

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Sheehan.
<b>NORTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, J. Maher, T. Tynan, J. Kavanagh, O. Moran, G. Keohane.
<b>NORTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald, M. Nugent, K. Collins, F. Ryan, D. Boylan.
<b>SOUTH EAST</b>	Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. Bogue, M. R. Desmond, K. McCarthy, T. Shannon.
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, D. Boyle, S. Martin, S. O’Callaghan, P. Dineen, F. Kerins.
<b>SOUTH WEST</b>	Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, D. Canty, C. Finn, C. Kelleher, G. Kelleher, T. Moloney, H. Cremin.
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Comhairleoir D. Forde.
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. B. Geaney, Deputy Chief Executive. Mr. P. Moynihan, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs & International Relations. Mr. G. O’Beirne, Director of Services, Infrastructure Development Directorate. Mr. F. Reidy, Director of Services, Strategic & Economic Development. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Operations Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. 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 and for victims of racial abuse.
- 1.2 An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that the Annual General Meeting would be held at 6.30 p.m. on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 in the Concert Hall.
- 1.3 An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle of a charity fund raiser in aid Caring for Cork Camino Challenge.

- 1.4 An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that the Lord Mayor’s Cork Cultural Award 2020, the Lord Mayor’s Civic Awards 2020 and the Lord Mayor’s Voluntary, Community and Youth Awards 2020 will be available to view on Cork City Council’s YouTube channel on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June respectively.
- 1.5 An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle of upcoming meetings and briefings of An Chomhairle, Party Whips, Strategic Policy Committees and Local Area Committees.
- 1.6 An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle of the Cork City Council’s launch of 76 electric vehicles (EVs), creating the biggest local authority EV fleet in the country.
- 1.7 An tArd-Mhéara advised An Chomhairle that Cork City Council has won the ISO 50001 for energy efficiency commitment. The international ISO 50001 standard outlines international best practice in energy management within an organisation. An tArd-Mhéara agreed to write a letter of gratitude to retired staff member of Cork City Council, Mr. Michael O’Brien who was instrumental in achieving this award.
- 1.8 An tArd-Mhéara congratulated Mr. Liam Ronayne, Cork City Librarian on his retirement this week.
- 1.9 An tArd-Mhéara thanked all Members of An Chomhairle, the Chief Executive, Ms. Ann Doherty and all staff of Cork City Council for their assistance afforded to the Lord Mayor during the year.

### **SPORTS CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME 2020**

An Chomhairle considered the Sports Capital Grants Scheme 2020.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir, K. Collins, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, An Chomhairle approved the Sports Capital Grants Scheme 2020.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the following motion at the end of the meeting:-

‘We are seeking to suspend standing orders in relation to Cork City Councils upcoming submission to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on the Forest Road Licence Application for Oldcourt Forest (Garryduff Woods) due to the approaching deadline date (26<sup>th</sup> June).

We are looking for members agreement to seek The Executive of Cork City Council, when making its submission to the Department on the above application, to look for these woods to be decommissioned and handed over to Cork City Council. Also, to look for the Forest Road Licence and the planned Clear Felling to be stopped while this proposal to decommission the woods is developed.

**Why are we looking for this;**

- Garryduff Woods is unique in its location in the heart of a large urban community, a natural amenity enjoyed daily by the people of all ages for generations.
- Coillte has a felling licence for the woods as it is a working wood. However, it is only 26 Hectares in total and Coillte are planning to Clear Fell 6 Hectares. The last large felling 12 years ago in the woods were not replanted satisfactorily and the impact is still very evident.
- Coillte has applied for a Forest Road by to extend the current forest road by 360 meters & 5 meters wide.
- This wood shelters a wonderful variety of wildlife of badgers, foxes and hares. Even more special in recent years it has seen the return of the red squirrel, a species which is protected under the Wildlife Act and Sparrowhawks are reported to be nesting in the woods. If this habit is disturbed to this level, we will loose the wildlife from this area.
- The woods also have an historic link to the Battle of Douglas in 1922 and a last ditch effort by republican forces to prevent or, at least delay the Free State soldiers in their attempt to take Cork City.’

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Bogue, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to amend the motion proposed by Comhairleoir T. Shannon and Comhairleoir M.R. Desmond to include the following:-

‘That Cork City Council will in the interim write to Coillte and the Minister for Agriculture to ask that Garryduff Woods be included in Coillte Nature’

An Chomhairle agreed to discuss this item at the end of the agenda.

### 2. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S ITEMS**

The Chief Executive advised members on Cork City Council’s, Proposals for Cork City - Discussion Paper on COVID 19 Recovery Pathway and appendices, updated 8th June, 2020.

### 3. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

4. **QUESTION TIME**

4.1 **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 13<sup>th</sup> July 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)  
**Deferred**

4.2 **MONAREA TERRACE, ALBERT STREET AND CITY COUNCIL WAREHOUSE**

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

What action has been taken by Cork City Council in relation to (1) Monarea Terrace, Albert Street and (2) the derelict condition of the City Council Warehouse which is backing onto the above Terrace 1 – 12 - loose tiles, broken chutes etc.

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

**REPLY**

- (1) Cork City Council has been engaging with the owners of the property on Monarea Terrace, Albert Street. It is currently on the market for disposal by the current owner. Cork City Council will now proceed with placing the unit on the Derelict Sites Register.
- (2) Recently Cork City Council became aware of an issue with the gutters at the rear of the Cleansing Depot Storage Units on Albert Road. The gutters are damaged and are in need of repair. The works required to repair the gutters has been determined and it is anticipated that repair works will begin in the very near future.

Fearghal Reidy,  
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

David Joyce,  
Director of Services,  
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate

4.3 **LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION ZONE – LANDS OFF WELLINGTON ROAD**

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

To ask the Chief Executive to advise Council on its powers of enforcement with regards the repeated clearance of lands off Wellington Road (CC 4) designated a Landscape Preservation Zone for tree canopy and ecology in the Cork City Development Plan 2015–2021; and what approaches can be taken by Council in writing the new Cork City Development Plan 2022–2028 to protect designated areas of our city from similar ecological destruction.

(Cllr. Oliver Moran)

**REPLY**

The Saint Patrick’s Hospital Grounds is a *Landscape Preservation Zone*. The main device to protect tree coverage in Ireland is through the use of *Tree Preservation Orders* (TPOs). Cork City has 11 designated TPOs, however the site in question is not designated TPO and therefore the trees on the site are not protected. Works to trees on these lands would therefore not be unauthorised development within the meaning of the *Planning and Development Act 2000* (as amended).

The Development Plan identifies priorities for TPO designations. Landscape Preservation Zones are a priority for that list. Trees within *Landscape Preservation Zones* are one of the key priorities for TPO designation. This will be considered as part of the preparation of the next City Development Plan.

Fearghal Reidy,  
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

4.4 **CYCLE ROUTES AS CITY REOPENS & CITY TO CUH CYCLE ROUTE**

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

1. Given the need to protect pedestrian and cycling spaces as the city opens up to more people, what measures are the City council implementing to deal with the issue of illegal parking on footpaths, bus and cycle lanes?
2. Healthcare workers have requested that the city council would provide safe cycling routes to their places of work, in particular city centre to CUH. Can the CE identify what streets she envisages might be likely to form such a route?

(Cllr. Colette Finn)

**REPLY**

1. While parking enforcement is due to recommence as part of Phase 2 of the government roadmap, Cork City Council Parking Enforcement section has continued to monitor and enforce incidents that are deemed to be dangerous

i.e. parking in cycle lanes, parking in bus stops, parking dangerous over the course of the lockdown.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, all drivers will be required to comply with all of the parking regulations and parking byelaws. Notice of the resumption of these requirements are being broadcast on social media, radio, Cork City Council website etc.

2. The *Cork Cycle Network Plan* sets out the proposed cycle network for Cork City. The Plan incorporates detailed proposals for additional and upgraded cycling infrastructure (including routes connecting CUH to the City Centre and the broader City).

The implementation of the Strategy is a key part of the recently adopted Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS) with improvements to be delivered via multimodal projects under the Bus Connects Programme (ie including bus lanes, cycle lanes and pedestrian facilities) as well as stand-alone improvement schemes.

Some cycle lanes have been established in the vicinity of CUH such as those along Model Farm Rd and Sarsfield Rd as well as off road linkages with onward connections to the City Centre and elsewhere. However, there are very significant deficiencies in the network at present particularly at key interchanges/crossings such as Dennehy's Cross Junction and CUH roundabout and along roadways of limited width.

While the routes identified in CMATS will be significantly altered and upgraded to accommodate sustainable travel as set out above, the City Council will also be seeking to effect additional connectivity improvements in the interim.

These include improvements to the standard of and connections to/from cycle/pedestrian facilities such as Glasheen to Magazine Rd, Carrigrohane to Model Farm Rd, Model Farm Rd to Curaheen, Lee Fields to Mardyke etc.

David Joyce,  
Director of Operations

Gerry O'Beirne,  
Director of Infrastructure Development

#### 4.5 **CLOSURE OF NASHES BOREEN TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC**

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

Can the CE put together a working group to discuss the feasibility surrounding the closure of Nashes Boreen to vehicular traffic? This group should be made up of residents, landowners, Gardai, Cork City Council staff, local councillors, HSE and City Partnership. (Cllr. Kenneth Collins)

## **REPLY**

The City Council will set up a small cross Directorate internal team under the stewardship of the Assistant Chief Executive to prepare a Public Consultation Plan which can be actioned to achieve effective engagement with all key stakeholders and the public in order to better understand the issues and bring a proposal to Council if considered appropriate with regard to the sustainable future of vehicular traffic using Nash's Boreen and its environs.

Ann Doherty,  
Chief Executive.

### 4.6 **INCOME RECEIVED FROM STREET FURNITURE LICENCES AND NUMBERS GRANTED**

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

To ask the Chief Executive the income received, in the last available accounting year, from licences granted to businesses for the use of street furniture (tables and chairs) in public spaces, and the number of such licences that have been granted?

(Cllr. Dan Boyle)

## **REPLY**

Please find below a table containing the requested information.

	<b>2019</b>
<b>Number of Licences Issued</b>	120
<b>Total Fees Paid</b>	€78,950

David Joyce  
Director of Services  
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate

### 4.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT HARBOUR VIEW RD**

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

Following a number of recent car crashes on Harbour View rd., one tragically with a fatality, can the CE report on what can be done in terms of traffic-calming on what is a very busy thoroughfare both in the interim and longer term taking in to account the ongoing Regeneration scheme in the area?

(Cllr Mick Nugent)

## **REPLY**

In the medium term, as part of the housing regeneration works, Harbour View Road width will be decreased within the regeneration zone. This is in line with DMURS which emphasises the shift of focus away from vehicles towards pedestrians and cyclists. The decrease in road width will also naturally encourage road users to slow down.

Harbour View Road is also currently on the list for traffic calming measures. Roads Maintenance, on an annual basis bring forward to the Members of the Local Area Committees all requests for traffic calming and locations are selected by the Members subject to funds being available.

As part of the COVID-19 response, cycle lanes are proposed to be extended over further areas of the road in question. Again, this measure will naturally encourage road users to slow down.

Gerry O'Beirne,  
Director of Services  
Infrastructure Development Directorate

David Joyce  
Director of Services  
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate

Declan Roche  
A/Director of Services  
Housing Directorate

### **4.8 UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE OLD COURT WOOD IN ROCHESTOWN**

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

To ask the chief executive for an update on the status of the Old Court wood in Rochestown. Specifically, the ownership of the site, future for development of this site and preservation of the forest as a local amenity. There is COVID19 signage in the woods currently so can this be explained.

(Cllr. Lorna Bogue)

## **REPLY**

Following an initial review, I can confirm this site is owned by Coillte. Old Court wood in Rochestown is located in an area designated as High Sensitivity Landscape as defined in the Draft Cork County Landscape Assessment 2007 and are situated within the Metropolitan Greenbelt as defined in the Cork County Development Plan 2014. The woodland incorporates a mix of deciduous and coniferous woodland, with a stream flowing through it and is used as an amenity area by local residents for walking, biking etc. There are two public access points: from Garryduff and the Rochestown Road.



The lands were previously assessed as part of the Strategic Land Reserve process by Cork County Council prior to the boundary extension. The Strategic Land Reserve was an exercise aimed at addressing a perceived deficit in 'headroom' or reserve lands over and above the existing supply of residentially zoned land needed to provide additional housing in Metropolitan Cork.

Following an extensive assessment it was concluded that there were a number of issues which would preclude development of these lands in the short to medium term. Amongst the issues identified were:

- Deficiencies in Water Services;
- Surface Water disposal;
- Traffic and Transportation;
- Ecology;
- Archaeology and Built Heritage;
- Open Spaces / Recreation needs of the area.

Having considered these matters the County Council concluded that development of these lands would be premature and that they were not well placed to deliver housing in the short to medium term.

The current planning status of the lands therefore continues to be Metropolitan Greenbelt. The future status of the lands, including consideration of zoning of the woodland for amenity purposes will be examined as part of the City Development Plan preparation.

I can also confirm that it was Coilte who erected the COVID 19 signage along the various trails that they have laid out through parts of the woodland.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 Coilte also erected signage indicating that they intend applying to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a license to construct a new 360m forest road in the woodland.

We have requested further information from Coilte on this proposal and await same.

David Joyce  
Director of Services  
Roads & Environment Operations Directorate.

Fearghal Reidy,  
Director of Strategic & Economic Development.

#### 4.9 **PART 8 UPDATE & SUGGESTED PUBLIC CONSULTATION BRIEFING**

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

Can the C.E. update the council on [ exact dates] of what part 8's have gone out or are about to be re-advertised for public consultation and closing dates for submissions for same.

[Hawkes Road/Bandon Road/Magazine Roads projects in particular].

Is there any measures being considered for members of the public to participate in a public consultation briefing with the relevant engineers as has happened recently in the Togher Flood Relief / Public Realm Project?

Millennium Hall could facilitate this taking on board the social distancing measures which could happen with appointed times if necessary, for each individual member of the public.

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)

### **REPLY**

Part 8 planning notices for proposed housing developments at Poulavone, Hawkes Road and Denroches Cross were originally advertised on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June was the extended closing date for receipt of any submissions. It is now proposed to publicly advertise these three housing developments on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The four-week period for examination as per the advertisements would run to 17<sup>th</sup> July and the public consultation closing date for receipt of submissions or observations would be 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The public or third parties who already made submissions to previous Part 8 planning notices relating to each development will be notified regarding this in writing separately by the Council.

As part of the process, plans and particulars of the proposed developments, including an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report will be made available on the City Council's website in addition to being available for inspection at the offices of the Community, Culture & Placemaking Directorate.

The statutory consultation period within the planning process is the appropriate pathway for public engagement for such schemes. The Housing Directorate will facilitate additional community consultation meetings during the statutory public consultation period by arrangement with the Ward Members where requested in accordance with public health guidelines.

**Declan Roche,**  
**A/Director of Services – Housing.**

### 5. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Corporate Policy Group from its meeting held, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.

5.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Financial Statements to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

5.2 **CORK CITY COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2018**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Audit Committee for 2018, pursuant to the provisions of Section 121 of the Local Government Act 2001.

5.3 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

5.4 **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed Audit Committee Charter, in pursuance of the provisions of the Audit Committee Regulations 2014.

An Chomhairle agreed to refer this item to the Head of Finance to seek clarification on item 2.7 of the Charter.

5.5 **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2020**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme for 2020.

5.6 **MOTIONS**

5.6.1 **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report by the Director of Services regarding the following motion referred to the group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will mark 'World Down Syndrome Day' on Saturday 21st March by illuminating City Hall in blue and yellow lights. Council will also engage with ‘Down Syndrome Ireland’ to determine if work experience opportunities within various Council departments can be made available for members of our communities with Down Syndrome.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 20/133)

The Director of Services informed Members that City Hall had been illuminated in blue and yellow to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

5.6.2 **VALIDATE CAR PARK TICKETS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the Director of Services regarding the following motion referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That City Council would put in place measures to validate car park tickets for members of committees from the public and private sector who voluntarily give up their time to attend meetings held in City Hall and have to pay parking charges for this voluntary work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/069)

The Director of Services informed the Members that there was no approved budget line to fund general validation of car park tickets, but in response to Members it was agreed to review individual cases as they arose.

### 5.6.3 **PRESTON COUNCIL MODEL OF PROCUREMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted that the report of the Head of Finance on this motion dated 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council grant Councillor Lorna Bogue permission to contact and/or visit Preston City Council to research the Preston Council model of procurement practices on behalf of Cork City Council, with a view to city officials implementing this procurement process. Information: the Preston Model is a model of service and works procurement that places an emphasis on procurement practices that build community wealth in the area of Preston Council and other anchor institutions.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 20/108)

The report stated that procurement of goods, services and capital works is an Executive Function. Cork City Council has a dedicated Procurement Unit to coordinate and advise on procurement throughout the organisation. National policies, guidance and support for procurement is provided by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP). In addition, the OGP, along with partners in local government, health, education and defence, coordinate centralised procurement processes with the intention to yield value for money for Exchequer and the participating organisations. Local authorities participate in this structure through the Local Government Management Agency. The procurement forum, which is coordinated by the Local Government Management Agency, provides staff of all local authorities, including Cork City Council, with training staff on good practice in procurement. This included training in green procurement and social clauses. Cork City Council has implemented such clauses in previous procurement processes. As an Executive Function, it is a matter for the executive to train staff in procurement procedures.

## 6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the following correspondence:-

- Letter to Simon Coveney T.D. regarding motion passed and subsequent reply.
- Letter from the Department of Health dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

- Letter to Stryker Management Team regarding motion passed and subsequent reply.
- Letter to HR Director of Stryker dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.
- Letter from Sligo County Council dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- Letter from the National Oversight and Audit Commission dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

## 7. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following reports received in accordance with Sections 141 & 142 of the Local Government Act 2001:-

### **Section 141:**

Comhairleoir T. Shannon – AILG Plenary Members Activity Report May 2020.

### **Section 142**

- Comhairleoirí S. Martin, T. Shannon, K. O’Flynn, G. Kelleher, D. Canty and F. Dennehy at the AILG 2020 Annual Training Conference – Climate Action- Solving Global Challenges through Local Leadership held in the Longford Arms Hotel & Spa on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- Comhairleoirí D. Canty and F. Dennehy at the AILG Module 2 Training – Development Plan Making Process held in Dooley’s Hotel, Waterford City on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- Comhairleoir F. Dennehy at the Colmcille Winter School in Letterkenny on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

## 8. **MOTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the motions on Appendix 1, that have been referred to the relevant Committees as determined by the Meetings Administrator, due notice of which has been given.

## 9. **TIME SENSITIVE MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approve the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

### 9.1 **MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL RATES**

‘That Cork City Council immediately introduce a moratorium on commercial rates for the duration of the Covid-19 crisis in order to relieve some of the pressure on Cork businesses during this very difficult time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 20/161)

Comhairleoir S. O’Callaghan withdrew this motion.

9.2 **PART 8 PLANNING ONLINE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That all Part 8 Planning be put online as is the practice of other planning applications. Could this to be implemented straight away, especially considering the circumstances we are in and trying to limit the number of people calling to City Hall to view planning.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/165)

9.3 **INTRODUCE A COMMERCIAL RATES BREAK**

‘That Cork City Council introduce a commercial rates break/holiday for all small and medium enterprises in the hospitality, retail, leisure and childcare sectors, which have either been forced to close temporarily or have suffered a dramatic loss of income as a result of the Covid-19 crisis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Callaghan 20/166)

An Chomhairle considered the motion and agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform.

9.4 **PUBLIC SPACE OUTSIDE RETAIL UNITS**

‘I call on Cork City Council to make available the public space outside retail units to be brought into use free of charge during the following days and times of each week. Times given are for guidance only and subject to change.

Thursday to Saturday from 5pm to 11pm.

Sunday from 11am to 9pm.

Bank Holiday’s from 11am to 9pm.

Free parking in public car parks all day everyday to year’s end.

Pedestrianisation of our streets does not strictly need to be 24/7 and the above proposal is geared towards the end of the week and weekends which is predominantly the busier days for trading for many businesses. Allowing this in block will help to create an immense European feel to the city while at the same time giving retailers a potential boost in trading space/capacity and increased turnover.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 20/172)

An Chomhairle considered the motion and agreed to write to CORE.

9.5 **POLICY TO SUPPLY SKIPO BAGS**

‘That Cork City Council Litter Department implement a policy with existing companies that supply skipo bags to shops and all local suppliers. Names and addresses should be taken when sold to the public so that if illegal dumping of these bags take place the person or persons can be identified.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 20/175)

An Chomhairle considered the motion and agreed to send it to the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee.

9.6 **PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES**

‘Given that pubs, restaurants and retail outlets are closed due to COVID19, that Cork City Council will investigate providing public toilet facilities to compensate for the current lack of facilities, noting that the current lack of facilities is creating an accessibility issue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Bogue 20/188)

An Chomhairle considered the motion and agreed to send it to the Environment, Water and Amenity Strategic Policy Committee.

9.7 **FEES FOR OUTDOOR FURNITURE PERMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council waive the fees for permits for outdoor furniture for 2020/2021 to enable businesses in the City Centre to allow social distancing happen on their business premises and allow our city to grow and develop as we come through the Covid Crisis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 20/194)

10. **MOTIONS**

10.1 **BUS SHELTER ON CURRAHEEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That City Council would contact Bus Eireann to begin work on constructing a bus shelter on the east bound side of the Curraheen Road, outside the Dean's Hall Student complex. This bus stop caters for the residents of this complex along with the residents of the surrounding areas, who use this bus stop to travel towards the City, using the 208 service.

As Irish Weather tends towards rain, the original bus shelter should be reinstated on Model Farm Road outside the technology park City bound.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/124)

10.2 **EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE TOURISM SECTOR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to the relevant minister/s to take immediate measures to support the tourism sector, such as having local authority rates and water charges

waived for at least 12 months. Reducing/removing the VAT rate for tourism until the industry recovers and reducing the employer's PRSI. To introduce government grants and/or interest free loans as quickly as possible and reviewing the possibility of payment breaks on senior debt for at least 12 months.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/169)

### 10.3 **DEBENHAMS WORKERS IN CORK AND AROUND THE COUNTRY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That Cork City Council supports the Debenhams workers in Cork and around the country. These workers have served the company very well, many for decades. Council calls on Debenhams to meet its obligations to those who they have made redundant by engaging with the workers' trade union in an open, constructive manner to ensure a fair outcome for staff.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 20/171)

### 10.4 **EVENTS OCCURRING IN THE UNITED STATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'That this Council strongly expresses its indignation against events currently occurring in the United States, a nation with which the people of this city and nation otherwise hold a strong affinity; that acts of institutionalised racism by those in leadership positions cannot and must not be tolerated; and renews its commitment to recognising and ending discrimination here, where ever it may exist, and work to bring about a truly integrated city.'

(Proposers: Cllr. D. Boyle, L. Bogue, C. Finn, O. Moran 20/179)

### 10.5 **DIRECT PROVISION SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

'Cork City Council believes that the Direct Provision System is not fit for purpose and that people arriving from outside this state, seeking asylum must be treated with compassion, be adequately housed and have their humanitarian needs catered to while their applications are being processed. Council believes that any new incoming Government should move to end Direct Provision and will write to the relevant Minister (currently David Stanton TD) expressing this view and seeking an update on governmental policy in this regard.'

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, F. Kerins, H. Cremin 20/181)



## 10.6 **REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE LANDLORDS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That the registration of private landlords be accompanied with a licensing system for licences that can be removed or not renewed for failure to properly upkeep property, or act on anti-social behaviour of tenants.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/185)

## 10.7 **MEET WITH THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council ask the National Transport Authority (NTA) to come and meet with Cork City Council and allow Local Councillors hear of their plans and also allow Local Councillors ask of details with regards developments in specific areas that are not serviced by public transport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 20/195)

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Chomhairle M.R. Desmond, An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘We are seeking to suspend standing orders in relation to Cork City Councils upcoming submission to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine on the Forest Road Licence Application for Oldcourt Forest (Garryduff Woods) due to the approaching deadline date (26<sup>th</sup> June).

We are looking for members agreement to seek The Executive of Cork City Council, when making its submission to the Department on the above application, to look for these woods to be decommissioned and handed over to Cork City Council. Also, to look for the Forest Road Licence and the planned Clear Felling to be stopped while this proposal to decommission the woods is developed.

### **Why are we looking for this;**

- Garryduff Woods is unique in its location in the heart of a large urban community, a natural amenity enjoyed daily by the people of all ages for generations.
- Coillte has a felling licence for the woods as it is a working wood. However, it is only 26 Hectares in total and Coillte are planning to Clear Fell 6 Hectares. The last large felling 12 years ago in the woods were not replanted satisfactorily and the impact is still very evident.
- Coillte has applied for a Forest Road by to extend the current forest road by 360 meters & 5 meters wide.

- This wood shelters a wonderful variety of wildlife of badgers, foxes and hares. Even more special in recent years it has seen the return of the red squirrel, a species which is protected under the Wildlife Act and Sparrowhawks are reported to be nesting in the woods. If this habit is disturbed to this level, we will lose the wildlife from this area.
- The woods also have an historic link to the Battle of Douglas in 1922 and a last ditch effort by republican forces to prevent or, at least delay the Free State soldiers in their attempt to take Cork City.’

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Bogue, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon An Chomhairle considered and approved the following amendment to the above motion:-

‘That Cork City Council will in the interim write to Coillte and the Minister for Agriculture to ask that Garryduff Woods be included in Coillte Nature’

This concluded the business of the meeting

**ARDMHÉARA**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **MOTIONS**

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

1. **SINAGE IN THE KILCULLY AREA**

‘That Cork City Council erect signage in the Kilcully area only to allow seven and a half ton vehicles access to the route as there are currently larger vehicles causing great disturbances and blockages on roads in the Kilcully area.’

(Proposer: K. O’Flynn 19/394)

**North East Local Area Committee**

2. **REDESIGN THE KINVARRA EXIT TO DUBLIN HILL**

‘That Cork City Council redesign the Kinvarra exit to Dublin Hill to be immediately looked at by introducing a crossing and a possible roundabout for easier access and traffic management of the area.’

(Proposer: K. O’Flynn 19/395)

**North East Local Area Committee**

3. **KILCULLY BRIDGE**

‘That Cork City Council trim back briars at the bridge at the entrance to Kilcully to an acceptable level and that the bridge be fully restored.’

(Proposer: K. O’Flynn 19/396)

**North East Local Area Committee –**

4. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT FARRANFERRIS CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council include traffic calming measures at Farranferris Crescent.’

(Proposer: K. O’Flynn 19/397)

**North West Local Area Committee**

5. **DANGEROUS BEND ON THE RATHCOONEY ROAD**

‘Could I ask please that Cork City Council make safe a dangerous bend on the Rathcooney Road. The land owner will assist and allow Council to use his land to make this bend safe for drivers and pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Keohane 19/445)

**North East Local Area Committee**

6. **REMOVE DANGEROUS TREES ON HAZELWOOD DRIVE**

‘Could I ask please that Cork City Council remove dangerous trees at the Cul De Sac end of Hazelwood Drive under health and safety grounds and allow illumination from the street to light up this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Keohane 19/446)

**North East Local Area Committee**

7. **INSTALL DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT ST. JOSEPH’S/MARBLE PARK ESTATE**

‘I ask Cork City Council please to install extra double yellow lines in St Joseph’s/Marble Park Estate to counteract illegal parking under health and safety issues.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Keohane 19/447)

**North East Local Area Committee**

8. **INSTALL DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT RIVERSTOWN CROSS**

‘Could I ask Cork City Council please to install double yellow lines at Riverstown Cross (outside betting office) under health and safety issues.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Keohane 19/448)

**North East Local Area Committee**

9. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN RIVERVIEW ESTATE**

‘That City Council would put in place traffic calming measures in Riverview Estate, Clashduv Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/068)

**South West Local Area Committee**

10. **VALIDATE CAR PARK TICKETS**

‘That City Council would put in place measures to validate car park tickets for members of committees from the public and private sector who voluntarily give up their time to attend meetings held in City Hall and have to pay parking charges for this voluntary work.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/069)

**Corporate Policy Group**

11. **ROAD MARKINGS AT MURMOUNT AVENUE**

‘Reinstate road markings at Murmount Avenue at the junction of Leycester's Lane as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 20/072)

**North East Local Area Committee**

12. **ERECT A GATE ON WRIXON’S LANE, GERALD GRIFFIN AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council erect a gate on the archway on Wrixons Lane exit on Gerald Griffin Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 20/076)

**North West Local Area Committee**

13. **INCREASE LIGHTING AT PARKWAY DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council increase the lighting at Parkway Drive.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 20/087)

**South West Local Area Committee**

14. **INCREASE PUBLIC LIGHTING ON CHURCHFIELD AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council increase public lighting on Churchfield Avenue near Na Páistí Creche and preschool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 20/098)

**North West Local Area Committee**

15. **TREE INSPECTION AT TENANT’S PROPERTIES**

‘That City Council would carry out a tree inspection in all front and back gardens of its tenants properties that would facilitate a pruning/removal of the dangerous ones.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 20/100)

**Housing Strategic Policy Committee**

16. **RESURFACE FOOTPATHS AT CONNOLLY ROAD**

‘That the footpaths outside 152 to 186 Connolly Road be immediately resurfaced. The footpath is in an extremely dangerous condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 20/110)

**South Central Local Area Committee**

17. **INSTALL YELLOW BOX JUNCTION AT TONYVILLE AND HIGH STREET**

‘That a yellow box junction be installed at the intersection of Tonyville and High Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 20/111)

**South Central Local Area Committee**

18. **RESURFACE TONYVILLE AND HIGH STREET**

‘That Cork City Council resurface Tonyville and High Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 20/112)

**South Central Local Area Committee**

19. **SAFE ACCESS TO SOUTH RING ROAD**

‘That the junction where South Douglas Road and Douglas Village West meet, has a green arrow to allow cars access the South Ring Road in safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 20/114)

**South Central Local Area Committee**

20. **CLEAN AND REFURBISH NANO NAGLE BRIDGE**

‘That Nano Nagle Bridge, one of the main pedestrian routes into the City centre, be cleaned and refurbished.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/148)

**South Central Local Area Committee**

21. **INSTALLATION OF AN ORIFICE PLATE IN THE GLEN PARK**

‘That Cork City Council engages with the OPW in relation to the flooding of Blackpool by looking into the installation of an orifice (restriction) plate at the entrance to the culvert in the Glen Park. The installation of the orifice plate would slow down the flow of water from the Glen Park to Blackpool and onto the city which could prevent future flooding. By installing the orifice plate it would also create a dam. Wildlife would live in its natural habitat in the park and this could become an amenity for the people of the northside, similar to the Lough.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 20/150)

**Environment Water &Amenity Strategic Policy Committee**

22. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON ST. BRIDGET’S ROAD, GURRANABRAHER**

‘That Cork City Council installs traffic calming measures on St. Bridgets Road, Gurranaברה.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 20/151)

**North West Local Area Committee**

23. **FAMINE GRAVEYARD, CARR’S HILL**

‘Given that it is now located within the city, and with the HSE having indicated a willingness to co-operate, the Famine Graveyard on Carr’s Hill should be taken over by Cork City Council and a maintenance/improvement regime implemented.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/159)

**South East Local Area Committee**

24. **TREE FELLING LICENCE SYSTEM**

‘Given the need to increase the number of trees in the city, a tree felling licence system be introduced in urban areas (similar to that existing in rural areas) in order to ensure existing trees are not randomly destroyed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/160)

**Environment, Water & Amenity Strategic Policy Committee**

25. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON MAGLIN ROAD, BALLINCOLLIG**

‘That Cork City Council implement and install traffic calming measures on Maglin Road in Ballincollig. This is a road that has speeding issues. There are a number of family homes along this road. Motorists regularly do not adhere to the 50 km an hour speed limit. This is a matter of public safety. Cork County Council failed to implement such traffic calming measures in the past.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Kelleher 20/162)

**South West Local Area Committee**

26. **INSTALL A YELLOW BOX**

‘That Council implement and install a yellow box at the junction by the new Gaelscoil and the old back road in Ballincollig.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Kelleher 20/163)

**South West Local Area Committee**

27. **SPEED CALMING MEASURES IN TOGHER**

‘To consider putting some sort of speed calming measure on the approach to the pedestrian crossing at Super Valu in Togher between Togher Hill and by Sean Hanley’s garage or alternatively make the crossing itself a raised crossing. At the very least have warning signage to say pedestrian crossing ahead on the approach to the pedestrian crossing at Super Valu in Togher between Togher Hill and by Sean Hanley’s garage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 20/164)

**South West Local Area Committee**



28. **TRAFFIC CALMING ON BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place traffic calming measures on Ballyhooley Road at the entrance to the Glen Park. I already have a motion in the system for the installation of a pedestrian crossing at this location adjacent to the bus stop which I am asking to be installed. In the meantime, can I ask that an electronic speed monitor be located at this location in the interest of public safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 20/167)

**North East Local Area Committee**

29. **RELOCATION OF SPEED LIMIT**

‘We request a proposal for relocation of a 60kph speed limit. At present the section of the N27 between the Forge Hill junction for a distance of 750m to the south and east is 80kph. On this stretch of road there are four junctions.

1. Ferrero
2. Sisk
3. Forge Hill
4. Frankfield including Bull McCabe.

These junctions represent a significant influx of traffic on to the 80kph and urban part of the N27. This represents a hazard. The 60kph control limit should be relocated approximately 750m to the south west, thus mitigating the risk.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Kelleher 20/168)

**South Central Local Area Committee**

30. **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT CATHEDRAL AVENUE, SHANDON**

‘That Cork City Council survey Cathedral Avenue, Shandon for traffic calming measures including designating the area a 30K zone with associated signage. Residents fear an accident in a busy thoroughfare for traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 20/170)

**North West Local Area Committee**

31. **PARE BACK TREES AT DEERPARK AND REENDOWNEY PLACE**

‘That this Council pare back the tree to the rear of property 106 Deerpark and bordering on property in Reendowney place. The tree is on wasteland between the two properties and has not been maintained.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 20/173)

**South Central Local Area Committee**

32. **RENAME BALLYPHEHANE LIBRARY AFTER JOE MURPHY**

‘Given the significance of this era of commemoration in Cork history, and mindful of the contribution he made alongside Iar-Ardmheara Terence MacSwiney, that the library in Ballyphehane is named after Joe Murphy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 20/174)

**Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee**

33. **COIN TO COMMEMORATE ALDERMAN TADGH BARRY**

‘That Cork City Council strike a coin or a stamp to mark the centenary of the murder of Alderman Tadgh Barry in Ballykinler internment camp, Co. Down on the 15th of November 1921.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 20/176)

**Centenary Commemoration 2019-2023 Steering Committee**

34. **TRAFFIC CALMING AT HARBUOR VIEW ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will prioritise Harbour View Road, Knocknaheeny for traffic calming measures taking into account the general road network in the area and ongoing Regeneration Scheme.’

(Proposers: Cllr. M. Nugent, Cllr. K. Collins 20/182)

**North West Local Area Committee**

35. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR UNION QUAY**

‘That a traffic management plan be put in place for Union Quay.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/186)

**South Central Local Area Committee**

36. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GOULD STREET**

‘That a traffic management plan be put in place for Gould Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Boyle 20/187)

**South Central Local Area committee**

37. **PART 8 ONLINE CONSULTATION PORTAL**

‘That Cork City Council will post Part 8 and other public consultations to the Cork City Council online consultation portal (i.e. <https://consult.corkcity.ie/>).’

(Proposer: O. Moran 20/191)

**Community, Culture & Placemaking Strategic Policy Committee**

38. **GUIDELINES ON WARD FUNDS**

‘That Cork City Council guidelines on ward funds will be eased during 2020 so as to allow individual Councillors to supplement the budget for approved applications for grants in the areas of the arts, sports and placemaking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/192)

**Party Whips**

39. **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE TANK FIELD**

‘That Cork City Council will make a statement clarifying public right of access to the Tank Field, issues relating public liability arising from public access, and the means of public access to all parts of the Tank Field.’

(Proposer: Cllr. O. Moran 20/193)

**North East Local Area Committee**

40. **ROAD MARKINGS ON MAHONY’S AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council reinstate the traffic lines and disabled spots on Mahony's Avenue, St. Luke's. It would be ideal to use the summer months to get the traffic lines reinstated before the school starts back in the Autumn as currently the lines are faded and in some places invisible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Maher 20/196)

**North East Local Area Committee**