

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESENT	An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Brosnan.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, F. Ryan, 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, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, N. O’Keeffe.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dinneen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
APOLOGIES	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill, Comhairleoir T. Shannon
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. P. Ledwidge, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. C. Currid, Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. N. Sheehan, Administrative Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O’Sullivan, Director of Services, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation Directorate. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. B. Geaney, Programme Manager, Housing & Community Directorate. Mr. J. Hallihan, Head of Finance. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.

An Leas Ard-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- The Lynch Family on the death of John Lynch.
- The Beecher Family on the death of Peadar Beecher.
- The O’Halloran Family on the death of Gerard O’Halloran.
- The Forde Family on the death of Margaret Forde.
- The O’Shea Family on the death of Christy O’Shea.
- The Barry Family on the death of Peter Barry.
- The Kelly Family on the death of Nora Kelly.
- The Lombard Family on the death of Gerard Lombard.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Daniel McCarthy.

- The Olden Family on the death of Matty Olden.
- The O’Callaghan Family on the death of Kitty O’Callaghan.
- The Hayes Family on the death of Mary Hayes.
- The O’Keeffe Family on the death of Neil O’Keeffe.
- The Cotter Family on the death of Bernie Cotter.
- The Irwin Family on the death of Rose Irwin.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Ellen McCarthy.
- The Corcoran Family on the death of Kathleen Corcoran.
- The Hanley Family on the death of Helen Hanley.
- The Bruton Family on the death of George Bruton.
- The Seward Family on the death of Robert Seward.
- The Hammond Family on the death of Stanley Hammond.
- The Punch Family on the death of Michael Punch.
- The Collins Family on the death of Ann Collins.
- The Lane Family on the death of Tim Lane.
- The Farrelly Family on the death of Michael Farrelly.

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

- Mayfield GAA Club on winning the Junior A Hurling Championship.
- Brian Dillons GAA Club on winning the City Division Junior A Football Championship.
- St. Finbarr’s NHFC on winning the u-21 County Football Championship.
- Heritage Unit on Cork Heritage Open Day.
- Cork Opera House Executive on the Prodigy Dance Revolution.
- Adrian Callanan on winning the Junior C All Ireland Road Bowling Championship, the Junior C Cork City Bowling Championship and the Munster Road Bowling Championship.
- Cork Senior Comogie Team on reaching the All Ireland Final.
- Cork Intermediate Comogie Team on reaching the All Ireland Final.
- Cork Ladies Minor Footballers on winning the All Ireland Final.

3. **LORD MAYOR’S ITEMS**

3.1 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR CORK OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPIANS**

An Chomhairle approved a Civic Reception for all Cork Olympians and Paralympians.

3.2 **CIVIC RECEPTION FOR ROB HEFFERNAN**

An Chomhairle approved a Civic Reception for Rob Heffernan on being awarded a Bronze Olympic medal for the 50 km walk in London 2012.

3.3 **COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF MARYMOUNT HOSPICE**

An Leas Ard-Mhéara advised members of the Lord Mayor’s invite to attend a coffee morning in aid of Marymount Hospice on Thursday 15th September 2016 from 7.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Flying Enterprise, South Gate Bridge.

3.4 **APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF CORK FILM FESTIVAL**

An Leas Ard-Mhéara advised members that three nominations to the Board of Cork Film Festival were required.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican, seconded by An Leas Ard-Mhéara, Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, Comhairleoir L. McGonigle was nominated for a position.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, Comhairleoir S. Martin was nominated for a position.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Nugent, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, Comhairleoir C. O’Leary was nominated for a position.

An Chomhairle approved the three nominations to the Board of Cork Film Festival.

3.5 **APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF CORE (CORK CITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP)**

An Leas Ard-Mhéara advised members that a nomination to the Board of CORE (Cork City Centre Partnership) was required. An Chomhairle agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

3.6 **SPECIAL MEETING LONG TERM INFRASTRUCTURAL FUNDING PROPOSAL**

An Chomhairle approved a Special Meeting of full Council in Committee, on 20th September 2016 at 5.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss the Long Term Infrastructural Funding Proposal.

3.7 **REGULATION OF LOBBYING ACT 2015**

An Leas Ard-Mhéara advised members that a public consultation in respect of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 has commenced and that responses from Elected Members should be forwarded to the Meetings Administrator by Wednesday 14th September 2016.

3.8 **CULTURE NIGHT 16th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Leas Ard-Mhéara advised members that Culture Night would take place this year on 16th September 2016, and encouraged their support for events.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

4.1 **NAVIGATION HOUSE**

The Deputy Chief Executive advised An Chomhairle that planning permission had been granted for Navigation House, and that development is scheduled to commence early 2017.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle considered and approved as correct record the Minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 11th July 2016.

6. **QUESTION TIME**

6.1 **LOANS AND ADVANCES OF FUNDS TO ORGANISATIONS**

In response to the following question, deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle 11th July 2016, submitted by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

In relates to loans and advances of funds (not annual grants) to organisations in Cork by Cork City Council or its former entity Cork Corporation since 1986 and requires answers to the following elements. The reason that it is necessary to go back to 1986 is that I believe that substantial sums of money were advanced to organisations that are still outstanding and due to be repaid to Cork City Council under special circumstances relating to each loan and I believe it is imperative that Cork City Council should conduct an immediate audit to see how much of its money could be repaid now by organisations.

- a) How many loans or advancement of funds have been made to organisations since 1986?
- b) What is the total of these loans or funds advanced?
- c) Which organisations have been advanced funds or loans and how much were each?
- d) Were these loans interest bearing or interest free?
- e) How many loans or advancement of funds were made to projects that only required the sum to be repaid on the sale of assets or buildings?
- f) How many and which of the overall organisations that were advanced loans or funds have met the criteria fully?
- g) How much money was advanced in loans or otherwise to organisations that has been converted into shares or other structures and is this money repayable and under what circumstances?
- h) How many organisations were advanced funds or loans that have never been repaid in any way?
- i) How many organisations that were advanced loans or monies have since gone out of business without paying back the monies advanced and how much is left outstanding?
- j) What is the value of loans or funds advanced to organisations since 1986 that has been written off?
- k) How are loans or funds that have been advanced by Cork City Council treated in the annual statement of accounts and are performing loans or advancement of monies treated in the accounts in the same way as non performing loans and advancement of monies?
- l) Does Cork City Council receive any annual dividend from any organisation that it has funded by way of loans or advancement of monies since 1986?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

- a) Since 1986, Cork City Council has made loans to the following organisations:
1. **Cork Opera House**
Between 1964 and 2009, loans totalling €2,793,424 were advanced to the Opera House. Over the years, these loans were formally approved by Cork City Council and converted into non repayable capital grants.

In 2010, an interest free loan for €1,250,000 was advanced to the Cork Opera House. This is currently being repaid by Cork Opera House.
 2. **Leisureworld**
An interest free loan of €1,000,000 was given to Leisureworld in 2008. This is currently being repaid.
 3. **Cork Urban Enterprises Ltd.**
In 1999 an interest free loan of €253,947.60 was given to Cork Urban Enterprises Ltd. This loan was repaid in full.
 4. **Cork Midsummer Festival**
In 2013, an advance payment of €115,000 was given to the Cork Midsummer Festival. These funds will be recouped by means of a reduction in their annual grant allocation from Cork City Council over a number of years. This advance payment will be fully repaid by 2019.
 5. **Cork Film Festival**
An interest free loan of €200,000 has been given to the Cork Film Festival. The loan will be repaid over 8 years.
- b) Total funds advanced were €5,612,371.60
- c) See (a) above.
- d) All loans were interest free.
- e) No loans or advancements of funds were made to projects that only required the sum to be repaid on the sale of assets or buildings.
- f) All loans advanced have either been paid in full or are being repaid as scheduled.
- g) Loans totalling €2,793,424 were advanced to the Opera House. Over the years, these loans were formally approved by Cork City Council and were converted into non repayable capital grants. This money is not repayable to Cork City Council.
- h) No organisations were advanced loans that have never been repaid in any way.
- i) No organisations that were advanced loans or monies have since gone out of business without paying back the monies advanced.

- j) Loans totalling €2,793,424 were advanced to the Opera House. These loans were converted into non repayable capital grants.
- k) Loans that have been advanced by Cork City Council appear in Note 3 of the Annual Financial Statement. They are classified as long term debtors.
- l) Cork City Council does not receive an annual dividend from any organisation that it has funded by way of loans or advancement of monies since 1986.

**JOHN HALLAHAN
HEAD OF FINANCE**

6.2 **WORKS IN HORGANS BUILDINGS**

In response to the following question, deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held 11th July 2016, submitted by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Following on from the number of question & motions I & others have put down about the works in Horgans Buildings, can the CE tell me -

What are the results of the survey carried out on all the houses in Horgans Buildings?

What is the current situation with works being carried out in Horgans Buildings?

How many houses has work done on them?

What type of work has been done?

How many more houses need works to be done?

Has the budget being secured to carry out all the necessary works?

Is there a start & finish date for this work?

We are all aware that there is a major works programme needed for Horgans Buildings, not least with the roof/chimney & skylight repairs to name just a few but we must also take a serious look at all the houses that still have poor window & doors within their homes and make sure when works are being done that all works are carried out to bring the homes of the residents of Horgans Building up to the very highest of standards, the very least the residents of Horgans Buildings deserve.

(Cllr. Thomas Moloney)

REPLY

In addition to previous communications between Housing Maintenance and Cllr. Thomas Moloney, the following seeks to further address the questions arising:

A sample survey was carried out of three properties by a dampness specialist to inform decisions in regard to the full scoping of works to properties. Over and above this, five properties have been fully surveyed and accordingly a scope of works drawn up for those properties. At present work is now complete to two of the properties. It is generally the case that the limited number of surveys carried out, present generic repairs required that are consistent across the majority of the Horgan's Buildings stock. There is no current funding available for a full survey of all 126 properties.

Work is underway at another property and a scope of works has been prepared for two additional properties. In summary there are two completed and one ongoing, with a view to the completion of six properties by the end of 2016.

Works typically consist of the reconstruction of chimneys, replacement of roof windows, repairs to plastering, redecoration and insertion of ventilation.

It would be correct to say that due to the age of the properties, dating from 1891, there are varying degrees of deterioration across all 126 properties. Ideally, all require some level of work, however, with budgetary constraints we are seeking to address the very worst cases and address the remainder as funding/ schemes are made available to do so.

Further efforts will be made through the 2017 budgetary discussions in an effort to secure funding.

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

6.3 **HOUSES BOUGHT BY CORK CITY COUNCIL 2011-2015**

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

How many private houses have been bought by Cork City Council in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015?

What was the average price paid?

What was the average length of time taken to have the houses reoccupied?

What was the average cost of repairs?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Year	No of units agreed	Average Price Paid	Average cost of Repairs
2011	4	€144,167	€4,812
2012	3	€164,833	€5,967
2013	0	0	0
2014	1	€170,000	€14,849
2015	89	€205,994	€9,400

The current average length of time to have purchased homes re-occupied is 9 weeks.

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

6.4 **CLAIMS PAID 2013-2015**

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

Can the CE inform the Council:

What was the total amount of claims paid out across all directorates for the years 2013, 2014, 2015?

What were the top three directorates that these claims were against in relation to the largest amount of claims paid out over these three years and what were these amounts?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

The total amount of claims paid out across all directorates for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 was as follows:

YEAR	AMOUNT
2013	3,102,259
2014	2,898,700
2015	4,873,370

Details on the top three directorates that claims were made against are set out in the table below.

	2013	2014	2015
Roads	2,078,514	1,942,129	3,537,408
Housing	589,429	550,753	769,190
Recreation	248,181	231,896	323,870

**JOHN HALLAHAN
HEAD OF FINANCE**

6.5 **EVENT CENTRE**

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

Can the CE give Council a date as to when the developers behind the Event Centre on the former Beamish & Crawford site will meet Council, as per resolution in June, and explain:-

- 1) the current state of play, including whether or not the project will go ahead (and if so, the new time-line for project realisation);
- 2) if there will be assurances re employees' conditions on site in the event of the project proceeding; and

- 3) if there is an outside date after which the process could be re-tendered in the event of inaction on the part of the winning bidders, some 19 months after the successful bid was announced?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

1. The developers have been formally invited to meet the Elected Members of Council and I am awaiting confirmation of a suitable date from them. In relation to the project, demolition work is underway at the event centre site and a detailed internal design process is being developed.
2. We have obtained assurances from the preferred bidder that their bid was put together taking into account their legal obligations relating to employment protection and working conditions.
3. There is currently no outside date after which the process will be retendered.

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

6.6 **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME**

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

How many landlords are participating in Cork City Council's Housing Assistance Payment Scheme?

(Cllr. Tom O'Driscoll)

REPLY

As of the 29/08/2016 a total of 403 landlords are participating.

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

6.7 **SHANDON AREA**

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

Can the CE outline what plans are in place to enhance the visitor experience to the Historic Shandon area especially in terms of enhancing the streetscape of the area?

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

REPLY

Cork City Council has been engaging with Failte Ireland regarding opportunities for Capital Funding under Ireland's Ancient East. Shandon is one of the locations about which we are talking to Failte Ireland.

Branded Ireland's Ancient East signage is to be installed to inform and enhance the visitor experience at Shandon, and in addition, the Council is advancing public realm works which will include repairing work, landscaping and street furniture.

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

6.8 **ERADICATION PROGRAMMES FOR JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

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 about the eradication programmes for Japanese Knotweed in the city? Future and in very recent years?

(Cllr. Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Council is presently undertaking a survey of the entire City to identify and map the locations/sites containing Japanese Knotweed, the survey is scheduled to be completed early November.

On completion of the survey, the Council will prepare an appropriate eradication programme (prioritising the most problematic areas) in line with available resources.

David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation.

6.9 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN BISHOPSTOWN**

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

To ask the CEO, with regard to planning and development in Bishopstown:

What is the status of the proposed road from Ardostig Cross to the Melbourn Road and what lean or hold can national authorities have on this land given that the proposed road was removed from the current City Development Plan and what is the zoning afforded to this land in the current City Development Plan; What is the status of the development of the Credit Union on Curraheen Road and what communication has been received by City Hall in regard to the status of this development in the past six months; Have any pre planning meetings being held in relation to the large development site at the junction of Hawkes Road and Bishopstown Road, what actions and measures can be taken by City

Council to ensure that this development site is tidied and kept in an appropriate manner with permanent secure hoarding?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

REPLY

Ardrostig Cross

The *Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021* does not include an objective to develop a new Local Street from Ardrostig Cross to Melbourn Road. This was omitted from the development plan by Cork City Council in 2015, having been included in previous development plans. It is therefore no longer an objective of Cork City Council to deliver the transportation connection outlined and there is therefore no lien on the property that was affected by the previous objective to develop the new road.

Credit Union, Curraheen Road

Permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála in April 2013 to Bishopstown Credit Union for the redevelopment of the former Viscount Bar on Curraheen Road comprising a new three-storey credit union building (ref. CCC TP 12/35228 and ABP PL 28.241224). This permission is still active until April 2018. There has been no recent correspondence or meetings in relation to this development.

Site at the corner Hawkes Road / Bishopstown Road (“Hawkes Road site”)

Cork City Council has been actively engaging with KPMG, the receivers of this site, to seek to take the site out of a state of dereliction. However, the ownership of this site changed hands in Spring 2016 and since then the new owners have been considering options for site development. The site is on a shortlist of strategically important sites in Cork City that the City Council is seeking to add to the Register of Derelict Sites on the basis of current condition. The current work programme for Derelict Sites means that the site is likely to be recommended for inclusion by SPED in Q4 2016 and then added to the Register in Q1 2017. If there is any change then Council will be updated. There have been no recent pre-application consultations in relation to these lands.

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

6.10 **PUBLIC LIGHTS AWAITING LANTERN REPLACEMENT**

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

Can the CE please advise how many additional public lights have been provided in the City within the last 3 years? Can the CE also indicate how many public lights are currently awaiting lantern replacement, and when is it envisaged that they will be back in working order?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

In the past three years, 10 additional columns with lanterns were installed by Cork City Council. This work was funded by a special budgetary allocation in 2014. There is no budgetary allocation for the provision of new lighting in the current year.

Apart from normal maintenance and repair, the Council is focused on the replacement and renewal of obsolete and degraded equipment ahead of adding new public lights to the network. In prioritizing the existing facilities the Council seeks to maintain and modernize the current system and secure energy savings at the same time. The DeadSure street lighting database shows that there are currently 205 work items listed that include lantern replacement as part of the works. There are 20 work items listed that require lantern replacements only. These lanterns will be approved for replacement over the coming months in line with the 2016 roads programme allocation.

Lantern replacements have been carried out as follows over the past three years - 2016: to date – 161, 2015: – 318, 2014: – 266 and 2013: – 214.

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

6.11 **GLOBAL RATES REVALUATION**

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

That the CE will report on the global rates evaluation and its implications for Cork City Council in the framing of the 2017 Budget.

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

Global utilities were revealed in 2015. This resulted in a downward valuation of these utility companies and a loss in rates income of €22.95m across the Local Authority Sector including a loss of €1.036m to Cork City Council.

For the 2016 budget, compensation of €751k was provided by the department with Cork City Council having to fund the balance of €285k from its own resources.

There will not be any compensation available from the department in the 2017 budget. The full income loss of €1.036 will have to come from Cork City Councils own resources.

JOHN HALLAHAN
HEAD OF FINANCE

7. **SPECIAL MEETING OF PARTY WHIPS – 11th JULY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Party Whips from its meeting held 11th July 2016.

7.1 **DISPOSAL OF 1, LAPPS QUAY AND 16, PARNELL PLACE**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Disposal of the properties in accordance with the relevant Disposal Notice.

8. **SPECIAL MEETING OF PARTY WHIPS – 29th AUGUST 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Special Meeting of Party Whips from its meeting held 29th August 2016.

9. **PARTY WHIPS – 5th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips from its meeting held 5th September 2016.

10. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 18th JULY 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 18th July 2016.

11. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee from its meeting held 5th September 2016.

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Housing & Community Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th September 2016.

12.1 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the Chief Executive dated 1st September, 2016 in relation to the following property disposals:

- a) Disposal of 15.56 square metres of ground at entrance to Market Lane, off St. Patrick’s Street, Cork to Progressive Strategic Partners DAC c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn, Solicitors No. 2, Park Place, City Gate Park, Mahon, Cork by way of exchange for two adjoining areas of ground measuring 52.45 square metres approximately.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

- b) Disposal of freehold interest in the property known as No. 34, Capwell Road, Turners Cross, Cork to Hannah (Cissie) Loughlin, c/o Messrs. Irwin Kilcullen & Co., Solicitors, No. 56, Grand Parade, Cork for the sum of €10.16 together with costs in the sum of €460.00 plus VAT.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.
- c) Disposal of property known as No. 28/29 Dublin Street, Blackpool, Cork for the sum of €10 to Respond!, c/o Della Power Solicitor, Luke House Solicitors, Airmount, Dominick Place, Waterford.
On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the disposal.

12.2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services on Housing for the period June to August 2016.

12.3 **CLÚID HOUSING ASSOCIATION – ACCOMMODATION AT LEITRIM STREET, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st September, 2016 in relation to the provision of 18 units of accommodation at Leirim Street, Cork by Clúid Housing Association.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, 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 €827,400 be granted to Clúid Housing Association, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

12.4 **THRESHOLD LIMITED – ACCOMMODATION AT CATHEDRAL ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st September, 2016 in relation to the provision of 1 unit of accommodation at 241, Cathedral Road, Cork by Threshold Limited.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, 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 €56,100 be granted to Threshold Limited, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

12.5 **RESPOND! – ACCOMMODATION AT MILLFIELD COTTAGES, BLACKPOOL, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st September, 2016 in relation to the provision of 18 units of accommodation at Millfield Cottages, Blackpool, Cork by Respond!

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, 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 €400,401 be granted to Respond!, subject to the terms of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme”.

12.6 **HAP – HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st September, 2016 in relation to HAP - Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.

12.7 **CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st September, 2016 in relation to an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

12.8 **LAGAN GROVE/LIFFEY PARK/SHANNON LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th June, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will engage with the residents of Lagan Grove, Liffey Park and Shannon Lawn with a view to improving community safety in the area, with a particular focus on the alleyway and surrounding land connecting Lagan Grove and Liffey Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Cunningham 16/120)

The report of the Director of Services advised Members that the Housing Team had been actively engaging with An Garda Síochána and residents of this area in efforts to address issues which have arisen; many of which are outside of the Housing remit.

Following discussions, a number of measures had been agreed jointly between the Council and the Gardaí, one of which was to convene a meeting with residents as soon as possible.

The alleyway referred to in the motion is a public right of way. The extinguishment process would be necessary to remove same. We are at present examining the implications of this.

12.9 **PATH ADJACENT TO LAGAN GROVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 16th June, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council close the casual path that runs east/west to the south of Lagan Grove as it has never been properly kept by City Council, it is a constant source of anti social behavior and must be permanently closed in the interests of public safety and the common good.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/115)

The report of the Director of Services advised Members that the Housing Team had been actively engaging with An Garda Síochána and residents of this area in efforts to address issues which have arisen; many of which are outside of the Housing remit.

Following discussions, a number of measures had been agreed jointly between the Council and the Gardaí, one of which was to convene a meeting with residents as soon as possible.

The alleyway referred to in the motion is a public right of way. The extinguishment process would be necessary to remove same. We are at present examining the implications of this.

12.10 **GATES AT ENTRANCES TO CHAPEL FIELD, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st September, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council install gates at the Templeacre Avenue and Cathedral Road entrances to Chapel Field Gurranaברה. This estate is being used by non residents as a shortcut especially late at night. These gates would greatly help minimise the occurrence of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/138)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it is proposed to meet the Ward Members in early September to discuss the issues concerned.

12.11 **UN REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS IN CORK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st September, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council will report on the recent UN report on homelessness in Cork and give its perspective on same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/186)

The report of the Director of Services stated that on the 3rd November 2015, Cork City Council received a request from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to respond to information which had been communicated to the UN from a Community in Cork in relation to the “extent of homelessness in the City of Cork and the lack of access of those who are homeless to emergency shelter and to safe drinking water and sanitation”.

The Special Rapporteur for the UN requested that the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) would respond to the complaint and the Department of Foreign Affairs, in turn, referred the matter to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

Given that the issues raised concern for both homelessness and the provision of safe drinking water and sanitation, a joint response was submitted by the Housing & Community and Environment & Recreation Directorates to the Department for submission to the Department of Foreign Affairs to address both elements of the complaint.

A report on the above complaint was published in the Irish Examiner on the 6th June detailing the response of the UN to the complaint made by the Community but this article did not refer to the response which issued from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to the Department of Foreign Affairs in relation to the complaints.

However, following a number of interventions by the DFA's mission in Geneva, a correction was made to the press release which now acknowledges receipt of the Government's response which was submitted last week though referred to in the press release as having been received on 6th June.

This comprehensive report which runs to 27 pages will be published on the UN website shortly.

12.12 **HOUSING ADAPTATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community Services dated 1st September, 2016 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That the housing department report on the following in relation to housing adaptations for people with a disability:

The current number of applicants waiting for a housing adaptation? How many of these are priority 1? What funding has become available during 2016 and what impact will this funding have on the waiting list?

Is there an estimated figure on how much it would take to clear the waiting list?

Has there been any indication of what funding may be available next year?’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/214)

Housing Extensions Works

- (i) Number of applicants waiting house extension works: 42
- (ii) Number that are priority 1: 39 No. Priority 1’s.
- (iii) Funding available from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government (DHPCLG) in 2016: €1,869,450 has been approved by the DHPCLG and this has been estimated to complete 38 units. The works are currently at tender stage so the cost will be finalised to the DHPCLG when the tenders have been awarded.
- (iv) The funding available in 2016 has been estimated to complete 38 Units.

- (v) The funding required to clear the current list of 42 has been estimated at €2,066,234 and would be subject to confirmation of final tender costs. The Council is confident that the additional funding will be made available once the tendering process is completed.
- (vi) It is intended that all works will be completed by the end of 2016 and that funding will be approved to complete all works. The funding in 2017 will be to fund the retention costs of the works.

Housing Adaptation Works (HAW)

- (i) Number of housing applicants waiting for HAW's: 78 awaiting minor HAW's
- (ii) Number that are priority 1: 52 minor HAW's
- (iii) Funding available from the DHPCLG and City Council in 2016 is: €848808
- (iv) Funding available in 2016 will reduce this number by 56.
- (v) The funding required to clear the current list of 78 is €1.28m
- (vi) There is no indication currently of what funding may be available for 2017.

13. **PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT DEANROCK, TOGHER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the proposed residential development at Deanrock, Togher and the report of the Chief Executive thereon as required under Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 – 2015 as amended dated the 8th September 2016.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

‘Having considered the proposed development and the report of the Chief Executive of Cork City Council thereon, **RESOLVED** pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 (4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2015 as amended that the development of 65 units and a community facility at Deanrock, Togher, Cork be carried out.’

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Shields, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting past 8 p.m.

14. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th September 2016.

14.1 **GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2017 – 2021 AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2017 – 2021**

An Chomhairle noted and agreed the amendments to the Draft General Development Contribution Scheme 2017-2021 and the Draft Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme 2017-2021, prior to Public Consultation, as detailed by the Director of Service, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise.

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Service, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise and further agreed that the schemes go on public display for six weeks to enable stakeholders to make submissions on them.

14.2 **EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE NORTH BLACKPOOL LOCAL AREA PLAN 2011**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 1st September, 2016 on extending the duration of the North Blackpool Local Area Plan 2011, and further agreed the relevant information provided by the Deputy Chief Executive.

14.3 **MEXICO CITY STATEMENT ON SUSTAINABLE LEARNING CITIES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 1st September, 2016 on Mexico City Statement on Sustainable Learning Cities.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, seconded by N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle agreed to endorse the Mexico City Statement on Sustainable Learning Cities.

14.4 **RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES ADDITIONS REPORT**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise dated 1st September, 2016 on the Record of Protected Structures Additions Report.

14.5 **MOTION REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle and the report of the Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 1st September, 2016.

14.5.1 **INTRODUCE A NO FRY ZONE**

‘That Cork City Council will determine if it can introduce a ‘No Fry Zone’, namely restrict fast-food outlets from opening near schools in line with Department of Environment guidelines.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/187)

The report stated that there are no specific provisions in Planning legislation at present that require or provide for restrictions on Fast Food outlets close to schools. However Section 5.2 of the Local Area Plan Guidelines for Local Authorities says:

.....For example, the local area plan can promote active and healthier lifestyles by ensuring that: (among other things)

- *Exposure of children to the promotion of foods that are high in fat, salt or sugar is reduced such as the careful consideration of the appropriateness and or location of fast food outlets in the vicinity of schools and parks.*

The Guidelines are quite vague and do not define ‘vicinity’ or advise that fast food outlets should be prohibited within a specific distance of schools. It has been argued that such an approach would discriminate against fast-food outlets, compared to sellers of confectionary, ice-cream and sugary goods. It has also been pointed out by some health experts that food outlets are not the only cause of childhood obesity, and it is up to parents to educate children about healthy eating. It should also be noted that the Governments Retail Planning Guidelines advise that the planning system should not be used to inhibit competition.

The City Development Plan already provides for restriction of fast-food outlets to avoid proliferation of them in in-appropriate locations. Unless legislated for (e.g. by way of in a change of use classes and exemptions in the Planning Regulations) it is considered that it would be difficult to make effective, implementable and enforceable planning policy on this issue and a change in Development Plan policy is therefore not recommended at this time.

Patrick Ledwidge,
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise

1st September 2016.

15. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th September 2016.

15.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 1st September 2016 on the progress of the ongoing Roadworks Programme for the months ending June and July 2016.

15.2 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OF ROADS & FOOTPATHS AT TOGHER ROAD, SHOURNAGH LAWN, ILEN COURT AND DEANROCK AVENUE, TOGHER, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 1st September 2016 regarding the Extinguishment of Public Right of Way of roads & footpaths at Togher Road, Shournagh Lawn, Ilen Court and Deanrock Avenue, Togher, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“Having considered the representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way from the point marked AA on said map at Togher Road in a westerly direction for approximately 70 metres to point marked

BB at Shournagh Lawn. From point marked CC at Shournagh Lawn on said map in a westerly direction for approximately 35 metres to point marked DD at Ilen Court. From point marked EE at Ilen Court on said map in a north to north-easterly direction for approximately 140 metres to point marked FF at Deanrock Avenue. From point marked GG at Deanrock Avenue on said map in a south-easterly direction for approximately 100 metres to point marked HH at Togher Road is extinguished forthwith.”

15.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS AT CARBERY GROVE, HARBOUR VIEW ROAD, FOTA LAWN AND ARDMORE AVENUE, KNOCKNAHEENY, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 1st September 2016 regarding the Extinguishment of Public Right of Way of roads and footpaths at Carbery Grove, Harbour View Road, Fota Lawn And Ardmore Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

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

“Having considered the representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way From the point marked AA at Killiney Way on said map for a distance of approximately 195 Metres in a southerly direction to point marked BB; from the point marked CC at Ardmore Avenue on said map for a distance of approximately 121 Metres in an Easterly direction to point marked DD; from point marked EE at Fota Lawn on said map for a distance of approximately 59 Metres in a Southerly direction to point marked FF; from point marked GG at Ardmore Avenue on said map for a distance of approximately 110 Metres in a Southerly direction to point marked HH; from point marked JJ at Carbery Grove on said map for a distance of approximately 76.5 Metres in an Easterly direction to point marked KK; from point marked LL at Carbery Grove on said map for a distance of approximately 64 Metres in a Southerly direction to point marked MM; from point marked NN at Ardmore Avenue on said map for a distance of approximately 41.5 Metres in an Easterly direction to point marked OO; from point marked PP at Harbour View Road on said map for a distance of approximately 61 Metres in an Easterly direction to point marked QQ; from point marked RR at Ardmore Avenue on said map for a distance of approximately 58.5 Metres in an Easterly direction to point marked SS; from point marked TT at Harbour View Road on said map for a distance of approximately 47.5 Metres in a Southerly direction to point marked UU is extinguished forthwith.”

15.4 **30KPH BYELAWS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services, dated 1st September 2016 regarding 30kph Byelaws.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following resolution:

“In the matter of the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2016 Cork City Council having given notice to the elected Members of Cork City Council and the Garda Commissioner and having complied with the provisions of Sections 9 (4) of

the Road Traffic Act, 2004 and having considered the proposed Bye-Laws and the Director of Services Report dated the 1st day of September 2016 and having considered the written objection and submission with respect thereto, it is hereby resolved to **make** the proposed Cork City Road Traffic (Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2016 in accordance with the draft attached hereto subject to:

- The amendment of Article 2 thereof to read:-
“These Bye Laws shall come into operation on the 14th day of November 2016”
- The inclusion of Sunview East, Ballyhooly Road, Cork in the Schedule thereto as shown on the additional map attached thereto

15.5 **THOMAS DAVIS BRIDGE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PART 8 REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the Thomas Davis Bridge junction improvement scheme Part 8 report.

15.6 **CURRAHEEN ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PART 8 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 AS AMENDED**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the Curraheen Road Bridge Replacement Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended.

15.7 **EXAMINE FOOTPATH OUTSIDE NO. 2 ALBERT ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That City Council would examine the footpath outside No. 2 Albert Road with the view to prevent regular flooding outside the residents house. This Path has to be raised to prevent further flooding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/152)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the road and gully repair works were recently carried out at 2 Marina Terrace (adjacent to Albert Rd) to resolve ponding issues which had been experienced in the area. Outstanding concrete footway repair works at this location are expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

15.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place Traffic calming measures on Boherboy Road, Silverheights Road and Upper Lotabeg Road, Mayfield, in the interests of Public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/158)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the introduction of Special Speed Limit Byelaws of 30kph on Silverheights Road and Upper Lotabeg are currently being progressed.

Boherboy Road is not suitable as a 30kph slow zone but it will be added to the list of requests for traffic calming measures. 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.

15.9 **FILTER TRAFFIC TURNING RIGHT ON THE NORTH RING ROAD ON TO BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

That Cork City Council would put in place a "Green" filter arrow on the Traffic Lights which would safely filter traffic turning right from the North Ring Road on to Ballyhooley Road towards the City.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/180)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the configuration of the traffic signal control sequence implemented on junction referred to above is in line with the recommended guidance as set out in the Traffic Signs Manual. In addition, the traffic signal junction currently is optimised by MOVA, a proprietary traffic control facility utilising multi-lane detection, to optimise traffic flows. With regard to the demand for right turning vehicles from the NRR onto Ballyhooley Road, there is currently a vehicle loop detector to cater for the extension to Green time on this approach. At the same time the arrangement also extends the red signals on the opposing movement from Mayfield to facilitate the right-turners on to Ballyhooley Road in a safe manner.

As part of an NTA funded scheme, the geometric layout junction is currently being redesigned to cater for an outbound Bus Lane on Ballyhooley Road and the general operation of traffic signal control will be reassessed in this context.

15.10 **INVESTIGATE WATER ROAD LEAKS AT CHURCHFIELD TERRACE WEST**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council investigate the constant water road leaks at Churchfield Tce West with a view to repairing them permanently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/188)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the source of the water coming on to the road at this location will be investigated with a view to carrying out remedial works in the coming months.

15.11 **PRESERVE ANTIQUE ROADSIDE GULLY ON GARDINER’S HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department ensure that the antique roadside gully on the western side of Gardiner's Hill continues to be preserved.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/196)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the stone channel drain will be protected and where necessary repaired as part of the resurfacing works on Gardiners Hill.

15.12 **REPLACE COLLAPSED LOW WALL AT THOMOND SQUARE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a collapsed low wall at Thomond Square - a public safety threat in its current state - is either repaired or removed and replace with railings. (Residents believe it was knocked down by a truck or other large vehicle). There is also a continuing need for parking to be regulated at this location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/199)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the wall in question has been made safe in the interim by Roads Maintenance and will be reconstructed when resources become available to carry out the works.

The Traffic Warden Service will be requested to pay additional attention to Thomond Square in order to deter any illegal parking incidents.

15.13 **NEW JUNCTION AT CURRAGH ROAD/ PEARSE ROAD/ TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That an update be given on plans to install new junction/controls at Curragh Road/Pearse Road/Tory Top Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/200)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Curragh Road/Pearse Road junction is controlled by traffic signals and the Tory Top Road junction with Pearse Road is a priority junction controlled by Yield signs. The current layout was implemented on the Green Route Scheme as funded by the Department of Transport. Other than undertaking normal maintenance as catered for on the Roads Programme no further junction upgrades are envisaged.

15.14 **SIGNAGE BE ERECTED ASKING CYCLISTS TO AVOID CYCLING ON FOOTPATHS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding signage be erected asking cyclists to avoid cycling on footpaths.

‘That signage be erected on the footpath between Kent Railway Station and Tivoli asking cyclists to avoid cycling on footpaths. An elderly resident was hospitalised recently walking out her door and was hit by a cyclist. Apparently it’s a regular hazard in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/135)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the erection of signage asking cyclist not to cycle on the footpaths specifically between Kent Railway Station and Tivoli 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.

15.15 **THAT SIGNAGE BE PUT IN PLACE ADVISING DRIVERS OF HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON THE RAILWAY BRIDGE ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 that signage be put in place advising drivers of height restrictions on the railway bridge on Lower Glanmire Road.

‘That prominent signage be put in place advising HGV drivers of height restrictions of the railway bridge on Lower Glanmire Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/136)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that there are three height restrictions signs in place at present i.e. east of St Patick's Church, the junction of Lower Glanmire Road/ Railway St and Lower Glanmire Road in the vicinity of the Railway Bridge. Following an inspection, it was decided to erect two additional signs. These signs will be added to the roads programme.

15.16 **EXAMINE THE TIMERS ON LIGHTS AT THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN GLASHEEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding examining the timers on lights at the pedestrian crossing in Glasheen.

‘That City Council would examine the timers on the lights at the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Summerstown on Clashduv Road Glasheen as it takes approx 3/4 minutes for the green man to come on after pressing the push-button.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/151)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the traffic signal junction at the entrance to Summerstown on Clashduv Road Glasheen has been surveyed and the time between push button has being pressed to the pedestrian green man to come up is 43 seconds. There was however recently a red man lamp out of order and it had to be replaced on the controller side of the junction. Faulty Traffic lights can be reported to the CRM for fault logging with our maintenance crews.

15.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING AT DOUGLAS HALL LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding traffic calming at Douglas Hall Lawn.

‘That Douglas Hall Lawn would be added to the list of parks to the traffic calming list. At a minimum signage & road markings would be enhanced in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 16/171)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Douglas Hall Lawn 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.

15.18 **ALTER FOOTPATHS ON OLIVER PLUNKETT STREET**

An Chomhairle considered the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding altering footpaths on Oliver Plunkett Street.

‘That conscious of the many people tripping and falling, the poorly designed footpaths along Oliver Plunkett Street are altered to distinguish them from the road surface and are safety proofed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/183)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the Oliver Plunkett Street layout is designed to safely cater for high volumes of pedestrians. The footpaths have been widened to the greatest possible extent. In addition the southerly footpath is level with the carriageway to enable pedestrians to seamlessly move between carriageway and footway. This feature is particularly beneficial in the afternoon when the volume of pedestrians is at its highest and when vehicles are not permitted access to the street.

There are no indications to suggest that the layout is defective. The street is widely regarded as a very successful public space as recognised by the ‘The Great Street Award 2016’ it received from The Academy of Urbanism in the UK.

As per all roads and streets in the City our staff will continue to monitor accident and public liability cases to ensure that specific problems can be quickly addressed if they arise.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle agreed that this motion be sent back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for further report.

15.19 **‘GREEN’ FILTER ARROW ON THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS FROM MCCURTAIN STREET AND UP TO SUMMERHILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding ‘green’ filter arrow on the traffic lights from McCurtain Street and up to Summerhill.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a “Green” filter arrow on the Traffic Lights which would safely filter traffic turning left from McCurtain Street and up Summerhill towards St Lukes Cross, independent of the traffic going straight on down Lower Glanmire Road and traffic turning right down Brian Boru Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/181)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the design of the Traffic signal junction as part of the NTA funded works allows the busy pedestrian crossing across McCurtain St. to be serviced in every cycle which negates against the presence of a green light filter arrow for vehicular Traffic.

15.20 **STOP SIGN AT JUNCTION WHICH EXITS THE STEEPLES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding stop sign at junction which exits The Steeples.

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a Sign advising motorists to stop and be aware of pedestrians crossing this junction which exits “The Steeples” at the side of Our Lady Crowned Church on to the North Ring Road. At times, due to the high walls at either side of this junction, children could be at risk while crossing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/182)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that the appropriateness of a new sign at the junction which exits onto the North Ring Road from, ‘The Steeples’ will be assessed.

If deemed suitable, it will be put forward for consideration, subject to funding being available.

15.21 **FLOODING PROBLEM AT NO.2 ALBERT ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding flooding problem at no.2 Albert Road.

‘That City Council would solve the flooding problem that the resident living in no.2 Albert Rd is experiencing since there was road works carried out on the roadway / footpath recently. The roadway is now level with the footpath and anytime it rains heavily the resident has huge problems with floodwater entering his property. This footpath / kerbing has to be reinstated properly in order to prevent this.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/193)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that road and gully repair works were recently carried out at 2 Marina Terrace (adjacent to Albert Rd) to resolve ponding issues which had been experienced in the area. Outstanding concrete footway repair works at this location are expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

15.22 **ASSESS ROAD MARKINGS ON NORTH GATE BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding assess road markings on North Gate Bridge.

‘That Cork City Council would assess the Road Markings on the North Gate Bridge and surrounding approach roads with a view to re-painting same.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/203)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will review the condition of the road markings on the North Gate Bridge and its surrounding approach roads.

If deemed appropriate it will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

15.23 **UNDERTAKE WORK IN WILTON AVENUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding undertaking work in Wilton Avenue.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake the following work in Wilton Ave (with particular attention to the Cul de Sac adjacent to the pedestrian entrance to the CUH campus):

- Reinststate the double yellow lines that are currently or were previously in place
- Enforce current parking regulations
- Assess and repair footpaths’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 16/215)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will review the condition of the existing double yellow lines on Wilton Avenue and in particular the cul de sac adjacent to the pedestrian entrance to the CUH campus. If deemed appropriate it will be inputted into the road painting programme and will be undertaken subject to suitable weather conditions and funding being available.

In addition the Traffic Warden Service will be requested to pay additional attention to Wilton Avenue in order to deter any illegal parking incidents.

The footways in Wilton Avenue will be assessed and localised repairs carried out as required.

15.24 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL SCHEME, CLARKES ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding footpath renewal scheme, Clarkes Road.

‘That upper Clarkes Road be added to the footpath renewal scheme’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 16/217)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that locations for 2016 footpath renewal schemes have now been finalised. Upper Clarkes Road will be assessed and if suitable will be considered for inclusion in future schemes subject to available resources.

15.25 **HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES THROUGH HOUSING ESTATES IN FAIRHILL AND FARRANREE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of Director of Services dated 1st September 2016 regarding heavy vehicles through housing estates in Fairhill and Farranree.

‘That Cork City Council will further report on work done to date by the Roads Directorate quantifying the use of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) of the road network through housing estates in the Fairhill & Farranree areas including what measures have been identified to address this issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/219)

The Report of the Director of Services stated that traffic counts have been carried out in the Fairhill and Farranree area. Further assessment will be undertaken once technical resources are available.

16. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee from its meeting held 5th September 2016.

17. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

18. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the summary of the following conference/seminar attended:-

- Cllr Tom O’Driscoll, AILG Seminar, 23rd June 2016, Virginia, Co. Cavan

19. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

19.1 **ECAD ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – 9th SEPTEMBER 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the ECAD Advisory Board Meeting in Stockholm on 9th September 2016.

20. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Shannon, M. Shields, J. Buttimer, L. McGonigle and T. O’Driscoll at the LAMA Autumn Training Seminar, Brexit and Ireland to be held in the West Lodge Hotel, Bantry, Co Cork on 30th September 2016 and 1st October 2016.

21. **MOTIONS**

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

21.1 **REGENERATION OF ROSEVILLE ESTATE IN MAYFIELD**

‘That Cork City Council put plans in place for the complete regeneration of Roseville Estate in Mayfield. The complete area from Boyne Crescent right up to Mount Brosna needs to be regenerated, redeveloped and updated to meet today’s housing and general residential demands in the Mayfield area and North East area of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 16/184)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

21.2 **REPAIR GATES AND PILLARS AT THE GREEN AREA KILMORE HEIGHTS KNOCKNAHEENY**

‘To ask Council to repair the gates and pillars to the entrance of the green area on Kilmore Heights Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/220)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

21.3 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MIDDLE PARISH AND NORTH MAIN STREET**

‘That Cork City Council create a Local Area Development Plan for the Middle Parish Community and North Main Street retail area.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/223)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee

21.4 **FOOTPATH AT THE PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE TO COUNTY HALL AT FARRANLEA RD**

‘That City Council would dish the footpath at the pedestrian entrance to County Hall at Farranlea Rd to facilitate Families of wheelchair bound patients of the Community Nursing Unit which is right opposite this entrance, as these families use this entrance with these patients to access the Lee Fields. As they can use the vehicle entrance on weekdays thus not having to manoeuvre the wheelchair up onto the footpath, but this entrance is not accessible at weekends as the gates are locked.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/232)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.5 **INSPECTION OF FOOTPATHS IN THE PARKWAY/LEESDALE ESTATE**

‘That City Council would carry out an inspection of all the footpaths in the Parkway/Leesdale Estate with the intentions of dishing all the remaining footpaths to facilitate those who are wheelchair bound and the elderly who find it hard to step up onto these footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 16/233)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.6 **BUDGET FOR GRASS CUTTING, STREET WEED-SPRAYING AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

‘That sufficient resources be set aside in the upcoming budget for grass cutting, street weed-spraying and cemetery maintenance in summer time which are very visible council responsibilities but which have been let slip in recent years and excused by a dearth of staff.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/234)

Finance & Estimates Functional Committee

21.7 **HR AND FUNDING REVIEW IN THE ROADS & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE**

‘That a review of HR and funding resources in the Roads & Transportation Directorate be undertaken, in view of ongoing responses to Councillors that roads-related issues (including footpath repairs, traffic calming, resurfacing and lighting) cannot be undertaken because of a lack of funding, to establish output levels and what the disparity is between what is being funded by central government and what is needed from central government to provide mere basic service.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 16/235)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.8 **INTRODUCE DIGITAL SPEED INDICATORS**

‘That Cork City Council introduce Digital Speed indicators on a pilot basis throughout the City in order to monitor their impact on speed reduction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/236)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.9 **HILLCREST VIEW, BLARNEY RAOD IN RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Hillcrest View, Blarney Road in the resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 16/237)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.10 **FIRE OFFICERS ADMINISTRATION FEE**

‘That Cork City Council reduces the Fire Officers Administration fee by 50% to all sporting and charitable organisations that requires an annual inspection.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 16/238)

Corporate Policy Group

21.11 **INCLUDE MEADOW PARK AVENUE IN THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘The Cork City Council would include Meadow Park Avenue for its Road resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/239)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.12 **TREES AT MEADOW PARK AVENUE AND NO DUMPING SIGNS IN GREEN AREAS**

‘That Cork City Council would include the trees at Meadow Park Avenue in the programme of works and erect a No Dumping Sign in the green areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 16/240)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

21.13 **WAR OF INDEPENDENCE MEMORIAL PLAQUES AND MONUMENTS**

‘That the various memorial plaques and monuments erected to commemorate those who took part in the War of Independence in Cork City be restored to first class condition as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 16/241)

Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee

21.14 **USAGE AT THE BMX TRACK IN TRAMORE VALLEY PARK**

‘That the City Council provide a report on usage at the BMX track in Tramore Valley Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 16/243)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

21.15 **FAERY TRAIL IN FITZGERALD’S PARK**

‘That following the success of the Faery Trail in Ballinlough, developed by Ballinlough Youth Clubs, that a similar Youth Clubs and/ or Schools' driven trail be rolled out in Fitzgerald's Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 16/244)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

21.16 **PAINT CAR PARKING SPACES IN HOLLYVILLE LOWER, HOLLYHILL**

‘That Cork City Council paint car parking spaces in Hollyville Lower, Hollyhill. This would regulate parking for residents and act also as a traffic calming measure.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. M. Nugent 16/247)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.17 **REPORT ON SITE AT NASHS BOREEN, FAIRHILL**

‘That Cork City Council will report on a site it owns on Nash's Boreen, Fairhill where an extended Traveller family have been living for several years. The report should outline whether the families accommodation needs are to be considered in the forthcoming Traveller Accommodation Plan. In the interim period can the Council facilitate the families with electricity and improved sanitation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 16/248)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

21.18 **PUBLIC LIGHT, POLE NUMBER 16, ON CONVENT ROAD, BLACKROCK, CORK**

‘That Cork City Council reports on the status of public light, pole number 16, on Convent Road, Blackrock, Cork. This light is at a busy pedestrian junction and has not been working for months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 16/250)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.19 **'SCHOOL ZONE' ROAD SAFETY SIGNS**

'That Cork City Council erects appropriate 'School Zone' road safety signs at either end, and along Avenue de Rennes, Mahon where three schools are located.'

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O'Keeffe 16/251)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

21.20 **FABRIC UPGRADE PROGRAMME**

'That Cork City Council would urgently carry out the Fabric Upgrade Programme of cavity wall insulation and draught proofing measures that Cork City Council had planned to carry out on the 6th August 2013 at Allen Square, Brother Rice Avenue, Fr. O'Flynn Place, Mary Aikenhead Place and Wolfe Tone Street.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/252)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

22. **MOTIONS**

22.1 **FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TAX**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That in order for the Irish taxpayer to be recompensed for the reckless trading of Banks and finance companies this Council calls on the Minister for Finance to introduce a Financial Transactions Tax.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/221)

It was noted that Comhairleoir J. Buttimer did not support this motion.

22.2 **CORK CITY'S ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council notes the widespread extent to which rusty and unkempt ESB poles and shoddy substations are to be found across the City and calls on the ESB to provide the necessary funding to clean up Cork city's electricity infrastructure immediately. The City Council does not have the necessary funding while the ESB a State owned firm recently reported profits in excess of 600 Million Euro.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 16/222)

22.3 **IRISH WATER TO INVESTIGATE PROBLEM WITH DRAINAGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council request Irish Water to investigate the ongoing problem with drainage in Capwell Avenue and Capwell Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 16/224)

22.4 **APPEAL REGARDING THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION RULING ON APPLE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That the Council formally calls on the government to drop the appeal in regards to the European Commission ruling on Apple and to pursue the €13 billion plus interest taxes owed to the state in order to boost the underfunded public services system, create jobs and invest in a real social housing building programme to create jobs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 16/242)

A vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, L. McGonigle, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican. (13)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against was greater than those voting for, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the motion defeated.

22.5 **EUROPEAN COMMISSION RULING**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council call on the government to accept the ruling of the European Commission that Ireland granted undue tax benefits of up to €13 billion to Apple Inc.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/245)

A vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, F. Ryan, L. O’Donnell, M. Nugent, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, T. Moloney. (11)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, K. O’Flynn, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. McCarthy, L. McGonigle, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican. (13)

ABSTAIN: (0)

As those voting against was greater than those voting for, An Leas Ard-Mhéara declared the motion defeated.

22.6 **RESCIND THE DEPORTATION ORDER AGAINST JAMES GRALTON**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘This council calls on the Minister for Justice to rescind the deportation order against James Gralton (1886-1945) which led to his forcible deportation from Ireland, the country of his birth, in 1933. Council welcomes the decision of President Higgins to apologise to the Gralton family for the state’s treatment of James however this does not go far enough and the government must even now withdraw the deportation order and admit that this was a politically motivated and morally wrong act. Cork City Council also calls on the Catholic Church to apologise for its role in spearheading the demands for Jim Gralton’s deportation’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 16/246)

22.7 **RENTS FOR TENANTS IN PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council would call on the government to freeze the rents for tenants in private rented accommodation and also to immediately stop eviction by banks and landlords.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 16/253)

Following discussion Comhairleoir T. Gould agreed and An Chomhairle approved the amended version of the motion as follows:

‘That Cork City Council would call on the government to freeze the rents for tenants in private rented accommodation and also to immediately stop economic eviction by banks and landlords.’

This concluded the business of the meeting

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