

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8th MAY 2017

PRESENT	Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Cahill.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, Lil, O’Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. J. G. O’Riordan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. Hayes, Administration Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. D. Joyce, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation Directorate. Mr. S. Coghlan, Senior Engineer, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Directorate. Mr. J. Hallahan, Head of Finance. Ms. A. Rodgers, Head of Enterprise. Mr. K. Lynch, Senior Planner, Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

- The McElhinney Family on the death of Liam McElhinney.
- The Noonan Family on the death of Pat Noonan.
- The Mullan Family on the death of Adrian Mullan.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Amy McCarthy.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Timmy Murphy.
- The Horgan Family on the death of Patrick Horgan.

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

- Cork Constitution on their fifth successive Bateman Cup and fifth Munster Senior Cup.
- Cork under 17 Hurlers on winning Munster under 17 Championship.
- Cork Ladies Footballers on their Lidl Ladies NFL Division Final.
- Cork Ladies Camogie on their division 2 final.

- Cork City Council Staff Health and Fitness Team on winning an Award for Innovation SHAFT 4 years old which is run by staff for staff.
- Cork Choral Festival on organising and staging this magnificent festival.
- Sinead Dunphy, Gerard Breen and Councillors H. Cremin, P.J. Hourican, Mick Finn and the organising committee on organising the Darkness into List event in Ballyvolane.
- Cork Youth Orchestra on their concert with Rebecca Storm in City Hall on Saturday night.
- Dave O'Brien, David Joyce and Martin Dineen and Cork City Council Environment Department on their support for setting up Mayfield St. Lukes Tidy Towns Initiative.

An Chomhairle agreed that in future, formal notices of Congratulations/Best Wishes are to issue to those nominated by the Elected Members.

3. **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

3.1 **LIVE STREAMING OF THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir N. O'Keeffe, An Chomhairle agreed to the Live Streaming of the Special Meeting of An Chomhairle on the 11th May 2017, Conferring of the Freedom of the City.

3.2 **POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH**

The Lord Mayor advised An Chomhairle that See Change, the National Stigma Reduction Partnership and their 90 partner organisations are rolling out a month long national Green Ribbon Campaign to stimulate people talking openly about Mental Health issues in May 2017 and that this campaign was very worthy of support.

4. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

No items raised.

5. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, An Chomhairle considered and approved the minutes of:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held 24th April 2017.

6. **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021 REGISTER REF. T.P. 16/37034 – FORMER O'MAHONY PACKAGING BUILDING, MELBOURNE ROAD, BISHOPSTOWN, CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 4th May 2017 on the Material Contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 in respect of development related to permission for student accommodation at site of the former O'Mahony packaging building, Melbourne Road, Bishopstown, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Moloney, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, a vote was called for on the approval of the material contravention related Resolution where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, K. O’Flynn, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, C. O’Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’Keeffe, S. O’Shea, F. Kerins, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, T. Moloney. (25)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Finn, S. Martin. (3)

ABSTENTION: (0)

As those voting in favour was greater than those voting against and the procedure as specified in Section 34 (6) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) was adhered to i.e. ‘that the number of the members of the planning authority voting in favour of the resolution is not less than three-quarters of the total number of the members of the planning authority or where the number so obtained is not a whole number, the whole number next below the number so obtained shall be sufficient, and the requirement of this paragraph is in addition to and not in substitution for any other requirement applying in relation to such a resolution’ the vote was carried and the report was approved.

The Chief Executive responded to a number of queries raised.

7. **QUESTION TIME**

7.1 **DUNSCOMBE FOUNTAIN**

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

The Dunscombe fountain was removed to make way for another fountain which was constructed in Brown's Square in the 1980s as part of the Cork 800 celebrations in 1985.

This fountain was removed in 2003 before the 2004 remodelling of the area as part of the Shandon renewal scheme.

Could the CE inform the council where is the fountain which stood near the foot of Shandon Street known as the Dunscombe Testimonial Fountain?.

Gifted by the Dunscombe family, that has been associated with Cork since the seventeenth century.

And what plans she has, if any, to bring this important part of cork history back into the public realm?

(Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn)
Deferred from meeting of
24th April

REPLY

The location of the Dunscombe fountain and gas light structure is unknown. The historical records suggest that the structure was removed from the street sometime before the 1980's. Another fountain was installed in Brown's Square as part of the Cork 800 celebrations. This structure was subsequently removed in 2003 as part of the Shandon Street Renewal Project.

There are currently no plans to install a fountain in Brown's Square.

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

7.2

SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE TRAVELLING COMMUNITY

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

In Can the CE report on the number of members of the Travelling Community offered social housing since the introduction of Choice Based Letting and the numbers of those subsequently housed?

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)
Deferred from meeting
of 24th April

REPLY

Cork City Council's commitment to assisting members of the Travelling Community to access social housing support suitable to their needs is reflected in our Allocations Scheme, where only those who are homeless are granted a higher order of priority. 2015 saw the successful launch of St Anthony's Park, where 16 families were housed, following a €5 million investment by the City Council.

The Choice Based Letting (CBL) system went live on 4th November 2015, following extensive consultation and an information campaign to ensure all applicants and advocacy groups, including the Traveller Visibility Group and the City Council's own Traveller Engagement Officer, were fully aware of the new system. A further presentation to the TVG took place on 17th June 2016.

Choice Based Letting systems empower applicants by placing them at the centre of the lettings process, and creating greater transparency on supply availability. Extensive development work was completed to make the website easy to use, including a Frequently Asked Question section, User Guides and a video tutorial. To ensure maximum accessibility, the documentation developed to explain the operation of the CBL system was reviewed and approved by the National Adult Literacy Agency. Letters and guidance documents were issued to all applicants in advance of the go live date.

Significant staff resources were dedicated to assisting customers during the go live period, and a dedicated CBL office continues to operate from 10:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday inclusive, for applicants who do not have access to the internet or require assistance to use the CBL system. Internet access is also available at local libraries, and the system can also be accessed via a Smartphone.

Since the go live date of the system to the end of 2016, nine offers of housing have been made to members of the travelling community, seven of which were accepted, with one offer refused and one subsequently withdrawn. There are currently 31 open applications where the classification of need by the applicant is as a member of the travelling community, of whom 13 have been active on the CBL system.

We would urge all applicants to engage with the CBL system to take an active role in identifying accommodation suitable to their needs, and would emphasise the support available on a daily basis by phone and at the public counter to assist those experiencing any difficulties with the system.

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

7.3 **PROJECTS FUNDING BETWEEN 2018-2021**

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

Can the C.E. give Council Members an updated report on what submissions has been made by our Finance Department to the Southern Regional Assembly for funding which projects in 2018 - 2021 period from the unallocated [2.655 Billion Euro] Mid Term Review of the Capital Plan?

(Cllr. Henry Cremin)
Deferred from meeting of
24th April

REPLY

As a result of the Mid-Term Review of Capital Plan 2017, approximately c€2.6 billion of additional capital remains under-allocated over the period 2018-2021. The priority areas which were identified to benefit from this increased capital investment following the Mid-Term Review of Capital Plan 2017 were:

- Transportation
- Broadband
- Health
- Education
- Flood defences

The City Council has submitted projects under each of these headings, details of which are attached.

JOHN HALLAHAN
HEAD OF FINANCE

7.4 **UPDATE ON JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

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

Can the CE update Council on the Japanese Knotweed eradication plan for the city?

(Cllr. Mick Finn)

REPLY

The Council has completed a City wide survey and identified and mapped the locations/sites in City Council ownership containing Invasive Flora including Japanese Knotweed. The process of estimating the cost of eradicating Japanese Knotweed is presently underway in preparation for inclusion for consideration in the 2018 Draft Estimates. A training workshop on the identification of Japanese Knotweed for relevant City Council Staff and the public is planned for mid to late summer.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment and Recreation**

7.5 **FABRIC UPGRADE SCHEME**

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

When will the Fabric Upgrade Programme start in Ballypnehane?

(Cllr. Sean Martin)

REPLY

Phase one of the Fabric Upgrade Program has been completed in Ballypnehane. Phase one of the Fabric Upgrade Program involved the installation of attic and cavity wall insulation in suitable properties. Not all properties were suitable. The national role out of the next phase (phase two) is intended to address the shortfalls of phase one.

Phase two of the Fabric Upgrade has not commenced in its totality and is currently only being implemented on a pilot basis in forty six properties (all bungalows) throughout the city this year. This pilot is being done in conjunction with funding from the SEAI better energy community scheme for a deep retrofit of the same properties. Phase two involves the installation of external wall insulation and window upgrades in suitable properties.

A scheme to implement the full role out of phase two of the fabric upgrade program on a city wide basis will be drawn up when appropriate funding is in place.

In addition to the above, there is a further pilot, not directly associated with the Fabric Upgrade Program, where the Council is designing a deep retrofit program for the apartment blocks in the city that were built prior to 1970. This pilot is currently being implemented in the Ballypnehane and Wolfe Tone Street/Ballymachthomas Street areas of the city. The decision to proceed to the award of contract stage will be subject to the allocation of appropriate funding to the project.

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

7.6 **RIVERVIEW RISE ESTATE**

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

Can the CE inform the Council as to when the City will take in charge Riverview Rise Estate?

(Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn)

REPLY

Following a number of queries from residents with regard to taking in charge of Riverview Rise, the SPED Directorate has re-engaged with the developer to resolve the remaining issues. It is currently liaising with the Property Section and with Irish Water in relation to obtaining the necessary wayleaves required for foul and storm drains. Riverview Rise has been added to the Directorates Taking in Charge programme for 2017.

Adrienne Rodgers,
A/Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise.

7.7 **MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR FAIRFIELD MEADOWS ESTATE**

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

That the CE will report on a proposed maintenance programme for Fairfield Meadows Estate following a number of previous meetings with residents and City Council representatives? These meetings followed work done by a RAPID sub-committee called to address a number of issues in the area.

(Cllr. Michael Nugent)

REPLY

The North West Rapid Area Implementation Team agreed to establish a multiagency group examining the issues being faced by those living in Fairfield Meadows and Lawn and to develop a plan to resolve issues raised. The steering group comprises of the Gardaí, Cork City Council, Health Action Zone, HSE, TUSLA, and Cork City Partnership. After a number of meetings it was agreed by the steering group to carry out a questionnaire of both estates to get direct feedback from those living in Fairfield Meadows and Fairfield Lawn as to what the current issues are within the estates.

A list of maintenance issues was highlighted and in response, the City Council has undertaken a survey of the properties to establish the estimated costs for the works to be undertaken. I expect this process to be completed shortly and a course of action will be put in place to address the issues raised and will be subject to the necessary financial resources being available.

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

7.8 **PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL FOR CORK**

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

Can the CE outline what consultations have taken place with the HSE with regard to a proposed new Hospital for Cork and if a proposed location in Curraheen is consistent with the City Development plan.

(Cllr. John Sheehan)

REPLY

There have been no recent consultations with the HSE with regard to a proposed new Hospital for Cork City and any development proposed for Curraheen would not form part of the City Development Plan as this area is outside the administrative area of Cork City.

Adrienne Rodgers,
A/Director of Services,
Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise.

7.9 **PLANTING IN PUBLIC SPACES**

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

To ask the Chief Executive in respect to planting in open public spaces and taken-in-charge estates; was is the official City Council policy with regard to the selection of trees, shrubs and other plants; what criteria are used to judge the appropriate height and spread of mature trees (branches and roots) in residential areas and their impact on adjoining properties; what processes and procedures are in place to assess trees in residential areas; has City Council looked to develop any strategic plan for the collection and composting of leaves from Council owned trees and shrubs either on its own or with other stakeholders; what protocols are in place with statutory bodies with regard to the pruning and cutting of trees on public lands?

(Cllr. John Buttimer)

Deferred

7.10 **DRINKING WATER SAMPLING PLAN**

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

Can the Manager please confirm if the Drinking Water Sampling Plan which council officials monitor tests for Flouride levels. The flouride compound added to fluoridate the public water supply is itself a deadly poison and will damage human health. If not then can officials commence doing so and report tests to Council on a regular basis. Also can the

Manager please supply Councillors with a note of any factors which Irish Water have excluded from testing e.g. taste, odour etc.

(Cllr. Tim Brosnan)

REPLY

Irish Water is required to test for fluoride as it is one of the chemical parameters required to be sampled under the Drinking Water Regulations and is included in Irish Water's Drinking Water Sampling Plan.

The requirements for fluoridating public water supplies are set out in the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act 1960 and the Fluoridation of Water Supplies Regulations 2007.

Each drinking water sample is checked for taste and odour as they are listed under the indicator parameter listing. As the name suggests they give an indication that there may be an issue to be investigated and not necessarily mean there is a risk to human health. Both taste and odour are subjective tests and are not measured in units but as to whether or not there is an abnormal change in the water sampled.

The drinking water parameters are tested for to ensure that the drinking water quality is of an acceptable standard, as set out in the European Union Drinking Water Regulations 2014 legislation. Regular testing and monitoring of all public water supplies in Ireland is in accordance with this legislation which sets out the drinking water parameters that are to be tested, how often they are to be tested for and the acceptable limits for each parameter.

Drinking water parameters are grouped into 3 categories:

1. Indicator parameters

Indicator parameters are usually tested along with microbiological and chemical parameters in a water sample. These parameters may not necessarily pose a risk on their own, but they can indicate the presence of other potentially more harmful parameters in a water sample.

2. Chemical parameters

Chemical parameters are tested in drinking water samples to determine if any chemicals present are within acceptable limits. Chemical parameters that are present in drinking water samples can be caused by chemicals dissolving into water from pipes, chemicals carrying over from water treatment processes, chemical reactions that can occur between different materials in the water, or even runoff from farms.

3. Microbiological parameters

Microbiological parameters are microorganisms (i.e. bacteria) that are tested in drinking water. The presence of these parameters in a drinking water sample may indicate that contamination may have occurred either at a water source or within the water distribution network.

**David Joyce,
Director of Services,
Environment & Recreation**

7.11 **DEMOLISHED ABODE SITE IN MAHON**

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

To ask the CE for the future plans for the now demolished Abode site in Mahon? and the ongoing plan for the Blackrock/ Mahon library?

(Cllr Kieran McCarthy)

REPLY

Due to continued concerns and risks surrounding anti-social behaviour and vandalism at the former Abode Centre site, Mahon the building has now been demolished and the property fully cleared and properly secured from unauthorised entry. It is now proposed to sell the property on the open market with a specific requirement to develop the property within a specified timeframe. The relevant disposal will be put before Council in due course.

Plans were advanced for the development of a branch library on the site, however capital funding to enable that project to proceed to construction was not available. Alternative options for the provision of a branch library can be explored with the Department in the context of any future capital funding programme.

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

7.12 **PLANS FOR ABODE SITE**

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

Following demolition of the building have the Council any plans for the former Abode site on Skehard Road?

(Cllr. Nicholas O’Keeffe)

REPLY

Due to continued concerns and risks surrounding anti-social behavior and vandalism at the former Abode Centre site, Mahon the building has now been demolished and the property fully cleared and properly secured from unauthorised entry. It is now proposed to sell the property on the open market with a specific requirement to develop the property within a specified timeframe. The relevant disposal will be put before Council in due course.

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

8. **PARTY WHIPS – 2nd MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Party Whips held 2nd May 2017.

9. **STRATEGIC PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Functional Committee held 2nd May 2017.

9.1 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

9.1.1 **TWINNING GRANTS 2017**

a) **O BHEAL POETRY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle approved the Committees decision to revise the award from €300 to €635.

b) **LATE APPLICATION – CIT CRAWFORD COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir N. O’Keeffe, seconded by Comhairleoir F. Dennehy, An Chomhairle approved the Committees decision to award a twinning grant of €1,500.

9.2 **PRESENTATION FROM UCC MASTERS IN ECONOMICS STUDENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the ‘2nd Cities Presentation’.

9.3 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND 2016 & 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd May, 2017 on the Economic Development Fund 2017.

9.4 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd May, 2017 on Housing Estates from 1st January to 31st March 2017.

9.5 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd May, 2017 on Planning Statistics from 1st January to 31st March 2017.

9.6 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd May, 2017 on Planning Enforcement Statistics from 1st January to 31st March 2017.

9.7 **UP-DATE ON SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd May, 2017 on the Significant Developments and refer it to An Chomhairle for information.

9.8 **DERELICT SITES QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development dated 2nd May, 2017 on the Derelict Sites Quarterly Report.

9.9 **MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE BY AN CHOMHAIRLE**

9.9.1 **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AT THE FORMER GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council believes an archaeological and geological survey should take place at the former Good Shepherd Convent site in Sunday’s Well before any housing development takes place.’

(Proposers: Cllr. K. Collins, Cllr. T. Gould, Cllr. M. Nugent 17/108)

The Report of the A/Director of Services states that the site is the subject of a current planning application for residential and associated development (TP 17/37279). The application includes an EIS which addresses archaeological issues and the City Council have commissioned an archaeologist to undertake an assessment of the file. A further information request has issued in relation to the application including archaeological issue.

9.9.2 **BREXIT SUMMIT**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘As Cork City is to become the second largest English speaking city in the E.U. shortly, I call on Cork City Council would hold a Brexit Summit, with a focus on

1. How can we attract major financial services, technology and communications companies, and associated businesses to relocate from the U.K.
2. The existing infrastructure in the City to bear that extra weight that might arise from any relocations
3. A study of required increased investment with regard to Housing, Transport, and Hotel and Office space.

And compile and publish its Cork Brexit Summit Outcome Report that would focus on the potential challenges and opportunities facing Cork City following the decision of the U.K. to leave the European Union’.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/082)

The Report of the A/Director of Services states that the Brexit process is and will be extremely complicated and, at this point, it is not possible to predict the outcome. Cork City Council, with local stakeholders, has continued to put in place strategies and actions to attract businesses and economic activity to Cork, whether from the UK or elsewhere. The Cork City Development Plan and the Joint City/County submission to the National Planning Framework confirms the existing infrastructure is in place to accommodate additional relocations and the areas that require investment to support additional housing, transportation infrastructure, hotels and office space.

Enterprise Ireland has organised a “Prepare for Brexit” Breakfast on Wednesday, 3 May 2017 at the Maryborough Hotel, Cork. This has been publicised extensively by Cork City Council.

It is premature for Cork City Council to consider publishing any document on Brexit, particularly given that the outcome of the British General Election is unknown. In this context, it is impossible to identify the potential challenges and opportunities facing Cork City following the decision of the U.K. to leave the European Union, in any meaningful way.

9.9.3 **HISTORIC CITY CENTRE ACTION PLAN FOR NORTH MAIN STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council create a new historic City Centre Action Plan for North Main Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/090)

The Report of the A/Director of Services states that it is intended to prepare An Action Plan for the North Main Street and Marsh area in 2017. Short-term actions which can be implemented this year are being identified at present while the overall Action Plan will be completed later in the year

9.9.4 **ANGEL GUARDIAN BOYS SCHOOL, LOWER MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning, Economic Development on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘This derelict site which is owned by the Church and lies on a significant area of land is an eyesore, a venue attracting anti social behaviour yet has the potential to be a significant asset for the Local Community of Mayfield. I ask that Cork City Council engage with the owners of this property and investigate any possible ways of renovating this building,

returning it to a state of possible use by local Community Associations such as The Mayfield Men's Shed, Mayfield Ladies Club, Local Youth Club, a meeting place for the many elderly people living alone locally in the area and various other voluntary organisations.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/025)

The Report of the A/Director of Services states that a derelict sites file has been opened on the site, and the extent of dereliction will be assessed. This will include making contact with the owners of the property. Any future uses, as set out in the question, will involve expenditure that may or may not come from City Council funding. This will be a matter for the appropriate Directorate, once any preferred uses are identified.

9.9.5 **TAKE CHARGE OF RIVERVIEW RISE, BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council would immediately take charge of Riverview Rise at Riverview estate in Ballyvolane, Cork.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 17/086)

The Report of the A/Director of Services states that following a number of queries from residents with regard to taking in charge of Riverview Rise, the SPED Directorate has re-engaged with the developer to resolve the remaining issues. It is currently liaising with the Property Section and with Irish Water in relation to obtaining the necessary wayleaves required for foul and storm drains. Riverview Rise has been added to the Directorates Taking in Charge programme for 2017.

9.9.6 **ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES TO INITIATE A 'SHOP LOCAL DAY'**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council assist Small Businesses in our city in working with all business stakeholders, Business Traders organizations and app developers, by helping to initiate a "Shop Local Day" that would include the introduction of a "Loyalty Card" that would give discounts to card holders thereby increasing business.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 17/087)

The report of the A/Director of Services states that Cork City Council provides a number of supports to small businesses in the city, in particular through its Local Enterprise Office. These include advice, mentoring, grant assistance and a wide range of management development programmes. It has also provided some support to one app provider which is currently engaging with local businesses to develop a shop local loyalty system. A Shop Local campaign was also held by 96FM in the run up to Christmas as part of its media partnership with the Glow Festival. It is essential that any 'Shop Local Day' is led by the

business community and Cork City Council will provide any assistance it can to support an initiative such as this’.

9.9.7 **GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR AN EASTERN GATEWAY BRIDGE**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council seeks Government approval for an Eastern Gateway Bridge given that it is a vital piece of infrastructure for the development of the docklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/119)

The Report of the A/Director of Services states that initial funding in support of the Eastern Gateway Bridge Project was approved by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in April 2017 under the Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF). The approved funding includes €8 million which will assist in the development of the Eastern Gateway Bridge.

The approved funding will enable the City Council to undertake necessary works on the southern approach (i.e. the extension of Monahan Road) and also complete the detailed design for the bridge.

The completion of the detailed design will facilitate the establishment of a detailed cost estimate for the remainder of the project which in turn will feed into future funding applications.

9.9.8 **3 FATHER MATTHEW STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the report of the A/Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council reports on the status of a building at 3 Fr. Matthew Street- the former home of Conradh na Gaeilge - are there any known plans for this building?’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/126)

The report of the A/Director of Services states that Cork City Council has no proprietary interest in 3 Fr. Matthew Street. Cork City Council has no plans for this building.

10. **ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 2nd MAY 2017**

An Chomhairle considered and noted the minutes of the Environment & Recreation Functional Committee from its meeting held 2nd May 2017.

10.1 **SECTION 85 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CORK CITY COUNCIL & CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Report of the Director of Services dated 27th April 2017 and on the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Finn, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle adopted the following Resolution:-

‘That Cork City Council being of the opinion that the function of Cork City Council in relation to the Douglas Flood Relief Scheme (including Togher Culvert) scheme, in particular relating to flood defence works on the Tramore River east of Togher Road and west of West Douglas Street, should be performed by Cork County Council, being able and willing so to perform such function and Cork City Council hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Cork County Council for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001.’

10.2 **TAKE OVER FENCED OFF AREA IN THE CENTRE OF ASHMOUNT ESTATE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the fenced off area in the centre of Ashmount Estate be taken over by Cork City Council and a playground be put in place there for the children of the estate. It currently lies just outside the City Councils perimeter similar to a portion of houses in the Ashmount Estate where some of the Estate lies in the City and some in the County. It would be significant benefit to all the young children of the Ashmount Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/024)

The report stated that the fenced-off tarmac area in Ashmount Estate is situated within the administrative area of Cork County Council and therefore not the responsibility of the City Council for enhancement and maintenance. An Chomhairle also agreed that the matter would be taken up with Cork County Council.

10.3 **RESURFACE ROADS LEADING INTO MURPHY’S FARM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘Can we get the roads resurfaced leading into Murphy’s Farm & the parking area there? The laneway leading into it, the car parking area down there is a total disgrace, there is a residential unit and a lot of groups using the area, The lions club residential centre, a Disability School which has buses coming from all over to drop the kids off, there is a preschool, a tennis club & courts with a cafe, there are 4 soccer pitches with the dressing rooms, the scout hall & the youth project as well as all the visitors who use the area for walking, jogging etc. There is a lot of traffic in & out of the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 17/064)

The report stated that remedial repairs to the access road were carried out in March. It is proposed to undertake the permanent surfacing of the car park and, repairs to the area adjacent to the school during May/June should the necessary capital funding be available.

10.4 **DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN AND REFURBISHMENT OF MURPHY’S FARM / BISHOPSTOWN PARK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council, with respect to the development of a playground in Bishopstown and the refurbishment of Murphy’s Farm/Bishopstown Park would:-

- (i) Report on current plans for the upgrading and refurbishment of access routes to and from Murphy’s Farm/Bishopstown Park;
- (ii) Publish a timeline and costing for the completion of associated works;
- (iii) Would outline what further public consultation is required and if a Part VIII or similar planning process is required and,
- (iv) Would give a progress report on the proposed development of a playground in Bishopstown.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/071)

The report stated that:-

- (i) Remedial repairs to the access road were carried out in March. It is proposed to undertake the permanent surfacing of the car park and, repairs to the area adjacent to the school during May/June should the necessary capital funding be available.
- (ii) The engagement of Landscape/Play Consultants will be advertised through etenders in early May and the preparation of draft designs for the playground will commence immediately following appointment. Estimated cost including playground, consultants fees, upgrading access road and the provision of additional car park spaces is €500k.
- (iii) Consultation with the Bishopstown Playground Committee will be carried out at all stages of the design process. Part VIII approval has already been granted by Council for the provision of a playground at Bishopstown Park.
- (iv) The installation of the playground and enhancement of the access road and car park are scheduled to be undertaken during 2018.

10.5 **SEWAGE SYSTEM SERVING COURTOWN DRIVE AND COURTOWN PARK, KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will, in conjunction with Irish Water, survey the sewage system serving Courtown Drive & Courtown Park, Knocknaheeny, to determine the cause of regular blockages particularly affecting houses near a closed off alleyway between the 2 areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/075)

The report stated that a survey of the sewage system at Courtown Drive & Courtown Park will be carried out and a report brought to the next meeting for consideration.

10.6 **DOG LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle. An Chomhairle also agreed to write to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government to request that the Dog Licence fee be waived in respect of assistance dogs.

‘That Cork City Council reports on dog licensing arrangements in the City. Can the report indicate if fees are waived or reduced with respect to guide dogs and/or assistance dogs for Children with Autism.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/078)

The report stated that the laws governing dog licensing are prescribed and set out under the Control of Dogs Acts 1986 as amended in 1992 and set out in Regulations by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government. Each dog owner is required to have a dog licence, with an exemption allowed for guide dogs for the blind.

There are three categories of license:-

- (i) Individual dog license €20 per annum
- (ii) General Dog License
- (iii) Lifetime License €140 per annum

Individual dog licenses can be purchased at any Post Office or online by Cork City residents at www.corkcity.ie/doglicensing the site operated by Cork City Council. Lifetime License can be purchased on-line or from any local authority whilst a General Dog License can be purchased from a local authority. On average 3,000 licenses are issued in Cork City each year with approximate 30 Lifetime Licenses, there being only one General Dog License. The CSPCA, who as an agent of the Council carries out some functions of the Control of Dogs Act, employ a Dog Warden who as part of his functions carries out regular inspections to ensure compliance with the licensing regulations. An Post on a monthly basis arrange to forward dog licenses with appropriate fees to the City Council. Since introducing online licensing, in the past few years, the City Council has seen a large increase each year by those paying through this method, growing from 8.7% of licenses issued in 2015, to 14% in 2016.

At this juncture An tArd-Mhéara vacated the Chair and Comhairleoir J. Buttimer assumed the duties of the Chair from this point on.

10.7 **DISPLAY THE AUD PIECE OF ART ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AT THE LOUGH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That this Council would display The Aud piece of art (that was displayed at the Lough during 2016) on an annual basis at the Lough especially at Easter time’.

(Proposers: Cllr. F. Kerins, Cllr. M. Finn, Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/100)

The report stated that the Parks Department facilitated erection and display of The Aud piece of work last year as part of the 1916 Centenary celebrations. The piece had to be cut in several places to facilitate removal prior to erection of the Christmas Crib in December and is now decommissioned. The Council has no available resources to arrange an annual erection of the piece at the Lough, such an exercise being labour intensive and very time consuming both, to assemble the piece, transport safely across to the island and repeat the exercise in reverse after the Easter period.

10.8 **REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC REALM AT UAM VAR, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee b An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a major review of the public realm, road network and footpath network in Uam Var, Bishsopstown, and would liaise with the Residents Association to develop a plan to remediate identified deficits and that anti-dog fouling litter signs would be erected as well as the provision of bins for the deposit of such waste.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 17/129)

The report stated that the area in question will be added to the list of areas looking for dog fouling signage and will be passed to the Litter Wardens to arrange for erection. City Council has in the past erected dog litter waste bins in public parks and walkways throughout the City. These bins were prone to vandalism and there are no plans at present to reintroduce specific dog fouling bins.

The motion has also been referred to the Roads Directorate to respond to the request to review the public realm.

10.9 **DOG FOULING SIGNS ON MILITARY HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That “Dog Fouling Signs” be erected on Military Hill and Surrounding areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/036)

The report stated that the area in question will be added to the list of areas looking for dog fouling signage and will be passed to the Litter Wardens to arrange for erection.

10.10 **INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee from An Chomhairle and agreed to refer this item back to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council devise and produce an information booklet for Residents Associations, including all the relevant criteria required for the establishment, management

and operation of same; and that this can then be distributed in order to empower local estates.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/097)

The report stated that there is a lot of online information available to assist in the setting up of a resident’s association including guidance on organising public meetings, election of Committee members, drafting of a basic constitution, role of Committee members etc.

In addition, for local authority estates within the City, the Area Housing Offices can facilitate the establishment of a resident’s association.

10.11 **USE OF ROUNDUP IN WEED CONTROL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle and agreed to refer this item back to the Environment and Recreation Functional Committee:-

‘I would like to propose a motion calling on the Council to reconsider the use of Roundup (containing the toxic chemical glyphosate) in weed control measures. The use of the Roundup herbicide from Monsanto has been linked to a number of diseases (including cancer and autism). This motion proposes that a more environmentally friendly method be adopted that does not pose health risks. The Council calls on the EPA to investigate the use of Roundup and other harmful chemicals with a view to finding safer alternatives.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 17/081)

The report stated that Glyphosate is the active chemical in two herbicides used by Parks and Cemeteries for the control of weeds. It is considered the safest chemical for use in areas accessible by the public and is non residual. The herbicides are not used in playgrounds and sports grounds.

They are selectively used in all parks and open space areas to control weeds adjacent to paths, boundary walls, park fixtures and fittings. Glyphosate is presently considered the most effective chemical for the control of Japanese Knotweed. Council policy for many years has been to minimise the use of herbicides in the interest of facilitating and developing nature areas and biodiversity. The objective is to reduce the use of herbicides to the absolute minimum, however, this has manpower and financial resource implications for the Council at a time when there are severe financial constraints. Herbicides are applied in accordance with the Parks and Cemeteries Ancillary Safety Statement and, Dept. of Agriculture Regulations. Staff applying the herbicides are appropriately trained and certified. Glyphosate is licensed by the European Commission and, the regulatory bodies including the World Health Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN and the European Food Safety Authority share the view that Glyphosate poses no risk to human health when correctly applied. The European Chemicals Agency’s (ECHA’s) recent decision, which says the scientific evidence ‘*did not meet the criteria to classify Glyphosate as a carcinogen, as a mutagen or as a toxic for reproduction*’.

The Council will continue to monitor any reviews of Glyphosate by the European Commission, European Food Safety Agency, European Chemicals Agency, Food & Agriculture Organisation – United Nations, World Health Organisation and the Dept of Agriculture and, implement the recommendations of same as appropriate.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence received.

12. **CONFERENCE/SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries by members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

13. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

None received.

14. **TRAINING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and M. Shields to attend the AILG – Border and Western Region in Casltecourt Hotel, Westport on 13th May 2017.

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **TRIMMING AND PRUNING OF THE TREES AT BROGUEMAKERS HILL**

‘That cork city council will include on the program of works trimming and pruning of the trees at Broguemakers Hill Shandon Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 17/115)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.2 **WASTE LANDS TO THE REAR AND SIDE OF RINGMAHON RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately dispose of waste lands to the rear and side of Ringmahon Rangers Football Club, Mahon, to enable them to expand their sporting and community facilities.’

(Proposers: Cllr. T. Shannon, Cllr. N. O’Keeffe, Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. K. O’Flynn, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald, Cllr. J. Sheehan, Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/136)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.3 **TRAFFIC STUDY IN CONNOLLY PARK, BALLYPHEHANE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a traffic study in Connolly Park, Ballyphehane with a view to installing Traffic Calming Measures running to the entrance of Scoil Stiofáin Naofa and also it is being used as a rat run to Lower Pouladuff Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 17/138)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.4 **BUSHES OVERHANGING THE FOOTPATH ON MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That the bushes overhanging the footpath on Middle Glanmire Road on the approach to St Luke’s Cross be cut back as it is impeding pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kavanagh 17/148)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.5 **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT SHERIDAN PARK, TRAMORE ROAD**

‘That City Council would compile a snag list of residents concerns in the newly opened housing development in Sheridan Park, Tramore Road. Which would include:-

1. Finishing the landscaping properly by putting top soil and sowing grass seed in their green areas.
2. Erecting side gates to properties 9 to 14 just like all the other properties that have them erected.
3. Increase the height of the wall at the side of No 25 to the same level as the rest of the cul de sac thus preventing children climbing this which is happening presently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 17/153)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

15.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT CONNOLLY PARK**

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced at Connolly Park as soon as possible as this estate is being used by a large number of motorists to avoid the busy junction of Pouladuff Road and Connolly Road. The speed of many of these cars is a source of major concern to local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 17/155)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

15.7 **CLEANING OF PORTABLE BATHROOM IN FITZGERALD'S PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would ensure that the portable bathroom toilet by the playground area of Fitzgerald’s Park would be cleaned hourly or as frequently as needed to maintain it to an acceptable standard because currently it is in an unhygienic condition. Also that Cork City Council would install two additional bathroom facilities in that area of Fitzgerald’s Park to cater for the large number of people especially children using the park and the playground daily.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 17/156)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.8 **RESURFACE DOUGLAS POOL CAR PARK AND HILL**

‘That the Council pursue the resurfacing of Douglas Pool car park and hill as a matter of priority’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/158)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.9 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE LITTLE MUSEUM OF CORK CONCEPT**

‘To get an update from TEAM on the development of the Little Museum of Cork concept.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 17/159)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

15.10 **PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FROM MERCHANTS QUAY TO HARLEY STREET**

‘That in order to celebrate and claim Cork's prominent place in the international literary world that Cork City Councillors would name the new pedestrian bridge from Merchants Quay to Harley's Street as Frank O'Connor Bridge and also that City Councillors would change the name of Shandon Bridge to Sean O'Faolain Bridge as both writers are internationally renowned Cork city natives.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/164)

Party Whips

15.11 **RELOCATION OF CORK PUBLIC MUSEUM**

‘That Cork Public Museum be relocated to a city centre venue in order to make it more accessible to national and international tourists and residents of the greater Cork city and county areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 17/165)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

15.12 **BANNING OF THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE IN PUBLIC PARKS**

‘That Cork City Council calls for the banning of any use of glyphosate in or close to public parks, public playgrounds and public gardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/168)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

15.13 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

‘That Cork City Council extend the double yellow lines a few metres along the lower end of Church Road, Blackrock - near St Michael's National School. Residents on the opposite side of the road are having difficulty exiting their driveways as a result of cars parked opposite their entrances.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 17/170)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16. **MOTIONS**

16.1 **OWNERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That this Council oppose the gifting of ownership of the new €300 million National Maternity Hospital to the Sisters of Charity and believe that it should be secular in ethos and management and in the ownership of the state.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Ryan 17/157)

16.2 **PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL FOR CORK**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following motion be referred to the Strategic Planning, Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee:-

‘That Cork City Council would engage with the HSE and all other relevant stakeholders (Patients, wider public, Garda, University) at the earliest opportunity with regard to the future location of a proposed new Hospital for Cork. It is important that wide consultation is held at the earliest stage and that the Public are fully engaged with the process.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 17/161)

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

16.3 **NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL REMAINS IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Health to ensure that the new National Maternity Hospital remains entirely within public ownership and has legally guaranteed independence from all non-medical influence in its clinical operations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 17/163)

16.4 **REMOVE FARRANREE FROM THE ANTI LITTER LEAGUE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council write to IBAL to set the train in motion to remove Farranree from the anti litter league.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 17/167)

16.5 **PALESTINIAN PRISONERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to urgently relay to the Israeli government the concern of the Irish people at the hunger strike of over 1000 Palestinian prisoners, council believes the mistreatment of the Palestinian prisoners by the Israeli Government is a violation of their human rights and a breach of international law.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. O’Shea 17/169)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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