

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2006**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Clune in the chair,  
subsequently An Leas Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Murphy 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, P. Gosch.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O' Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O' Connell,  
T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. O'Connell, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M.  
Ahern.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí J. Corr, D. Cregan.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. J. Kennelly, Director of Services, Recreation, Amenity & Culture.  
Mr. J. O'Donovan, Director of Services, Community & Enterprise.  
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.  
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. Anne Bogan, A/Director of Services, Planning & Development.  
Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance, Finance.  
Mr. Damien O'Mahony, A/Senior Exec. Officer, Housing & Community.  
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. J. Gazely Senior 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 Scannell Family on the death of Paddy Scannell.
- The McGrath Family on the death of Walter McGrath.
- The Parker Family on the death of Dr. Eithne Parker.
- The Hegarty Family on the death of Thomas Hegarty.
- The O'Hanlon Family on the death of Marie O'Hanlon.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- Harlequins, on winning the Senior Hockey Cup Final.
- Vienna Woods Glanmire, on winning the Women's Super League Championship.
- Midleton CBS, on winning the Harty Cup.
- The Organisers of the St. Patrick's Festival.

1.(c) **CIVIC RECEPTION**

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

- Harlequins on winning the Senior Hockey Cup Final
- World President of the International Taekwon Do Federation.

2. **MINUTES**

- a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **TREE AT ARD NA GREINE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that this matter has been attended to in the past week.

3.2 **TENDERS FOR CHAPEL FIELD AND BANTRY PARK ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Sean Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

- (a) 8 No. developers tendered for the Chapel Field.
- (b) 5 No. developers tendered for Bantry Park Road.
- (c) The City Manager based on the recommendation of a selected Board appointed by him.

**(d) Bantry Park Road – Design/Build Project**

	<b>Developer</b>	<b>Total No. Of Units</b>
1a	O’Flynn Construction	61
1b	O’Flynn Construction	49
2	John F. Supple Ltd	74
3	M/s Barry Cullinane Developments Ltd	51
4	O’Leary Brothers	55
5	McInerney Contracting	62

**Chapel Field – Design/Build Project**

	<b>Developer</b>	<b>Total No. Of Units</b>
1	The Baker & Donaghy Partnership	67
2	Bowen Construction Ltd	85
3	Deermount Construction	46
4	O’Flynn Construction	36
5	John F. Supple Ltd	35
6	McInerney Contracting	43
7	Cumnor Construction	35
8	O’Leary Brothers	37

### 3.3 **T.P. 05/29464 BORD PLEANÁLA PL28.212996**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Jerry Buttimer, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

(i) The An Bord Pleanala decision which was granted on the 9/11/2005 in respect of the planning application for the

a) Demolition of existing single storey building; b) Construction of new two storey unit to provide the following: (1) 1 no. retail unit at ground floor level (Area=97.6sqm); (2) 1 no. one-bed apartment and 1 no. two-bed apartment at first floor level; c) Provision of 5 no. car parking spaces to front of new-build unit, and 3 no. car parking spaces to rear of building and associated landscaping and site works at Caterham, Looney's Cross, Bishopstown, Cork

was subject to 9 conditions. 5 of the conditions are stated requirements and are to be complied with by the Developer in carrying out the development. There are 4 pre-conditions ( i.e. conditions precedent ) which have been complied with to the satisfaction and agreement of the Planning Authority.

(ii ) The Planning Enforcement Section had already investigated a complaint on 23/09/2005 that the development had commenced without compliance being achieved. As the development had not commenced at that time, the relevant enforcement file was closed. The site was again inspected by the Area Enforcement Officer on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

( iii) The Planning Enforcement Section

(iv) Once a valid planning application is received, all the documentation received as part of the application is available on the public file. Any submissions or observations received in accordance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 are also available for inspection by the general public as soon as they have been received by the Planning Authority.

When the Planning Authority makes a decision on a planning application the following documents are made available for inspection and purchase by the public within three working days of the date of the decision:

- the planning application, including any documentation received from the applicant in accordance with the Regulations;
- any submission or observation on the application received by the Planning Authority;
- a copy of any report prepared by or on behalf of the Planning Authority in relation to the application;

- a copy of the decision and the notification of the decision;
- any document relating to a contribution or any other matter referred to in s.34(5) of the 2000 Act.

### 3.4 **FIGURES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION NEEDS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Mick Barry, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

#### **(a) Net Need for Cork City Council Housing Accommodation**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2002	2282
2005	2358

Percentage Increase 3.3%

#### **National Need for Local Authority Housing Accommodation**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2002	48,413
2005	43,684

Percentage Decrease 9.8%

#### **(b)**

<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2005</b>	
Number of Eligible Applicants	3,794
Number of Applicants awaiting report	291

<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2006</b>	
Number of Eligible Applicants	4,680
Number of Applicants awaiting report	734

% Increase in Eligible Applicants            19%  
 % Increase in Applicants awaiting report    6.04%

(c)  
 28 February 2005 – 662 applicants  
 28 February 2006 – 1171 applicants  
 Percentage Increase – 77%

The figures for June 2006 are unavailable.

### 3.5 **MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Ciarán Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Traffic Division attended several meetings in connection with the St Patrick's Day Festival and Parade where all the relevant traffic impacts and measured were discussed and decided upon. Gardaí, Bus Eireann, Fire Service, Ambulance Services also attended these meetings.

The holding of the St. Patrick's Day Parade results in a large section of the city centre road network being closed off from early morning to late afternoon. This results in access to the city centre car parks being either cut off or severely restricted for the duration of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Motorists seeking these car parks could cause congestion and delays along 'emergency' escapes routes from the city centre. Most motorists availed of the free on-street parking at the edge of the road closure area. There appears to have been no problems with parking before, during or after the parade.

A request was received to use the White Street surface car park as a storage area for vehicles in connection with the street markets and this was acceded to. Black Ash Park & Ride site was also opened to facilitate people attending the parade and over 2,000 people used the facility on the day. The Park & Ride facility was very heavily used, which again underlines the value of park & ride facilities in situations where there are traffic congestion/road closures in the city centre.

### 3.6 **SOLUTION TO THE DERELICT BUILDINGS/ SITES**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Brian Bermingham, a written reply was circulated which stated that the properties at this terrace on Western Road were declared derelict by the Planning and Development Directorate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005.

Prior to placing these properties on the Derelict Sites Register, and prior to placing the property on the Derelict Sites Acquisition Programme, it is first necessary to complete a title investigation on the properties. Title investigation is currently underway, and once title is established appropriate action will then be taken under the Derelict Sites Act

4. **EXPO 2010 CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 on Expo 2010 Cork.

The report of the City Manager stated that as follows:-

In May 2002 it was announced by the European Council of Ministers that Cork's bid to become European Capital of Culture 2005 was successful. There followed a hectic period of activity culminating in a very successful celebration of our designation as European Capital of Culture throughout 2005.

I am now recommending that as a follow up to this success we organise a major "Expo" for 2010. The theme of the "Expo" would be Urban Living. It would be focussed on the Docklands but could also extend to other sites. Previous Expos with a housing theme have been held in Stockholm, Malmo, Hanover and Glasgow.

The theme of Urban Living will afford an opportunity to explore and demonstrate in such areas as:

*Sustainability, Transport, Energy Conservation, Family Accommodation in higher density environments, Modern Design, How to build and support communities in new urban areas, Social Inclusion, Waste Management etc.*

Expos would typically contain both temporary and permanent structures in order to attract visitors on a specially prepared site during a fixed period of time in order to demonstrate the technological and cultural abilities of the host city.

The Cork Docklands is a perfect site for a Cork Expo with the theme of Urban Living. The projected population and other attributes of the proposed development of the Docklands will mirror a substantial Irish town. The timing is very appropriate as we prepare development strategies for the eastward extension of our city and as private developers are now responding to the vision which the City Council set out for the Docklands in the 2001 Docklands Strategy.

An Expo will build on the national and international profile which the city generated during our year as European Capital of Culture. It is also worthy of note that Shanghai our twin city will host a World Expo in 2010 in which 200 countries will take part. Our twinning relationship with Shanghai which to date has concentrated on political and cultural developments affords us the opportunity to develop links on the Expo front.

A Cork Expo could attract over 200,000 national and international visitors with the capacity to generate €40m for the local economy.

We will work in close partnership with the private sector and with relevant state agencies in the organisation of the Expo.

I propose to assign responsibility for the management and marketing of the Expo to our Docklands Directorate under the leadership of Pat Ledwidge, Director of Services.

I would be glad to have the support of the City Council for this major initiative.

5. **CRAWFORD ART GALLERY COMPANY**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham proposed and Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded the nomination of Comhairleoir J. Corr to the Board of Directors of the new Crawford Art Gallery Company.

6. **WORLD IRISH DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, D. Murphy and C. Lynch at the World Irish Dance Championships in Belfast (as part of the Lagan to the Lee) on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

7. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP**

7.1 **PRESENTATION ON REPORT ON SOCIAL INCLUSION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on the Cork City Council Social Inclusion Report.

7.2 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2005**

An Chomhairle approved the Annual Financial Statement 2005 and the City Manager's report thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle also adopted the following resolution:-

'Resolved that the Annual Financial Statement for 2005, pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in note 17 of the Annual Financial Statement 2005 are hereby approved by Cork City Council.'

8.3 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

8.4 **MOTIONS**

8.4.1 **ERECT A PLAQUE ON VOLUNTEER HALL**

On the proposal of B. Bermingham, seconded by M. Quill, An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was to be referred to the Corporate Policy Group.



‘That Cork City Council erect a plaque on Volunteer Hall (formerly St. Frances Hall) on Sheares Street – Now “Blue Bamboo Nightclub” – During the Easter rising, MacCurtain MacSweeney and Volunteers were surrounded by British soldiers.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/134)

It was noted that the Blue Bamboo Nightclub is the incorrect address.

8. **PARTY WHIPS**

8.1 **REDESIGNED PLAZA IN BLACKPOOL VILLAGE**

An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Lord Mayor on the naming of redesigned Plaza in Blackpool Village as Blackpool Plaza.

An Chomhairle also agreed that an acknowledgement to Seamus Murphy Stonecutter would also be made.

9. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2006**

9.1 **CONDEMNATION OF MURDER OF DET. SGT. JERRY McCABE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2006:-

‘That Cork City Council re-affirms its condemnation of those responsible for the murder of Detective Sergeant Jerry McCabe, and calls on the Minister for Justice not to grant early release for those incarcerated for this crime and further to ensure that those on the run will be brought to justice in the fullness of time.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/98)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham a vote was called for on the motion where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. – (22)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O’Brien, C. O’ Leary, C. O’Connell. – (5)

As the number of members voting in favour of the motion was greater than those voting against the motion, An tArd-Mhéara declared the motion approved.

## 9.2 **PHOTOGRAPHIC I.D. FOR VOTERS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion which was deferred from the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2006:-

‘That this Council call on the relevant Minister to move immediately to ensure that Photographic I.D is mandatory for voters in all future elections and referenda in this country so as to rule out any abuse or fraudulent use of multiple phantom and deceased registrations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 06/127)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir P. Gosch and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Quill a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. – (21)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O’Brien, C. O’ Leary, C. O’Connell. – (5)

As the number of members voting in favour of the motion was greater than those voting against the motion, An tArd-Mhéara declared the motion approved.

## 10. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 9 p.m.

## 11. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2006**

### 11.1 **BLACKROCK AREA PLAN**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, An Chomhairle agreed to defer the report & recommendations of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on the amended Blackrock Area Plan for a period of two weeks, for further consideration by An Chomhairle.

### 11.2 **BISHOPSTOWN & WILTON AREA ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on plan preparation programme.

### 11.3 **HERITAGE FORUM**

An Chomhairle noted the progress report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on Heritage Forum.

### 11.4 **PLANNING POLICY SECTION – PROGRAMME FOR 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on the proposed programme of work for 2006 for Planning Policy Section of Planning & Development Directorate.

### 11.5 **MOTIONS**

#### 11.5.1 **PLANNING PERMISSION**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.-

‘That Cork City Council would abolish the “retention” planning permission facility.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 05/443)

The report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer stated that:-

In general planning permission is required prior to the commencement of development (other than exempted development ). However, under Section 34 (12 ) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 an application may be made for the retention of unauthorised development.

As the right to make an application derives from Planning legislation, it is not within the power of Cork City Council to abolish that right. This would be a matter for the Oireachtas.

#### 11.5.2 **APPOINT A PLANNING DEVELOPMENT INSPECTOR**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.-

‘That Cork City Council Planning Department appoint a Planning Development Inspector to check that developments are been built according to Planning Permission granted.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/453)

The report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer stated that:-

- *In the first instance the onus is on the applicant/developer to complete the development in full compliance with the permission/conditions thereon.*
- *The applicant has the normal period of 5 years, from the date of grant of permission by the Planning Authority or permission from ABP) within which to commence & complete the development.*
- *There are a few trigger mechanisms to flag the commencement of development. It may be the receipt of a compliance submission (conditions precedent) by Development Control; the development commences (submission of a Commencement Notice to Building Control) or the non-compliance/unauthorised development is brought to our attention (Planning Enforcement), or a water/sewer connection is applied for.*
- *Otherwise is it anticipated that all planning permissions must be monitored on an ongoing basis, in order to ensure that developments are been built according to the Planning Permission granted.*
- *Building Control carry out some inspections.*
- *Subject to the above issues, if the policy as set out in the question is implemented, it could not be done within the existing resources available. It is not feasible.*
- *An additional Technician is being recruited in the Planning Department to augment the existing Planning Enforcement Inspectorate & to carry out on-site investigations on relevant Developments following queries on Development Contributions.*
- *With these measures in place and the recruitment of a new member of staff, adequate resources are available to deal with the issues raised in the question.*

12. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2006**

12.1 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2006 on Housing Estates – January-February 2006.

13.2 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

An Chomhairle also approved the following recommendations from the Committee:-

1. The North Docks Local Area Plan be implemented as expeditiously as possible.
2. A delegation of members of Council would meet the relevant Government Minister regarding the Horgans Quay development.

### 13.3 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 – 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2006.

### 13.4 **MOTION**

#### **REFUSE PLANNING APPROVAL FOR HIGH RISE BUILDINGS IN BISHOPSTOWN, WILTON AND DENNEHY'S CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on the following motion.

‘I am proposing that Cork City Council’s Planning Department would forthwith refuse all Planning approval for high rise buildings and major developments in Bishopstown, Wilton and Dennehy’s Cross until completion and approval of The Area Action Plan at present being discussed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 06/85)

Comhairleoir M. Shields proposed and Comhairleoir T. Shannon seconded that the wording of the motion be amended to read as follows:-

**‘I am proposing that Cork City Council’s Planning Department would delay/defer all Planning approval for high rise buildings and major developments in Bishopstown, Wilton and Dennehy’s Cross until completion and approval of the Area Action Plan at present being discussed.’**

An Chomhairle discussed the amended motion and a vote was called for on the amended motion.

Prior to the vote being taken on the amended motion the City Manager advised that:-

- (1) In accordance with current practice the building of apartments over three storeys in height within established residential communities will not receive planning permission from Cork City Council in the interest of good and proper planning and development and having regard to the provisions of the current City Development Plan.

- (2) It would not be possible to defer all decisions on planning applications as the Council would have to process planning applications in accordance with planning law and regulations.

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Coughlan, C. O'Leary, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, C. Lynch, T. O'Driscoll, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. – (17)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, P. Gosch. - (2)

As the number of members voting in favour of the amended motion was greater than those voting against, An Leas tArd-Mhéara declared the amended motion approved.

14. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2006**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the Environment Functional Committee items to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

15. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2006**

An Chomhairle agreed to defer the Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee item to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

17. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

17.1 **ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY & CITY COUNCILS CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at the Association of County & City Councils Conference held on 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

17.2 **THE FUTURE OF OUR PAST – THE ROLE OF HERITAGE AND CULTURE IN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. Shields at the 'Future of our past – the Role of Heritage and Culture in Tourism Development' Conference on the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow.

17.3 **THE LAW OF DEFAMATION (LIBEL & SLANDER) AS IT AFFECTS COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Corr, D. Cregan and B. Bermingham, P. Gosch, T. Brosnan at the Law of Defamation (Libel & Slander) as it affects Councillors Conference on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2006 in Earl of Desmond Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

17.4 **DOES MEDIA REPORTING OF OPINION POLLS DURING AN ELECTION AFFECT THE RESULT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald and M. Shields at the Seminar for Councillors – does media reporting of opinion polls during an election affect the result, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2006 at the Great Southern Hotel, Rosslare, Co. Wexford.

17.5 **EXERCISING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the Exercising your Mental Health Conference – The Role of Elected Members in Promoting Health and Well Being through Physical Activity, on the 25/26 May 2006 at the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

18. **MOTIONS**

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

18.1 **INSTALL RAMPS ON HOLLYHILL LANE**

‘That Cork City Council install ramps on Hollyhill Lane (between Blarney Road and Harbour View Road).’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/26)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.2 **TIDY OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO NO. 15 VALEBROOK BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council Environment Department would tidy up the open space adjacent to no. 15 Valebrook Ballyvolane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/65)

**Environment Functional Committee**

18.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN BALLYVOLANE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department would put Traffic Calming Measures in Ballyvolane Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/66)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.4 **CHILDRENS PLAY AREA ON SKEHARD ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would draw up plans and secure funding nationally to install a childrens play area in the park on Skehard Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/99)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

18.5 **AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE MIDDLE PARISH**

‘That Cork City Council would 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 06/106)

**Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee**

18.6 **AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CONNAUGHT AVE/ GILABBEY ST. AREA**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a local area development plan for the Connaught Avenue/ Gilabbey Street area and consult with the relevant organisations in the area and to make greater use of the green area in Connaught Ave. in order to formulate a plan for future development.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/107)

**Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee**



18.7 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER OF DERELICT SITE AT BYEFIELD COURT**

‘That a Compulsory Purchase Order be used to acquire the derelict site at Byefield Court, Springfield Road, Lower Mayfield, so that it can be used for some useful purpose.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/140)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

18.8 **IN-FILL HOUSING TO BE PROVIDED AT THE VACANT SITE BETWEEN LAGAN GROVE AND LIFFEY PARK**

‘That in-fill housing be provided at the vacant site and walk-way between Lagan Grove and Liffey Park, Mayfield.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/141)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

18.9 **CORK AIRPORT**

‘That Cork City Council deplores the recent statement by Minister Martin Cullen in relation to Cork Airport, that no funding will be approved to service the potential debt that will be levied on Cork Airport, and that Council is now requesting that An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern intervene personally to resolve a situation that could hinder any further development at Cork Airport and instruct Dublin Airport Authority to either service the proposed debt at Cork Airport or to enter into a leasing agreement with the Airport Authority at a nominal fee that would allow Cork Airport to continue to develop in the years ahead.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/144)

**Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

18.10 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN ARDMORE AVE**

‘That Cork City Council put in place traffic calming measures in Ardmore Avenue and Killiney Heights.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 06/145)

**Roads & Transport Functional Committee**

18.11 **ABOLITION OF GROUND RENTS**

‘That this Council agrees that all ground rents be abolished forthwith.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connell 06/148)

**Corporate Policy Group**

18.12 **MOBILE SCANNING UNIT**

‘That this Council agrees that a mobile scanning unit be provided as a matter of urgency for the Cork region. In an effort to address the recent disgraceful situation whereby women have to wait up to 18 months for a mammogram.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Connell 06/149)

**Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

18.13 **REPLACEMENT OF FOOTPATHS AT THE CORNER OF HOUSE NO. 12, BELMONT PARK**

‘That the footpaths at the corner of house No. 12, Belmont Park, would be replaced as a matter of urgency, as they are in very poor condition. Also that they would be included in the estimates for 2006.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O'Flynn 06/150)

**Roads & Transport Functional Committee**

18.14 **SCHEDULE OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE ON THE THREE RIVERS AND WALKWAYS**

‘That this Council will put in place a schedule of planned yearly maintenance on the three rivers and their walkways in Bishopstown. The Glasheen, Two-Pot, and Curraheen Rivers to include lighting the walkways, cleaning/ elimination of graffiti on walls, wildlife facilitation and protection, ranger supervision and whatever it takes to bring these fantastic amenities to a state that residents and visitors are proud to enjoy. Henceforth the state and work on these rivers will be reported to the functional committee.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/151)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

18.15 **CUTS IN HOME HELP HOURS**

‘That Council deplores the cuts in home help hours currently taking place in Cork and around the country.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/152)

**Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

18.16 **AMEND COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS**

‘That Council would amend its own Standing Orders so that item 11 (Order of Business), part (g) (Question Time), section (i) would be changed from “each member to be allowed ask one question per meeting” to “each member to be allowed ask two questions per meeting” and that 11(g)(iv) would be changed from “only the questioner to be allowed ask one supplementary question” to “only the questioner to be allowed ask a maximum of one supplementary question even where two questions have been submitted”.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/153)

**Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle**

18.17 **TRAFFIC NOISE POLLUTION ON THE SOUTH LINK ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will carry out an examination of traffic noise pollution on the section of the South Link Road (N27) running parallel to the back gardens of homes in Capwell Avenue, with the intention to introduce measures, such as erecting barriers where necessary, which will reduce the current levels of traffic noise pollution, that is impacting upon residents living in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/154)

**Roads & Transport Functional Committee**

18.18 **ROAD MARKINGS AND SIGNS AT ARDMANNING AVE.**

‘ That Cork City Council will ensure that sufficient road markings and signs are put in place at the junction of Ardmanning Avenue and Patrick Trahy Road. At present no indication is given to show motorists that they must either stop or yield at this junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/155)

**Roads & Transport Functional Committee**

18.19 **BONFIRE NIGHT PILOT PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council given the success of the “Bonfire Night” pilot programme in 2005 would continue and expand the programme in 2006 to include other residents Associations and Estates interested in entering into the programme in 2006 and enter into consultation with these groups immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/156)

**Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

18.20 **STUDY OF TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGH UAM VAR ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately carry out a feasibility study of the traffic flow through Uam Var Estate and introduce appropriate traffic control measures to slow motorists down in consultation with residents who have to endure high volumes of traffic and motorists often travelling at speed on a daily basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/157)

**Roads & Transport Functional Committee**

18.21 **REVIEW PRACTICE OF ERECTING PLAQUES**

‘That Cork City Council review its practice of erecting plaques as Corporation/City Council are now quite unsightly and are not so much a testament to achievement as they are a display of self importance.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/158)

**Corporate Policy Group**

18.22 **UNAUTHORISED DESTRUCTION OF TREES**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a review of development to the south of South ridge Silversprings with a view to establishing if there has been any unauthorised destruction of trees by the Developer and can officials please confirm the results of the review.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/159)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

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