

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 23rd MARCH 2015

PRESENT	An Ardmhéara Comhairleoir M. Shields.
NORTH EAST	Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh.
NORTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan.
NORTH WEST	Comhairleoirí M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan.
SOUTH EAST	Comhairleoirí K. McCarthy, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon N. O'Keefe, S. O'Shea.
SOUTH CENTRAL	Comhairleoirí M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin.
SOUTH WEST	Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, F. Dennehy, P.J. Hourican, T. Moloney.
ALSO PRESENT	Ms. A. Doherty, Chief Executive. Mr. T. Keating, Meetings Administrator, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate & External Affairs. Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Corporate & External Affairs. Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Environment & Recreation. Mr. G. O'Beirne, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation. Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect, Architects. Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. J. Ward, Senior Executive Planner, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Ms. A. Bogan, Senior Planning, Senior Executive Planner, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise. Mr. T. Watt, Senior Executive Planner, Senior Executive Planner, Strategic Planning & Economic Development & Enterprise.

An tArd-Mhéara recited the opening prayer.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An t-Ardmhéara advised An Chomhairle that it was necessary for An Chomhairle to Suspend Standing Order to allow the meeting take place in committee.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, a vote was called for on the holding of the meeting in committee where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, M. Nugent, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O' Keefe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, T. O'Driscoll, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, M. Barry, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan, M. O'Sullivan, K. McCarthy, S. Martin. (8)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir P. Dineen. (1)

As the numbers voting in favour of the meeting being held in committee were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the meeting to be held in committee with the media present.

1.1 **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to:-

- The O'Carroll Family on the death of Paddy O'Carroll.
- The Manning Family on the death of Ger Manning.
- The McCarthy Family on the death of Mary McCarthy.
- The Murray Family on the death of Mary Murray.

1.2 **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS / BEST WISHES**

- T.E.A.M on organising St. Patrick's Day Festival, the parade and Fleadh in the Cork Opera House.
- Irish Women's Hockey team on winning the World League Round 2.
- Robert Heffernan on qualifying for a fifth Olympic Games.
- UCC and their Captain Jordan Philpott of the Collingwood Cup Winning Team.
- Ladies Women Rugby Team on winning the Six Nations.
- Irish Rugby Team on winning the Six Nations
- Josephine Gazely, Corporate & External Affairs on the organisation of a very successful Lord Mayor's Charity Ball.

1.3 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

An t-Ardmhéara advised that an invitation had been received from Mr Carlos Silva e Sousa Mayor of Albufeira inviting the Lord Mayor to a familiarisation trip to Albufeira on the 18 – 23 April, 2015.

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of An Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn to attend the conference.

1.3.2 **CORK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Members thanked the Chief Executive and staff on the submission to the Cork Local Government Review Committee.

1.4 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ITEMS**

1.4.1 **AMENDMENT TO DRAFT CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021 AND MAKING THE NEW CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An Chomhairle considered the following:-

“To consider the proposed amendments to the Draft Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 and making the new Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021.

1. **Amendment 2.4 Tivoli**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

That Amendment 2.4 be altered by modifying the final sentence of paragraph 2.28 of the Plan to read:

‘The timing of the preparation of a local area plan will be linked to **the need to prepare for** the programme for relocation and ~~the likely timetable for~~ **to facilitate** lands becoming available for development’

This minor change will make paragraph 2.28 consistent with the proposed change in paragraph 1.17 of the amended draft of the City Plan 2015 - 2021, which recognises that a Local Area Plan for Tivoli will be required in preparation for the Port of Cork’s relocation from Tivoli.

Cllr Laura McGonigle.

2. **Amendment 8.1 Custom House Complex**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kavanagh, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

That Amendment 8.1 be altered by modifying paragraph 8.3 (c) to read as follows: “c. Ensuring the preparation of a Conservation Strategy for the Georgian Docklands (i.e. Custom’s House Quays complex) to feed into a Masterplan for the site, and working with Fáilte Ireland and other relevant agencies **and potential investors to secure identify** landmark tourism / arts and cultural uses for this site and the former Odlums Mills (other **commercial** uses compatible with the character of the buildings will also be ~~open for consideration~~ **acceptable**).”

The objective as currently drafted prioritises tourism, arts and cultural uses for the site as it notes the City Council will seek to secure these uses. A change of emphasise clarifies that other uses compatible with the character of the building will be open for consideration and that there is a need to explore the opportunity for commercial market involvement in the site.

Cllr Laura McGonigle

3. **Amendment No. 8.1 Custom House**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

That amendment 8.1 be altered by modifying the third sentence of paragraph 8.18 to read as follows:

“...to determine a viable and appropriate uses...”

Grammatical correction to clarify that there may be more than one viable use for the Custom House Quay complex.

Cllr Laura McGonigle

4 **Amendment 7.3 Strategy for people with a disability**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

That Amendment 7.3 be altered so that the scope of objective 7.12A is broadened to address the social housing needs of people with a disability, as opposed to only those with intellectual disability, so that it reads as follows:

‘Objective 7.12A Strategy for people with a disability

The following paragraph to be inserted into development plan as supporting text:

To support the development of a strategy for housing people with a disability (Physical/Intellectual/Mental Health/Sensory), to include the identification of social housing need from those in congregated settings and those living in the community. Cork City Council are developing a 5 year strategic plan for housing people with disability (Physical/Intellectual/Mental Health/Sensory) who have an identified social housing need, in conjunction with the Housing and Disability Steering Group established in 2014. The strategy will be guided by the National Disability Strategy (2013) and will inform future Council policy. The City Council will work with self-advocacy groups, the HSE and the voluntary sector to inform and develop this strategy.’

Cllr John Buttimer

5. **Amendment 14.2 The Rise Estate**

The following Motion was withdrawn by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican.

That Proposed Amendment 14.2 not be adopted as I agree with the Chief Executive’s response that this is a detailed local issue which should be dealt with in the Development Management process rather than the City Development Plan.

Cllr P.J. Hourican

The following Motion replaced the motion submitted by Comhairleoir P.J. Hourican.

A vehicular access to lands between Hawkes Road and The Rise at Ardrostig Cross, fronting onto Waterfall Road / Bishopstown Road, should not be provided through The Rise in order to protect the amenity of residents, with the exception of one private dwelling house with a permanent site boundary wall on the adjoining no. 2 and no. 3 Fairwinds, The Rise and the rear of Kerndale, Bishopstown Road.

Proposed: Cllr. J. Buttimer

6. **Amendment M17 The Tank Field**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Moloney, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

That Proposed Amendment M17 relating to the Tank Field be adopted, (i.e. zoning of the Tank Field revert to the situation in the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015) contrary to the recommendation of the Chief Executive's Report of 18th February 2015.

Cllr Tim Brosnan.

7 **Amendment M18 Beamish and Crawford**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

That Proposed Amendment M18, referring to the proposed Beamish and Crawford zoning change, be adopted, and that consequently the recommendation of the Chief Executive, in her report of February 18 2015 in relation to Proposed Amendment M18, not be adopted by Council.

Cllr John Buttimer

8 **Motion No. 8 Mahon Industrial Estate**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

That Proposed Amendment M 16 relating to Mahon Industrial Estate be adopted by Council for the following reasons and considerations:

The Members have considered the additional issues raised in the Chief Executive's report of 18/02/2015 and the submissions made as identified in the report. It appears to the Members that the Proposed Amendment is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area for the following reasons (and those already stated in the resolution adopted on 24th November 2014 in respect of Proposed Amendment M16):

- *Mahon Industrial Estate is an established employment area in Mahon with over 50 different companies, 16 separate office buildings and over 56,160 sq m of existing office floorspace with a further 27,000sq m of permitted office floorspace;*
- *The employment targets for Mahon for the next 10 years cannot be met by lands in the Lough Mahon Technology Park alone and Mahon Industrial Estate is integral to meeting those targets;*
- *Removing the Business and Technology zoning from Mahon Industrial Estate would not deliver a more balanced mixed of uses in Mahon;*
- *The traffic congestion in Mahon will not be improved by transforming the Mahon industrial Estate from a business park into a housing neighbourhood;*

- *The objective to redevelop the existing Motorola Industrial Estate as a housing estate will not be achieved and will have no effect within the lifetime of the City Development Plan.*

That the modification proposed by the Chief Executive, in 14.4 of her report of February 18 2015 not be adopted by Council for the following reasons and considerations:

The Members consider that the modification proposed by the Chief Executive is not minor in nature. The modified zoning objective would in effect amount to a new land use zoning category not provided for in either the original draft Plan or the proposed Material Alteration and would have the effect of increasing the amount of land zoned for mixed use. Accordingly the proposed modification cannot be considered or adopted at this stage in the process.

9. **Amendment M.19 Brighton House, Blackrock:**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

That Proposed Amendment M 19 relating to Brighton House, Blackrock be adopted by Council and that , consequently, the recommendation of the Chief Executive, in her report of February 18 2015 in relation to Proposed Amendment M19, not be adopted by Council for the reasons already outlined in motion to Council meeting of 24th November 2015.

1.4.2 **10. AMENDMENT 14.3 ACCESS TO NORTH MALL DISTILLERY**

Further modify paragraph 14.46 to refer to joint access to North Mall Distillery to allow for the access to the Distillery site in response to that recommended by the Chief Executive in her report of 18 February 2015:

14.46 Continued growth in student numbers will require the provision of new buildings. The City Council will encourage and supports in principle, future expansion plans including intensification of the existing campus and/ or new development at the North Mall Distillery lands **(as part of a joint development with Mercy University Hospital for educational and healthcare purposes)** that respects the landscape character, built and natural heritage of such sites and the amenities of adjoining uses, **taking account of the site specific objectives in Chapter 10. Objective 5.15c and Objective 10.5 makes provision for a pedestrian / cycle bridge to access the North Mall Distillery Site. The potential for the provision of an emergency vehicular bridge to the North Mall Distillery site (which is an aspiration of the MUH). The provision of a vehicular bridge is not a specific objective of the City Council and the principle of providing a bridge at this location must be founded on an evidence-based, plan-led basis, which should include the rationale for the necessity of such a bridge following an assessment of the likely environmental, flood risk, built heritage and traffic impacts of such a bridge. , will be investigated, including carrying out the appropriate environmental and traffic studies, in the context of the proper planning and sustainable development of the site.**

Cllr Buttimer

1.4.3 **MAKING OF CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

An Chomhairle considered the following Resolution:-

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 23 MARCH 2015

Having considered the following:

- *Proposed Amendments to the Draft Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021* (dated 15th December 2014) ; and
- *Chief Executive's Report on Public Submissions to Proposed Amendment* (dated 18th February 2015).

and taking into account the proper planning and sustainable development of Cork City, the statutory obligations of Cork City Council and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or any Minister of the Government, the Members of Cork City Council hereby **RESOLVE to MAKE the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 in accordance with s12(10) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended** (hereafter referred to as "The Act"), incorporating the Proposed Amendment (dated 15th December 2014) and any Omissions / Modifications recommended by the *Chief Executive's Report* (18 February 2015), subject to:

- A. Those Recommendations set out in the Chief Executive's Report (18 February 2015) not accepted by Members and omitted BY RESOLUTION for stated reasons relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the city – the effect of which is to revert to that set out in the *Proposed Amendments* (15 December 2015):

Motion 6 M17 Tank Field

Motion 7 M18 Beamish and Crawford

Motion 8 M16 Mahon Industrial Estate

Motion 9 M19 Brighton House Blackrock

- B. Further modifications to the Proposed Alteration proposed by Members by RESOLUTION, under s12(10)(a) of the Act, and for stated reasons relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the city, where all modifications are minor in nature and do not result in an increase in the area of land zoned for any purpose; or the addition / deletion from the RPS (and therefore meet the tests set out in s12(10)(c) of the Act). Further modifications by resolution are:

Motion 1 Tivoli (Amendment 2.4 modification)

Motion 2 Custom House Quay (Amendment 8.1 modification)

Motion 3 Custom house Quay (Amendment 8.1 modification)

Motion 4 Strategy for People with a disability (Amendment 7.3 modification)

Motion 5 (replacing with drawn motion) The Rise (Amendment 14.2 modification)

Motion 10 Access to North Mall Distillery Amendment 14.3 modification

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, L. O'Donnell, J. Sheehan, T. Fitzgerald, K. Collins, M. O'Sullivan, C. O'Leary, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O' Keeffe, S. O'Shea, M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O'Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (26)

AGAINST: Comhairleoir K. McCarthy.

As the numbers voting in favour of the Resolution were greater than those voting against, An tÁrd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Resolution approved and the Cork City Development Plan 2015-2021 approved.

2. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Sheehan, An Chomhairle approved the following Minutes:-

- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 9th March 2015.
- Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 10th March 2015.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **COUNTRY CLEAN RECYCLING**

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

Can the CE tell me if Country Clean Recycling Ltd have planning permission to store metal waste collection skips in the old Skilman Site and the U Storage Centre Site on Upper Fairhill?

REPLY

The storage of empty metal skips in the former Skillman premises and in the U Storage Centre premises on Upper Fairhill is not considered unauthorised development by the planning authority within the meaning of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended or under the regulations made on foot of that act.

Patrick Ledwidge
Director of Services
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF HOUSING FROM CORK CITY COUNCIL

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

Could the C.E. please confirm as to what criteria must be met for allocation for housing from Cork City Council and what priorities take precedent

1. Housing Need
2. Time on Waiting List
3. Desirable Area
4. Due Diligence in Garda Reporting Vetting

REPLY

Cork City Council allocates all tenancies in accordance with its Allocation Scheme. The Allocation Scheme is in accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and Social Housing Allocation Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 198 of 2011). Allocations will be made in the following order of priority having taken into account all the relevant information furnished by the applicant household in support of its application together with all other information relevant thereto ...including the applicant household's waiting time on Cork City Council's social housing support waiting list, stated preference area(s), family size and type of dwelling required;

- whether the current accommodation is an institution, emergency accommodation or a hostel,
- whether the current accommodation is fit for human habitation having regard to the matters set out in the Second Schedule to the Housing Act 1966,
- whether the current accommodation is overcrowded,
- the extent to which the current accommodation meets any accommodation requirement arising from an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment of a household member,
 - whether persons who are sharing accommodation with another person or persons, in the opinion of Cork City Council, have a reasonable requirement for separate accommodation,
- whether the current accommodation is unsuitable for the household's adequate housing –
 - (i) in any other material respect, having regard to particular household circumstances, including rent affordability, or
 - (ii) on exceptional medical or compassionate grounds.

Taking all the aforementioned into account, once a suitable applicant is selected, the EHO interviews the applicant and has the authority to carry out various checks including Garda vetting to determine the suitability of the applicant for the vacancy. (Authorisation is given by the applicant on the application form). Landlords of private rented accommodation may also be contacted for a reference.

**Valerie O'Sullivan,
Director of Services,
Corporate, External Affairs, Housing & Community.**

3.3 **PARKING SPACES LOST TO THE VARIOUS BIKE SCHEMES AND CYCLE LANES IN THE CITY CENTRE**

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

- A. How many car parking spaces have been lost to the various bike schemes and cycle lanes in the City Centre?
- B. How much does this equate to in financial terms i.e. loss revenue?

REPLY

From time to time adjustments are made to the allocation of road space to meet emerging requirements. These adjustments can include measures to facilitate pedestrians, bus transport and cyclists. They also include public realm improvements, the reallocation of spaces between various uses (eg disabled parking, pay parking, loading bays, bus bays, taxi spaces) and adjustments in parking arrangements to meet up to date standards and safety requirements (eg conversion of perpendicular parking to parallel parking).

The recently completed schemes in the City Centre (Parnell Place and UCC to City Centre) include all of the foregoing elements. The net reduction in spaces associated with Parnell Place and UCC to City Centre is 12. In light of the myriad of changes and overlapping elements it would be very difficult to identify a portion that is associated with cycling lanes alone. Generally where there has been a reduction in pay parking spaces there has been a corresponding increase in other parking uses particularly those associated with loading bays and set down spaces. In relation to the Cork bike scheme which comprises 330 bikes across 31 station locations, the net reduction of car parking spaces, spanning from Gaol Cross to Kent Station, amounts to 58.

There are approximately 8,500 on street parking spaces within the Disc Parking Zone (DPZ), of which approximately 2,000 are within the Central Business District (CBD). The Disc Parking Zone generates approximately €3m per annum (i.e. €2.6m from the sale of parking discs and €400k through the Park by Phone service). The income from each area is not separately assessed nor is the income associated with the individual spaces within each area.

From time to time parking surveys are undertaken to identify & monitor trends on occupancy levels, compliance levels etc. Over the last few years the results of the surveys showed levels of occupancy ranging from 60% to 85% with compliance ranging from 70% to 85%. Of those occupying spaces approximately 50% were paying customers with permit holders making up the balance.

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

3.4 **TIMELINE OF PROGRESS ON THE NEW EVENT CENTRE**

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

Can the CE give us an update and projected development timeline of progress on the new Event Centre?

REPLY

In January 2015, BAM Construction Ltd was appointed preferred bidder status and the standstill notice required under public procurement law was issued.

Until the conclusion of the standstill notice on the 5th February 2015, the City Council was prohibited under law to engage in any form of contracted discussion. Following conclusion of the standstill period, the City Council arranged an initial meeting with BAM to address some outstanding matters and, thus, enable the formal conclusion of a contract. This work is ongoing.

In the meantime, the City Council has advanced the issue of State Aid and a preliminary engagement has been initiated with the European Commission. The above work will continue until the contract including the funding agreement is concluded. At that stage, a precise timetable will be known.

Pat Ledwidge
Director of Services,
Strategic Planning and Economic Development

3.5 **ESB'S LVU PROGRAMME**

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

Can the CE please request a copy of the ESB's LVU programme and its roll out time frame across the city. I am getting conflicting reports in relation to when LVU work will be carried out in an estate in North East Ward and a copy of ESB programme schedule will be of assistance to Councillors.

REPLY

Cork City Council has not been consulted by ESB Networks in relation to the Low Voltage Upgrade LVU programme being undertaken on the electrical distribution network. Cork City Council does not have role in the preparation or implementation of such a programme which a matter between ESB Networks and the Commission for Energy Regulation, CER. Details of the timing of upgrade works can be sought from the ESB in relation to any specific areas identified by members.

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

3.6 **ARE ANY WORKS PLANNED AT THE JUNCTION OF BUXTON'S HILL AND SUNDAYS WELL ROAD**

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

Can the Chief Executive tell me if there are any works planned at the junction of Buxton's Hill and Sundays Well Road with a view to ensuring the area is safe for pedestrians and motorists alike?

REPLY

Information signage advising of a concealed junction ahead was installed on Sunday's Well Road, on both approaches to its intersection with Buxton Hill, at the end of January 2015.

The junction will be further reviewed as part of the upcoming NTA sponsored Northern Strategic Corridor Study. The Consultants will be asked to place particular emphasis on pedestrian safety and forward visibility at this junction.

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

3.7 **HOUSING MAINTENANCE JOBS**

The following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Moloney was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

Under the categorisation of emergency, urgent or routine housing maintenance jobs, can the department give me a list of what maintenance jobs fall under each heading?

- a) What is the average time it takes to respond to each category?
- b) How much of the work is done?
- c) How much money on average is made available for each house under the control of CCC?
- d) Do we have enough staff South side 61, North side 66 to cope with the housing requests?
- e) Considering we have lost over 1/5th of the housing maintenance staff since 2008 what are CCC's plans to cope with the level of housing maintenance request that are not being responded to in a timely manner?

3.8 **BUS STOPS/SHELTERS IN CORK CITY**

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

Can the CE please provide clarity on the provision of bus stops/shelters in Cork City, including any involvement from external organisations, and the process involved. Who is ultimately responsible for the provision and maintenance of bus stops/shelters? What is the precise role of Cork City Council in the provision of bus stops/shelters?

Is there information available regarding the amount of new bus stops/shelters that have been provided in the last five years?

REPLY

Since 1st February 2013 Cork City Council has been responsible for the issuing and renewing of licences for the use of bus stops. This is in accordance with SI 12 of 2013 and Section 16 of the Road Traffic Act 2002, Prior to this, the responsibility rested with An Garda Síochána.

Bus shelters are provided and maintained by the bus operator. Cork City Council has no involvement in the maintenance of bus shelters.

Cork City Council does not have information readily available, regarding the amount of new bus stops/shelters that have been provided in the last five years. This information can be compiled and presented at the next Roads & Transportation Functional Committee meeting.

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

3.9 **CORK BIKE SCHEME**

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

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the Cork Bike Scheme, to include:

The number of bike stations fully operational to date.

The number of bike stations planned or commenced but not operational.

The number of people who have registered for the scheme.

The average number of journeys made daily and weekly.

What plans are in place to extend the scheme to suburban areas and the process to enable this?

REPLY

In relation to the Cork Bike Scheme, there are over 300 bikes located in 31 bike stations between Gaol Cross and Kent Station. Although some stations were operational from mid December 2014 onwards, all stations have been fully operational since the official launch of the scheme on 2nd March 2015. Currently there are over 2,600 registered members of the scheme. Registration as well as information on the location of the stations can be found on www.bikeshare.ie.

Ridership continues to grow weekly. As the scheme is only in its infancy, the average number of journeys made on a daily and/ or weekly basis at this stage, is not comparable. Once the scheme has bedded in, accurate trip patterns will emerge.

However it is worth noting that at the end of January 2015, which is before the scheme was fully operational, there were:

- 2,175 registered users of the Cork bike scheme;
- 4,485 individual trips/journeys undertaken by bike amounting to 8,382km cycled and an average trip length of approximately 1.7 km.

Although there is no specific plan currently to extend the bike share scheme to suburban areas, this is something that can be developed if the current scheme proves successful. Any

extension of the scheme will arise from growing the scheme organically from the City centre out towards the suburbs.

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

4. **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2009-2015 REGISTER REF. 14/36189 - UNIT 1A MAYFIELD BUSINESS PARK, MAYFIELD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of Director of Services, Strategic Planning & Economic Development Directorate dated 5th March, 2015 on the material contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 as varied in respect of development at Unit 1A, Mayfield Business Park, Mayfield, Cork.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí S. Cunningham, T. Tynan, T. Brosnan, J. Kavanagh, T. Gould, L. O’Donnell, J. Sheehan, K. Collins, M. O’Sullivan, K. McCarthy, C. O’Leary, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, N. O’ Keeffe, S. O’Shea, M. Finn, P. Dineen, T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, H. Cremin, M. Shields, F. Dennehy, P.J Hourican, T. Moloney. (25)

As there were no Members voting against the Material Contravention of Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 Register Ref: 14/36189 – Unit IA Mayfield Business Park, Mayfield, Cork, An Chomhairle declared the Material Contravention approved.

5. **PARTY WHIPS – 2nd MARCH 2015**

5.1 **MOTION**

5.1.1 **MOTION 14/380 RENAME N40 BÓTHAR CUMANN NA MBAN**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘On this year of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Cumann na mBan and in recognition of these brave women who served and played a vital role in securing independence of the state that Cork City Council would name The South Ring Road (N40) as ”Bóthar Cumann Na mBan”

(Proposer: Cllr M. Shields 14/380)

It was noted that Cork County Council has progressed their end of the renaming of the N40 from the County bounds out and that Cork City Council should now proceed to rename their element from the Jack Lynch Tunnel to the County bounds.

It was noted that the NRA have no objection to the renaming of the N40 once “N40” remains in the name.

6. **TOURISM ARTS & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE– 16th MARCH 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Tourism Arts & Culture Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 16th March 2015.

6.1 **MOTIONS**

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

6.1.1 **ROYAL DE LUXE, 'GIANT SPECTACULAR' EVENT IN CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th March 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would explore the possibilities of hosting a Royal de Luxe, 'Giant Spectacular' event in Cork. To date there has been only one 'Giant Spectacular' event held in Ireland (Limerick in 2014). These shows / spectacles attract huge spectator numbers, media interest, and worldwide audiences. All of which would be a great boost for tourism in Cork.’

(Proposer: N. O’Keeffe 15/049)

The report stated that TEAM has investigated the cost of bringing this performance to Cork. The cost to Limerick was in excess of €400,000. Consequently, it is unlikely that such a budget would be available to host this event.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An Chomhairle agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting to 8.30 p.m.

6.1.2 **ALL PARTY COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE 1916 EASTER RISING**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th March 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will action the proposal to establish an all party committee to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising. The committee should include the relevant City Council staff and would seek representatives from the community, voluntary, educational, sporting and other sectors. The committee would strive to have a full calendar of events in 2016 that would encourage maximum public participation and engagement

working with whatever budget is available from local and national sources.’

(Proposer: Cllr M. Nugent 15/050)

The report stated that the members of the Cork City Council Commemorate Committee, chaired by the Lord Mayor and has the party whips and executive representatives on it, have appointed a 2016 working group to plan for commemorative events for the 2016. The current members are the City Archivist, City librarian, the Heritage and Arts Officers, the museum Curator and City Architect. This group have met to discuss external interested parties to be invited to sit on this working group and planning for a process of community engagement in the year. The working group will be reporting to the Commemorate Committee.

6.1.3 **FULL RESTORATION OF SERVICES AT THE FRANK O’CONNOR LIBRARY, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th March 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘This council calls for the full restoration of services at the Frank O’Connor Library, Mayfield to their 2013 levels, including the return of Thursday opening, the late opening on Wednesdays and the re-establishment of the Chess Club on a formal basis under the auspices of Cork City Council library staff. While this chess club was saved through the good offices of volunteers it should be formally restored. It is an established fact that libraries are very important services which have a vital role to play in the social and educational life of the community. The Frank O’Connor library has been central to the life of Mayfield and the wider North East ward area for four decades and it would surely be a poor reflection on this city to have a library named after one its greatest literary figures lying closed for half the week. Such facilities should be absolutely protected against cutbacks and in particular it is time for an end to the ongoing public sector embargo which has devastated some of the most important services of Cork City Council and certain services such as libraries in particular.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan, 15/078)

The report stated that The Frank O’Connor Library Mayfield has been operating on reduced hours since the summer of 2014 because of the loss of two staff, one on retirement, the other on maternity leave. This is a temporary measure and the Council expects that the Library will return to full hours during the course of 2015.

The chess club was established some years ago on a voluntary basis by a staff member interested in chess, and has never been a formal service organized by the Council. It is working very satisfactorily under the leadership of a volunteer, and the Council is grateful for the commitment, in time and effort, contributed by that person.

The Council is hopeful that the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government will allow the Council to fill some vacancies in the context of the LGMA Libraries Workforce Plan, which would enable the resumption of full opening hours in Mayfield and in other service points.

7. **FINANCE & ESTIMATES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16th MARCH 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the minutes of the Finance & Estimates Functional Committee, from its meeting held on 16th March 2015.

7.1 **MOTION**

7.1.1 **MARKETING FUND TO SUPPORT NEW EVENTS IN 2016**

An Chomhairle considered and unanimously approved the Report of Director of Services dated the 12th March 2015 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a marketing fund be included in the 2016 estimates to support major events that have a tangible benefit for the City’.

(Proposer Cllr. T. O’Driscoll, S. Martin 15/082)

The Tourism Events Arts and Marketing (T.E.A.M.) Unit have advised that in previous years numerous event organisers have sought support for new festivals and events. Traditionally the Council has not been in a position to support such events and programmes of which it was previously unaware – despite the potential of real benefit which they might offer to Cork but see considerable merit in having such a fund although this has not been possible in previous years due to budgetary constraints.

As part of the budgetary process for 2016, consideration will be given to the inclusion of a marketing fund to support new major events which will have a tangible benefit for the City.

7.2 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An Chomhairle approved the following proposal:-

- 7.2.1 Councillors P. Dineen and S. Martin proposed that An Chomhairle should contact the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government requesting a date as to when Cork City Council will receive its allocation for Disabled Persons Grants for 2015.

An Chomhairle approved the following proposal:-

- 7.2.2 Councillor T. Shannon proposed that An Chomhairle should contact the T.D’s for Cork North and South Central requesting bi-annual meetings with members of the Council regarding current issues.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the following correspondence:-

- Letter from Monaghan County Council dated the 12th March 2015 regarding the adoption of a Resolution.

9. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following Summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended:-

- Comhairleoir T. Brosnan- AILG Training Workshop on Planning- Wexford- 06 March 2014.
- Comhairleoir T. Brosnan- AILG Finance Training for Elected Members – 16 September 2014- Carlow.
- Comhairleoir T. Shannon- Government Construction 2020 Strategy – 06/08 February 2015 – Wexford.
- Comhairleoir T. Shannon – AILG 2nd Annual Conference – 12/13 March 2015- Carrigmacross, Co. Monaghan.

10. **CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS**

No Items.

11. **TRAINING**

No Items.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **SURVEY OF FOOTPATHS IN FRIARY GARDEN**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a survey of the footpaths in Friary Garden with a view to re-surface.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/041)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.2 **INTRODUCE A TESTING SYSTEM AS PART OF WORKS PROGRAMME AND PLANNED MAINTENANCE**

‘That Cork City Council introduce a testing system as part of their works programme and planned maintenance thus enabling tenants to communicate and know in advance when works will commence. It will also create greater goodwill and be positive P.R.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 15/053)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.3 **DOG PARK IN CORK CITY**

‘That Cork City Council would set up a dog park within Cork City where dog lovers can walk their dogs. Tramore Valley Park could be considered for this.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/095)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.4 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT ST ANTHONY S BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL, BEECHWOOD PARK, BALLINLOUGH AND AT OAKFIELD LAWN BALLINLOUGH RD**

‘That Cork City Council roads maintenance dept would arrange to have the double yellow lines at St Anthony s Boys National School, Beechwood Park, Ballinlough and at Oakfield Lawn Ballinlough Rd, repainted as they are in a bad state of repair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 15/096)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.5 **REMEDY THE MAJOR TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON THE BOREENAMANNA RD AT GLENCOO LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council Traffic Dept would take immediate action to remedy the major traffic problems on the Boreenamanna Rd at Glencoo Lawn, especially at match days. The local residents lives are constantly at risk due to the disgraceful parking by some match goers who appear to have no concern for them. One action that is required is to remove or reduce the parking here to allow greater line of sight for residents exiting from Glencoo Lawn on to the Boreenamanna Rd.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 15/097)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.6 **CORK CIVIC TRUST**

‘In the event of the withdrawal of the Cork Civic Trust from St. Peter’s Church, North Main Street, that Cork City Council would next year use St. Peter’s Church and the €200,000 budget for the 2016 Easter celebration. That is the 100 anniversary of 1916.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, T. Shannon, T. Fitzgerald, T. Brosnan, F. Dennehy, N. O’Keeffe, T. O’Driscoll, J. Sheehan. 15/100)

Tourism, Arts & Culture Functional Committee

12.7 **ENHANCE THE PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING ON CONVENT AVENUE, SUNDAY'S WELL**

‘Can Cork City Council enhance the public street lighting on Convent Avenue, Sunday's Well adjacent to the tourist attraction that is Cork City Gaol, the lighting there is quite poor currently.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. Collins 15/101)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.8 **GATES BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND PARK COURT AND BETWEEN MEELICK PARK AND CHAPEL GATE.**

‘The Cork City Council, in view of numerous episodes of anti-social behavior, would assess the placing of gates (which would be closed at night) between Meelick Park and Park Court and between Meelick Park and Chapel Gate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Sheehan 15/102)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.9 **AMEND THE "GENERAL LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR TABLES AND CHAIRS ON PUBLIC ROADS / FOOTPATHS**

‘That Cork City Council amend the "General Licence Conditions for Tables and Chairs on Public Roads / Footpaths" schedule of charges for suburban retail stores not selling alcohol or involved in the restaurant business. At present I believe the charges are as follows , Annual Admin Fee €110 , Use of Public Space fee €100 per licence and a Licence Fee of €125 per table / bench. These annual fees are same for city centre Public Houses and Restaurants as small suburban shops which sell coffee and sandwiches and that is clearly not fair.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/103)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.10 **EMERGENCY REPAIRS IN THE WESTERN SIDE OF KELLEHERS BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council carry out emergency repairs to the steeped area in the western side of Kellehers Buildings as many of the flagstones are loose and a danger to the elderly residents who may have occasion to use them.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 15/104)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.11 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE JUNCTION OF BARRACK STREET AND LOWER EVERGREEN STREET**

‘That Cork city council would install a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Barrack street and lower Evergreen street, this crossing is used by hundreds of pedestrians (many of whom who are elderly) that commute to and from the city centre on a daily basis and all of whom experience difficulty at this junction.’

Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 15/105)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.12 **SPEED RAMP OR RAMPS BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENTS HOMES OF O'RIORDAN'S TERRACE, TRAMORE ROAD**

‘That a speed ramp or ramps be provided outside the residents homes of O’Riordan's Terrace, Tramore road and associated pavement bollards be installed on the pavement immediately after the exit from the roundabout to prevent parking on the said pavement so as to assist and enhance the safety of resident's in their attempt's to access & egress their driveways. The speed ramp or ramps should be installed on the left hand lane as traffic exits the roundabout heading east onto Tramore Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Dineen 15/106)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.13 **ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

Noting that Cork City Council at its last meeting passed a motion calling on the Minister for Transport to pass the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 2015 commonly known as Jake's Law, Council will in the interim introduce bye-laws limiting the speed limit in housing estates to 20Km.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/107)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.14 **REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF HOUSING MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK**

‘That Cork City Council housing department reports on the current status of housing maintenance of council housing stock. To include the amount of repairs logged for repair currently, the breakdown priority of these outstanding repairs and the expected average waiting time for repairs within each priority.

Can the report also provide a breakdown of how maintenance repairs are prioritised into different categories, example: Emergency, Urgent, Routine and give a list of the most common repairs in each.’

(Proposer: Cllr. N. O’Keeffe 15/108)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

12.15 **MEMORIAL TO THE 1916 EASTER RISING AND ITS PARTICIPANTS**

‘That Cork City Council will in the run up to the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising unveil a suitable memorial piece to the Rising and it's participants , Council will consider seeking ideas from the public on the content and location of such a memorial piece.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Nugent 15/109)

Party Whips

12.16 **PARK SPACES FOR DISABLED DRIVERS IN THE CAR PARK AT CARRIGROHANE ROAD**

‘That City Council would designate a number of parking spaces for disabled drivers in the recently extended Car Park on the Carrigrohane Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/110)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES / RAMPS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF WOODLAWN TRAMORE ROAD**

‘That City Council in the interest of safety for the Residents of Woodlawn Tramore Road would install traffic calming measures / ramps within the estate itself. As the singular ramp near the entrance to Woodlawn is not sufficient to deter motorists speeding within the estate particularly at the T Junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 15/111)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.18 **PLAYGROUND IN BISHOPSTOWN**

‘That Cork City Council would engage with local residents and action groups in Bishopstown to progress development of a playground in the locality.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/112)

Environment & Recreation Functional Committee

12.19 **RESURFACING AT BENOIRLICH ESTATE AND KENLEY CRESCENT**

‘That significant patching and/or resurfacing would be undertaken at Benvoirlich Estate and Kenley Crescent.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 15/113)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13. **MOTIONS**

13.1 **PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF LIBRARY SERVICES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the following Motion.

‘This Council rejects any plan towards shared library services between Cork City and County Councils as a regressive proposal based purely on cost considerations. Council further rejects the proposal to close or downgrade any existing public library services. We support the campaign recently launched by the IMPACT trade union aimed at defending existing library services and we call for a united response from all affected councils against the proposals put forward by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government aimed at amalgamating and downsizing library services. Recognising that libraries play a vital social and cultural role in communities the length and breadth of this country and indeed worldwide, we call for the abandonment of these retrograde proposals and for libraries and other key services to be exempted from cutbacks of any kind’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 15/081)

13.2 **CORK COUNTY POUND**

An Chomhairle approved the following Motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the Cork County Pound to put in place a web page to advertise the stray animals it takes into its shelter on a daily basis. We further call on the pound to extend the length of time they hold onto these animals and try other means to re-home the large volume of strays they receive every year, especially in the light of the reported unacceptable high rate of animals that are put to sleep (66% of all dogs brought in by council’s wardens are put down) within the Cork County Pound which is reported to be the highest in Ireland’. (Ref. Examiner Wednesday, February 18th 2015).’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Moloney 15/087)

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