

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. D. O’Mahony, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. C. O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Executive Officer, ICT & Business Services. Mr. B. O’Hare, Management Accountant, Finance.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Harrington Family on the death of Kay Harrington.
- The O’Driscoll Family on the death of John O’Driscoll.
- The Daly Family on the death of Donna Daly.
- Aideen O’Sullivan on the death of Tom Barry.
- Pat Harrington on the death of Kay Harrington.

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

- Nemo Rangers on winning the Cork County Football Senior Championship.
- Mayfield Intermediate Footballers on securing a hard earned draw in the County Final of the IFC in Pair Uí Rinn.
- Damien O’Mahony & T.E.A.M on the City Council’s contribution to another successful Jazz Festival Weekend, going from strength to strength each year.
- Joe Kirby of the Cork Local Drug Task Force on organising the successful Lee Fields 4 mile Run.

3. **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

An Chomhairle considered the following items raised by An tArd-Mhéara:-

3.1 **SILVER MAGNOLIA AWARD**

An tArd-Mhéara congratulated Mr. Pat Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on receiving the Silver Magnolia Award in Shanghai. He is the first European to receive the award.

3.2 **TWINNING TRIP TO SHANGHAI**

An tArd-Mhéara acknowledged all the staff that made the twinning trip to Shanghai a success.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

4.1 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for September 2015.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Minutes:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 12th October 2015.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **CORK CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan was deferred.

Can the CE please advise what, if any, discounts have been granted to Cork Chamber of Commerce in respect of its hiring of both the City Hall and the Millennium Hall for the Chambers Annual Party. For the years 2010 to 2015 incl, can the CE set out the gross charge, discount granted and the net payment made by the Chamber of Commerce. Finally, can the CE please ensure that no further discounts be granted forthwith, as the Chamber is already very well funded?

6.2 **UPDATE COUNCIL ON STATUS OF SITE PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS CON DONOVAN'S PUB, WOLFE TONE STREET**

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

Could the CE please update the Council on the negotiation between developer / bank and Cork City Council on the site previously known as Con Donovans Pub, Wolfe Tone Street

and when the CE expects the footpath / right of way that has been closed to the public for the past 9 years to be re-opened?

REPLY

The Council is not involved in negotiations between developer/bank concerning to the redevelopment of the site previously known as Con Donovans Pub, Wolfe Tone Street. In relation to the footpath it is to be noted that the previous owners allowed people to walk from the footpath on Wolf Tone Street through the private car park of what was 'Con O'Donovans' pub and exit via the vehicular entrance onto the laneway to the west of this property which then joined Glen Ryan Road. As such it appears that there may not have been a Council maintained public path at the location. The redevelopment of the property was commenced a number of years ago and this redevelopment includes for the provision of a new public footpath. Unfortunately the development has not been completed. The Council will seek to contact the owners to establish if it is likely that the planned development will be recommenced and completed in the near future. In addition as an interim measure to improve pedestrian facilities the option of constructing a temporary pedestrian path or link around the property will be examined. If feasible and necessary this will be undertaken before the year end.

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

6.3 **HAP SCHEME**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

How many landlords have signed up for the HAP Scheme in Cork City Council

REPLY

A total of 52 landlords and agents have signed up as at 13/10/2015.

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

6.4 **PROPERTY TAX ON LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES**

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

Is Cork City Council intending to recoup the Property Tax on local authority houses by increasing the rent?

REPLY

Cork City Council does not intend to recoup the Property Tax on Local Authority houses by increasing the rent.

J. Hallahan,
Head of Finance

6.5 **PUBLIC BICYCLE SCHEME**

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

Since the introduction of the public bicycle scheme can the CE outline the loss of revenue in pay parking to Cork City Council as a result.

REPLY

From time to time adjustments are made in the allocation of road space to meet changing requirements. These adjustments can include measures to facilitate pedestrians, bus transport and cyclists. They also include public realm improvements, the reallocation of spaces between various uses (i.e., disabled parking, pay parking, loading bays, bus bays, taxi spaces) and adjustments in parking arrangements to meet up to date standards and safety requirements (i.e., conversion of perpendicular parking to parallel parking).

The Cork public bike scheme comprises 330 bikes across 31 station locations spanning from Gaol Cross to Kent Station. The net reduction in spaces associated with this scheme was 58.

There are approximately 8,500 on street parking spaces within the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ), of which approximately 2,000 are within the Central Business District (CBD). The Disc Parking Zone generates approximately €3m per annum (i.e. €2.6m from the sale of parking discs and €400k through the Park by Phone service). The income from each area is not separately assessed nor is the income associated with the individual spaces within each area.

Occupancy levels range from 60% to 85% with compliance ranging from 70% to 85%. Of those occupying spaces approximately 50% are paying customers with permit holders making up the balance.

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

6.6 **CORK SAVINGS BANK BUILDING**

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

Can the CE please provide a comprehensive update on all actions taken in relation to the utilisation of the Cork Savings Bank Building on Lapps Quay?

What expressions of interest have been offered for utilising the building?

What is the Council's preferred use for the building?

When is a final decision expected?

REPLY

The City Council acquired the former Permanent TSB Bank on Lapp's Quay in July 2014. To inform the most appropriate future use of the building, the City Council has completed a detailed survey and conservation analysis of what is an important Protected Structure.

This analysis has provided an understanding of the architectural opportunities and challenges confronting any comprehensive redevelopment of the building to make it fit for a sustainable, modern use.

Further to this work it was considered important to gain an independent appraisal of the likely uses, both commercial and non commercial that the building would be most suitable for, based on market appraisal and best practice in Ireland and abroad. Key to this appraisal is the undertaking of a costing exercise to quantify the estimated costs associated with fully refurbishing the building to the appropriate standard to determine the feasibility or otherwise of each option identified. We are in the process of finalising this element of the appraisal.

When the appraisal is complete it is intended to formally advertise for expressions of interest. There were no formal expressions of interest sought as we prioritised determining the long term future for the building which could be undermined if we indentified and supported short term uses for this important space. I expect that the advertisement for expressions of interest will be placed in December.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs

6.7 **FUNDING SITUATION FOR BLACKROCK PIER PROJECT**

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 funding situation for Blackrock Pier Project?

REPLY

The construction tender process for the Blackrock Renewal Project is complete and the preferred Contractor has been selected. The value of the winning tender exceeds the available internal budget assigned. Consequently additional funding is required to deliver the scheme. Funding applications have and are being made to a number of agencies so as to be able to commence work at an early date. An application for part funding was made to the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine but this was not successful. An application for part funding was also made to the National Transport Authority. This is being considered at present and a decision is expected within the coming month.

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

6.8 **SOUND ASSESSMENT ON THE N40 SOUTH RING ROAD**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer was deferred.

To ask the Chief Executive if she will publish all reports pertaining to sound assessment on the N40 South Ring Road with particular reference to the sections from the Kinsale Road Flyover to the City boundary west of the Bandon Road Flyover and if she can make

specific reference to the dates of assessments, the status of assessment process e.g. Methodology, Funding, Independence and consultation with local residents as well as the effectiveness of sound control measures included as part of the design and build process and what redress is available to residents who are effected by noise from the use of the Ring Road?

6.9 **THOMAS DAVIS BRIDGE**

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

Can the CE report if work has been undertaken recently to survey Thomas Davis Bridge to ensure the area is safe for motorists to traverse? What provisions are in place to facilitate pedestrians in the area? Are there improvement measures planned in the near future by the Council's Road Department?

REPLY

The intersection of Thomas Davis Bridge and Sundays Well Road is a key junction on the south western approach to the City Centre. It is recognised that there is a need to improve, the overall efficiency and safety of the junction for all road users. It is currently being progressed as an NTA junction improvement scheme with the works to be completed in 2016.

The proposal is to provide traffic signal control at the junction of Sunday's Well/Wellington/Thomas Davis Bridge. This will provide crossing facilities for pedestrians at the junction. The installation of a toucan crossing at the southern end of Thomas Davis Bridge is also proposed to link with the exiting walkway.

Traffic counts, topographical surveys etc have been carried out and ductproofing is currently underway. It is envisaged that Part 8 Planning documentation, as prepared in accordance with the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2011, will be advertised for consultation shortly.

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

6.10 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT THOMAS DAVIS BRIDGE**

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

To ask the Chief Executive of the current plans to address the traffic management system at Thomas Davis Bridge.

REPLY

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

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 19th OCTOBER 2015**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held on the 19th October 2015.

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2015**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 30th September 2015.

8. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee, from its meeting held on 21st September 2015.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th OCTOBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee, from its meeting held on the 19th October 2015.

9.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 15th October, 2015 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a. Disposal of leasehold interest in an area of ground situated adjacent to No. 1, St. Vincent's Place, off Blarney Street, Cork to Barry Philpott c/o Donegans Solicitors, No. 6, Lapps Quay, Cork for the sum of €100.00 (plus VAT if applicable). On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, the disposal was approved.
- b. Disposal of No. 25, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork to William & Sheila Leahy c/o Murphy & Condon Solicitors, No. 69, Shandon Street, North Gate Bridge, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said William & Sheila Leahy at No. 26, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork. On the disposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, Seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.

9.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for September 2015.

9.3 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for the Quarter ended 30th September, 2015.

9.4 **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th October, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 7, The Mews, Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel, Cork by Túath Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a vote was called on the following Resolution referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €31,175 be granted to Túath Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

Where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, L. McGonigle, N. O'Keeffe, S. O'Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney.(17)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, K. O'Flynn, L. O'Donnell, M. O'Sullivan.
(5)

As the numbers voting in favour of the Resolution were greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Resolution approved.

9.5 **TÚATH HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th October, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 66, Beech Tree Avenue, Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel, Cork by Túath Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh a vote was called for on the following Resolution referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €25,900 be granted to Túath Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

Where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’ Keeffe, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan. (1)

ABSTAIN: M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. O’Sullivan. (3)

As the numbers voting in favour of the Resolution were greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Resolution approved.

9.6 **RESPOND! HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th October, 2015 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 318, Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork by Respond! Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a vote was called for on the following Resolution referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €150,000 be granted to Respond! Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

Where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’ Keeffe, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan. (1)

ABSTAIN: M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. O’Sullivan. (3)

As the numbers voting in favour of the Resolution were greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Resolution approved.

9.7 **GALTAN LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT COVE STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th October, 2015 on the provision of 6 units of accommodation at No. 19/20, Cove Street, Cork by Galtan Limited.

Decision of Committee

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a vote was called for on the following Resolution referred to Council for adoption:

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €859,000 be granted to Galtan Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

Where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (18)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan. (1)

ABSTAIN: M. Barry, L. O’Donnell, M. O’Sullivan. (3)

As the numbers voting in favour of the Resolution were greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Resolution approved.

9.8 **SOCIAL HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AT FARRANLEA ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th September, 2015 in relation to the provision of social housing accommodation at Downview, Farranlea Road, Cork.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, M. Barry, K. O’Flynn, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (21)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan.

As the numbers voting in favour of the report were greater than those voting against, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report approved.

9.9 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th October, 2015 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

9.10 **ENERGY RETRO FIT STOVES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th October, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council adopt as a policy the installation of energy retro fit stoves’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/182)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of a fire insert stove in each Cork City Council property would cost approximately €600 - €800 per stove depending on the nature of the contract and the type of stove selected for the works.

The report also stated that it would be necessary in properties with a lip on the front of the hearth to have the hearth and or fireplace replaced. This would cost an additional €1,000 per fireplace. At an estimate, approximately half of the Councils’ properties would require a replacement hearth/fireplace. It should be noted that, for most properties, the replacement of the hearth means replacing the fireplace as the fireplace may get damaged whilst removing the hearth and the replacement hearth rarely matches the existing fireplace. Some properties would also require the installation of a fixed and an adjustable vent in order to meet the ventilation requirements of the building regulations. This would cost approximately €150 per property.

The report further stated that as a policy to be implemented, this project would cost in the region of €10,200,000 broken down as follows:

8,000 installed stoves at approximately €700 each	- €5,600,000
4,000 replacement fireplaces at €1,000 each	- €4,000,000
4,000 ventilation units at €150 each	- € 600,000

Given the cost of undertaking this work and the absence of any budget at present, Members should note that implementation of any policy in this regard, if adopted, cannot take place for the foreseeable future.

9.11 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th October, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That a detailed answer be given as to why a scheduled fabric upgrade programme in areas of the southside (including Desmond Square) was stopped and an idea given as to when it will happen; will the Housing Directorate also outline the parts of the city where it was carried out.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/238)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the fabric upgrade program phase one consists of the installation of attic and cavity wall insulation in each of the Council owned social houses.

The report also stated that the program had been suspended pending the allocation of additional monies to the project. The allocation for 2015 (€1.86m) has been spent and an additional €1,000,000 has also been spent. The additional spend will be recouped from the 2016 Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government allocation. The project has been completed in the North East (Mayfield) area of the city, the Mahon/Blackrock area of the city and much of the South area of the city has been completed also.

9.12 **MEADOWS ESTATE, KNOCKNACULLEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 15th October, 2015 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will report on progress on the implementation of a site resolution plan for the Meadows estate, Knocknacullen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/239)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Licence agreements between AIB Bank, Cork City Council, Cork County Council, the receiver KPMG and the Liquidator for Knocknacullen Limited had been finalised and will be signed this week.

The report also stated that once the agreements have been signed, the Liquidator can then appoint the selected contractor to complete the agreed repairs and works under the site resolution plan for the development at The Meadows, Knocknacullen. The Site Resolution Plan contains works to the public realm and services to comply with the planning permission issued by Cork County Council. The plan also contains works to complete 6 units that Cork City Council are contracted to acquire.

The report further stated that the City Council had requested a timeframe for the works to be completed and this will be provided on the appointment of the contractor. The members will be notified when the Council are in receipt of same.

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 19th OCTOBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held on the 19th October 2015.

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 15th October 2015 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending September 2015.

10.2 **LOW COST SAFETY SCHEMES – NON NATIONAL ROADS SECTION 38**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 15th October 2015 regarding Low Cost Safety Schemes – Non National Roads Section 38.

10.3 **SKEHARD ROAD REALIGNMENT & RENEWAL PROJECT (FROM PARKHILL ESTATE JUNCTION TO THE BESSBORO ROAD JUNCTION) - PART 8 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 15th October 2015 regarding the Skehard Road Realignment & Renewal Project (From Parkhill Estate Junction to the Bessboro Road Junction) - Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

The report stated the following -

Background

In 2014 the National Transport Authority (NTA) sponsored the South East Strategic Transport Corridor Study. The study identified the strategically important routes between Mahon/Douglas and the City Centre. It examined deficiencies along the existing routes and proposed a package of measures designed to optimise movement across all modes of transportation.

The proposed package of measures identified 11 projects. This Part 8 proposal relates to two of the projects. The two projects are amalgamated into one single Part 8 planning application as the proposed work will be advanced as a single construction project. Funding is provided by the NTA under the Cork Metropolitan Area, Five Year Investment Framework, 2013 to 2017. The proposed realignment and renewal work will commence at the junction of Skehard Road/ Parkhill Estate and end at the junction of Skehard Road/Bessboro Road.

It is anticipated that the remaining phase of the overall enhancement and realignment of Skehard Road (Bessboro Road to the CSO junction) will follow in the near future as a separate Part 8 application.

The project aims to improve the efficiency and safety of the route for all modes of transportation (pedestrian, cyclist, bus and other vehicles).

The work primarily consists of the following measures:-

- The repaving of the roadway and footways.
- The provision of new ducting and drainage works.
- The replacement of public lighting columns and lanterns
- The provision of an outbound bus lane including new bus shelters, passenger information signs etc.
- The provision of an inbound cycle lane
- The provision of new turning lanes
- The provision of new traffic signals and controllers
- The provision of parking where feasible

- The removal of some of the existing trees
- The replanting of other trees
- The provision of hard and soft landscaping
- The acquisition of a strip of land at Pinecourt
- The provision of new boundary treatments where required

The Part 8 Planning Process

Pursuant to the provisions of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), Cork City Council published a notice in the Irish Examiner on the 10th of April 2015.

The Notice advised the public that the drawings for the proposed work were available for inspection at the Reception Desk in City Hall from Friday 10th of April 2015 until Friday the 22nd of May 2015 between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. In addition the drawings were available for inspection on Cork City Council's website. The Notice outlined how submissions should be made and the deadline for receipt of same was highlighted as 5.00pm on Friday the 5th June 2015.

An Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Screening Assessment were undertaken and the proposed measures were deemed to be sub threshold in both cases.

Submissions

Twenty eight submissions were received in total. Twenty six submissions came from residents, one from a public representative and one from a campaign group.

The submissions were considered and where appropriate the suggested improvements will be incorporated into the revised layout. The accompanying spreadsheet outlines the issues raised in the submissions and provides a corresponding response in each case.

Assessment and Response Summary (Note the detailed item by item responses are outlined on the accompanying spreadsheet).

The following is a summary of the main topics to be considered from the submissions:-

- (a) A number of submissions requested the removal of existing trees for various reasons such as overshadowing, worry about possible structural damage, access difficulties and requests for provision of additional parking: - submission No's 1, 2, 7, 13, 14 & 26 apply. In response it is now proposed to remove some of these trees, others will be surveyed and if necessary removed and the remainder of the trees will be retained as they are not impacted by the scheme.
- (b) A number of submissions requested additional on-street parking: - submission No's 2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 19, 26, 27 & 28 apply. In response it is now proposed to provide six additional parking spaces. The inset parking adjacent to 53-56 McGrath Park is confirmed as residents parking. Two submissions have requested on-street parking on the southern side of the road near Clover Lawn junction. The existing road layout at this location has double yellow lines hence no parking. It is not proposed to alter this arrangement. Other submissions are requesting greater levels of on-street parking even though on-street parking is provided and they already have internal parking. It is not proposed to make any further adjustments.

- (c) Some of the submissions expressed concern in relation to the proposed Church Road Junction layout: - Submission No's 16, 21, 25, 26, & 28 apply. In response it is now proposed to re-examine the layout with the aim of achieving the following: - extending the length of the city bound right turning lane into Church Road. Continuation of the bus lane through the Church Road junction and on to Bessboro Road Junction. Narrowing of the right turning lanes in general, etc. It may be necessary to acquire additional land including the acquisition of the "Brown Cottage" on the eastern side of the Church Road junction to achieve the above. These issues will be addressed as part of the detailed design process.
- (d) Some of the submissions expressed concern in relation to safety of the roadway plus the current and future levels of traffic congestion on Skehard Road: - submissions 3, 4, 7, 11, 16, 17, 23 & 26 apply. The proposed measures will undergo a full set of Road Safety Audits at design stage, immediately upon completion and 1 year after completion to ensure that all aspects of the layout will operate safely. The issue of congestion will be addressed via the improvement of the layout the widening of the road, the introduction of turning lanes etc. The provision of a cycle lane and bus lane will encourage greater uptake in sustainable modes of transportation which in turn should help reduce congestion.
- (e) A number of other topics were discussed & suggestions made in relation to the proposed works. These are addressed on the accompanying spreadsheet.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The issues raised in the submissions have been carefully considered and where appropriate the suggestions put forward will be incorporated into the revised layout. The proposed measures will reduce the current level of congestion on Skehard Road and greatly improve the level of service for sustainable modes of transportation.

The project will provide new, safe and efficient bus, cycle and traffic lanes. The pedestrian space and facilities including crossings will be enhanced and renewed. The street lighting and traffic signals will be renewed. All signage, lining and street furniture will be renewed. Other measures such as the provision of new underground services etc will also be provided.

The project is fully funding by the National Transport Authority under the "Regional Cities Investment Programme" for sustainable transportation projects.

The proposed development is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan. Having considered the observations received and the response outlined above, I recommend that the proposed development proceed with the modifications outlined.

10.4 **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

10.4.1 **CONVERT THE STEPS ON NICHOLAS STREET INTO CAR SPACES FOR RESIDENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the possibility of converting the steps on Nicholas Street into car spaces for residents be explored, or provision for evening time parking in the nearby interpretive centre be considered, in an effort to provide more options for resident permit holders in an area with very limited spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/241)

The Report stated that, the conversion of the steps on Nicholas Street into car spaces for residents is not appropriate as it means that there will be no footpath facilities on Nicholas Street.

The possibility of the residents being able to use the parking area of the new interpretive centre for their cars for evening time parking may be feasible. However, this would need to be negotiated directly between the residents of Nicholas Street and the owners/ operators of the nearby interpretive centre.

10.4.2 **AUDIT THE JUNCTION AT FRIARS WALK/REENDOWNEY PLACE /O'RIORDAN TCE AND BALLYPHEHANE PARK WITH A VIEW TO SAFETY WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Mindful of serious sightline issues and dangers to pedestrians using a busy pharmacy, the junction at Friars Walk/Reendowney Place/O’Riordan Terrace and Ballyphehane Park be audited with a view to safety works being carried out; the prospect of disc/residents parking along the Friars Walk side of the Park to be considered in this regard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 15/242)

The Report stated that, the area in the vicinity of the junction at Friars Walk/Reendowney Place/O’Riordan Terrace and Ballyphehane Park will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

If deemed appropriate it can be put forward for consideration in any future roads programme.

10.4.3 **INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN HYDE PARK, TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council install traffic calming measures in Hyde Park, Tory Top Road. ‘

(Proposer: Cllr F. Kerins 15/243)

The Report stated that, Hyde Park, Tory Top Road can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. However there is no funding available for a traffic calming programme in 2015.

Any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

10.4.4 **CYCLE OFFICER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Council seek permission to appoint a Cycling officer for the City in view of the fact that Dublin City Council has recently been cleared to appoint such an officer and that Cycling is expected to form a major part of the City Centre movement strategy in the future.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 15/245)

The Report stated that, Cork City Council has a Cycling Officer within the Roads & Transportation Division.

10.4.5 **DIGITAL SPEED INDICATORS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council introduce digital speed indicators on approach roads to the City in order to remind motorists of the need to drive within our reduced speed limits.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 15/246)

The Report stated that, the default speed limit within the Cork City Council administrative area is 50kph unless signed otherwise. Drivers are expected to observe the rules of the road and drive with due care and attention at all times in the knowledge that they are in an urban area where they should expect more pedestrian and cycling activity and hence drive at a reduced speed.

Digital speed indicators whilst indicating the speed of the oncoming vehicle cannot make the individual driver slow down and therefore have a limited usefulness. In addition, these can only be installed in specific circumstances when traffic volumes are significantly low and distances sufficiently long to allow for measurement and subsequent signalling to drivers.

10.4.6 **PERMANENTLY CLOSE THE ALLEYWAY FROM BAKERS ROAD TO PRESENTATION ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Council permanently close the alleyway from Bakers Road to Presentation Road as the temporary closure attracts antisocial behaviour, illegal dumping and damage to local properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/250)

The Report stated that, Housing have fenced off this Laneway in the past – not a roads maintenance scheme. The matter will be further explored with the Housing and Community Directorate.

10.4.7 **TAKE IN CHARGE THE GLENTASNA ESTATE THE GLEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would establish process of taking in charge, The Glentrasna Estate The Glen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 15/252)

The Report stated that, this motion has been referred to the Housing & Community Functional Committee.

10.4.8 **SPEED WARNING SIGN BE INSTALLED ON TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a speed warning sign be installed on Togher road advising motorists of the speed limit which would be located in close proximity to Togher Boys and Girls School and would coincide with the recently installed speed warning sign at the county end of the Togher Road.’

(Proposer: F. Dennehy 15/259)

The Report stated that, the Togher Road area in the vicinity of Togher Boys and Girls School will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. It should be noted that signage alone will not reduce speeds. Physical measures are required to ensure that speeds are reduced and self enforcing.

10.4.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES REQUIRED OLD YOUGHAL ROAD BETWEEN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH AND TINKER'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council carry out an urgent examination with a view to bringing in traffic calming measures on Old Youghal Road between St. Joseph’s Church and Tinker’s Cross. There is a major issue on this section of the road with speeding cars and it is vital that this be curbed by introducing proper control measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/261)

The Report stated that, Old Youghal Road between St. Joseph’s Church and Tinker’s Cross can be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. However there is no funding available for a traffic calming programme in 2015.

Any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

10.4.10 **ADD THE FOOTPATHS OF OAKFIELD LAWN, BALLINLOUGH ROAD TO THE FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approve the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘To add the footpaths of Oakfield Lawn, Ballinlough Road to the footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 15/268)

The Report stated that, the footpaths in Oakfield Lawn have been assessed, with isolated repairs to be carried out subject to resources being available during Q4 2015.

10.4.11 **SIGNAGE ASKING CYCLIST NOT TO CYCLE ON THE FOOTPATHS**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would erect signage asking cyclist not to cycle on the footpaths in Blackpool, in particular on Dublin Street as the footpaths are narrow and the doors of the house open directly on to the footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 15/272)

The Report stated that, the erection of signage asking cyclist not to cycle on the footpaths specifically in Blackpool and in particular on Dublin Street, is not deemed to be appropriate as signage alone will not change behaviour.

Improved road safety education and awareness campaigns on a national level are a more appropriate and effective means of changing behaviour.

A vote was called for on the Report of the Director of Services where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kavanagh, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, P.J Hourican. (7)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Gould, L. O'Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, H. Cremin, T. Moloney.(14)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir T. Tynan.

As the numbers voting against the Report of the Director of Services were greater than those voting in favour of the Report, An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and the Report not approved.

10.4.12 **REMOVE FENCING AT THE ENTRANCE TO ARDCULLEN ESTATE, HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council will remove fencing at the entrance to ArdculLEN Estate, Hollyhill that is not serving any useful purpose'.

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 15/273)

The Report stated that, the palisade fence at the entrance to ArdculLEN Estate was erected to prevent parking of temporary dwellings on the adjoining open space. Parking of temporary dwellings was a serious problem for many years and the fence was erected in response to many requests from local residents to secure the area. A review of the situation will now be undertaken.

10.4.13 **PARKING REGULATIONS IN HARTLANDS ROAD**

An Chomhairle agreed to hold this item in Committee.

'That Cork City Council would consult with residents in Hartlands Road regarding the efficacy of current parking regulations.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/277)

10.4.14 **ONE WAY SYSTEM IN HIGHFIELD AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would consider introducing a one way system in Highfield Avenue due to the continuous traffic jams and damage to parked vehicles on a regular basis following complaints from residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/278)

The Report stated that, generally the recommendation is the one-way systems are avoided because:

- Traffic speeds will increase in the one-way direction of flow;
- It will attract additional traffic in the direction of flow, as motorists will become aware of its attractiveness in that direction;
- A less friendly environment for pedestrians because of the increased speeds;
- Deliveries and access to local residents will be made more difficult as some trips will require longer distances.

However there is a case for making for making Highfield Avenue one-way southbound (away from College Road) because of the serious congestion problems that occur at the traffic signals at the junction of Highfield Avenue and College Road. The narrowness of Highfield Avenue on the approach to the junction results in cars stopped for the red light, blocking entry to traffic into the roadway from College Road. This causes delays on College Road for buses and traffic and making it one-way southwards would ease this problem.

When making a roadway one-way it is usual to twin it with another one-way road for traffic in the opposite direction. However in this instance there is no suitable road because Highfield West, although adjacent and parallel, is wider than Highfield Avenue and therefore it is recommended that it remain two-way in order to avoid the issue of increased speeding.

This proposal will be assessed further and if found desirable can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

10.4.15 **EMERGENCY SERVICES TO HOMES AT BUCKSTON HILL AND JANEMOUNT, SUNDAY’S WELL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council makes contact with the receiver of the Good Shepherd Convent with a view to securing access for Emergency Services to 20 homes at Buckston Hill and Janemount, Sunday’s Well.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/264)

The Report stated that, Buckston Hill is a cul de sac road that extends from Sunday's Well Road on the South to Janemount in the North East. It is one of a number of places in the city with restricted or limited access. While cars can access the area, the Fire Service has difficulty in bringing a tender up this hill and round the bend that leads to Janemount. The Fire Service can, however, serve the area satisfactorily using a smaller vehicle with hoses and they have an appropriate procedure in place for same. The road would benefit from widening/improvement works at the junction of Buckston Hill and Sunday's Well Road and also along the entire route towards/from the bend at the top of Buckston Hill leading on to Janemount. Unfortunately there hasn't been any funding available for road improvement works in situation like this and no related plans have been developed or land acquisitions undertaken.

10.4.16 **REPAIR THE BOUNDARY WALL AT LARCHFIELD CLOSE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council repair the boundary wall at Larchfield Close in the interest of safety for the children playing on the green, as there is significant traffic passing by at Upper Fairhill.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/160)

The Report stated that, repairs to this wall will take place in the coming months.

10.4.17 **REPAIR PUBLIC LIGHTING (POLE 3) ON CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council reports on the status of public lighting (pole number 3) on Church Road, Blackrock and takes urgent action to repair or replace the light. In a response to a previous motion I proposed (14/425), a report from the Roads Directorate dated 31st December 2014 suggested this pole would be repaired early in the New Year, yet it is still not working.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 15/234)

The Report stated that, the replacement of this overhead bracket and lantern was approved by the Transportation Division, Cork City Council on 19/09/2014. When the specialist contractor went to site to undertake the work it found the top of the pole to be rotten and as such it was not possible to mount the replacement spigot adaptor, bracket & lantern. ESB Networks, as owners of the asset, were informed of the position by AUS via Service Request email. The Transportation Division subsequently followed up directly with ESB Networks for observations and action on the Service Request. As recently as September 2015 ESB Networks confirmed that the location is on the current programme of works and the pole will be replaced. The replacement bracken and lantern will be installed by the Councils specialist contractor as soon as pole is replaced by ESB Networks.

10.5 **TO RECONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN COMMITTEE**

10.5.1 **INCLUDE FATHER MATHEW ROAD, TURNERS CROSS IN THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will include Father Mathew Road, Turners Cross in its reconstruction and resurfacing programme. The road surface on Father Mathew Road has drastically deteriorated in recent months and is now a danger to pedestrians and cyclists and damage to vehicles may become apparent should this surface not be attended to as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 15/210)

The Report stated that, the location will be assessed with immediate temporary repairs carried out as required, it will also be put forward for candidate consideration in next year’s resurfacing programme 2016.

10.5.2 **HEIGHT OF THE WALL AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 15th October 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will address the height of the wall at the entrance to the White Street car park. The said wall is a magnet for people of all ages drinking alcohol and the area is prone to anti social behaviour on a regular basis due to its height which makes the wall easy to sit on from the car park. The wall which is street facing is opposite the Cluid Housing Complex which houses vulnerable residents. The drinking sessions on the wall often turn into fights and passing pedestrians are often intimidated and residents on the street live in fear of the anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 15/211)

The Report stated that, any instances of anti-social behaviour should be reported to An Garda Síochana in the first instance.

Cork City Council will review if any appropriate remedial works can be carried out at the car park in the coming months.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Office of the Taoiseach dated the 19th October 2015 regarding GPO/Moore Street 1916 Battle Site.
- Letter from Clare County Council dated the 16th October 2015 regarding the adoption of a Resolution.
- Letter from the department of Health dated the 15th October 2015 concerning the Cystic Fibrosis Unit at Cork University Hospital.
- Letter from Galway County Council dated the 15th October regarding the passing of a Motion.
- Letter from Donegal County Council dated the 9th October 2015 regarding the adoption of a Resolution.

12. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Comhairleoir T. Shannon- AILG Autumn Seminar- 01/02 October 2015- Inchydoney, Co. Cork.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at Conferences/Seminars tabled on the night:-

- Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 at The Connacht Hotel, Dublin Road, Galway on the 27th – 28th November 2015.

14. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved attendance at training tabled on the night:-

- Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Shannon at the AILG Training Seminar ‘Septic Tanks, Ground Water & Water Pollution & Registration of Lobbying Act 2014’ at the Templegate Hotel , Ennis on the 10th November 2015.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **CITY CENTRE MOVEMENT STRATEGY**

‘That as part of the City Centre Movement Strategy Process (Phases 1 & 2) – and prior to a Part 8 planning application going back out for public consultation - a traffic management solution involving the installation, use and assessment of intelligent (co-ordinated) traffic lights be rolled out in all eight zones in advance of any major infrastructural works being undertaken in Phases 1 & 2 in a bid to test the projected traffic volumes and the integrity of the overall Strategy, before any major capital outlay is expended.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. M. Finn, F. Kerins, T. O’Driscoll, P. Dineen 15/284)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.2 **MARKETING INITIATIVE WITH CORK AIRPORT**

‘That Cork City Council seeks to engage in a co-operative marketing initiative with Cork Airport in order to maximise the benefit to the City from inbound tourism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, 15/302)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

15.3 **AMEND THE STANDING ORDER GOVERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNCILLORS**

‘Mindful of changes in the way the current Council is being run from previous years, with more groupings now involved in the rotation of chairs and outside committees, that the standing order governing the replacement of councillors following resignation of their seats (for reasons such as election to the Oireachtas or European Parliament, sickness, death etc) be changed to afford Independent and smaller party members the same rights as the larger parties to nominate their replacements in such eventualities.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. M. Finn, T. Moloney 15/304)

Corporate Policy Group

15.4 **RE-INSTATE THE YELLOW BOX AT ST LUKES CROSS JUNCTION**

‘That Cork City Council will re-instate the yellow box at St Luke’s Cross Junction as it has completely worn away.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/305)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **DILLONS CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council put in place a refuse bin at Dillon’s Cross Junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 15/306)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.6 **INCLUDE PARKOWEN IN THE ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2016**

‘That Parkowen be included in the Estate Resurfacing Programme for 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/309)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **INCLUDE DUNBAR STREET IN THE NON-NATIONAL ROADS PROGRAMME FOR 2016**

‘That Dunbar Street be included in the Non-National Roads Programme for 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/310)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.8 **PAINT YELLOW LINES ON POPHAMS ROAD, FARRANREE**

‘Can Cork City Council paint yellow lines on Pophams Road, Farranree from the junction of Farranferris Avenue to the shops. The residents can't exit or enter their houses with cars parked across their drives.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 15/311)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.9 **HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKS AT TRAVELLER HALTING SITES**

‘Cork City Council will report on the extent of health and safety checks at local Traveller Halting Sites both official & unofficial.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/313)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.10 **UNDERTAKE A SIGNIFICANT ROAD REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME IN UAM VAR ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council recognises the volume and density of traffic using Uam Var Estate as a means of access to and egress from CIT, would undertake a significant road refurbishment programme in Uam Var Estate, and that it would request that a proportion of development levies associated with the proposed Science and Technology Park would be ring fenced for such a programme of work, and that it would continue to advocate and lobby for the building of a western relief road to CIT from the Ballincollig By-pass to the Model Farm Road and onto the Carrigrohane Road, and that it would request from CIT and publish an annual traffic management plan with specific goals for the reduction of vehicular access to the campus and a switch to sustainable modes of transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/314)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.11 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE DUNNES STORES SITE ON THE CURRAHEEN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council invites representatives from Dunnes Stores to discuss their plans with respect to the development of the Dunnes Stores site on the Curraheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/315)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

15.12 **INCLUDE BIRCH PLACE, TOGHER IN THE 2016 RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That City Council would include Birch Place, Togher in the 2016 resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/316)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.13 **PUT IN PLACE SOME STRUCTURES IN THE REALIGNMENT OF R.A.P.I.D.**

‘That City Council would put in place some structures in the realignment of R.A.P.I.D. that would enable the local structures to function thus coordinating /feeding into the city wide Committee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/317)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **REINSTATE THE BUS SHELTER ON HARBOUR VIEW ROAD, HOLLYHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on Bus Eireann to reinstate the bus shelter on Harbour View Road, Hollyhill with immediate effect before the bad weather.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 15/303)

16.2 **IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF IRISH CITIZEN, IBRAHIM HALWA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls for the immediate release of Irish citizen, Ibrahim Halawa, by the Egyptian Government’.

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 15/312)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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