

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016**

<b>PRESENT</b>	An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir C. O’Leary.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Comhairleoir T. Tynan
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. E. Walsh, Senior Engineer, Environment & Recreation Services. Ms V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Services. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect. Mr. J. Hallihan, Head of Finance. Ms. J. Brennan, Arts Officer, Corporate & External Affairs.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The Foley Family on the death of Mrs Margaret Foley.
- The Kingsley Family on the death of Ms. Ann Kingsley.
- The Finn Family on the death of Ms. Mary Finn.
- The Byrne Family on the death of Mr. Diarmuid Byrne.
- The Linehan Family on the death of Ms. Ester Linehan.
- The Collins Family on the death of Mrs. Collins.

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

- Ms. Claudia Sheehan and Ms. Nicole Alcock on singing in the Sistine Chapel, Vatican with the Edge, U2.
- The Darkness into Light Organising House Committee for organising Darkness Into Light in aid of Pieta House.

- Ballyphehane 1916-2016 Centenary Committee for organising community event marking the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising.
- Healthy Cities Steering Committee for organising inaugural Cork Healthy Cities Conference in City Hall
- Cork City Council Environment Department for its contribution to the recent ‘Dog Fouling Awareness Week’ on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
- Cork Constitution RFC on winning the Bateman Cup Senior Squad.
- Cork Ladies Football, on their National League Title.
- Paul and Gary O’Donovan on winning the gold in the European Rowing Championship lightweight double sculls in Germany.
- IT@Cork on the launch of Cork Smart Gateway.
- 2016 European Technology Summit on their recent conference.

### 3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

#### 3.1 **CIVIC AWARDS**

An tArd Mhéara advised members that Lord Mayors Community & Civic Awards will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and advised of his nominations for the Lord Mayor’s Civic Awards as follows;

1. Catriona Twomey
2. Claire Nash,
3. Maurice Dineen
4. Hugh Tully
5. Brendan Dempsey
6. Dermot Kavanagh

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle unanimously approved the Civic Award nominations.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER S. COVENEY**

An tArd Mhéara congratulated Minister Simon Coveney on his recent appointment as Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government and advised that he will extend an invite to Minister Coveney to address Council in Committee.

### 4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

#### 4.1 **CORK’S FILM FESTIVAL – REQUEST FOR LOAN FACILITY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the Cork Film Festival- Request for loan facility.

Following discussion, on the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle agreed that a Meeting of the Arts Committee will be convened for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 5 p.m., where all members of Council will be invited to attend, and a meeting of Council in Committee will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the Cork Film Festival – Request for loan facility.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir N.O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **LOCAL PROPERTY TAX INCOME**

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

*Does legislation provide for local Property Tax income to be spent Ward by Ward? i.e. income raised in a Ward is only spent in that Ward. If so, can Cork City Council allow Wards to allocate their own income to what’s needed?*

*(Cllr. Des Cahill)*

**REPLY**

Legislation does not provide for Local Property Tax income to be spent Ward by Ward.

John Hallahan,  
Head of Finance.

6.2 **THE LODGE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE IDA BUSINESS PARK, MODEL FARM ROAD**

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

*I propose that Cork City Council would look into getting an estimate of the value of **The Lodge at the entrance to the IDA Business Park on the Model Farm Road**, which is owned by Cork City Council, with a view to possibly selling it on the open market, using the monies received from the sale of The Lodge to build the much needed playground for all the residents in Bishopstown.*

*Does the CE see this as a viable option?*

*If so can we get a valuation done immediately?*

*Will that money be ring fenced for the building of a playground in Bishopstown?*

*(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)*

**REPLY**

The Lodge House, which is in the ownership of Cork City Council, is situated on the grounds of the IDA Industrial Estate, facing onto the North side of Model Farm Road, adjacent to a crossroads junction with Parkway Drive.

It has previously been reported to An Chomhairle that, due to lack of use, vandalism and fire damage the building has fallen into a very poor state of repair. Due to its historic nature and very poor state of repair a substantial amount of renovation will be required to

enable it to be occupied or used for any other purpose. To comprehensively refurbish the building, paying particular attention to preserve this historic building's original charm and character, the overall costs of the work (including VAT and professional fees) is estimated at approximately €200,000.

Given the scale of the costs outlined above, the disposal of the building on the open market is unlikely to represent a viable means of funding a capital project of any significance.

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

6.3 **TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN SUNDAYS WELL**

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

*Can the Chief Executive outline what measures are proposed to deal with regular traffic congestion in Sundays Well particularly for traffic trying to access Thomas Davis Bridge from Sundays Well Rd?*

*(Cllr Mick Nugent)*

**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.

Funding has been provided by the NTA this year and a scheme to provide signals and pedestrian facilities at the junction is currently being progressed. Public consultation on the proposals is to be undertaken in 2016.

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

6.4 **FULL SAFETY AUDIT TO BE CARRIED OUT ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

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

*Can the Chief Executive arrange for a full safety audit to be carried out on the Lower Glanmire Road from St Patrick's Church to the Arcadia student apartments as following the reduction in road width due to the introduction of cycle lanes motorists who park and exit their vehicles are at very serious risk of being hit by on coming traffic directly as a result of the roadworks which introduced the cycle lanes by substantially narrowing the roadway.*

*(Cllr Tim Brosnan)*

## **REPLY**

The provision of cycle lanes on the Lower Glanmire Road is expected to have a positive effect on the overall safety of the roadway as reduced lane widths will encourage slower vehicle speeds which in turn reduce the risks to all road users.

A full Stage 4 Road Safety Audit will be carried out on the recently completed Kent Station to City Centre Project (Phase 1). The audit will be undertaken within the coming weeks.

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

## 6.5 **LIST OF NUMBER OF SOCIAL HOUSES AND WHERE THEY WERE BUILT**

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

*Excluding houses built as part of regeneration schemes how many social houses have Cork City Council built in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 so far.*

*List the number of houses and the locations where they were built.*

*(Cllr. Thomas Gould)*

## **REPLY**

Members will be aware that the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government announced in April, 2015 delivery targets under a range of housing programmes for the period 2015 – 2017. The target of 1,349 units is to be delivered by capital and current programmes for that period. The City Council delivered 606 units in 2015 and exceeded its yearly target by 26 %.

Members will also be aware from discussions at the Housing Functional Committee meetings that the availability of exchequer funding and capacity in the construction sector is now improving which has allowed the Council explore the procurement of innovative solutions to meet its targets under the Social Housing Strategy 2020 and in particular the first phase of the Strategy 2015 – 2017.

In this regard, a contract notice has been placed on the e-tenders website and the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) in September, 2015. The Council, through a Competitive Dialogue procedure, is in the process of identifying suitable partners to deliver part of its housing programme for Cork City. The dialogue has allowed the Council to engage with interested candidates who have offered innovative solutions to meet housing need. The Council is now in the final stages of selecting the preferred bidders and the members of Council will be advised in due course of the outcome to the process.

The Council will also embark on a building programme on a number of sites in Council ownership across the city in the current year. Both initiatives will result in the construction of several hundred housing units in the first phase of the Housing Strategy.

Whilst activity is now increased with the improvement in the economy, it is a fact that that delivery of new build/construction has been extremely low during the downturn (2011-2016) as follows:

	<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
<b>2011</b>	Ballyphehane (50) & Rathmore Road (16)	66
<b>2012</b>		0
<b>2013</b>	Farranree	34
<b>2014</b>		0
<b>2015</b>	Ballyphehane	1
<b>2016 (To Date)</b>	Mahon	2

The number of new units that were constructed during the period in question (2011 – 2016) does not include units provided through other housing programmes outlined above.

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

6.6 **CURRENT PLANS FOR THE LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

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

*Can the CE please provide an update on the current plans for the Lower Glanmire Road outbound and the proposed alignment between Kent Railway station and Tivoli, i.e. will this stretch of road be staying one-way outbound or is two way traffic being considered?*

*(Cllr. Joe Kavanagh)*

**REPLY**

The current plan is for the one-way traffic to be maintained on the Lower Glanmire Road until such time as the lands within the North Docklands are developed and a new internal roadway is provided.

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

6.7 **MONIES TO INVEST IN CAPITAL UPGRADING OF THE PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM**

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

*Can the Chief Executive state what monies are available to City Council to invest in capital upgrading of the Public Lighting System in Cork City?  
Has any money been made available from Central Government towards Public Lighting?*

*(Cllr. Sean Martin)*

**REPLY**

Cork City Council has a budgetary allocation of €996,400 for public lighting maintenance and improvement in 2016. Approximately two thirds of this budget will be required for day to day maintenance of the existing public lighting infrastructure. In addition to basic repair works this includes equipment inspection, maintenance of a customer call service and regular nightly patrols to identify faults arising. The final spend on day to day maintenance work is dependent on the level of faults arising in the year. It is anticipated that approximately one third of the 2016 budget will be available for replacement or upgrading works and this is currently largely focused on the replacement of some of the degraded brackets and lanterns on the network. Provision for this type of work was also made in the public lighting maintenance contract entered into in 2015.

There is no specific central government funding available for public lighting maintenance and improvement. However the route improvement schemes carried out under the City Centre Movement Strategy or related Strategic Corridors studies have included valuable public lighting upgrade elements and these have been fully funded by the NTA. The Council also receives small grants annually from TII for the maintenance of public lighting on national routes. In addition TII have recently advised local authorities that they will be allocating grants to support the updating of the public lighting inventory across the country. Details of same will be advised to Members following notification.

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

6.8 **RESURFACING OF DOUGLAS POOL CAR-PARK**

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

*To ask the CE for the most recent update on the resurfacing of Douglas Pool car-park and adjacent hill, and why the issue has gone on for a protracted time without resolution?*

*(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)*

**REPLY**

A Consultant was appointed to oversee the design and completion of works encompassing resurfacing and enhancement of the existing road and car park serving the Gus Healy Pool at Douglas. An initial Report has been received following topographical surveys and site

investigations indicating a cost of over € 200k to carry out all necessary works which is outside the budget for the project. The Consultants are currently reviewing the scope of works and assessing options to reduce the projected cost, report which is expected in the next 2 weeks. It is hoped to be in a position at that stage to proceed to tender phase

Jim O Donovan  
Director of Services  
Environment & Recreation

7. **PARTY WHIPS MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

7.1 **DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

An Chomhairle considered & approved that the Annual Meeting of Council should be held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

8.1 **ADVERTISE FOR DEVELOPMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council put a notice on public display inviting developers with land already granted planning permission to come in and talk to the council with a view to generating a social housing projects.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/184)

The report stated that the Housing & Community Directorate are currently progressing with a formal competitive dialogue procurement process including scheme proposals from developers for social housing schemes, some with planning permission and some without.

9. **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee from its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

9.1 **ST. PETERS CHURCH**



An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 on Updated 2016 St. Peters Church Programme 2016.

## 9.2 **LIBRARY SERVICES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Director of Services, Corporate and External Affairs dated 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 with regard to the Cork City Library Services.

## 9.3 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Director of Services on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle;

### 9.3.1 **EXHIBITION TO MARK CENTENARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Tourism Arts & Culture Services dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council enter into discussions with a view to holding an exhibition in early 2017 to (a) mark the centenary of the arrival of the Ford Motor Company in the city. (b) emphasise the major role it played in the Industrial life of the city for much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.’

(Proposed: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/014)

The report stated that staff from the Corporate & External Affairs Directorate have recently engaged with executives from Henry Ford & Son Limited with regard to a number of possible events which are currently under consideration by Henry Ford & Son Limited to mark the centenary celebrations. Cork City Council is very conscious of the role that Ford has played in the life of the City and has offered its full support to facilitate these proposed events. Further meetings will be taking place in the coming months with Corporate & External Affairs and Henry Ford & Son Limited. Members of Cork City Council will be kept fully briefed on the City Councils role in the Centenary celebrations.

### 9.3.2 **REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF THE ENGLISH MARKET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Tourism Arts & Culture Services dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That City Hall officials prepare and present a Report to Council updating Councillors in relation to the English Market and its ongoing operation. In particular, the Report might advise in relation issues arising with traders and, are legal actions being threatened, do leases allow for sub-letting and is sub-letting being allowed in some cases and not in others.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/055)

The report stated that the English Market is both a municipal food market but also a commercial property, and the City Council has a landlord-tenant relationship with the Traders, who occupy their stalls generally on the basis of 21 year leases, subject to payment of rent, service charges and commercial rates.

From time to time, issues can arise between landlord and tenant, with regard to breaches of the covenants and conditions contained in the leases, with such matters encroachment onto the aisles by displays of goods, unauthorized use of the upper roof area, failure to discharge rent or service charges etc. Ensuring compliance with such lease covenants is essential to preservations of the ethos and character of the English Market.

The City Council will, at all times, seek to resolve the matter amicably with the tenant concerned, and in that regard the majority of such instances can be resolved by agreement. In a small minority of cases, however, it can be necessary for the Council, as landlord, to institute legal proceedings in order to ensure compliance with the lease. Such a decision will always be a last resort, after all avenues have been exhausted in seeking to resolve the issue. It would not be appropriate to discuss any pending legal proceedings as they are sub judice. However, from the Council's standpoint, such legal proceedings are always a last resort where a tenant is non-compliant.

In addition, the English Market Byelaws have been implemented since January 2016 to deal with the issue of encroachment onto the aisles. Multiple briefings were provided at Traders Meetings, Traders Committee meetings, briefings were provided with a number of warning notices in advance of enforcement, and each trader who was in breach was met with and the matter discussed with them, including the implications of ongoing non-compliance. The Traders were also briefed that the issues of encroachment would be dealt with in two phases:

Phase 1 – this would deal with immediate trip hazards, displays, boxes, and other items placed onto the aisle outside of the trader's leased area.

Phase 2 – this would deal with encroachment of a structural nature i.e. where equipment such as refrigeration units or counters were overhanging onto the aisles or an essential part of the unit was encroaching onto the aisle. In light of the significant cost and other structural issues involved in resolution of same, it has always been noted that this phase will take some time, due to the need for stall re-design or refurbishment in many cases and the costs attached to same.

To date, Phase 1 of the Byelaws was commenced in January 2016 and the majority of traders immediately complied. There has been a minority continuing to breach the Byelaws and the Byelaws are enforced on a regular basis in this case, with the goods in question either being replaced back within the trader's unit or removed, in the event that the trader does not comply within a reasonable time frame.

With regard to Phase 2 of the Byelaws, two traders have already undertaken changes to their units to comply with the Byelaws, and a further number of traders are in discussions with the Council to resolve their particular issues. This has been a positive and collaborative process in general, and the assistance of traders to date in this phase has been encouraging.

The Council has received extremely positive feedback from traders, customers, and the public at large regarding the significant improvements made to date in widening the aisles for customers and for circulation (for example, a visually impaired customer has written to the Council to thank us for undertaking the Byelaws, as this person noticed immediately that all trip hazards and obstructions were now removed). Therefore, while the process may be perceived as a negative one by traders who are non-compliant, the feedback to date has been positive from the Market customer, and other traders in general.

With regard to sub-letting, the lease of each tenant prohibits sub-letting unless approved by the City Council and this is strictly enforced. There is one instance where a trader received permission to sub-let many years ago and this is therefore permitted. However, the current policy is to prohibit any sub-letting of stalls. We have not received any applications to sub-let in recent times and therefore this is not currently an issue for the Council or traders.

The City Council's Property Department, the managing agents Aramark Property, and the Traders Committee, have an extremely positive working relationship, with a collaborative approach being taken to the management of the Market, which has resulted in many new initiatives being undertaken recently:-

- Charity initiatives such as the "Santa at the Market" promotion where a free Santa was provided, with all voluntary donations going to charity, and which was very successful.
- The Startup Stall initiative – which has resulted in the refurbishment of a vacant unit in the Market to "turnkey" standard, and which will grant startup food producers a 4 to 6 week letting to showcase their products.
- Progression of a strong Operational Plan and strategy for the Market – with an action plan currently being worked on in conjunction with the Traders which will ensure strong management and protection of the ethos of the English Market into the future.

The English Market nightly prides itself on the preservation of its food market ethos and its immense character and history. It is important that this principle is at the core of the working relationship that must exist between the Council and the traders, and we consider this to be the case. Accordingly, in cases where there are traders who threaten the ethos of the Market and are non-compliant with their lease, the City Council will need to ensure enforcement for the general betterment of the Market.

An additional factor which is beginning to impact on the operation of the English Market is the condition of the roof at the Grand Parade end. The Grand Parade section of the English Market was re-roofed in 1979 and can now be reasonably considered to be at "end of life" stage and in need of replacement. A condition survey has confirmed the seriousness of the situation, and has highlighted difficulties and investment is clear, and in my intention is to come back to Members with a more detailed report in this regard.

### 9.3.3 **TALL SHIPS RACE TO VISIT THE PORT OF CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Tourism Arts & Culture Services dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council renews its efforts to persuade the organizers of the Tall Ships Race to visit the Port of cork in the near future.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 16/070)

The report stated that Cork City Council is currently in discussions with Fáilte Ireland, Cork County Council and the Port of Cork about the possibility a Tall Ships Event being hosted in Cork in 2018. These discussions are at a very preliminary stage and there are many issues which will require to be addressed to progress the proposal, not least the costs and logistics involved. It is clear that close collaboration will be required as well as the support of a very broad range of interests.

I believe that the hosting of the Tall Ships would represent an ideal opportunity to showcase Cork, and particularly it's maritime offering, to an international audience and in this regard the proposal aligns well with the Collective Tourism Strategy. It also has the potential to be a very significant generator of visitor numbers as well as being attractive to local and regional audiences as a very rare and special immersive experience.

At this stage, I request Council support to continuing with our involvement in the planning for the hosting of a Tall Ships Event in Cork. I will report further to the Members on progress on the proposal.

10. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee of its meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

10.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO END OF MARCH 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statements to end of March 2016.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:

- Letter from Offaly County Council dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.
- Letter from Donegal County Council dated 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
- Letter from Laois County Council dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

12. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

No Conference/Seminar Summaries to note.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy at the AILG Conference on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

14. **TRAINING**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Members at the Association of Irish Local Government "In Service" training dates for Elected Members of Council 2016.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **MAYFIELD AREA BE ALLOCATED A WEEKLY STREET SWEEPING SERVICE**

‘That the Mayfield area, particularly adjacent to businesses be allocated a weekly street sweeping service. The areas in question are the business areas adjacent to the old TSB and around the corner past Supervalu down to the library on Old Youghal Road. Also the area from Dillon’s Cross to St Luke’s Cross require to be included in a weekly street sweeping roster.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/112)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.2 **MURMOUNT ROAD LEADING DOWN TO OLD YOUGHAL ROAD BE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That the Hill from Murmount Road leading down to Old Youghal Road adjacent to the Frank O’Connor Library be included in the 2016 Road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/113)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.3 **ERECT AN EXTRA STAND ON ST. PATRICK’S DAY 2017 AND ONWARDS**

‘We propose that Cork City Council would erect an extra stand on St. Patrick’s Day 2017 and onwards for children & families from right across Cork who otherwise would find it difficult to come in and watch the St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

We believe Cork City Hospitals Children Club is in a unique position to administrate this request as they work with a cross representation of children and families all across Cork City & County, thus we request that they would be the body to administrate who sits in the stand on St. Patrick’s Day for the parade.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. T. Moloney, Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. H. Cremin 16/128)

**Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee**

15.4 **RING FENCE INCOME FROM LOCAL PROPERTY TAX**

‘If a Ward votes to increase the Local Property Tax or at least does not vote for a decrease, while other Wards do. That the differential income is ring fenced to be spent in that Ward for additional Wards. Preferably that income raised by a Ward is spent in that Ward if legislation allows.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/130)

**Finance & Estimates Functional Committee**

15.5 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO THE QUARRY, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That the Planning Department expedite the preparation of draft plans for public consultation in relation to the Quarry, Ballyhooley Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/131)

**Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee**

15.2 **MURMOUNT ROAD LEADING DOWN TO OLD YOUGHAL ROAD BE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That the Hill from Murmount Road leading down to Old Youghal Road adjacent to the Frank O’Connor Library be included in the 2016 Road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/113)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.7 **INCLUDE SOUTH SIDE OF HARBOUR VIEW ROAD KNOCKNAHEENY IN THE REGENERATION PROJECT**

‘That Cork City Council would include the south side of Harbour View Road Knocknaheeny in the regeneration project. These houses are not currently included in the project and were built with substandard materials and are 20 percent smaller than the average size house. That these houses on this side of Harbour View Road both social & private should be included in the regeneration project of Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/137)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

15.8 **CAPITAL FUNDING FOR A PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That Cork City would provide capital funding for a playground and associated works in Bishopstown; that it would be prioritized as a matter of urgency and that this motion would be forwarded directly to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. H. Cremin, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. Dennehy, Cllr. P.J. Hourican, Cllr. T. Moloney 16/139)

**Corporate Policy Group**

15.9 **AMENITY AND RECREATIONAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY CAPITAL SPENDING PROGRAMMES FROM 2009 TO 2017**

‘That Cork City Council would report on amenity and recreational projects funded under the Capital Spend Programmes from 2009 to 2017 and would provide details as to the status of such projects, their initial projected cost, final cost (and reason for difference) and would also provide a breakdown on a ward by ward basis.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/143)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.10 **TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL DUMPING**

‘That Cork City Council will put together a task-force to address the serious issue of illegal dumping in Cork City, Council will engage with Dublin City Council to determine what recent measures it has implemented to tackle dumping, such a task force would complement the recent initiative by elected members in relation to dog fouling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/147)

**Environment & Recreation Functional Committee**

15.11 **ESTABLISH A SCHEME WHERE CORK CITY COUNCIL TENANTS COULD ADVERTISE & SEEK APPROPRIATE HOUSING TRANSFERS**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the feasibility of establishing a scheme, similar to that of CBL, where Cork City Council tenants could advertise & seek appropriate housing transfers once they have had their transfer application approved by City Council. This could lead to greater efficiency in identifying suitable transfer arrangements among tenants that could then be assessed by housing allocations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/150)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **TWO YEAR PAUSE ON TAX EQUALISATION PROCESS**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls for a two year pause on the tax equalization process, that sees millions of euro in tax revenue skimmed out of Cork and put into a national pot, in a bid to ensure Cork City can invest in our very basic road needs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/127)

16.2 **MORTGAGE TO RENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered & approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council writes to the Minister of Finance and requests that he puts legislation in place to allow people who own their own homes, but are in a financially distressed position become eligible for the Mortgage to Rent Scheme. Currently only people on a social housing list can apply. If passed local authorities could go before the eviction court’s and buy the properties, while allowing the families become council tenants.’

(Propooser: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/129)

16.3 **LEVY RATES ON IRISH WATER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the incoming government to levy rates on Irish Water, as long as the body is operational, in line with rates paid by the other utilities.’

(Proposers: Cllr. S. O’Shea, Cllr. S. Cunningham 16/140)

16.4 **FUNDING MECHANISM FOR VACANT DWELLINGS BEING REFURBISHED / REPAIRED**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the incoming government to change the funding mechanism for vacant dwellings being refurbished/repared for return to the housing stock. All costs associated with returning these houses to the councils stock should be fully funded from central government funds, in contrast to the ad hoc part funded system currently in operation.’

(Proposera: Cllr. S. O’Shea, Cllr. S. Cunningham 16/141)



16.5 **CAREER GUIDANCE IN IRISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the incoming Minister of Education to improve the accessibility of career guidance in Irish Secondary Schools in line with the research done by Cork City Chomhairle na nÓg. Since 2014, Cork City Chomhairle na nÓg has been focused on improving Youth Employment opportunities. They have mainly done this through the development of their website, wokwonders.ie. This year, they surveyed 285 Secondary School students about their views on Career Guidance. Their research indicates that students feel that Career Guidance is under resourced and undervalued. While 97% said that they have access to a Guidance Counsellor, 73% reported that they do not have enough time with them. The result is that many do not feel adequately prepared for the working world. Recommendations from Chomhairle’s research & areas they have identified for the new Minister of Education to consider are the following:

- Greater access and availability for increased one-to-one career consultations.
- Career Guidance should be spread across 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year, not just aimed at 6<sup>th</sup> year.
- Curriculum should be standardised and reviewed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment.
- The top three stated priorities from their research were: Career Options Info, Help with CAO, and Job Search Skills.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/145)

An Chomhairle further agreed that the motion be forwarded to the Teachers Union.

16.6 **ABOLISH UNFAIR PRESCRIPTION CHARGES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would write to the incoming government asking them to abolish the unfair prescription charges that effects the elderly, most vulnerable and sick in society.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/148)

16.7 **APPLICATION TO BUILD AN INCINERATOR IN RINGASKIDDY**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would call on Bord Pleanála asking them to refuse Indaver Ireland’s application to build an incinerator in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/149)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Gould, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, An Chomhairle agreed to approve the motion with the following amendment:-

‘That Cork City Council would call on Bord Pleanála expressing our opposition to Indaver Ireland’s application to build an incinerator in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.’

This concluded the business of the meeting

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