

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keefe.
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. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. U. Ramsell, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community. Mr. E. Walsh, A/ Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Executive Officer, ICT & Business Systems.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Collins Family on the death of Alan Collins.
- The Daly Family on the death of Valerie Daly.
- The Cronin Family on the death of Elizabeth Long.

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

No Votes of Congratulations/Best Wishes were received.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **REGULATION OF LOBBYING GUIDELINES**

An Chomhairle noted the Regulation of Lobbying guidelines and the Law Agents letter in respect of same.

3.2 An tArd-Mhéara reminded Members to complete their Ethics Declaration Forms.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

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

An Chomhairle noted the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for January 2016.

4.2 **ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2016**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

5. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 8th February 2016.
- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 8th February 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **ALLEVIATING THE PARKING PROBLEM ON THE COAL QUAY**

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

What steps are being taken by Cork City Council in relation to alleviating the parking problem (i.e. illegal parking) on the Coal Quay?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

A works scheme is underway to eliminate unauthorized parking on the plaza at Cornmarket Street. Construction has commenced and a number of bike racks are now in place. Removable bollards will be installed to maintain access for the markets and other activities on the street and a number of permanent bollards will permanently restrict unauthorized access.

The bike racks and bollards will be supplemented with other street furniture and seasonal planting of large planters in the coming weeks.

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

6.2 **WHO OWNS THE AREA OF WASTE GROUND ADJACENT TO KYRLS STREET AND KYRLS QUAY**

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

Can the CE confirm exactly who owns the area of waste ground adjacent to Kyrls Street and Kyrls Quay, the said area of ground is the current location of the old Klondyke ladies public toilet and has been fenced off and unused for many years?

Can the CE confirm exactly who owns the ground that was once the base for the (Cork Timber Yard) on Kyrls Street, this site has now been derelict for many years and is an eyesore?

Can the CE inform me if there are any plans to have these areas of unused land utilized in any way for the betterment of the inner City?

(Cllr. Paudie Dineen)

REPLY

The lands in question both formed part of a previous planning application site for a hotel/apartment development (Planning Ref. 07/32620). Cork City Council understands that site is now a NAMA-related property currently in receivership with Russell Brennan Keane (Taxation Consultants & Business Advisers), Dublin 2.

In relation to future plans for these lands, Cork City Council understands that Russell Brennan Keane is currently preparing the property for sale on the open market, so that the lands can be redeveloped. However, this process may take some time as the ownership is complicated.

In the interim, Cork City Council has initiated processes to place the site on the Derelict Sites Register and is currently in discussions with NAMA and Russell Brennan Keane regarding the potential for short-term visual improvements to these properties.

**Pat Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning & Economic Development**

6.3 **CANCELLATION OF THE CORK CITY PARK RUN HELD IN TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

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

In light of the recent cancellation of the Cork City Park Run held in Tramore Valley Park due to its popularity, can the CE tell us what plans are being considered to re-establish the Cork City Park Run in Tramore Valley Park?

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

Parkrun is an international voluntary group, who organize 5K timed runs in public parks at 9.30 a.m on Saturday mornings, open to all.

When approached by parkrun Ireland to accommodate an event in the, as yet, unopened Tramore Valley Park, the City Council was supportive. In tandem with the Recycling/Civic Amenity Site, it was deemed possible to facilitate limited activities on site, such as use of the playing pitch and the BMX track, on a Saturday morning, using existing resources. The addition of the parkrun, with voluntary stewarding, was seen as feasible.

The first parkrun event took place in September 2015. Issues of parking/traffic control were experienced and, despite a brief suspension, were managed, to the extent that, with up to 200 participants a week, it proved workable. However, with the promotion of parkrun events on the RTE Operation Transformation Programme, numbers attending grew rapidly in mid January, going to 320 on Saturday 16th January to 520 on Saturday 23rd, nearly treble the average. Adequate parking and safe traffic management proved to be the main constraint. In the absence of a clear indication of the likely level of demand, and a means to limit and control the level of vehicular traffic to the event, the City Council suspended the use of the site for parkrun.

Since then, a number of options for additional offsite parking have been proposed. These have been considered. Proposals have been subject to an independent Health and Safety review. The conclusion was that issues could only be resolved with planning of very tight management and provision of suitable and sufficient resources. Such resources are not available to parkrun or the City Council at this time.

Options available for a future re-establishment of the event would be (i) a pre-registration arrangement for each run which can cap/limit numbers (ii) provision of funding to facilitate event management and use of nearby parking facilities (iii) provision of resources to increase on site safe car parking.

**Eamonn Walsh,
A/Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation**

6.4 **FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

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

Can the CE clarify if funds are available to progress the Fabric Upgrade Scheme? At what stage is the scheme now at?

(Cllr. Ken Collins)

REPLY

The Fabric Upgrade Scheme is a scheme to install attic insulation, cavity wall insulation, and window draught proofing measures into each eligible property of the City Councils Social Houses. To date 4,000 properties have been inspected and measures completed to

3,453 properties. Works have been completed in the North East, Mahon and part of the South area the city. The project will be completed in the following order:

- a. South City Area.
- b. City Centre.
- c. North West Area.

Depending on the level of the allocation it will take two to three years to complete the project.

For 2016, the indications are that the level of the allocation from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government will be €1.86m, similar to the initial allocation for 2015. This should enable us to complete between 1,200 to 1,800 houses.

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

6.5 **POSITION OF SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS**

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

Can the CE clarify the position of Cork City Council's social housing applicants who have been instructed by the Council and/or the Department of Social Protection to transfer from the Rent Supplement to the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)? Will housing applicants face a cut in their Rent Supplement if they do not transfer? What other changes will occur to social housing applications as a result?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

National Housing Policy now dictates that all long-term social housing supports are to be managed by local authorities. As part of this policy those in receipt of rent supplement, intended as a short-term support, on a long-term basis must transition to the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) operated by the local authority.

Any household who can transition and fail to do so their rent supplement payment will cease.

Households who transition to HAP will have their housing application closed and can apply to be added to the transfer list within the first two weeks after entering the scheme. HAP households requesting to be added to the transfer list, within this two week period, are automatically added retaining their time on the housing list and can continue to express an interest in properties under Cork City Council's choice based letting system.

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

6.6 **AVENUE DE RENNES, MAHON**

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

Can the CE please provide a comprehensive update on the plans to re-develop Avenue de Rennes, Mahon as set out in the Mahon Local Area Plan? Are there any outstanding issues in relation to same? And when is the development due to commence?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

The health and transformation of Avenue De Rennes, Mahon’s neighbourhood high street, is of great importance to the future of Mahon. Since the adoption of the Mahon Local Area Plan 2014 in March 2014 there has been limited progress towards delivering the strategy and actions set out in section 4.7: Avenue De Rennes of the statutory local area plan largely due to financial and resource constraints.

A number of options are currently being explored in relation to property transfers that will enable the redevelopment of the centre as per the objectives of the Local Area Plan, but these are subject to funding and overall commitment of Council.

In order to review the potential for progressing delivery of the actions to develop and improve the area it is proposed to establish a group of senior staff to review the stated actions and to explore how the projects might be meaningfully progressed.

**Paul Moynihan,
Director of Services,
Corporate & External Affairs**

6.7 **CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL SCHOOL REGARDING TRAFFIC CALMING IN BALLINTEMPLE VILLAGE AND ON BOREENMANNA ROAD**

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

To ask the CE on the progress of consultation with the local school regarding traffic calming measures in Ballintemple Village and on Boreenmanna Road?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Following consultation between the Council’s Road Safety staff and Ballintemple National School, the Council recently undertook a series of on-site inspections at the school’s Boreenmanna Road facility. The Council subsequently issued a report on its findings together with recommended short term, medium term and long term changes that could be implemented by both the school and the Council to improve road safety and facility. Road safety improvements are based on a collaborative approach between the school and the

Local Authority. Some of the recommended changes such as road signage have been implemented and new road markings will be applied as soon as the weather improves. The school is similarly progressing local improvement actions including the provision of behaviour change information to parents and visitors. The Council and school will be continuing to work together to improve safety at the Boreenmanna Road site.

**Gerry O’Beirne,
Director of Services,
Roads & Transportation**

6.8 **MONEY SPENT ON CONSULTANTS BY CITY COUNCIL ACROSS THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

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

To ask the CE to outline to City Council the amount of money spent on consultants by City Council across the various Departments, in the years 2009 to 2015. Please list the consultancy firms engaged and the projects they were engaged to work on.

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 15th FEBRUARY 2016**

7.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JANUARY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statement to 31st January 2016.

An Chomhairle approved the referral back of Comhairleoir T. Moloney’s motion to the Corporate Policy Group for further consideration.

8. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 15th FEBRUARY 2016**

8.1 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT DECEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise on the CASP Policy Committee Report December 2015.

8.2 **CASP POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise on the CASP Policy Committee Report September, 2015.

8.3 **CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015 – 2021 PROPOSED VARIATION NO 2, SOCIAL HOUSING STRATEGY UNDER PART V**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 10th February 2016, on the Cork City Development Plan 2015 – 2021 Proposed Variation No 2, Social Housing Strategy Under Part V, and agreed that public consultation should commence on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy.

8.4 **CORK CITY LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle considered and approved a presentation from Mr. L. Griffin, Executive Planner, on the Cork City Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP).

8.5 **BUILDING IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR GRANT SCHEMES 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise on the Building Improvement and Repair Grant Schemes 2016.

8.6 **LOCAL COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT SCHEME 2016 ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise on the Local Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2016 Assessment and Recommendations.

8.7 **RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES ADDITIONS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise on the Record of Protected Structures Additions Report and the proposed amendments thereon, and agreed that public consultation should commence on the proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures on the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy.

8.8 **COBURG STREET & ST. PATRICK’S HILL AREA ACTION PLAN 2007 – A PROGRESS REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise on the Coburg Street & St. Patrick’s Hill Area Action Plan 2007 – A Progress Report. An Chomhairle agreed to refer this item to the next meeting of the North East Ward for discussion.

9. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 15th FEBRUARY 2016**

9.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 11th February, 2016 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a) Disposal of freehold interest in property known as Unit 1A, Glen Industrial Estate, Rathmore Road, The Glen, Cork to Velton Limited, c/o Michael Powell Solicitors, No. 5, Lapps Quay, Cork for the sum of €1,750.00 (plus VAT if applicable) together with costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, the disposal was approved.
- b) Disposal of freehold interest in property known as Unit 2A, Glen Industrial Estate, Rathmore Road, The Glen, Cork to Pat Deasy & Martin O’Callaghan, c/o Barry M.

O'Meara Solicitors, No. 18, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €1,750.00 (plus VAT if applicable) together with costs of €1,500.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, the disposal was approved.

- c) Disposal of freehold interest in property known as No. 5, Gregg Road, Gillabbey Street, Cork to Una Doyle, c/o Doyle Solicitors, No. 31, South Bank, Crosses Green, Cork for the sum of €300.00 (plus VAT if applicable) together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00 (plus VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, the disposal was approved.
- d) Disposal by way of lease of property situated at and known as the former Lido Cinema, No. 71, Watercourse Road, Cork to Cork Community Art Link Limited, c/o Finbarr Murphy Solicitors, Lee White House, No. 8, Washington Street, Cork for a term of twenty three years subject to a rent of €12,000.00 per annum (inclusive of VAT). On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, the disposal was approved.
- e) Disposal of No. 35, Kilmore Road Lower, Knocknaheeny, Cork to Gerard & Rose White c/o Murphy English & Co., Solicitors, No. 33/34, Cook Street, Cork in exchange for the property owned by the said Gerard & Rose White at No. 38, Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, 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 January 2016.

9.3 **FOCUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT LOWER JOHN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 11th February, 2016 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 5, The Mill, Lower John Street, Cork by Focus Housing Association Limited. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €186,150 be granted to Focus Housing Association Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

9.4 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT DUBLIN HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 11th February, 2016 on the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at No. 28, Hawthorn Mews, Dublin Hill, Cork by Clúid Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, 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 €26,694 be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

9.5 **GOOD SHEPHERD SERVICES LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT GRATTAN STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 11th February, 2016 on the provision of 33 units of accommodation at Edel House, Grattan Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €5,595,568.50 be granted to Good Shepherd Services Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

9.6 **FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 11th February, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would investigate the recently installed breathers on the roofs on our tenants properties when the fabric-upgrade scheme was carried out as there were huge problems experienced recently by some tenants when the rain actually entered their attics during the recent storms.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/386)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the inclement weather of recent months exposed a number of problems in the fabric of some of the Council’s older housing stock. A total of 118 job dockets were received between the 01/12/15 and the 05/02/16.

A total of 98 properties have been examined up to the 5th February 2016 and 90 of these properties have had repairs satisfactorily completed.

The issues that arose are summarised as follows:-

- Issues associated with the newly installed universal roof vents. The vents have been replaced with a vent whose profile matches the existing tiles.
- Issues relating to soil stack vents, damaged felt, cracked tiles, defective flashing to valleys and chimneys.
- Leaking radiators, water tanks and/or porches

Works are ongoing to complete repairs to the 28 properties outstanding.

The Council has specified roof profile vents for use on the remaining properties as part of the fabric upgrade scheme.

9.7 **VENTILATION PRODUCTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 11th February, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council provide a report to the Housing Functional Committee outlining difficulties that have occurred with faulty or incorrect ventilation products that have been used by sub-contractors in attic insulation of Council Housing which have led to an influx of water. The report should include the estimated number of houses involved, locations and the proposed remedy and timescale.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 16/009)

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10. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 15th FEBRUARY 2016**

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the month ending January 2016.

10.2 **MOTIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED BY COUNCIL TO THE COMMITTEE**

10.2.1 **INVESTIGATE THE ROAD SURFACE OF MCDONAGH ROAD AND FR. DOMINIC ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That McDonagh Road and Father Dominic Road have the road surface investigated with a view to inclusion in an Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/332)

The report of the Director of Services stated that McDonagh Road and Father Dominic Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

10.2.2 **INCLUDE ST. KEVIN STREET IN AN ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council include St. Kevin Street in an Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/333)

The report of the Director of Services stated that St. Kevin’s St. will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

10.2.3 **UPGRADE N20 LINKING CORK AND LIMERICK TO MOTORWAY STANDARD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the N20 linking Cork and Limerick be upgraded to Motorway standard in the interests of balance regional development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/001)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has long supported the proposed upgrade of the N20 Cork to Limerick route to Motorway status.

It is one of a number of key national route projects (including the proposed Northern Ring Rd, Dunkettle Interchange upgrade and N28 upgrade) that could significantly benefit the City and surrounding areas.

Progress on the N20 Motorway project was suspended along with a number of others in 2011 due to funding difficulties.

An Chomhairle agreed to write to the incoming Minister for Environment, Community & Local Government and to include a reference to the North Ring Road.

10.2.4 **ASSIGN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ROADS FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE TO REPORT AND MONITOR THE PERFORMANCE OF BOTH TII AND NTA WITHIN THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Council would assign an additional responsibility to the Roads Functional Committee to report and monitor the performance of both TII and NTA within the City's administrative area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/371)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the National Transport Authority (NTA) are statutory non commercial state bodies. Both TII and the NTA operate under the aegis of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. Cork City Council works closely with both bodies particularly in relation to proposed works on national, regional and local roads. TII and NTA have also attended Functional and Strategic Policy Committees on foot of Council invitation to discuss specific issues arising.

10.2.5 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND PUBLIC REALM AT PEARSE SQUARE, BALLYPHEHANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘THAT following a meeting with several ratepayers from the Pearse Square Traders Association, Ballypnehane, during which the issue of on-going anti-social behaviour affecting business was raised, as well as the very poor state of the public realm at this location (which was one of, if not the, first local authority shopping centres in the country), the following actions are taken to ensure the viability of the 80 or so jobs involved in the various businesses and the continued provision of services to customers and residents:-

- The erecting of a boundary gate between Boylesports and the side of Bartie’s Takeaway to be locked at night time
- Upgrade of public lighting in the square
- Improve CCTV coverage of the area
- Closure of access to the cul-de-sac at rear of pharmacy
- Pruning and topping of trees in conjunction with improved lighting.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. F. Kerins, 16/020)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the request concerning the erecting of gates/extinguishments of rights of way is being investigated by Roads Asset Management.

Pearse Square will also be inspected with a view to establishing the extent of lighting works required.

The provision of CCTV on roads and the public realm is a matter for the Department of Justice and An Garda Síochana and Cork City Council does not have a role in the selection of areas for deployment of CCTV systems.

The issue of pruning and topping of trees will be taken up with the individual landowners who are responsible for this overgrowth.

10.2.6 **TOWNSEND PLACE TO BE INCLUDED IN AN ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Townsend Place be included in an Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/334)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Townsend Place will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

10.2.7 **MOUNT SION ROAD TO BE INCLUDED IN AN ESTATE RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Mount Sion Road be included in an Estate Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/335)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Mount Sion Road will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

10.2.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT PARKLANDS DRIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with the Residents Association include Parklands Drive in the next allocation of funding for traffic calming.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/010)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Parklands Drive 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.

Currently there is no funding available for a traffic calming programme. However any identified traffic calming solutions can be put forward for consideration in any future programme.

10.2.9 **UPGRADE FOOTPATHS AND CUT BACK TREES/ SHRUBS ON COMMONS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council undertake the necessary works to upgrade footpaths and cut back trees/shrubs on both sides of Commons Roads from the traffic lights at Blackpool Shopping Centre to the entrance to Parklands Estate for people with mobility issues and wheelchair users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/011)

The report of the Director of Services stated that repairs to footpaths on this section of road are currently taking place with the aim to make this route accessible to persons with mobility issues and wheelchair users. The issue of overhanging trees and shrubs will be taken up with the individual landowners who are responsible for this overgrowth.

10.2.10 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE AT 27 GREENFIELD’S, MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would put in place a disabled parking space outside house No. 27 Greenfield's Model Farm Rd. to facilitate this resident who has a family member with a medical condition that requires this space.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/021)

The report of the Director of Services stated that No. 27 Greenfields, Model Farm Road can be put on the list of requests for the provision of a disabled parking space. If appropriate, it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme, subject to funding being available.

It should be noted that there are three (3) conditions which must be adhered to in order to qualify for a disabled parking space, namely:

1. A valid disabled parking permit;
2. A vehicle registered to the address of the applicant;
3. No availability of off road parking.

It should also be remembered that a disabled parking space is not ‘owned’ or reserved solely for the use by a specific individual and therefore can be used by any motorist displaying a valid disabled parking permit.

10.2.11 **BOLLARDS ON THE FOOTPATH AT CHERRY GROVE, MODEL FARM ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would put in place bollards on the footpath at Cherry Grove Model Farm Rd. to prevent cars parking in this area as children have to walk out onto the road due to inconsiderate parking by some motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/022)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Roads Asset Management will assess Cherry Grove as a candidate for localised bollard installation.

10.2.12 **ROAD RESURFACING WITHIN CLOVER LAWN ESTATE, SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council assess the road surfacing within Clover Lawn Estate, Skehard Road. There is one particular stretch of road on the bend within the estate that is very dangerous- particularly at times of bad weather. Following inspection some remedial works may need to be carried out to make the road safe for all road users.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/024)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Clover Lawn Estate will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme which is subject to funding being available.

10.2.13 **FLOODING CAUSED BY BLOCKED DRAINS IN AVONLEA GARDENS, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Transportation dated 11th February 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carries out a comprehensive investigation into continued flooding caused by blocked drains in Avonlea Gardens, Blackrock and that council take appropriate actions to alleviate this recurring issue before the Winter & inclement weather exacerbate the problem further. Can council also provide a report on any previous works carried out within this estate in the last three years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/279)

The report of the Director of Services stated that works to address the flooding problems in Avonlea Gardens will be taking place in the coming weeks. No significant works apart from regular cleaning of the gullies has taken place in Avonlea Gardens over the last three years.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Dublin City Council dated 4th February 2016.
- Letter from Department of Environment, Community and Local Government dated 8th February 2016.

12. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

No conference/seminar summaries to note.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the “Housing Grants and Schemes” conference, taking place in The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth, on the 18th – 20th March 2016.

14. **TRAINING**

None received.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2016**

‘That Cork City Council include the following in the Roadworks Programme 2016:-

Green Street
Mount Carmel Road
Townsend Place
Bonaventure Place
Presentation Place

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/338)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.2 **URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUND**

‘That Cork City Council would use the Urban Development Fund to re-develop the adjoining streetscape and infrastructure in parallel to the re-development of Nano Nagle Place.

(Proposer Cllr. S. Martin 15/384)

Strategic Planning & Economic Development Functional Committee

15.3 **REFURBISH THE TWO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON THE MELBOURN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would refurbish the two pedestrian crossings on the Melbourn Road and approach road to same to ensure that all road markings are in place, the islands are repainted and public lighting restored.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. P.J. Hourican 16/029)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.4 **FOOTPATHS IN ARD NA LAOI ESTATE, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘Can the footpaths in Ard na Laoi Estate on Middle Glanmire Road be added to the Estate Footpath Renewal Programme for 2016.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/039)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.5 **MARY STREET TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME FOR 2016**

‘That Mary’s Street be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme for 2016, the road surface has deteriorated somewhat in the past few months and is in need of repair, particularly the upper section near Red Abbey.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 16/040)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.6 **RESURFACING THE ROAD LEADING INTO MURPHY’S FARM**

‘That Cork City Council undertake re surfacing to the road leading into Murphy’s Farm.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. P. J. Hourican, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. F. Dennehy, Cllr. M. Shields 16/041)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **HOUSING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

‘That a directive would be given to the housing maintenance department that; When Cork City Council housing maintenance department are calling to a tenants house to carry out inspections &/or maintenance work that they would first make phone contact with the resident to arrange an appropriate time that will suit both the tenant and the staff.

This will prevent the residents from getting frustrated that they have missed a visit from the maintenance department that they may have been waiting a very long time for & it would save time for the maintenance staff calling to residents that are not at home. A win win for both.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 16/044)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.8 **REVIEW OF THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SYSTEM**

‘That in light of recent indications of high refusal rates, the housing allocations system (including scheme of letting priorities) is reviewed and amended if required... the scheme of priorities in force has not been agreed by this current council (or the last, to my knowledge).’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/045)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.9 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF ARD SIONNACH ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council will initiate the process of taking in charge Ard Sionnach Estate, Shanakiel.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/046)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.10 **GATE AT THE CARPARK AT RADHARC NA MHACHAIRE, GEANEYS BOREEN**

‘That Cork City Council re-install a gate at the carpark at Radharc na Mhachaire, Geaneys Boreen as residents are anxious that the area be secure from unauthorised vehicles and persons.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/047)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.11 **EXTEND THE COCA COLA BIKE SCHME TO INCLUDE BIKES AND A BIKE STAND IN BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

‘That Cork City Council extend the Coca Cola Bike Scheme to include bikes and a bike stand in a suitable location within Blackrock Village. This would be of great benefit for the many people who wish to use both the Marina and the Mahon Estuary Walkway for recreation & leisure cycling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/048)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.12 **REINSTATE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ADJACENT TO ‘SANDY LANE’ HOUSING ESTATE ON CASTLE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council reinstates the double yellow lines that previously ran adjacent to the 'Sandy Lane' housing estate on Castle Rd. Residents of the estate are finding it extremely difficult to turn out on the estate due to cars parked along the road as visibility has been reduced considerably.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/049)

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This concluded the business of the meeting

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