

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 23rd OCTOBER, 2006

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O’Flynn, D. Wallace.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O’Leary, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. O’Connell, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’Driscoll, D. Cregan.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs
Ms. D. Joyce, Administrative Officer, Roads & Transportation
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. P. Hourihan Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1.(a) **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Horgan family on the death of their mother Maria
- The O’Driscoll family on the death of their brother Humphrey
- The Spillane family on the death of Phyllis
- Christy Walsh on the death of his niece Margaret Walsh
- Joan Barry & Family on the death of her husband, James
- The Buckley family on the death of Hilda Buckley
- Noscott Roberts & family on the death of his wife Peg
- The Andrews family on the death of Niall Andrews former T.D. & MEP
- Josie Meehan & family on the death of her husband Tony
- The O’Connor family on the death of Brian

- The Moloney family on the death of Billy
- The Coakley family on the death of Mary

1.(b) **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- Maurice Moloney, Cork County Manager on his retirement from public service.
- Erins Own Hurling & Football Club on winning the Senior County Hurling Championship.
- Bishopstown Hurling & Football Club on winning the Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship.
- All teams, Council officials and Belfast City Council Officials who participated in the Lagan to the Lee Sports Challenge weekend in Belfast.
- Chamber of Commerce & UCC on their successful trip to Shanghai.

1.(c) **CIVIC RECEPTION**

An Chomhairle approved the hosting of the following Civic Reception:-

- To honour the Priests, Brothers and Nuns for their contribution to health & education in Cork City.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 9th October, 2006 were considered and approved with the following amendments:-

It was agreed to amend the minutes to include the following:

“The City Manager advised that a grant of planning permission alone did not entitle an applicant to undertake development.

A developer would require to have an appropriate legal interest in the land or have the permission of the owner before land could be legally developed. The formal consent of the City Council would be required before any Council owned land could be disposed of and all such instances would have to come formally before a meeting of the City Council for decision whether such lands were zoned open space or otherwise.”

ITEM 14.5 HSE HOME HELPS

This motion was referred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **LOUGH MAHON POINT**

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

Will the Manager inform Council if a Marina is to be built near Lough Mahon Point, in view of the agreement on such a venture as part of the sale of the lands at Mahon in the 1990's?

The Contract for Sale of the Mahon Lands dated the 12th March 1999 made between The Lord Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of Cork of the one part and O'Callaghan Properties Limited and McCarthy Developments (Cork) Limited did not provide for the development of a Marina near Lough Mahon Point.

3.2 **REFUSE CHARGES FOR GROUPS WITH A SOCIAL INCLUSION FUNCTION**

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

What is happening in relation to refuse charges for groups with a social inclusion function should they be charged domestic rates instead of business rates?

A listing of Community/Voluntary organisations who avail of Cork City Councils non domestic refuse collection service has been compiled.

A questionnaire has been sent to these groups asking if they wish to avail of the alternative refuse collection service arrangements (290 euro standing charge for 2006 and tags for the fortnightly collection of a 240 litre wheelbin) or continue with their existing trade refuse collection service. The closing date for return of the questionnaire is Friday 17th November 2006.

Arrangements will then be made to transfer any of the organisations who wish to transfer to the domestic collection service.

3.3 **SPORTS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

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

When will the sports partnership programme be put in place by Cork City Council?

The City Council has recently been notified by the Irish Sports Council that its application to establish Cork City Local Sports Partnership has been successful. The Council will be the lead agency in establishing the Partnership, and will work closely with other agencies such as City of Cork VEC, HSE, FAS, UCC, CIT, sporting bodies etc to formally establish the Partnership in the coming months. The main aim of the Partnership will be to increase participation in sport, and to develop a strategic plan for sport within the City.

3.4 **NAME PLATES FOR TIFFANY DOWNS, BISHOPSTOWN**

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

The above large housing estate has no name plates making it difficult to identify the area. When can we expect name plates to be erected?

Following discussions with the Residents Association it was agreed to erect one sign at the entrance to the estate. This name plate has been erected. The Residents Association has indicated that they did not want name plates with house numbers erected around the estate.

3.5 **DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**

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

Would the Manger please let me know the following information:

1. What development charges have we received from 2002 to present?
 2. What amount has been spent and a break down to where it was spent?
 3. What is the present balance of these development charges?
- a) We received the following amounts from Development Contributions between 2002 and 2005:

2002	-	€2.98m
2003	-	€7.5m
2004	-	€10.7m
2005	-	€11.0m

- b) These Development Contributions were allocated as follows:

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• Main Drainage Scheme	6,770,000
• Water Rehabilitation	2,456,000
• St Patrick's Street Project	10,200,000
• Oliver Plunkett Street Renewal	2,000,000

• Shandon Street Renewal	2,000,000
• Other Road Renewal Projects	2,366,000
• Laneway Closure/Traffic Calming/Public Lighting	670,000
• Lancaster Quay Bridge	1,000,000
• Sarsfield Road	930,000
• Parks and Playgrounds	1,536,000
• Other Recreation and Amenities	1,391,000

- c) The remaining balance on Development Contributions amounted to €861,000. €598,000 of this relates to the Supplementary Scheme in respect of the Cork Suburban Rail Project and €263,000 relates to special contributions which are specific to particular developments.

Parks / Playgrounds

- Clashduv Pitch & Works
- Clashdub Playground
- Colmchille Playground
- Knocknaheeny All Weather Pitch
- Pophams Road Park
- Glenamoy Park & Playground
- Kilmore Road Park & Playground
- Glen Amenity
- Loughmahon Park & Playground
- Atlantic Pond
- Meelick Park

3.6 **NAME-PLATES FOR BROWNINGSTOWN PARK EAST/ WEST**

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

To ask the City Manager when it can be reasonably expected that the name-plates for Browningstown Park East and Browningstown Park West will be provided?

The addition of “East” and “West” to the existing Browningstown Park nameplates is part of the 2006 nameplates programme and will be completed by the end of the year.

3.7 **FOOTPATHS FOR SILVERCOURT, SILVERSPRINGS**

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

Would the City Manager please confirm that Silvercourt, Silversprings will have its footpaths eco flexed in 2007 as there is a need for same due to age and some uneven surfaces?

We are not in a position at this time to confirm inclusion of any footpath work for the 2007 programme which will be prepared and agreed by the members early next year. The footpath at Silvercourt, Silversprings will be considered then but its current state would be unlikely to warrant inclusion on a programme of works on below-standard footpaths.

3.8 **REDEVELOPMENT OF BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

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

To ask the City Manager if he will outline what progress has been made towards the redevelopment of Blackrock Village and when will he be in a position to spend the 3million euro that has been committed to the project?

Since the adoption of the Blackrock Village Area Action Plan by the City Council in April 2006 an Area Action Plan Implementation Team has been established to spearhead the implementation of the plan and its constituent projects.

Progress has been made in relation to:

1. Property issues relating to the central area of the village around the harbour and in relation to Blackrock Park;
2. A feasibility study has been undertaken to inform the design of the Blackrock Harbour to Blackrock Castle walkway; and
3. Consultations with the Blackrock village stakeholders likely to occupy the refurbished and extended Blackrock Community Centre have been held, and their needs identified.

Implementation of the plan will start in 2007 with the commencement of the Marina Adventure Playground, Blackrock Park and Blackrock Community Centre projects. The Harbour Square and riverside Walkway projects will follow on from this with the completion of detailed designs.

3.9 **DUMPING AT PEARSE ROAD NEAR MUSGRAVE PARK**

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

To ask the City Manager, further to the earlier reply that I have received from him in relation to illegal dumping at the section of Pearse Road outside Musgrave Park:

What action has been taken by Cork City Council to remove this material?

What follow up enquiries have been made by Cork City Council to ascertain who is responsible for this dumping and what actions are presently being taken to prosecute these offenders?

In accordance with the previous reply given at the September 25th meeting, the Roads Maintenance Division is arranging to remove the material and has requested the Environment Directorate to arrange for its disposal.

Registration numbers of vehicles, reported as seen parked or seen tipping material in this area, have been forwarded to the Environment Directorate for further action as appropriate.

3.10 **ZONING OF THE WILTON SHOPPING CENTRE**

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

To ask the City Manager to outline to:

- (i) Council the specific land use and zoning of the Wilton Shopping Centre according to the City Development Plan?
- (ii) What commercial activity is permissible on the site?
- (iii) Is it zoned for apartments/housing.?

- (i) The Wilton Shopping Centre is zoned as a District Centre in the Cork City Development Plan, 2004. The objective for District Centre is outlined in Chapter 10 of the Plan which focuses on suburban areas of the City. It seeks:

To protect, provide for and/or improve the retail function of the district centre and provide a focus for local services.

Applications for development in the centre are considered in the context of the retail strategy outlined in Chapter 3 of the City Development Plan which sets guideline targets for additional retail floorspace in suburban areas to 2011.

Paragraph 10.119 of the City Development Plan specifically addresses the development of the Wilton District Centre stating:

Wilton Shopping Centre serves as a District Retail Centre for the South West of the city (see Chapter 3: paras.3.54–3.58). The centre is in need of re-organisation to allow it to operate more efficiently both internally and in relation to access and parking. Road improvements to Sarsfield Road will improve accessibility to the centre. There is scope for additional mixed-use

development, which could include residential uses, adjacent to the planned extension. The Council's preferred option would be to see the shopping centre comprehensively redeveloped and a high quality mixed use district centre redeveloped.

This statement informed the objectives for the centre outlined in the Bishopstown & Wilton Area Action Plan. The Area Action Plan does not change the land use zoning objectives contained in the City Development Plan.

- (ii) A wide range of commercial uses would be considered acceptable in District Centres. In addition to retail uses, District Centres can also provide a focus for other uses, including: retail warehousing; retail offices (subject to a maximum of 75 square metres); commercial leisure; residential; and local services (e.g. libraries, personal and medical services).
- (iii) Residential uses are allowed in District Centres as stated in paragraph 10.8 which clarifies the District Centre zoning objective.

3.11 **UPSURGE IN UNSIGHTLY GRAFFITI**

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

To ask the City Manager what strategy have Cork City Council in place to deal with the upsurge in unsightly graffiti that has spread across the city in recent months, causing damage to both public and private properties.

The removal of graffiti is the responsibility of the owner of the property involved.

It is the responsibility of the relevant directorate to make arrangements for its removal where the property is in ownership of Cork City Council.

Section 19 of the 1997 Litter Pollution Act prohibits the defacement by writing or marking on any structure or other land which is visible from a public place without prior written authority of the relevant owner, occupier or person in charge. A notice under this act can be served on the owner of the property involved. The Waste Operation Section investigates any complaints of graffiti on private property.”

3.12 **WASTE COMPACTOR/ DISPOSAL AREA IN THE ENGLISH MARKET**

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

In October 2004 work was due to commence on the refurbishment of the Waste Compactor/Disposal area in the English Market:

1. What is the current up date?
2. When will the work be completed?
3. Under health and safety the effects of sickening smells is a cause of great concern to employees and residents, a number of which have been taken ill, in the general area of the Compactor/Disposal unit, is the environment health and safety aware of the issues and if so what is being done to address the health risk posed?

Cork City Council has retained Jack B. Cahill, Consultant Engineer, to design and oversee the refurbishment of the Waste Compactor/Disposal area in the English Market. Plans have been drafted for the project, which require some modification due to changes in the volumes and types of waste being produced, and to accommodate some recycling facilities. These plans are currently being finalised and the project will be going to tender shortly.

It is intended to complete the project before summer 2007.

The HSE's Environmental Health Officers are aware of the issues raised, and it is expected that the refurbishment of the waste area will address the issues adequately. The Environmental Health Officers will be consulted prior to finalising the plans for the project.

4. **CORK CITY MARATHON**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy to the Management Board of Cork City Marathon.

5. **SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING – 16th OCTOBER 2006**

5.1 **SPORTS COMMITTEE BUDGET**

An Chomhairle approved that a sum of €300k would be provided in the 2007 Estimates for the Sports Committee.

6. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 16th OCTOBER 2006**

6.1 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON LEISURE AND LIBRARY FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle approved the Quarterly Report on Leisure and Library facilities.

6.2 **CORK CITY LOCAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services dated the 12th October, 2006 which stated that the Irish Sports Council has recently confirmed that the Council's application to establish a Cork City Local Sports Partnership has been successful. The City Council will be the lead agency in the process of establishing the Partnership, and will work closely with other agencies such as the City of Cork VEC, FAS, HSE, UCC, CIT, Sports Groups etc., in the coming months to formally establish the Local Sports Partnership without delay.

The Irish Sports Council sees Local Sports Partnerships as being the best mechanism for the promotion and development of sport at a local level. The Local Sports Partnership will bring together all those involved in the interest of developing sport within the City. Its key aims will be to:-

- Encourage greater participation in sport, particularly amongst those from areas of social need.
- Develop a strategic plan for sport within the City.

A Cork City Sports and Recreation Forum, which has had a number of meetings in recent years as part of the process of establishing the Local Sports Partnership Board will act as a Consultative Body for the Local Sports Partnership Board.. The Forum will also be formally constituted and will be representative of all sporting groups within the City.

The Local Sports Partnership will receive direct funding from the Irish Sports Council to allow for employment of a Local Sports Co-ordinator, and will be in receipt of funding for specific targeted sports initiatives aimed at increasing participation in sport.

It was also agreed to write to the Irish Sports Council to seek additional representation for elected member on the Local Sports Partnership Board.

6.3 **PART 8 REPORT ON MILITARY CEMETERY, ASSUMPTION ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development of the Military Cemetery at Assumption Road, Blackpool into a local park and the report of the Director of Services dated 16th October, 2006 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services.

The report of the Director of Services stated that plans had been prepared to develop Works will include provision of boundary walls and paths, trees and shrub planting, playground etc., and would be done with sensitivity to the fact that the site is a graveyard, with no interred remains being disturbed and relevant

advise being sought to ensure that works would be carried out in a way that recognises and builds on the heritage of the old graveyard.

The proposal was advertised in the Examiner on 1st September 2006 in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 with one submission received by closing date for same. This submission welcomed proposal to upgrade the cemetery but has concerns about the possibility of increased anti-social behaviour problems and that plans would not detract from the fact that grounds were a cemetery.

The proposed improvement works to the boundary walls, with the park being closed at dusk each day would help reduce anti-social behaviour problems. The proposal is in accordance with proper planning and development of the area, enhancing an existing open space. Works were estimated to cost in the region of €300k and scheduled to commence in the coming months.

6.4 **PART 8 REPORT ON NEW PARK AT BRIDEVALLEY PARK**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development for a new park at Bridevalley Park and report of the Director of Services dated 12th October, 2006 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services.

The report of the Director of Services stated that plans for a new park at Bridevalley Park have been developed in consultation with local residents. The plans provide for the park to be enclosed, with a playground and a Multi-User Games Area on lands which are currently unused and a source of anti-social behaviour problems for the local community.

The proposal was advertised in the Examiner on 17th August 2006 in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning & Development Act 2001 with no submissions being received by closing date for same of 1st September 2006. The plans are in accordance with proper planning and development of the area, enhancing an existing open space.

The works are costed at €330k approximately with grant aid under the Social and Community Facilities Capital Scheme (Dept. of Environment, Heritage and Local Government) of €140k recently being confirmed for the project, the Council funding the balance. Work will commence in the next month or so.

6.5 **KILLALA GARDENS/KNOCKNAHEENY AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12th October, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council develop a recreation park on Killala Gardens/ Knocknaheeny Avenue with a view to a new play area for the children near Churchfield Green and put in place a railing on the bend of Killala Gardens to address anti-social behaviour in this area and to consider a training ground and new dressing rooms while at the same time retaining and developing the NuFarm pitch following the transfer North West Housing Office to the new community building.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/282)

The report of the Director of Services stated that an application under the Rapid Playground Programme 2006/2007 is being submitted for the provision of a Multi-User-Games Area at Killalla Gardens, close to the entrance to Churchfield Green. Access paths to the Games Area and railings at the bend will also be provided. The provision of an area for training and dressing rooms for NuFarm FC will be considered following the transfer of the North West Housing Office to the Community Building.

6.6 **NORTHVILLA PITCH, KILMORE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12th October, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That a dressing room be built and car park in the old Northvilla pitch off Kilmore Rd now being used by Wembley Fairview.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/367)

The report of the Director of Services stated that discussions are at an advanced state with Fairview Celtic with a view to reinstating the present damaged dressing rooms at Kilmore Road adjoining the pitch. The pitch has been out of use for a number of years because of anti-social behaviour problems, but the enhancement works along Kilmore Road now presents a new opportunity to have the pitch used again. It is hoped to have works carried out shortly. The issue of car parking for those using the pitch is also currently being examined.

6.7 **SKATEBOARD PARK AT TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 12th October, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the Skateboard Park be removed from Tory Top Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/431)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Council installed a small skatepark in Tory Top Park in mid July of this year, total area of facility being 170 sq. metre in a 6.5 acre local park. Since opening, a number of residents in the immediate area have raised concerns regarding safety of the park and the facility attracting an antisocial element with groups of youths gathering in the location.

The Skatepark is built in accordance with internationally recognized safety standards, PAS 30, PAS 35, BSEN 1176 and current ROSPA/NPFA Safety Standards. The equipment adheres to the most stringent engineering and safety norms, being inspected by ROSPA and certified as such by them. The park is similar to many skate facilities within the United Kingdom which have been operating successfully for many years. The park is inspected daily by the Council's parks staff and safety signs are in place advising of appropriate skating gear etc.

For the first few weeks at the end of July and during August after opening, at certain times during the day, groups of up to approximately 20 teenagers used to gather at the facility, some skating but a certain proportion not skating and hanging around, and making it difficult for those who wished to skate.

The park is monitored by the Council's Park Ranger and other parks staff on a daily basis, including weekends and they report a major change in the usage of the skatepark since early September. Our daily checks show that the large groups have gone and that the facility is being used for proper purpose now, with children using skateboards, skates and heelies to enjoy the facility each weekend. Also noticeable is the increase in the number of parents who are arriving at the park to specifically take their children skating.

The Skatepark is only open less than three months. Similar to our experience when opening other new play facilities, it takes a short period of time before initial usage problems are resolved, with any new play facility being an initial magnet for large groups of children/youths, but within a short space of time, those 'hanging around' move elsewhere and the facility is then used by those who wish to use it. The feedback from our daily surveys is very positive, however the Parks Staff will continue to monitor usage over the coming months, address any issues that arise, and continue to liaise with local residents.

Comhairleoir T. O'Driscoll proposed, Comhairleoir D. Wallace seconded the motion be amended to read as follows:-

“That the operation of the skateboard park at Tory Top Park be reviewed and a report brought before An Chomhairle in six months.”

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, D. Wallace, J. O'Brien, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Ahern. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, M. O' Connell, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, C. O'Connell, C. Lynch. (6)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the amended motion approved.

6.8 **LAUREL RIDGE, BLARNEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12th October, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put Pallisade Fencing at the bottom of the green area at Laurel Ridge, Blarney Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 06/319)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of palisade fencing at this location is being examined at present to determine the length of fencing required and the cost involved. There is no specific budget in the 2006 Estimates for this work, however, should the cost be small, it may be possible to undertake this work from this year's Estimate.

6.9 **LEISUREWORLD**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation from the Committee on the following motion that the charge for hairdryers be removed.

‘That Council calls on Leisureworld to cease its practice of charging customers for the use of hairdrying facilities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/324)

6.10 **BALLINLOUGH AMENITY PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12th October, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That extra children’s facilities would be put in place in the Ballinlough Amenity Park, as the facilities already there are not sufficient for the population in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 06/308)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the play area at Ballinlough Park has items of play equipment suitable for children up to 7 years. The available space for additional equipment is limited because of the close proximity of the adjoining sports pitch.

Consideration will be given to the provision of extra equipment taking into account the limited space available.

6.11 **ARDBHAILE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 12th October, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out enhancement works on the green area to the north of Ard Bhaile/ Glenamoy Lawn in order to eliminate the nuisance being caused to residents and to enhance further the local environment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/317)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the back-land green area, north of Ard Bhaile and south of Glenree Crescent is subject to heavy littering, fly-tipping and unsocial behaviour.

This open space area along with similar back-land areas in Mayfield are under review by Housing, Planning and Recreation & Amenity in regard to their present and future use. Proposals in regard to these areas will be prepared for consideration by Council in due course. Glenamoy Local Park (2 acres) situated immediately west of Ard-Bhaile was opened in early summer and contains an equipped playground, two Multi-User Games Areas, footpaths and landscaped areas for the benefit of local residents.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

8. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

8.1 **DOUGLAS HYDE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Corr and B. Bermingham at the Douglas Hyde Conference held on the 20 – 22 October, 2006 in St. Nathy’s College, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon.

8.2 **LAMA WINTER SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy and J. Buttimer at the LAMA Winter Seminar to be held on the 10/11th November, 2006 in the Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

9. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committees:-

9.1 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN - MIDDLE PARISH**

‘That Cork City Council prepare a local area development plan for the Middle Parish and that it would consult with relevant bodies and organisations in the parish in order to formulate an integrated plan for its future development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/168)

Planning & Development Functional Meeting

9.2 **AMENDMENT TO CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

‘(a)That there be an amendment to the Cork City Development Plan to the effect that residential/family style properties be safeguarded or ring fenced and the concept of purchasing residential houses knocking them and allowing multi-storey development in their place be immediately stopped This is being driven by pure greed and is having a medium to long term detrimental effect on the living environment as we have come to know it.

(b) That Council takes a stance in relation to the selling of existing petrol stations where owners are simply cashing in on sites with no regard to providing services to the public at large.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/169)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

9.3 **SPEED RAMPS IN ASCENSION HEIGHTS**

‘That Cork City Council install speed ramps in Ascension Heights as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/424)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.4 **MOUNT ST. JOSEPH HEIGHTS – WALLS & NAME PLATE**

‘I propose that Cork City Council erect walls between the houses in Mount St. Joseph Heights, and that a name plate be put in place at the entrance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/447)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

9.5 **INSPECTION OF ALL MANHOLE COVERS ON SUNDAYS WELL RD.**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out inspection of all manhole covers on Sundays Well Road and carry out all necessary repairs to loose covers as they are causing a nuisance to residents with cars constantly driving over them and also that the manholes on Sundays Well Road approaching Wellington Bridge be cleaned out and the road surface at the junction with Daly’s Bridge (the shakey bridge) be repaired.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/457)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.6 **PART V, PLANNING ACT – PLANNING/ HOUSING DEPT STAFF**

‘1. That Cork City Council Planning/Housing Dept. staff engage in pre planning consultation with all developers where Part V is applicable so that an agreement in principle on the Part V Planning Act can be discussed prior to application.
2. When submitting a planning application, the applicant specifies the manner in which they intend to comply with part V.
3. That Part V conditions be attached to permissions granted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/458)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

9.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – KERRYHALL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Dept. put in place traffic calming measures in Kerryhall Road.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/459)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.8 **DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS**

‘That Cork City Council would extend scale of bands presently existing for Disabled Persons Grants to include any persons earning €45,000 to €50,000 would receive a 50% Grant, and people earning €50,000 to €60,000 a 30% grant.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin and T. Shannon 06/472)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

9.9 **MIDDLE PARISH, LOCAL AREA PLAN**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a local area plan for the part of the Middle Parish to the west of North Main Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 06/473)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

9.10 **AIRLINE FARES – SPRING MID-TERM BREAKS**

‘That Council calls on the Minister for Education to regionalise the Spring Mid Term breaks so as to make it more difficult for airlines to charge rip off fares to families and individuals wishing to travel abroad.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’ Driscoll 06/474)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

9.11 **DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE FOR FENTON GALLERY AND THE WANDESFORD QUAY ART COMPLEX**

‘That Cork City Council would as a matter of urgency, provide a comprehensive system of directional signage for the Fenton Gallery and the Wandesford Quay Art complex, i.e. the Cork Printmakers and Backwater Artists Group. These are hugely important cultural amenities for the City. After 6 years in existence there is still no adequate signage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 06/ 478)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.12 **MINIATURE CIRCUIT BREAKER BOARDS IN KILLINEY HEIGHTS**

‘Put in place new Miniature Circuit Breaker Boards (MCB Boards) in Killiney Heights, Knocknaheeny and any other estate that requires them to bring the homes there up to the modern electrical standards.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/479)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

9.13 **HARBOUR VIEW ROAD**

‘That the homes that require refurbishment on the left hand side of Harbour View Road (the oldest homes in Knocknaheeny and with the oldest population) be included in the Block D development and Block F & H, respectively.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/480)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

9.14 **BOLLARDS FOR FOOTPATH BETWEEN NO. 38 GERALDINE PLACE AND NO. 3 GERALDINE MEWS**

‘That Bollards be placed on footpath stretching between no. 38 Geraldine Place, Hibernian Buildings and No. 3 Geraldine Mews. These would be similar to the Bollard placed outside No. 1 Albert Road, in order to enable householders to exit safely onto the roadway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 06/482)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.15 **PUBLIC LIGHTS AT MOURNE AVENUE, DILLONS CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council advise and instruct the ESB to reinstate the following public light standards Nos. 13, 29, 28, 27, 4, 5, 6, 7, all at Mourne Avenue, Dillons Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/484)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.16 **GARDINER’S HILL AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council carry out reinstatement works to Gardiner’s Hill Avenue and Stream Hill, Dillons Cross as soon as possible as the road surface is in a dangerous condition for residents, many of whom are elderly. City Council should note that any reinstatement should be designed to mirror the current road surface as it is used by both automobiles and pedestrians and is exclusive to neither. Reinstatements should not increase noise levels or danger to residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/485)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.17 **PLAQUE AT THE SITE OF THE FORMER ARCADIA BALLROOM**

‘That an appropriate plaque or monument be located at the site of the former Arcadia Ballroom, Lower Glanmire Road, to commemorate a great era of musical entertainment, which covered many decades and which involved many great local, national and international singers, musicians, groups and bands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill, Cllr. T. Brosnan, Cllr. J. Kelleher, Cllr. D. Murphy, Cllr. A. Spillane 06/487)

Corporate Policy Group

9.18 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – BISHOPSTOWN AVE/ THE RIDGEWAY AND BISHOPSTOWN AVE WEST**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a pedestrian crossing, at the junction of Bishopstown Avenue/The Ridgeway and Bishopstown Avenue West and would carry out a review of the layout of the intersection which at present makes it very difficult to know where the traffic is coming from when one is crossing the road, as it has become increasingly difficult and dangerous to cross the road on foot at the junction of Bishopstown Avenue/The Ridgeway and Bishopstown Avenue West on the way to and from St Catherine's school due to increased traffic coming from four directions at this point’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/488)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.19 **CRAWFORD COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN**

‘That Cork City Council would include the building, which is home to the Crawford College of Art and Design on the City Councils list of protected structures / buildings’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/489)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

9.20 **DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GREATER LOUGH AREA**

‘That Cork City Council will draw up a development plan for The Greater Lough Area which would include the following aspects;

- Long-term Planning and Sustainable Development
- Infrastructural and Social Needs
- Protection of the Natural Environment
- Traffic and Parking Management
- Public Lighting
- Protection of the local existing environment from unsuitable high density development’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/490)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

9.21 **ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATERIAL**

‘That Cork City Council urgently removes all material that has been illegally dumped on the laneway from Gould Street to Croaghtamore Gardens and that action will be taken to constantly monitor the location to prevent future dumping.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/491)

Environment Functional Committee

9.22 **PARKING OF CIT TRAFFIC IN UAM VAR AND ELTON LAWN ESTATES**

- ‘(a) Due to the huge volume of C I T traffic parking from early morning until night classes end in the above areas and the hardship suffered by the residents as a result, I am proposing that special consideration be given to the provision of pay parking in these areas as soon as possible.
- (b) That single yellow lines would be installed to prevent parking during the day until pay parking can be installed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 06/493)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.23 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR TOGHER/ GLASHEEN AREA**

‘In view of the many recent planning applications in the Togher/ Glasheen area, that Cork City Council would consider formulating a local area development plan for the Togher/ Glasheen areas. And that whenever possible Cork City Council would liaise with Cork County Council in formulating an area plan either through communication with the Cork County planner or through the Joint City/County Committee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/495)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

9.24 **RESURFACING OF WESTSIDE ESTATE**

‘Following the successful resurfacing of the top half of Westside Estate, that the bottom half now be given urgent consideration for the resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/496)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

9.25 **UPGRADING OF THE WILTON SHOPPING CENTRE**

‘That Cork City Council would consider, with the approval of the Members, a development brief for the upgrading of The Wilton Shopping Centre Site and that arrangements are made for that purpose as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 06/496)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

9.26 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

‘That a signalled pedestrian crossing be placed on the Middle Glanmire Road (as near to St. Luke's Cross as possible’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 06/498)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

10. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:-

- 6 No. tenders for Roads Maintenance Division – Accessibility Audit
- 5 No. tenders for Recycling of Timber Waste.
- 5 No. tenders for Composting of Green Waste.
- 3 No. tenders for Monitoring & Maintenance of Intruder Alarm at Lifetime Lab.

11. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir M. Barry proposed, Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn seconded that the meeting would be extended beyond 8 p.m..

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, M. Barry, C. Clancy, M. O’ Connell, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, J. Corr, C. Lynch. (8)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, M. Ahern. (10)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote defeated and the meeting adjourned. An Chomhairle agreed to defer the remainder of the Agenda to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 13th November, 2006.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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