

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11th MAY 2020

PRESENT	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Sheehan.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M. R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon, D. Forde.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. O'Callaghan, F. Kerins.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. D. Roche, A/Director of Housing. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate. Mr. J. Stapleton, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Development Directorate. Ms. R. Buckley, Head of ICT. Ms. A. Murnane, Meetings Administrator. Mr. N. Carroll, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

- 1.1 On the proposal of An tArdmhéara, An Chomhairle held a minute's silence in memory of those who have passed away due to Covid -19.
- 1.2 An tArdmhéara informed members that a letter of sympathy will issue on behalf of An Chomhairle for Votes of Sympathies received from members.
- 1.3 An tArdmhéara thanked members of An Chomhairle, the Chief Executive and members of Management Team for their co-operation during the online briefing updates over the past months.
- 1.4 A meeting with Party Whips and Party Leaders will be convened to discuss arrangements for both Strategic Policy Committees and Local Area Committees.

- 1.5 An tArdmhéara informed members he attended an enjoyable celebration in honour of Volunteer Joe Murphy's Birthday held at Joe Murphy Road, Ballypheane.
- 1.6 An Chomhairle considered and approved the following Lord Mayor's nominations for the Civic Awards 2020:
- Dr. Con Murphy
 - Anne Twomey
 - Ronnie Dorney
 - Dr. Nuala O'Conner
 - Katherine Harford
 - Kate Durrant
- 1.7 An Chomhairle considered and approved Mr. Conal Creedon as the Lord Mayor's nomination for Cork Cultural Award 2020.
- 1.8 An Chomhairle considered and agreed for the Lord Mayor to award the Cork Youth Award 2020.
- 1.9 On the proposal of t-Ardmhéara, An Chomhairle agreed to take Item 6. Statutory Items after Chief Executive Items.
- 1.10 On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the date of the Annual Meeting for 12th June 2020 at 6.30 p.m. in the Concert Hall, City Hall.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairle M. Nugent, An Chomhairle agreed to discuss the closure of Debenhams, if time permits, at the end of the meeting.

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS

2.1 COVID 19 AND CRITICAL ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The Chief Executive updated An Chomhairle on the current situation with Covid-19 and critical essential services. Members raised a number of issues to which the Chief Executive responded.

6. STATUTORY ITEMS

6.1 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

6.1.1 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 6 MAPLE COURT, MOUNT OVAL VILLAGE, ROCHESTOWN, CORK – CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 9th April, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon

Community CLG in respect of the provision of one unit of accommodation at 6 Maple Court, Mount Oval Village, Rochestown, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, 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 €208,808 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 6 Maple Court, Mount Oval Village, Rochestown, Cork”.

6.1.2 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 116 ARD KEALE, MOUNT OVAL VILLAGE, ROCHESTOWN, CORK - CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 9th April, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of a one unit of accommodation at 116 Ard Keale, Mount Oval Village, Rochestown, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Ryan, 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 €206,778 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 116 Ard Keale, Mount Oval Village, Rochestown, Cork”.

6.1.3 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 2 TEMPLE GROVE, DOUGLAS, CORK – CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of a one unit of accommodation at 2, Temple Grove, Douglas, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, 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 €196,475 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 2 Temple Grove, Douglas, Cork”.

6.1.4 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 3 TEMPLE GROVE, DOUGLAS, CORK – CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of a one unit of accommodation at 3, Temple Grove, Douglas, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, 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 €196,475 be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one unit of accommodation at 3 Temple Grove, Douglas, Cork”.

6.1.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 47 MURMONT CIRCLE, MONTENOTTE, CORK - COPE FOUNDATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cope Foundation CLG in respect of the provision of a 1 three bed unit of accommodation at 47, Murmount Circle, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Ryan, 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 €474,902.31 be granted to Cope Foundation CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 three bed unit of accommodation at 47 Murmont Circle, Montenotte, Cork”.

6.1.6 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 12 BYEFIELD PARK, MAYFIELD, CORK – COPE FOUNDATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cope Foundation CLG in respect of the provision of a 1 three bed unit of accommodation at 12, Byefield Park, Mayfield, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. Keohane, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, 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 €371,089.42 be granted to Cope Foundation CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of 1 three bed unit of accommodation at 12, Byefield Park, Mayfield, Cork”.

6.1.7 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 211 BRIDEHOLM APARTMENTS, COMMONS ROAD, CORK – CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one 2 bed apartment at 211, Brideholm Apartments, Commons Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Ryan, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Nugent, 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 €171,775 (previously approved €169,300) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 2 bed apartment at 211 Brideholm Apartments, Commons Road, Cork”.

6.1.8 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 80 ELM PARK, WILTON, CORK – CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one 2 bed roomed unit of accommodation at 80, Elm Park, Wilton, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Kelleher, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €241,875 (previously approved €238,422) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 2 bed roomed unit of accommodation at 80 Elm Park, Wilton, Cork”.

6.1.9 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 62 TIVOLI WOODS, TIVOLI, CORK – CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one 1 bed apartment at 62, Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, 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 €166,211 (previously approved €163,811) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the

Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 1 bed apartment at 62 Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork”.

6.1.10 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 52 TIVOLI WOODS, TIVOLI, CORK – CORK SIMON COMMUNITY CLG

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Cork Simon Community CLG in respect of the provision of one 1 bed apartment at 52, Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. Keohane, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-

“Resolved that, pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, a loan facility not exceeding €176,450 (previously approved €173,900) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Cork Simon Community CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 1 bed apartment at 52 Tivoli Woods, Tivoli, Cork”.

6.1.11 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 75 TIFFANY DOWNS, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 75, Tiffany Downs, Bishopstown, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, 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 €297,275 (previously approved €293,000) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 75, Tiffany Downs, Bishopstown, Cork”.

6.1.12 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 33 CHAPEL FIELD, GURRANABRAHER, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 33, Chapel Field, Gurrabraher, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir K. Collins, 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 €296,275 (previously approved €292,000) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation 33 Chapel Field, Gurranebraher, Cork”.

6.1.13 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 8 ANGLESEA MEWS, ANGLESEA STREET, CORK – CORK VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one 4 bed unit of accommodation at 8, Anglesea Mews, Anglesea Street, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, 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 €329,725 (previously approved €325,000) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 4 bed unit of accommodation at 8 Anglesea Mews, Anglesea Street, Cork”.

6.1.14 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 7 IVY CRESCENT, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 7th May, 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 7, Ivy Crescent, South Douglas Road, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, 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 €326,225 (previously approved €321,500) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 7 Ivy Crescent, South Douglas Road, Cork”.

6.1.15 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME: 2 ABBOTSWOOD MEWS, MONASTERY ROAD, ROCHESTOWN, CORK – CIRCLE VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION CLG**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Acting Director of Services, Housing dated 7th May 2020 in relation to a loan facility for Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG in respect of the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 2, Abbotswood Mews, Monastery Road, Rochestown, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Ryan, 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 €300,975 (previously approved €296,700) to include the payment of the Development Allowance be granted to Circle Voluntary Housing Association CLG, subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme for the provision of one 3 bed unit of accommodation at 2 Abbotswood Mews, Monastery Road, Rochestown, Cork”.

6.2 **PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the Chief Executive dated 30th April 2020 in relation to the following disposals:-

- a) Disposal of the freehold interest in property situated at “Glencove” Donnybrook Hill, Ballybrack, Douglas, Cork to Thomas Russell & Catherine Russell, c/o Murphy English & Co., Solicitors, “Sunville”, Cork Road, Carrigaline, Co Cork, for the sum of €114.00 together with costs in the sum of €550.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- b) Disposal of the freehold interest in a plot of ground situated adjacent to “St Marys” No. 14, Convent Road, Blackrock, Cork to Therese Coughlan, John Callanan and Michael Callanan, as tenants in common c/o Anne L. Horgan & Co., Solicitors, No. 2 & 3 Convent Road, Blackrock, Cork for the sum of €1,000.00 (plus VAT if applicable) together with costs in the sum of €1,500.00 plus VAT.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- c) Disposal by way of lease of property known as No. 5, & No. 6, York Square, Ballinlough Road, Cork together with two parking spaces and Right of Way to Cope Foundation CLG, c/o O’ Flynn Exhams Solicitors, No. 58, South Mall, Cork for a term of 4 years and 9 months subject to a rent of €200.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- d) Disposal by way of lease of property annexed to the Community Centre, Ardbhaile, Mayfield, Cork together with Right of Way to Newbury House Family Centre CLG, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, No. 54, North Main

Street, Cork for a term of 4 years and 9 months subject to a rent of €52.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Maher, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- e) Disposal by way of lease of premises “The Lodge”, (known as “The Lord Mayor’s Pavilion”), Fitzgerald Park, Mardyke Walk, Cork to Sample Studios CLG, c/o Comyn Kelleher Tobin Solicitors, No. 2, Georges Quay, Cork for a term of 3 years subject to a rent of €100.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Boyle, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- f) Disposal by way of lease of ground floor unit of No. 6, Pearse Square, Ballyphehane, Cork to Olivia Philpott c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, No. 54, North Main Street, Cork for a term of 5 years subject to a rent of €2,500.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- g) Disposal by way of lease of part of the ground floor premises at Glen Community Services Building, Glen Avenue, The Glen, Cork to Coolmine Therapeutic Community CLG, c/o O’Mara Geraghty McCourt Solicitors, No. 51, Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 for a term of 10 years subject to a rent of €100.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- h) Disposal by way of sporting lease of property situated at Douglas Hall Lawn, Douglas, Cork to John McCarthy, Harry Ormond, & Rodger Barrett, current Trustees of Douglas Lawn Tennis Club, their successors and assigns, c/o McGuire Desmond, Solicitors, No. 5, Lapps Quay, Cork for a term of 25 years subject to a rent of €500.00 per annum.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

- i) Disposal by way of exchange of the freehold interest in a plot of ground situated adjacent to “The Cottage”, McGrath Park, Skehard Road, Cork to Mary O’Keeffe, c/o Ann Horgan & Co. Solicitors, 3, Convent Road, Blackrock, Cork subject to completion of the exchange of an adjoining area of ground owned by the said Mary O’Keeffe and for the sum of €10,119.00.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the Disposal.

6.3 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Roads & Environment Operations Directorate, dated 23rd March 2020 on the extinguishment of public rights of way over roads and footpaths at Harbuor View Road, Glandore Park, Fota Lawn & Ardmore Avenue, Knocknaheeny Avenue, Kiliney Way, Knocknaheeny, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Ryan, An Chomhairle further agreed to adopt the following Resolution:-
“Now Council hereby RESOLVES THAT

No written objections or representations having been received within the prescribed statutory period setout in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the following Public Rights of Way be extinguished with effect from the date of the making of this Order:-

The Public Rights of Way marked on the attached map, from the point marked AA at Harbour View Road on said map for a distance of approximately 95 Metres in an easterly direction to point marked BB;

from the point marked CC at Knocknaheeny Avenue on said map for a distance of approximately 134 Metres in an North North Westerly direction to point marked DD;

from the point marked EE at Knocknaheeny Avenue on said map for a distance of approximately 47 Metres in an North North Easterly direction to point marked FF;

from point marked TT on Knocknaheeny Avenue on said map for a distance of approximately 36 Metres in a southerly direction to a point marked SS;

from point marked NN on Glandore Park on said map for a distance of approximately 29 Metres in a southerly direction to a point marked PP;

from point marked JJ on Glandore Park on said map in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 26 Metres to a point marked KK;

from point marked HH on Glandore Park on said map for a distance of approximately 92 Metres in an easterly direction to a point marked GG;

from point marked LL on Glandore Park on said map for a distance of approximately 30 Metres in an North North Westerly direction to a point marked MM;

from point marked QQ on Glandore Park on said map for a distance of approximately 34 Metres in an North North Westerly direction to a point marked RR;

from point marked VV on Ardmore Avenue on said map for a distance of approximately 40 Metres in an Easterly direction to a point marked UU;

from point marked ZZ on Kiliney Way on said map for a distance of approximately 14 Metres in an Easterly direction to a point marked YY;

from point marked XX on Fota Lawn on said map for a distance of approximately 29 Metres in an Easterly direction to a point marked WW.”

6.4 **SECTION 38, HORGAN’S QUAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir O. Moran, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Infrastructure Development, dated 5th May 2020, following public consultation, on the proposed Horgan’s Quay Improvement Scheme pursuant to Section 38 of the

Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public transport Regulation Act, 2009.

3. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cauty, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 9th March 2020.

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

- Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 23rd March 2020.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

An Chomhairle noted the replies to questions submitted. An tArdmhéara informed members that supplementary questions can be emailed to Corporate Affairs.

4.1 **FAIRFIELD MEADOWS AND FAIRFIELD LAWN, FAIRHILL MAINTENANCE WORKS**

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

Can the CE report if there is a time-frame for essential maintenance works for Fairfield Meadows and Fairfield Lawn, Fairhill? These works are part of the €11 Million Housing Maintenance Program previously agreed by Council where 1.1 million was set aside to cover the estimated costs.

(Cllr. Kenneth Collins)

REPLY

A public procurement process was undertaken and a framework panel of competent contractors established to enable works to be programmed for completion at Fairfield Meadows and Fairfield Lawn, Upper Fairhill, Cork.

The schedule of works will be put in place once the current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted to enable contractors access the properties; as these are occupied live family homes and such works would not be safe or appropriate in the current circumstances.

It is envisaged the development will be divided into a number of lots to allow works to be undertaken in multiple units by multiple contractors run simultaneously in order to make up for lost time.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.2 **UPGRADE WORKS FOR NOONAN ROAD, DEAN STREET, ST. FINBARR'S ROAD AND FORT STREET**

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

When will the upgrade works for Noonan Road, Dean Street, St. Finbarr's Road and Fort Street commence and how long will the entire programme take?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Along with seeking grant aid from the Department of Housing Planning & Local Government to support a Deep Retrofit project for Noonan Road homes under the Southern & Eastern Regional Operational Programme 2014 to 2020, the Council has made an expression of interest submission to the Climate Action Fund to accelerate the programme for Deep Retrofit to improve the sustainability and climate resilience of apartment units and housing stock on Noonan Road, St. Finbarr's Road and Dean Street. The properties at Fort Street will be looked at in the next phase. No funding has been secured to date. As soon as the necessary funding is made available the Council will be engaging with the residents and proceed with procurement for these works as soon as possible thereafter. It was originally envisaged, subject to funding to have progressed the scheme further at this stage but circumstances, associated with COVID 19 have understandably pushed that timeline out and it will now be later this year before the Council can get back on track with this complex project given new construction working recommendations.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.3 **MEASURES TO ASSIST CORK BUSINESSES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive what measures the executive has introduced and what measures the executive proposes to introduce to assist Cork businesses during this very difficult time.

(Cllr. Shane O'Callaghan)

REPLY

There is a number of supports to address challenges facing businesses as a result of COVID 19. The main supports are outlined below. For further queries check out the relevant websites or contact Cork City Local Enterprise Office at 021-4961828 or email info@leo.corkcity.ie

The Local Enterprise Office

- Clients who are repaying refundable portion of their priming or business expansion grants to the LEO are being offered an option to defer payments for a 3-month period should they encounter financial difficulties.
- The LEO is currently accepting applications for the Microfinance Ireland Covid 19 Business Loan. The cap for support from Microfinance Ireland has been increased from €25,000 to €50,000. The loan repayments freeze, and no interest will apply for the first six months.
- Mentoring is available for businesses facing cashflow and HR issues.
- Strategic Consultancy Grant - for SME's to assist the company development of a strategic response plan.
- Vouchers for business continuity, preparedness, innovation and productivity will be available through Local Enterprise Offices in every local authority area.
- It is anticipated that additional mentoring supports will available through the Local Enterprise Office.

Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection

- Short Time Work Support is available from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection and is an income support payment for employees who have been temporarily placed on a shorter working week and is intended to help employers during periods of temporary difficulty.
- COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment - from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection will be available to all employees and the self-employed who have lost employment due to a downturn in economic activity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The payment has a one-page application form and will be paid for a period of 6 weeks at a flat rate payment of €203 per week for jobseekers.

Enterprise Ireland

- €200m Package for Enterprise Supports including a Rescue and Restructuring Scheme - available through Enterprise Ireland for viable but vulnerable firms that need to restructure or transform their businesses, details of these supports are being finalised.
- €200m Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) Working Capital Scheme - for eligible businesses impacted by COVID-19
- The Credit Guarantee Scheme is a government supported product from the banks for small and medium businesses who have difficulty borrowing from their bank. Businesses can apply for loans of up to €1 million at AIB, Bank of Ireland or Ulster Bank. Loans can be for terms of up to 7 years.
- Finance in Focus - "Finance in focus" grant available to Enterprise Ireland clients to support financial planning.

In addition, the Minister for Finance has agreed a range of measures to support business borrowers with the banks.

These supports will continue to evolve, and Cork City Council will work with stakeholders to support and promote businesses in Cork.

Fearghal Reidy,

Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

4.4 **POST COVID SYNERGIES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive that given the high level of cooperation that has existed between public bodies during this crisis, whether future synergies might be identified for the post COVID situation; for example over vacancy in student accommodation may be available for short term emergency housing needs?

(Cllr. Dan Boyle)

REPLY

The City Council has excellent working relationships with other Public Bodies, and this has led to the high level of co-operation evident during the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. This a defining time in our history and it is unfolding an era of unprecedented change. Now, more than ever, the Council will need to engage and collaborate with all key stakeholders to forge a sustainable pathway through emerging challenges and opportunities for the City and its people.

Indeed, the Council has already been proactive in this area and has been one of the first housing authorities to take advantage of vacant student accommodation for emergency placements, this collaboration has been a success. It has also contributed to and will be participating in an upcoming national campaign to better focus collaboration in the housing area across all sectors.

Declan Roche,
Acting Director of Services,
Housing.

4.5 **RE-CATEGORISATION OF COUNCIL SERVICES**

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

Can the CE indicate if the Government's announcement of a phased reopening of society from the 18th May will see a re-categorisation of Council services and operations from the date on?

(Cllr Mick Nugent)

REPLY

Cork City Council intends to resume Council services to as near as possible to the former position as society makes arrangements and adapts to live with the contagious Covid 19 global pandemic and it will operate as Government direction allows in response to the next phase of living and working with the virus. The Taoiseach has announced the necessary triggers and a framework for a phased reduction of current restrictions in five stages commencing on the 18th May 2020. As protocols are announced to comply with Public Health requirements, the

Council will adopt and monitor adherence to new sectoral guidelines as matters evolve and change as expected with the situation. As matters evolve and improvements are made, Members will be kept informed of developments. This is going to be a challenging period and changes are to be anticipated from time to time, hence collaboration and communication are key.

Ann Doherty,
Chief Executive.

4.6 **LOCAL CURRENCY**

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

Has the council given any consideration to developing a local currency like for example the Bristol pound to kick start the economy after the lockdown?

(Cllr. Colette Finn)

REPLY

The Bristol Pound was launched in 2012 and seeks to contain local spend in Bristol. It is overseen by the Bristol Pound Community Interest Project Limited and underpinned by the Bristol Credit Union who guarantee each Bristol Pound for 1 Pound Sterling. It took approximately 3 years from inception to launch of the Bristol Pound.

Robust governance must be in place to ensure that businesses accept the financial risk associated with local currency. In addition, it is likely that a local currency would have to be associated with a Money Transmission Business that is regulated by the Central Bank.

All options to kick start the economy of Cork City are worthy of consideration. Cork City Council is working with key stakeholders to develop a local response and supports to business that are facing significant challenges as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. This will include the augmentation of the Cork Chamber Gift Card. The objective of the Chamber Gift Card is similar to that of local currencies: to maximise local spend with local businesses. The expanded use of the Cork Chamber Gift Card is currently being explored by the Cork Chamber of Commerce. This will combine with a range of initiatives that will be developed further to support local retailers and services.

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

4.7 **LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE – POST COVID 19**

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

To ask the CE about the work of the Local Enterprise Office as we move into a quasi-Post COVID-19 recovery period?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

The Local Enterprise Office has been a central component in the Government's and Council's response to the needs of small business in dealing with the repercussions of Covid-19.

The following supports have been available to microenterprises in Cork City impacted by the current Covid-19 crisis:

1. Business Continuity Vouchers

The Business Continuity Voucher, available through Local Enterprise Offices, is designed for businesses across every sector that employ up to 50 people.

The voucher is worth up to €2,500 in third party consultancy costs and can be used by companies and sole traders to develop short-term and long-term strategies to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The goal is to help companies make informed decisions about what immediate measures and remedial actions should be taken, to protect staff and sales.

281 applications have been received for this voucher by LEO Cork City up to 6/5/20 with approximately 250 processed to date.

2. Training and Webinars

Local Enterprise Offices have moved training programmes, workshops and networking meet-ups online, covering areas such as:

- cash management in a crisis
- HR advice for employers impacted by the crisis.
- Social media instagram, search engine optimisation etc

Tailored COVID-19 related five-part training programmes have been run such as:

- leading your business through COVID-19
- Revise, Refresh & Review your business

Specific Covid-19 webinars have been held on:

- Retail Response
- Marketing – in conjunction with CBA and Eventi

Training programmes are free of charge and places can be booked online, through the Local Enterprise Office.

288 people have participated in training programmes and webinars between 16/3/20 up to 6/5/20

3. New COVID-19 Business Loan

The COVID-19 Business Loan from Microfinance Ireland (MFI), in partnership with Local Enterprise Offices, is a Government-funded initiative to support small businesses through the current period of uncertainty.

It's designed for micro-enterprises that are a) having difficulty accessing Bank finance and b) impacted, or may be impacted negatively, by COVID-19 resulting in a reduction of 15% or more in turnover or profit.

Loan Features

- Business Loans of up to **€50,000** are available for eligible micro-enterprises (i.e. businesses with less than 10 employees and up to €2m annual turnover) that are currently trading
- Loans may be used for working capital and required business changes as a result of COVID-19
- Loan terms are typically up to 3 years
- **6 months interest free and repayment free moratorium**, with the loan to then be repaid over the remaining 30 months of the 36-month loan period.
- **New low interest rate of 4.5%** if submitted through Local Enterprise Office or referred by your Bank and 5.5% if you apply to Microfinance Ireland directly

4. Mentoring

Under the Local Enterprise Office Mentor Programme, clients work with an experienced mentor to identify solutions to areas of exposure within their business.

With advice and guidance from their mentor, clients develop strategies that are more robust, which address issues and maximise potential opportunities when the COVID-19 crisis comes to an end. **Mentoring services are now free of charge.** Weekly free business advice clinics are now being held by telephone or through video conferencing e.g. Skype/Zoom

71 people have received mentoring support from 16/3/20 to 6/5/20

5. Trading Online Voucher Scheme

Under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the expanded **Trading Online Voucher Scheme** helps small businesses with up to 10 employees to trade more online, boost sales and reach new markets. **There is up to €2,500 available through the Local Enterprise Offices with co-funding of 10% from the business*.**

Training and further business supports are also provided by Local Enterprise

Offices, and businesses that have already received a Trading Online Voucher **can now apply for a second voucher**, where upgrades are required.

Funding can be used towards adding payment facilities or booking systems to your website or developing new apps for your customers. The voucher can also be used towards **subscriptions to low cost online retail platform solutions**, to help companies quickly establish a retailing presence online.

52 applications have been received up to 6/5/20 with 24 approved to date

5 trading online webinars have been held with 182 participants

3 one to one trading online clinics have been held with 15 participants

A training webinar on the benefits of low-cost online retail platforms e.g. shopify, ebay etc will be held on 15/5/20 for retailers

6. LEO Financial Supports

Local Enterprise Office Cork City continues to manage its existing business support programmes. For existing companies and potential start-ups that meet eligibility criteria (such as employing 10 or fewer people with the potential for growth and job creation). These include:

- Business Priming Grants*
- Business Expansion Grants*
- Feasibility Study Grants*
- Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters Grant*

Five grants were approved by the Evaluation and Approvals Committee in late April

Clients who are repaying the refundable portion of their Priming or Business Expansion Grants to LEO Cork City were offered an option to defer repayments for 3 months should they encounter financial difficulties. This will be extended until the end of the year.

Please note:*For LEO Financial Supports, further eligibility criteria apply.

As the economy moves into restart phase, the local enterprise office will continue to adapt its training, advice and guidance to respond to the needs of business.

Enterprise Ireland have set up a dedicated website outlining the full range of Government supports for Covid-19 impacted businesses.
<https://www.localenterprise.ie/response>

Fearghal Reidy,
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

4.8 **SUMMARY OF COMMERCIAL RATES TO BE DEFERRED DUE TO COVID 19**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir O. Moran was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on Monday 8th June 2020.

To ask the Chief Executive for a summary of commercial rates that Cork City Council has agreed to defer due to COVID19, broken into bands of rates payers delineated by the annual rates normally owed by rates payers in each band, showing the number of rates payers for whom payments have been deferred in each band.

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

4.9 **COVID 19 – PLANS FOR RETURN OF ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNITY CENTRES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans in place for a return to activities in community centres under the remit of Cork City Council with a view to supporting older people who have been cocooning during the Covid 19 crisis.

(Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald)

REPLY

Cork City Council can only plan a return to normal activities in our community centres in the context of the Government's Roadmap for the Reopening of Society and Business (published on 3rd May, 2020) and in line with Public Health advice.

The Roadmap is available through the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/news/58bc8b-taoiseach-announces-roadmap-for-reopening-society-and-business-and-u/>.

Section 1 deals with phased implementation of Community Health Measures, and provides as follows in relation to social gatherings:

Phase 4 – 20th July:

Small social (non-family) gatherings limited to a maximum number of participants for a limited period of time where social distancing can be maintained.

Phase 5 – 10th August, 2020:

Large social (nonfamily) gatherings restricted due to risk.

The Roadmap provides for additional measures to be in place for older people who are cocooning.

As part of the Community Response Forum, many assets of Cork City Council (including community buildings, personnel, fleet, etc.) have been deployed to great effect in meeting the needs of needs of elderly and other groups in the community.

Our community activities are being kept under continuous review as the situation evolves and in accordance with Public Health advice.

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

4.10 **COVID 19 RE-OPENING PHASES – RETAIL OUTLETS**

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

Can the C.E. clarify in relation to the re-opening phases commencing 18th of May.

Are retail outlets compelled to introduce longer opening hours beginning on May 18th to facilitate social distancing or is this an optional decision to each individual retailer.

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

REPLY

The Government's Roadmap for the Reopening of Society and Business was published on 3rd May, 2020, and is available through the following link:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/news/58bc8b- taoiseach-announces-roadmap-for-reopening-society-and-business-and-u/>

Section 5 of the Roadmap deals with the return of retail activity on a phased basis.

In relation to the reopening of specified retail outlets on 18th May, the Roadmap states that retailers are to “develop plan for safe operation and protection of staff and customers considering:

- Social distancing compliance
- Hygiene and cleaning
- Compliance in higher risk situations
- Extended opening hours to enable social distancing”

Paul Moynihan,
Director of Corporate Affairs & International Relations.

4.11 **POLICY ON TREE CUTTING & TREE MAINTENANCE**

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

Can I please ask the Chief Executive to clarify Cork City Council's policy on tree cutting and tree maintenance in residential areas with particular reference to the rights of residents and residents' associations to cut or maintain trees in public spaces within their own residential areas? Furthermore, can I please request

clarification of how and by whom a tree/trees are deemed to pose a public safety risk?

(Cllr. Garret Kelleher)

REPLY

The City Council has responsibility for the pruning and maintenance of trees in the public realm, in residential areas across the City. This is a role that the City Council takes very seriously. This role involves both ensuring that trees do not pose a public danger while also promoting green infrastructure within urban and City landscapes.

Cork City Council does not permit individual residents or resident associations to remove public trees or indeed to prune/maintain them. The primary reason for this is Health and Safety. Unfortunately, annually in Ireland there are fatalities associated with the use of chainsaws or working at heights while maintaining trees. This type of work is inherently dangerous and must only ever be carried out by qualified and experienced personnel.

In addition, in many instances there may be conflicting views regarding specific stands of trees with some local stakeholders wishing to undertake one course of action with others opposing same. Individual residents and resident associations do not have the necessary skills or competencies to inspect and determine the appropriate maintenance or pruning required for individual trees. It is important that a consistent approach to arboriculture is maintained across the City. Cork City Council is committed to green infrastructure and the enhancement of same where possible.

Without the central management function provided by the City Council, approaches to trees and their maintenance would be uncontrollable. Individual residents and resident associations do differ greatly in their appreciation and value of trees in the environment. For example, we receive many requests in the Autumn to remove trees because of the perceived view of some residents that fallen leaves are a nuisance while within the same estate we may at the same time get a request to plant more trees to enhance the local green infrastructure.

All requests for tree maintenance should be logged with Cork City Council through the Customer Service Unit (021-4924000). Such service requests will be dealt with on a prioritised basis using available resources. Should a specific residents association wish to pay for the undertaking of specific tree maintenance works in their estate, this can only be done following consultation with the City Council Parks & Recreation Division and using a Cork City Council approved arboricultural contractor. This is to ensure compliance with Health & Safety requirements, the Wildlife Acts (which preclude such works at certain times of the year) and Cork City Council's green infrastructure and Biodiversity requirements.

The Parks Arboriculture Section in Cork City Council (staffed by qualified arboriculturists) inspect trees in the context of the health of trees and public safety. In some instances, an independent arboriculturist is engaged for a second opinion if specific circumstances warrant same.

**DAVID JOYCE,
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES
ROADS & ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS**

5. **ANNUAL MEETING**

This item was taken under Lord Mayor's Items.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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