from their cars to rail. It would also be used by day trippers from Cork wishing to use the seaside amenity that Youghal has to offer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 22/416)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

REJECT PROPOSALS BY THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY/BUS CONNECTS

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That this Council rejects the present proposals as announced by the National Transport Authority/BusConnects and calls on them to:

1. Engage in meaningful consultation with residents who are affected by CPO’s, these consultations should be held in person and on site.
2. Agree to organize a 3rd public consultation process.
3. Agree to hold more frequent and smaller/more targeted community forum to enable residents to engage with the NRA on a more local basis.
4. Agree to establish a permanent office in Cork City to ensure that the public can engage with the NRA on an ongoing basis.
5. Agree to engage a professional communication team due to the size and scale of the BusConnects project where €600 million of public money is being spent, to review the disastrous publicity/leaflet distribution campaign and commit to developing a meaningful and comprehensive publicity/communication campaign in the future.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Shannon, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. C. Kelleher, Cllr. M.R. Desmond 22/417)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Maher, a vote was called for to amend the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, O. Moran, M. Nugent, F. Ryan, D. Boylan, L. Bogue, D. Boyle, S. O’Callaghan, F. Kerins, C. Finn, G. Kelleher, E. Ryng. (13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Kavanagh, J. Sheehan, D. Cahill, M.R. Desmond, D. Forde, S. Martin, F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Kelleher. (10)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting in favour of the amendment were greater than those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried, and the motion approved revised to read as follows:-

EXTENSIVE REVISION OF PROPOSALS BY THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY/BUS CONNECTS

‘That this Council supports extensive revision of proposals as announced by the National Transport Authority/BusConnects based on public consultation and calls on them to continue to:

1. Engage in meaningful consultation with residents, including those who are affected by CPOs, these consultations should be held in person and on site.
2. Agree to organize a 3rd public consultation process.
3. Agree to hold more frequent and smaller/more targeted community forums to enable residents to engage with the NTA on a more local basis.
4. Agree to establish a permanent office in Cork City to ensure that the public can engage with the NTA on an ongoing basis.

5. Agree to engage a professional communication team due to the size and scale of the BusConnects project.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Shannon, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. C. Kelleher, Cllr. M.R. Desmond 22/417)

27.6 **CHEMICALS USED IN PREPARATION OF DRINKING WATER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on Irish Water to meet Environment, Water and Amenity SPC committee to discuss the chemicals used in the preparation of drinking water which may have been responsible for sediments coming loose in water mains and the discoloring of water across the city and to report on the steps being taken to address the issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 22/426)

27.7 **APARTHEID FREE ZONE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council noting the Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and B'Tselem reports that designate Israel as an Apartheid State and further noting that the United Nations has declared Apartheid 'a crime against Humanity' declares Cork City Council an Apartheid Free Zone, and in doing so, fully supports and endorses the Palestinian-led Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement for freedom, equality and justice and commits itself to the following:

A) not to purchase goods or services, produced or provided, in whole or in part (as practicable), from illegally occupied territories by illegal settlers, and that any such contracts should cease as soon as allowed.

B) proceed, with urgency, it's decision of October 2021 to twin with a Palestinian city.

C) encourage and support civil society links between Cork and similar groups in Israel/Palestine that oppose the apartheid system there.

Furthermore, this Council, noting the Dáil motion of May 2021 that condemns Israeli actions in East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank as 'unlawful de facto annexation', calls on the Irish Government to implement the Occupied Territories Bill passed by the Dáil in 2018.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 22/411)

27.8 **PRACTICE OF APARTHEID BY ISRAEL**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council notes Amnesty International's recent investigation into the Israeli Governments treatment of Palestine and the Palestinian people.

Recognises that this report notes that :

- "Israel imposes a system of oppression and domination against Palestinians across all areas under its control: in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, and against Palestinian refugees, in order to benefit Jewish Israelis.

And that

- "This amounts to apartheid as prohibited in international law."

Therefore;

Cork City Council expresses its abhorrence at this practice of Apartheid by Israel.'

(Proposers: Cllr. E. Rying, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. D. Boyle 22/418)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir E. Rying, An Chomhairle approved the motion revised to read as follows:-

'That Cork City Council notes Amnesty International's recent investigation into the Israeli Governments treatment of Palestine and the Palestinian people.

Recognises that this report notes that :

- "Israel imposes a system of oppression and domination against Palestinians across all areas under its control: in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, and against Palestinian refugees.

And that

- "This amounts to apartheid as prohibited in international law."

Therefore;

Cork City Council expresses its abhorrence at this practice of Apartheid by Israel.'

(Proposers: Cllr. E. Rying, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. D. Boyle 22/418)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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