

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 2006

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern in the chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, 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. 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, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, J. Kelleher.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Mr. P. Ledwidge, Director of Services, Docklands Development.
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services, Planning & Development.
Mr. G. Cummins, Administrator Officer, Housing & Community.
Ms. N. Mulcahy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. U. Ramsell, A/Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The McMahon Family on the death of John McMahon
- The O'Connor Family on the death of John O'Connor
- The Forde Family on the death of Shelia Forde
- The Geary Family on the death of Mary Geary
- The Wills Family on the death of Hannah Wills

2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

An tÁrdmhéara, Comhairleoir M. Ahern, proposed and Comhairleoir D. Wallace seconded a suspension of Standing Orders to discuss item 21.14 after Question Time.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary. (4)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried.

3. **MINUTES**

An Chomhairle agreed that item 6.7 on Harbour View Road in the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27th November, 2006 be amended to read that Comhairleoir M. Barry's objection to the report be noted.

4. **QUESTIONS**

4.1 **PROPERTY AT 10 FRIARY GARDENS.**

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

What is the present position in relation to 10 Friary Gardens?

What conditions, if any, were imposed by Bord Pleanála?

I attach reply of 25th September, 2006 to similar question regarding this property.

The property at 10A Friary Gardens, Friars Walk was the subject of a Planning Enforcement file (E4498) since July 2001. As the taking of enforcement proceedings was deemed by the City Council's Law Agent to be statute barred, the matter was referred in August 2002 to the City Council's Property Department to place the property on the Derelict Sites Register.

All avenues were exhausted by the Property Department prior to their seeking to compulsorily acquire the property, under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

As the owner objected at the acquisition, the matter was referred to An Bord Pleanala for determination. The owner had carried out some works on the property and An Bord Pleanala refused Cork City Council consent to acquire the property under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, as the property could not reasonably be described as being a derelict site in it's condition at that time. An Bord Pleanala also advised that the compulsory acquisition could only be consented to in circumstances where such an acquisition was necessary in order to render the lands non-derelict. Having regard to the condition of the land at that time, it was considered that this situation did not pertain to the property in question.

The situation is unchanged.

4.2 **VICTORIA VILLAGE AND VICTORIA COURT, FARRANLEA ROAD - DOES CORK CITY COUNCIL INTEND TAKING THESE ESTATES IN CHARGE**

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

Have the estates known as Victoria Village and Victoria Court, Farranlea Road, been taken fully in charge by Cork City Council:

If not, does Cork City Council intend taking these estates in charge, and if so, when?

The roads, footpaths and services in the above development have been taken in charge. There has not been any formal taking in charge of the open spaces.

4.3 **PROPOSALS PUT IN PLACE TO DEAL WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING FACILITIES DUE TO THE INCREASE OF STUDENTS IN U.C.C.**

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

In view of the fact that U.C.C. will now shortly be carrying out major development on the Western Road would the Manager outline to Council what proposals will be put in place to deal with the requirement for additional parking facilities which will now be required as it is proposed to increase the number of students in U.C.C. from 15,000 to 22,000 over the next 5 years?

In the mid 1990's, UCC produced a major long term development plan and associated with this plan they produced a:

- Traffic & Access Study
- Parking Strategy

➤ Commuter Mobility Plan

These plans take into account projected future staff and student numbers and set out measures to meet the travel demands of the staff and students.

The commuter mobility plan has targets for:

1. Car Parking Management
2. Use of Public Transport Initiatives
3. Cycling Initiatives
4. Walking

UCC have made substantial progress:

- A Fulltime Commuter Plan/Mobility Manager has been recently appointed.
- On campus parking charges have been introduced.
- Park & Ride facilities being developed at Dennehy's Cross and at Pouladuff.
- Car sharing/pooling facilities are being promoted.
- Public transport facilities are advertised within the Campus

The mobility plan is regularly reviewed and monitored. The updating of the plan is subject to planning permission conditions for all new developments at the University including the new IT Building on the Western Road, which has just started.

4.4 **UPGRADING OF HOLLYHILL LANE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH HARBOUR VIEW ROAD AND KILMORE ROAD**

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

Re: Upgrading Hollyhill Lane between its junction with Harbour View Road and Kilmore Road.

In relation to the €3.5 million allocated to upgrading Hollyhill Lane between its junction with Harbour View Road and Kilmore Road, can the Manager inform me:

- (a) Has an architect been appointed to design and upgrade the lane?
- (b) Will the Manager ensure that the residents and groups situated along the Lane are consulted and have an input to the plan?
- (c) Is it still the Manager's view that the work will be completed by 2008?
- (d) If an architect is not appointed when will they be appointed?

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Yes
- (b) Will the Manager ensure that the residents and groups situated along the Lane are consulted and have an input to the plan?
Yes
- (c) Is it still the Manager's view that the work will be completed by 2008?
Yes
- (d) If an architect is not appointed when will they be appointed?
Not applicable

4.5 **EXPECTED RENEWAL OF WATER MAINS AT TIVOLI ESTATE**

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

Can the Manager please confirm when the expected renewal of water mains at Tivoli Estate will be carried out and what is likely to be the extent of the works?

The replacement of water mains in Tivoli Estate is recommended in the Cork City Water Main Rehabilitation Report.

The Report recommends the full replacement of the water mains in Tivoli Estate from the junction with Trafalgar Hill to the upper section of the estate. Approval of the Preliminary Report by the DOEHLG is awaited.

4.6 **THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ENGLISH MARKET**

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

Will the City Manger please inform Council of the following matters in relation to the management of the English Market:

Has a tender proposal been agreed with the traders?

When will the tender be put out to advertisement?

And when does the Manager expect this process to be concluded and for a new tender to be agreed?

Draft tender documentation has been discussed with the Traders Committee, and following their observations a number of amendments were made, and the revised documentation has now been returned to the Traders Committee for their final approval.

As soon as the revised tender is approved, it will be put out to advertisement immediately.

It is expected that the process will be concluded and a contract in place by the end of March 2007.

4.7 **UPGRADING OF THE ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN MADDEN'S BUILDINGS.**

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

To ask the Manager to state exactly when the promised upgrading of the roads and footpaths will be undertaken in Madden's Buildings?

Resurfacing of Maddens Building was programmed for early this year but had to be deferred until necessary water supply works were carried out. This work is now complete and the road resurfacing and further footpath repairs will be carried out early next year.

4.8 **THE ALLOCATION OF SPEED LIMITS IN THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

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 Council the position of Cork City Council on the allocation of speed limits in the south west ward in the following areas:

- (i) Model Farm Road
 - (ii) Melbourn Road adjacent to Mount Mercy
 - (iii) Curraheen Road adjacent to Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh
 - (iv) Area adjacent to Glasheen National School
- (b) Can the Manager outline the default speed limit in these areas?
 - (c) To outline the consultation Cork City Council has had with N.R.A., Gardai and other public consultation?

The speed limits in urban areas such as the area of a city, a borough or a town are by default 50 km/h (old 30mph). All Cork City has a default speed limit of 50km/h except for five locations, which have special speed limits. These are:

- Section of the South Ring in the City (100km/h)
- South City Link (100km/h)
- Section of the Lower Glanmire Road (60km/h)
- Section of Mallow Road (60 km/h)
- Section of Carrigrohane Road (100km/h and 60km/h)

The roads listed in the question above all have the default 50 km/h maximum speed limits and there are no plans to change them.

We are currently in discussion with the Gardaí and the NRA to rationalise the special speed limits in the City and to make adjustments to cater for the new road network arrangement at the Kinsale Road Interchange. Proposals for bye-laws for revised special speed limits in the City and at the Interchange will be brought before Council in the New Year. The revision of the bye-laws may include the provision of 30 km/h special speed limits adjacent to some schools and areas in the City Centre which have been traffic calmed (e.g. St. Patrick's Street, Oliver Plunkett Street, etc.)

4.9 **BOUNDARY EXTENSION**

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

What steps is the Manager / Council taking to encourage, convince, influence residents in the proposed city extension area, that a boundary extension will be "good" for the city as outlined by the City Manager, and "good" for these residents in this area also?

The report on the proposed city boundary extension has been forwarded to Cork County Council with a request that the County Council would agree in principle to accommodate a boundary extension and enter into discussions with the City Council with a view to seeking agreement on an appropriate boundary extension.

The public reaction since the issue was raised indicates that there is considerable support for the principle of a city boundary extension.

The ideal solution would be for the City Council and the County Council to agree between them the terms of a boundary extension.

At this stage we should await the response of Cork County Council to the City Council's letter.

5. **REMARKS – CRITICISING AN GARDA SIOCHANA**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

'That this Council disassociates itself from the remarks, criticising An Garda Siochana, at the last meeting and this Council supports the Gardaí in upholding the democratic will of the people by ensuring that workers have a safe and unhindered passage to their place of work.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern, M. O'Connell, D. Wallace, J. Corr & M. Quill. 06/553)

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham proposed and Comhairleoir S. Martin seconded that the motion be approved.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, D. Cregan, 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)

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

6. **ACTION PLAN FOR NORTHSIDE REGENERATION**

An Chomhairle noted the report of City Manager on Action Plan for Northside Regeneration.

7. **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004 REGISTER REFERENCE 06/31139**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 16th November, 2006 on the material contravention of the Cork City Development Plan 2004 in respect of proposed development at Mount Agnes Road, Churchfield, Cork, Register Reference 06/31139 which was deferred from meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27th November 2006.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace seconded by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell An Chomhairle agreed unanimously that a planning condition should be included to specifically exclude an off-licence from the development and that access to the development should be altered from Mt Agnes Road to John F Connolly Road and that no access to the site should be available from Mt Agnes Road.

A vote was called for on the report of the Director of Services on the Material Contravention as amended where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O'Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O'Brien, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O'Leary, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. O'Connell, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (27)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, D. Cregan (2)

As more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total members voted in favour an tArd-Mhéara declared the report of the Director of Services on the Material Contravention as amended carried.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell An Chomhairle also adopted the following resolution:-

***'RESOLVED** Pursuant to Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 that the Cork City Development Plan 2004, be materially contravened with regard to Register Ref. 06/31139 and that a decision be made to grant Planning Permission for the demolition of the existing factory and construction of a discount food store, (c.1005 sq.m. net sales area and 1661 sq.m. gross floor area) subject to the following amendments- that a planning condition should be included to specifically exclude an off-licence from the development and that access to the development should be altered from Mt. Agnes Road to John F. Connolly Road and that no access to the site should be available from Mt. Agnes Road.*

And subject to the Schedule of Conditions as set out in the report of the Senior Planner Development Control dated 4th October 2006, recommending that permission be granted for Planning Application Ref. No. T.P. 06/31139 as circulated for meeting of An Chomhairle held on the 27th November 2006.'

8. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle approved the schedule of meetings for January – June 2007.

9. **MOTIONS**

9.1 **GARDA SIOCHANA – SHELL OIL GAS REFINERY**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion.

‘Cork City Council opposes the decision to mobilise approximately 200 members of the Garda Siochana, including Gardai from Cork, to assist the Shell Oil corporation in implementing their plans for a gas refinery in North Mayo.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/469)

Comhairleoir J. Corr proposed that the question be put and Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded.

A vote was called for where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern.(16)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary, C. O'Connell, F. Dennehy.(6)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the question be put.

A vote was called for on the motion where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary, C. O'Connell.(5)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, C. Burke, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O'Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern.(17)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

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.

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

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from previous meetings of An Chomhairle:

‘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)

9.3 **STAGE PAYMENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from previous meetings of An Chomhairle while noting Comhairleoir C. Burke's dissension:

‘That Cork City Council requests Minister Noel Ahern T.D. to inform the Southern Law Association of the agreement that stage payments should end from January 1st 2007.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/522)

9.4 **REPORTS – STATE LABORATORY, DUBLIN**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was deferred from previous meetings of An Chomhairle:

‘Cork City Council expresses its concern at the amount of time people are being kept waiting for reports from the State laboratory in Dublin and is especially concerned at the stress this is causing people already suffering from the trauma of the death of a relative or loved one.’

(Proposed: Cllr. M. Barry 06/524)

10. **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BALLINSHEEN COURT, MAHON CORK**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd November 2006, on the proposed development at Ballinsheen Court, Mahon, Cork which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle. Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn proposed and Comhairleoir T. Shannon seconded that the development would be reduced from 17 units to 13.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, D. Cregan, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern. (18)

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

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd November, 2006 in relation to the proposed development at Ballinsheen Court, Mahon, Cork approved with the amendment that the number of units be reduced from 17 to 13.

11. **DOCKLANDS POLICY COMMITTEE**

11.1 **ECONOMIC STUDY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services on the Draft Final Report on The Economic Study.

Comhairleoir C. O’Leary proposed that the question be put and Comhairleoir J. O’Brien seconded.

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

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

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Coughlan, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, D. Cregan, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern.(11)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost.

An Chomhairle approved the draft final report on the Economic Study.

12. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 20th NOVEMBER 2006**

12.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST OCTOBER 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31st October 2006.

12.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2007**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Cregan, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 16th November 2006 recommending approval to the renewal of the existing level of overdraft facilities of €10m (Ten Million Euro) and adopted the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED That Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the renewal of the existing level of €10m (Ten Million Euro) of Cork City Council’s Overdraft Facility for the first-half year to the 30th June 2007.”

12.3 **LOAN OF €10M FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 14th November 2006 requesting approval to the above mentioned borrowing and adopted the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED That Cork City Council approves the raising of a loan of €10m from the Housing Finance Agency plc. for any purpose authorized under the Housing Acts.”

12.4 **CHILDCARE FACILITIES - NO RATES**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 14th November 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:

Comhairleoir C. O’Leary declared his interest in this motion.

‘Cork City Council resolves that all city based childcare facilities be charged no rates for the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/468)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O’Brien a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, C. Burke, D. Counihan, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, D. Cregan, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern. (10)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O’Brien, M. O’ Connell, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, C. Lynch.(7)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the City Manager approved.

The report of the City Manager stated that Rates are payable on all premises used commercially unless declared exempt by the Commissioner of Valuation.

Schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001 deals with Relevant Property Not Rateable. Within this schedule there are nineteen sections specifying types of exempted properties, none of which are applicable to childcare facilities.

Cork City Council does not have the power to waive rates on such premises. Childcare facilities operate on a commercial basis and are legally obliged to pay rates. Local Authorities depend on Rates as their source of income and must collect rates on all properties that are not exempt. If rates were to be removed from these categories the effect would be to increase the rates payable by other rate payers.

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

An Chomhairle approved the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:

‘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: Cllrs. M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane 06/487)

12.6 **FUNDING; RE-LAUNCH, DISCOVER CORK - SCHOOLS OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 14th November 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council provide the necessary funding to re-launch the Discover Cork; Schools History Project 2007 (City Edition) and work in tandem with Kieran McCarthy to ensure the delivery of this project to the schools of Cork City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/328)

The report of the City Manager stated that funding for Discover Cork; Schools History Project is in place for the academic year 2006/2007.

This project formed part of Cork City Council’s Heritage Plan and commenced in September 2006.

The Heritage Officer, Cork City Council is co-ordinating this project in conjunction with Cork Civic Trust.

I ask the Corporate Policy Group to accept this report and to recommend it to An Chomhairle for approval.

12.7 **CASUAL TRADING ACT 2005**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 20th November 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:

‘Cork City Council agrees to amend the bye-laws made under the Casual Trading Act 1995 to allow artists to sell their work in the island between the North and South channels of the River Lee. A properly regulated licensing system that facilitates the issuing of temporary one/two licences should be put in place subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the artist may only offer their own work
- (b) the work must not be available in any local retail outlet
- (c) the artists do not take up more than a stipulated amount of space
- (d) the sellers leave no mark upon the ground.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. M. Barry & C. O’Leary 05/200)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, D. Wallace, C. Burke, D. Coughlan, D. O' Flynn, J. Corr, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O' Driscoll, D. Cregan, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern.(13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary. (3)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report approved.

The report of the City Manager stated that Casual Trading in Cork City currently operates under Bye-Laws created in 1995, as a result of the Casual Trading Act 1995. Casual trading may only operate in an area designated for that purpose by the City Council. The current area designated under Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995 for casual trading is Cornmarket Street/Kyle Street.

As part of the Cornmarket Street Area Action Plan, Cork City Council proposes to introduce new bye-laws to regulate casual trading in the Cornmarket Street/Kyle Street designated casual trading area. Cork City Council would propose implementing a one day or two day licence system in the Cornmarket Street/Kyle Street casual trading area as part of this review.

Cork City Council is also currently investigating the possibility of designating additional areas for casual trading if appropriate e.g. for sale by artists of their own work, as has been implemented by Dublin City Council. However, Cork City Council would propose the designation of specific areas for that purpose e.g. particular section of a street, as opposed to the entire island between the North and South channels of the River Lee. This would be to ensure that the system of licences can be properly regulated and supervised.

Cork City Council will need to consult with both internal and external stakeholders e.g. Gardai, regarding any proposed changes in the bye-laws. Cork City Council will then advertise the bye-laws and allow a period of one month for inspection of the proposed new bye-laws and a further period of two weeks thereafter for submissions by interested parties.

It is proposed to undertake this review of the bye-laws in 2007, in conjunction with the Cornmarket Street Area Action Plan. The proposal to allow artists sell their work through a properly regulated licensing system will be considered as part of this process.

13. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to extend the meeting beyond 9 p.m. to deal with remaining items on the Agenda.

14. **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE –
20th NOVEMBER 2006**

14.1 **CORK STRATEGIC WATER STUDY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the Cork Strategic Water Study. The report identified specific works to enable the City meet the requirements of Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP)

15. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20th NOVEMBER, 2006**

15.1 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Water, Sanitary and other schemes for the year to the 31st October, 2006.

15.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Environmental matters for the year to the 31st October, 2006.

15.3 **KNOCKNAHEENY/HOLLYHILL AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th November 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

“That a designated Litter Warden be appointed for the Knocknaheeny/Hollyhill areas.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/436)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has a staff compliment of 4 Litter Wardens who carry out their duties in accordance with the terms of the Litter Management Plan Review and the requirements of the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2003.

A temporary Litter Warden was assigned to the Mayfield area with effect from the 24th April 2006 for a period of 12 months. It is intended to carry out a review of the effectiveness of this assignment at the end of this period.

The existing litter wardens investigate any incidences of dumping in the Knocknaheeny/ Hollyhill areas but there is no funding available for the provision of an additional litter warden to specifically cover this area at present.

The position can be examined again following the review of the Mayfield situation.

15.4 **NOISE SURVEY**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle be referred to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee.

‘That Cork City Council should conduct a noise survey on the South Link Road at the rear of Westside Estate to establish if the noise levels are within the set guidelines and if not, then appropriate action should be taken to alleviate the problem’.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/423)

15.5 **COLLECTION OF CANS AND BOTTLES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16th November 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council will arrange, separate to standard street sweeping duties, for the collection of cans and bottles wherever they are dumped, as failure to do so leads to dangerous situations with broken glass and a tendency for others to add to any such material left uncollected in various green areas and estates around the city’.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/510)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the collection of bottles, cans and other such material that may be deposited on footpaths is part of the duties of the Councils street sweeping staff. This work is therefore catered for as part of the existing sweeping arrangements.

In addition it should be noted that staff from the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Department also collect such material as part of their regular maintenance work on green areas.

The existing operational arrangements for street cleaning constitute a very efficient use of available resources. It is not feasible at this stage to alter the current systems to facilitate a separate collection system for any particular type of litter.

16. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE –
20th NOVEMBER 2006**

16.1 **HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer on Housing Estates – September/October 2006 dated 16th November, 2006.

16.2 **PLANNING STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 16th November 2006 on the number of planning applications determined and deferred from 1st January, 2006 to 31st October, 2006.

16.3 **ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated 16th November, 2006 on Planning Enforcement Statistics for period 1st September, 2006 – 31st October, 2006.

16.4 **PLANNING DIFFICULTIES – ALLIED IRISH BANKS –
WATERCOURSE ROAD, BLACKPOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated the 16th November, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council immediately enter into discussion with Allied Irish Banks in order to resolve the planning difficulties surrounding their present location at Watercourse Road, Blackpool which resulted in their decision to close down that Branch and relocate to the Blackpool Retail Park – a move which will seriously undermine Cork City Council’s efforts to retain the village character of Blackpool, as well as affect the residents and business people of the area.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/467)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council granted permission to demolish the existing bank premises, to construct a new two storey bank building with corporate signage, to relocate the ATM facility, to provide 17 no. staff car parking spaces, including all associated works on their site at the junction of Watercourse Road and O’Connell Street, Blackpool, Cork on 28th April, 2005.

The site occupies a prominent corner site at the junction of Watercourse Road and O'Connell Street in the Blackpool area of Cork City, approximately 1 km to the north of the city centre.

This decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanála and the Bord decided on 22nd September, 2005 to refuse permission for the following reason:

“The proposed development, incorporating a significant proportion of blank elevation to Watercourse Road, would not be an appropriate design or a design of sufficiently high standard on this corner site, would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.”

The Planning Authority are open to engage with A.I.B. Plc to have this matter progressed in an appropriate way.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated the 16th November, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

- ‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the purpose of engaging in pre-planning consultation is to improve the quality of a subsequent planning application to avoid the necessity for seeking additional information where possible, and in some cases, to spare the cost of what is likely to prove an abortive application.

The pre-planning phase is not a statutory requirement. However, Cork City Council does welcome such consultations. The extent of the pre-planning phase will vary depending on the size and complexity of the development, location of the development, staff resources available to the planning authority and the applicant. The applicant should meet with both the Planning and Housing staff. There may be a need for further meetings with Housing staff to ascertain more detailed requirements.

Where possible an agreement in principle should be reached prior to the submission of a planning application. When submitting a planning application the applicant must specify the manner in which they intend to comply with Part V.

If it is proposed to make a decision to grant planning permission a Part V condition is attached to the permission. The condition used by Cork City Council is as follows: “The Applicant, or any other person who may have an interest in the land to which this application relates, shall enter into an agreement with the Planning Authority providing in accordance with the provisions of Section 96 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as substituted by Section 3 of the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act, 2002 in respect of the matters referred to in Paragraph (b) of Sub-Section (3) of Section 3 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 2002.”

The above agreement shall be entered into and the full terms of the Agreement must be complied with prior to the commencement of any development of the lands the subject of this Application.

16.6 **REPLACE TIMBER FENCE BETWEEN CHAPEL GATE AND KEMPTON PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated the 16th November, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the timber fence between Chapel Gate and Kempton Park, adjacent to no. 6 Kempton Park, would be replaced by a more permanent structure to improve safety and clean up what has become an eyesore in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 06/429)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the provision of a timber fence was a requirement of the planning permission. The timber fence was provided by the Developer and therefore the planning condition has been deemed complied with. Over the years the condition of the timber fence has deteriorated. The remains of the timber fence have not all been removed and may now constitute part of the eyesore. Some vegetation is visible from the Kempton Park side and perhaps some landscaping may be used as a solution to the eyesore. Most of the fence at this boundary is within the curtilage of private property.

Due to the different ground levels between Chapel Gate and Kempton and in the interest of safety, a safety barrier and palisade fencing were erected by the Developer at this boundary. Therefore, in the interests of safety I would recommend that the palisade fencing be retained.

To carry out improvements to the current fence would not be covered by the Surety Bond.

17. **CONFERENCES**

17.1 **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – THE UNTAPPED RESOURCE OF OUR REGIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir S. Martin at the Sustainable Energy – The untapped resource of our regions Conference held in the Radisson SAS Hotel & SPA, Ballincar, Rosses Point Road, Sligo on the 6th October 2006.

17.2 **AGRIVISION 2015 ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Lynch at the Agrivision 2015 Action Plan to be held in Boss Murphy's, Churchtown, Mallow, Co. Cork on the 30th November to 2nd December 2006.

18. **MOTIONS**

18.1 **ROAD RESURFACING FROM 25 TO 41 EVERGREEN BUILDINGS**

‘That Evergreen Buildings from 25 to 41 be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/171)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.2 **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – GREENLAWN, SLIEVE MISH PARK**

‘That double yellow lines be put in place on both sides of entrances to Greenlawn, Slieve Mish Park, Mercier Park, O’Connell Avenue and Beaufort Park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/172)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.3 **REPAIR/ RESURFACE THE FOOTPATHS AND ROADS IN ONSLOW GARDENS**

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to repair/ resurface the footpaths and roads that are not already repaired in Onslow Gardens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/475)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.4 **STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE GRAFFITI PROBLEM**

‘That Cork City Council Environment Department engage with the Gardaí to put in place a strategy to address the graffiti problem within the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/486)

Environment Functional Committee

18.5 **CLOSE ALLEYWAY FROM PRESENTATION ROAD TO BAKERS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately close off the alleyway leading from Presentation Road to Bakers Road in view of the fact that there has been a huge increase in anti-social behaviour over the last number of years.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/517)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.6 **HOUSES IN SHANDON VIEW, WATERCOURSE ROAD ON DERELICT SITES REGISTER**

‘That Cork City Council Property Dept./ Planning Dept. start the process of putting the six adjoining houses in Shandon View, Watercourse Rd. that have been boarded up for over 5 years on the Derelict Sites Register.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/519)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

18.7 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE NOONANS ROAD AREA**

‘That a special study be made of the serious and systematic occurrences of antisocial behaviour in the Noonans Road area and that an extension of the CCTV Camera Network in Barrack Street/ Bandon Road be considered.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 06/527)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

18.8 **STOP SIGN AT LIAM LYNCH PARK**

‘That a stop sign be placed at exit of Liam Lynch Park onto Glasheen Road at the Eastern End.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 06/528)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.9 **WATER RATES FOR SPORTING AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS**

‘That Cork City Council put a system in place where sporting and community organizations are charged water rates at a lower rate than the commercial rate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/529)

Environment Strategic Policy

18.10 **PROCEDURES IN THE HSE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL STAFF**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘Cork City Council calls on the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the Department of Health to immediately review the procedures which are currently in place for the employment of staff as the present procedure for the employment of senior administrative and managerial staff within the HSE does not provide for the appointment of people from outside the service even though they are suitably qualified.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/530)

18.11 **GREEN AREAS IN VICTORIA VILLAGE AND VICTORIA COURT**

‘I propose that the three small remaining green areas in Victoria Village and Victoria Court, Farranlea Road be retained as such. The residents of this area have maintained and kept the green areas in good order at their own expense for the past 16 years and should be considered the de facto owners of the greens and other common areas within the curtilage of Victoria Village / Court. Under no circumstances should planning for infill housing be allowed by Cork City Planners on these green areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/532)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

18.12 **WATER CONSERVATION**

‘That this Council will consider and report on the ways and means with incentives and encouragement to provide for its tenants and give advice and assistance to other householders on how to gather rainwater directly for use in cleaning, gardening, flushing, etc, as Cork City Council’s part contribution to water conservation and efficient water usage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/533)

Environment Functional Committee

18.13 **CORK LOUGH USER GROUP**

‘In order to manage The Lough more efficiently in relation to issues like water quality, management and welfare of the bird and fish life and general maintenance of this important amenity we are proposing that a Cork Lough User Group be set up, spearheaded by Cork City Council’s Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate and involving representatives of local residents, fishermen, experts from U.C.C and An Garda Siochana etc.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields, Cllr. S. Martin 06/534)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

18.14 **CLOSE OFF ALLEYWAY BETWEEN KNOCKPOGUE AVENUE AND FAIRFIELD CRESCENT**

‘That Cork City Council would close off the alleyway between Knockpogue Avenue and Fairfield Crescent and also the alleyway between Baker’s Road and Presentation Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M O’Connell 06/537)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.15 **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS DEPARTMENT**

‘That City Council would put in place one person in the Housing Allocations Department to take phone calls from members of the General Public and also from Elected Representatives. This should be done to address the continued frustration of people trying to get through to the Allocations Department.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/538)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.16 **RESURFACING OF SILVERHEIGHTS AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council provide for the resurfacing of Silverheights Avenue in the 2007 Estimate of Expenses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/539)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.17 **BULK GOODS COLLECTION IN THE MAYFIELD AREA**

‘That Cork City Council would carry out a Bulky Goods Collection in the Mayfield area early in 2007 in order to facilitate residents who need to dispose of fridges, freezers, washing machines, cookers and other such domestic goods.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/540)

Environment Functional Committee

18.18 **STUDY OF HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE WORKS**

‘That Cork City Council will carry out a study of its present capacity to carry out housing repairs and maintenance works with regard to:-

- Establishing an appropriate time period for tenants to be waiting to have necessary maintenance or repairs carried out to their home.
- Establishing an appropriate time period for properties which have been vacated and have come back into the possession of the Council to be re-let out to new tenants.

With a view to:-

- Putting in place measures in order that the Council will source alternative options of having these works carried out in the event of this time period expiring.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/541)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

18.19 **TRAFFIC SPEED AT UPPER FRIARS WALK**

‘That Cork City Council will conduct an examination of traffic speed at Upper Friar’s Walk, with a view to putting in place measures that would discourage motorists from speeding in the area, in order to improve public safety for both local residents and pedestrians.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/542)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

18.20 **HEAVY VOLUME OF ON STREET PARKING**

‘That Cork City Council in view of the heavy volume of on street parking in suburban areas would devise a programme to ensure that its street sweeping programme and gully cleaning operations could continue on a successful basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/543)

Environment Functional Committee

18.21 **HOMEOWNERS GAINING ACCESS/ EGRESS FROM THEIR HOMES**

‘That Cork City Council would put in place a policy to assist homeowners in suburban areas in gaining access/ egress for their homes by implementing its policy on the parking of HGV in residential areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/544)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

19. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 4th DECEMBER 2006**

19.1 **LEESDALE AND CURRAHEEN ESTATES – TOGHER/MAHON RAPID AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council requests that Leesdale & Curraheen Estates be included in the Togher-Mahon Rapid Area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern and J. Buttimer 06/356)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there is currently no mechanism for the addition of new areas to existing RAPID areas. In an evaluation of the programme by Fitzpatrick's Consultants on behalf of the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs published in June 2006 it was stated:

“There must be ongoing evaluation of the eligibility of existing areas and a critical analytical approach to any process that introduces new areas to the programme in order to ensure that it maintains its central ethos of being focused on most disadvantaged areas. The criteria for designating RAPID areas and accompanying indicators should be critically monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that this remains the case in the future.”

I enclose a copy of the Executive Summary of the Evaluation for the information of members.

If An Comhairle wishes to adopt the motion it can be referred to the Department for consideration.

20. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 4th DECEMBER 2006**

20.1 **TIME ALLOWED FOR PARKING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 31st August on the following motion which was referred to the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That this Council would change the time allowed for parking in the one hour zone to two hours on a Saturday to encourage shoppers into the City centre and thus allow for a more relaxed parking regime at the weekends.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 06/427)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that in the City Centre, there are approximately 1925 disc parking ‘on-street’ spaces and 4,525 ‘off-street’ spaces available for the public, including 3,825 in multi-storey car parks (i.e. 6,450 spaces in the City Centre available to the general public). There are also over 900 spaces in the Black Ask Park & Ride site where patrons are bussed directly into the City Centre. Of the 1925 on-street spaces, 935 spaces are in one hour zones and the remaining 990 spaces are in two hour zones.

The purpose of the one hour zones is to facilitate those who wish to make short shopping/visiting trips to the City Centre. People who wish to stay longer can avail of the two hour zones, or if necessary use the multi-storey car parks or the Park & Ride facilities. An additional Park & Ride facility at Victoria Cross will also be in operation at weekends during the busy shopping Christmas period.

It is not recommended that the on-street one hour zones be change to two hours on Saturdays because:

- a) The resultant lower turnover of spaces in these areas will reduce the availability of parking spaces for those who want to make short stay trips to the City Centre and
- b) The changing of time zones for Saturdays could cause confusion among motorists and may result in parking fines being issued unnecessarily.

20.2 REVIEW POLICY OF CLAMPING

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager and considered the report dated 30th November 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee by An Chomhairle:

‘That Cork City Council would in the interest of developing the City Centre and in promotion of Cork City as a place to stay, shop and socialise, review its policy of clamping with a view to ending the policy.’

(Proposers: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. P. Gosch, Cllr. C. Burke, Cllr. D. Murphy, Cllr. D. Cregan, Cllr. D. Clune, Cllr. J. Corr 06/428)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council in developing the City Centre supports policies that it feels contribute to creating a city that is an attractive place to stay, shop and socialise. In order to be attractive, the City must be accessible and parking must be available.

Cork City Council engaged Central Parking Systems on a tow-away and clamping contract in January 2003. Up to the now, towing and clamping have been very important parking enforcement tools for:

- Road safety of all road users in the City
- Maintenance of traffic flows on main traffic corridors including public transport routes
- Availability of loading bays, bus stops and taxi ranks for the appropriate users
- Availability of wheelchair accessible parking spaces
- Turnover of parking spaces in the disc parking areas.

In a short period after clamping was introduced, turnover of spaces in the South Mall for example, was doubled. Currently there is approximately 20% of parking spaces available at all times (excluding Christmas). The resultant increase of available spaces on the street is important for the vitality and economy of the city.

Cork City Council has clearly defined policies relating to the use of tow away & clamping and this policy is enforced by Central Parking Systems. e.g.

- Tow away is only used to deal with bus stop, loading bay and access offences as well as road safety issues. Tow away is not used to enforce the Disc Parking Bye-laws.
- Clamping is used for obstruction offences where there is no road safety implications and the policing of Disabled Bays.
- Clamping is also used as a tool to enforce the Disc Bye-Laws. Approximately 70% of all vehicles clamped for disc offences were displaying no disc at the time the clamp was attached to the car and were observed parked in this manner for in excess on one hour. **All disc offences enjoy a one hour grace period before a clamp is attached to the vehicle.** Therefore a vehicle would have to

be parked illegally in a disc parking area for a minimum of one hour before it is clamped. Vehicles whose disc has expired for less than 1 hour e.g. 20 minutes are not clamped.

Cork City Council periodically reviews this policy and its implementation. An appeal mechanism is also in place.

In April 2006, the on-the-spot fine of €19 euro was replaced by a fixed penalty charge of €40 euro, which increases to €60 euro if it remains unpaid after 28 days. This is having a beneficial effect on parking compliance levels, although, it is too early yet to gauge the full impact.

Accordingly, it is proposed to carry out a full review of all parking enforcement tools available in early 2007 when the effect of the increased fines will be more clearly measured.

A report of a full comprehensive review of parking enforcement measures will therefore be submitted to the next SPC meeting in March 2007

21. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4TH DECEMBER 2006**

21.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager dated 30th November, 2006, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended November, 2006.

21.2 **PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FROM MURMONT CRESCENT TO IONA ROAD, MAYFIELD, CORK**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir S.. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30th November 2006 regarding the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way from Murmont Crescent to Iona Road, Mayfield and adopted the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED** That the existing pedestrian laneway connecting Murmont Crescent with Iona Road and exiting between No. 13 and No. 14 Iona Road, Mayfield shall be extinguished forthwith. City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form of Order.”

21.3 **PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT FRANKFIELD VIEW, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD, CORK.**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cregan, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30th November 2006 regarding the proposed Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Frankfield View, Old Youghal Road and adopted the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED** That the existing stepped pedestrian laneway extending from the South Eastern Boundary of 3 Ardpatrick along the rear of Mount View Terrace to opposite No. 5 Frankfield View, Old Youghal Road shall be extinguished forthwith. City Manager to prepare and arrange for immediate execution by Cork City Council the required Form of Order.”

21.4 **SPEED RAMPS IN ASCENSION HEIGHTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Ascension Heights will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Roads Maintenance Department will examine all manhole covers on Sunday's Well Road and will carry out any repairs necessary to reduce the nuisance to Residents. The road surface at the junction with Daly's Bridge will also be inspected and rectified if required.

21.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – KERRYHALL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Kerryhall Road will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys will be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Fenton Gallery and Wandesford Quay Art Complex are privately owned identities and the issue of signposting is a matter for themselves. As with other galleries and institutions (hospitals, schools, etc.) they must apply for fingerpost licences under the Planning Regulations.

Contact has been made recently with the Fenton Gallery and they have been sent the necessary application forms, which will be submitted to the Planning Department. The City Council, in making any decisions, will take into account the need to have important cultural and tourist amenities adequately signposted.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, ESB Contracts have confirmed to us recently that there is systematic vandalism in the area whereby the column with the fused supply is being systematically wrecked to take out a series of lights in the area.

The ESB will be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs at Mourne Avenue, Dillon’s Cross to ensure the public lighting system is functioning properly in the area. We will continue to report faults and liaise with ESB Contracts on repairs to the faults in the area. We will also contact the Garda Síochána with a view to having the underlying anti-social behaviour attended to or contained over a period of time.

21.9 **GARDINER’S HILL AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council will examine the condition of the road surfaces in both Gardiner's Hill Avenue and Stream Hill, Dillon's Cross and will consider both for inclusion in the 2007 Road Works Programme.

Any resurfacing works will be done in a manner that will not inconvenience the Residents. In the meantime any defects in both areas will be repaired pending the resurfacing works.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a pedestrian crossing can only be provided at a minimum specified distance from a junction for road safety reasons and the only way to provide pedestrian crossing facilities at a junction itself is to fully signalise it. This obviously is not appropriate for what is an internal estate junction.

However, the junction of Bishopstown Avenue/The Ridgeway and Bishopstown Avenue West will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any appropriate measures to improve the safety of the area will be provided.

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

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘(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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that:-

- a) Work is on going on the current disc parking zone (DPZ) extension scheme. It will be implemented as soon as possible within the constraints of resources and demands of other traffic related work. However because of the size of the area involved, it is likely that it will be sometime in the latter half of 2007 before the scheme is fully completed.

Elton Lawn and Uam Var Estate are not in the 2006-2007 DPZ extension scheme and disc parking controls cannot be installed there at present. However, because of the parking problems in the area it is likely that they will be included in the next DPZ extension scheme

- b) Yellow lines have already been installed in part of the estates in consultation with the local residents and public representatives. Further installation of yellow lines is not planned because of the impact these parking restrictions would have on local residents. The main problems associated with CIT parking will only be resolved with the disc parking controls are implemented in the area.

21.12 **RESURFACING OF WESTSIDE ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the bottom half of Westside Estate will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

21.13 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried out on Middle Glanmire Road close to the junction with St. Luke's Cross to determine if sufficient warrants for the provision of a pedestrian crossing there. If the warrants exist, the installation of the crossing facility will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

21.14 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – KNOCKFREE AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I propose that a pedestrian crossing be put in place in Knockfree Avenue outside the Sam Allen sports complex’.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/450)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Traffic and pedestrian surveys will be carried out on Knockfree Avenue in the vicinity of the Sam Allen sports complex to determine if sufficient warrants for the provision of a pedestrian crossing there. If the warrants exist, the installation of the crossing facility will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme.

21.15 **UPGRADE FOOTPATHS – RICHMOND HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would upgrade the footpaths on Richmond Hill’.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/460)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpath on Richmond Hill needs to be upgraded. However, it will not be possible to upgrade the entire footpath length due to the many Planning Applications presently with the Planning Dept. for proposed developments in the area. In the meantime, the Roads Maintenance Dept. will undertake an upgrade where possible.

21.16 **FOOTPATHS AT S.H.A.R.E., CNOC MHUIRE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council consider as a priority, examining the roads and footpaths and amenity area at S.H.A.R.E. Cnoc Mhuire, Fair Street and put in place plans to upgrade and improve landscape of area for residents’.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/477)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Road Maintenance Department will examine the condition of the road and footpaths at the S.H.A.R.E. complex Cnoc Mhuire, Fair Street. If it is considered necessary to carry out any repairs these will be included in the Roads Programme of Maintenance works for 2007.

21.17 **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN ONSLOW GARDENS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council consider as a priority, examining the roads and footpaths in Onslow Gardens, with a view to resurfacing the roads where they are in a very poor condition’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/481)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the roads and footpaths have been inspected in Onslow Gardens. The footpaths and road surfaces are generally in good condition. There are some minor defects in some areas on both the roads and footpaths and these will be included in the Roads Maintenance Department’s programme of works for attention.

21.18 **RESURFACE THE ROAD AND INCLUDE THE FOOTPATH FROM FAIRHILL UPPER AND LOWER KILLEENS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Roads Division of Cork City Council liaise with Cork County Council with a view to resurfacing the road and include footpaths on both sides of the road where necessary from Na Piarasigh GAA Pavilion on Fairhill Upper to the Roundabout and include the Roundabout at Lower Killeen's Road bordering Fair Hill Drive, Larchfield Close and Parklands Drive so that it is included in the Roads Programme of both Council's.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/483)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council's Road Maintenance Department has been in communication with the Area Engineer's Office of Cork County Council regarding the improvements to the road at Upper Fairhill from Na Piarasigh Hurling and Football Club to Blackstone Bridge at Lower Killeens. Cork City Council will undertake the road works as far as Parklands Drive where necessary while Cork County Council will undertake all road works from Parklands Drive to the Blackstone Bridge.

Cork City Council will examine and consider the road on Upper Fairhill to Parklands Drive for inclusion in the 2007 Road Works Programme. Any improvements to the Blackstone Bridge will depend on Cork County Council's programme of works for the area. However, both Authorities will liaise closely on the matter.

21.19 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will put in place traffic calming measures on Edward Walsh Road as part of its 2007 Road Works Programme. At present the road is being used by a high volume of motorists, often at high speeds, as a short cut between Pouladuff Road and Togher Road’.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/507)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Edward Walsh Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent

of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

21.20 **DONSCOURT, BISHOPSTOWN – RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Donscourt, Bishopstown, be included in the resurfacing programme for 2007 so as to bring it up to a safe and acceptable standard of public roadway’.

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/511)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Donscourt, will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

21.21 **WORKS ON THE MARDYKE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would carry out the following works on the Mardyke:-

- A. New Drainage System to deal with the run off water on the road.
- B. Renewal of the footpaths on the Mardyke.
- C. Resurfacing of the roadway.
- D. Traffic calming measures to reduce the speed of traffic on the roadway.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/515)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that:-

- A. A new surface water drainage system for the Mardyke is being designed at present. This drainage system will be constructed subject to sufficient funds being made available.
- B. Renewal of the footpaths will be carried out as part of a resurfacing contract, following the construction of the new drainage system.
- C. Renewal of the carriageway will be carried out as part of a resurfacing contract, following the construction of the new drainage system.
- D. Mardyke Walk is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there. Identified

appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

21.22 **SURVEY – KNOCKNAHEENY AREA**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Cork City Council resolves to survey the Knocknaheeny area with a view to assessing the effectiveness or otherwise of signage in enabling emergency services to locate particular streets and furthermore resolves to make any improvements necessary.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/518)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council will be preparing the 2007 Street Nameplate programme over the next two months. All representations made by elected members and members of the public in relation to nameplates are recorded and taken into consideration in the formulation of this programme of works. A particular emphasis is given to locations where a public safety issue in relation to the nameplate has been raised. Any specific issues which are brought to the attention of the City Council in relation to nameplates in the Knocknaheeny Area will be surveyed and will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 programme of works subject to the funding being available.

21.23 **2007 ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES – TIVOLI ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the 2007 Estimates of Expenses for the resurfacing of Tivoli Estate and that such work be carried out after the upgrade of mains in the area’.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/521)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council will consider the resurfacing of Tivoli Estate in the 2007 Road Works Programme. The date for the laying of the watermain has not been determined but it is unlikely to be in the short term.

21.24 **ROAD SAFETY – PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will put in place pedestrian measures that will assist students to cross the Road safely during school times at Maria Assumption Convent on Pearse Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/523)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a school warden service operates on Pearse Road near the junction with Nun’s Walk to provide a safe crossing facility for pupils of the Maria Assumpta National School. There are also traffic signals at the nearby junction with Friars Walk, which also have full ‘push button’ pedestrian facilities.

Accordingly, there are sufficient safe crossing facilities on Pearse Road for students accessing Maria Assumpta School.

21.25 **GLENDALE GROVE – ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 30th November, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would include Glendale Grove in the road resurfacing programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/526)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Glendale Grove will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme.

22. **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4TH DECEMBER 2006**

22.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of November, 2006.

22.2 **RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME**

On the Proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th November, 2006 on the Rental Accommodation Scheme and adopted the following resolution:-

'RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, this Council agrees to the guarantee of negotiated rents agreed under the Rental Accommodation Scheme'

22.3 **FUTURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN CORK CITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th November, 2006 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council would invite the Affordable House Partnership to address a joint meeting of the Housing Functional Committee and Housing Strategic Policy Committee to discuss ongoing and future affordable housing development in the Cork City area'

(Proposer: Cllr C. Lynch 06/463)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Affordable Homes Partnership was established in August, 2005.

It's aim is to drive and co-ordinate the delivery of affordable housing in the greater Dublin area.

The Affordable Homes Partnership does not have a role in the delivery of affordable housing in Cork City.

22.4 **RENTING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 30th November, 2006 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:

'That Cork City Council would put in place measures to ensure that people who are awarded houses under the affordable housing scheme have to give an undertaking that they will reside in the property and not lease it out or put it in the rental market where substantial money can be made by renting out houses particularly in Shanakiel which is a very affluent area and would attract a very high rental income. Also that Cork City Council would expand on the financial

institution that they currently have agreements with to provide mortgages to potential buyers under the scheme which would also include Credit Unions.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 06/513)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members will be aware that Cork City Council operates the Affordable Housing Scheme in its functional area in accordance with the provisions as set out in the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts 2002 and 2004.

Whilst this legislation places no such restrictions on purchasers as outlined above, the transfer order from the City Council contains a special condition which requires the purchaser to occupy the dwelling as their normal place of residence for a period of twenty years.

It should be noted that only three Financial Institutions, namely Bank of Ireland, the Educational Building Society and IIB Home loans have entered into arrangements nationally with the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for the provision of loans under the Affordable Housing Scheme.

22.5 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

PROPERTY DISPOSAL

- (a) Disposal of Stall No. 15, Grand Parade, Cork to Mr. Bell Foods Provider Limited, c/o Coakley Moloney, Solicitors, 49, South Mall, Cork, by way of Lease for an annual rent of €4,978.35.
- (b) Disposal of Stall No. 25 & 26, Grand Parade, Cork to Mr. Bell Foods Provider Limited, c/o Coakley Moloney, Solicitors, 49, South Mall, Cork, by way of Lease for an annual rent of €4,978.35.

DERELICT SITES

- (a) Disposal of derelict site at 11, Lancaster Quay, Cork to the Estate of Mary O'Donoghue, deceased, c/o Ahern Roberts O'Rourke Williams, Solicitors, The Old Rectory, Carrigaline, Co. Cork, for the sum of €7,500 plus legal costs.
- (b) Disposal of derelict site at Upper Cattle Market Street/Keohane's Lane, Cork to RCS Property & Development Company Limited, c/o O'Flynn Exhams, Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €7,500 plus legal costs.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 43, Mount Farran, Blackpool, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 3rd December 2001 to Paula Peters for the sum of €73,765.10.
- (b) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 3, St. Michael's Drive, Mahon, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 14th September 2000 to Thomas Corcoran and Evelyn Corcoran for the sum of €56,669.78.

23. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the correspondence.

24. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

24.1 **NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE – PROMOTING CO-OPERATIVE TOURISM MARKETING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald at the National Tourism Conference – Promoting Co-operative Tourism Marketing Conference held on the 24th – 25th November, 2006 in Falls hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

24.2 **SUICIDE PREVENTION – SCHOOL AS A PLACE OF HEALING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir F. Dennehy at the Suicide Prevention – School As a Place of Healing Conference to be held on the 29th November – 1st December, 2006 in Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo.

24.3 **AGRIVISION 2015 ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer and D. Murphy at the Agrivision 2015 Action Plan Conference to be held on the 30th November - 2nd December 2006 in Boss Murphy's, Churchtown, Mallow, Co. Cork.

24.4 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN BUDGET 2007**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, C. Lynch and B. Bermingham at The Local Government in Budget 2007 to be held on the 9th December 2006 in The Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.

24.5 **RESPECT AGENDA – A STEP FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR MEASURES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. O’ Leary and F. Dennehy at the Respect Agenda – A Step Forward in Implementing Anti-Social Behaviour Measures to be held on the 12th December 2006 in Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast.

25. **MOTIONS**

25.1 **LITTER BINS – BUS STOPS**

‘That litter bins be provided adjacent to all bus stops.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/173)

Environment Functional Committee

25.2 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – CASTLE STREET**

‘That Cork City Council install additional Public Lighting in Castle Street and also reactivate existing lighting that is out of order.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/174)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.3 **STREET LIGHT OUTSIDE NO. 4 PARKMEADE CLOSE, PARKLANDS**

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to erect a street light outside No. 4 Parkmeade Close, Parklands.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/476)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.4 **REPAIR – FOOTPATHS, HILLCREST DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council repair the footpaths and resurface the road in Hillcrest Drive as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/512)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.5 **TOMÁS MCCURTAIN MEMORIAL, GREAT WILLIAM O' BRIEN STREET**

‘That Cork City Council’s Recreation and Amenity Dept. would put in place a maintenance programme on an annual basis for the memorial to Tomás McCurtain on Great William O’ Brien Street Blackpool.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/520)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

25.6 **HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY SCHEME**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare a report as to the total number of people in the Cork City area who borrowed under the Housing Finance Agency Scheme and who now find that they owe more money than they originally borrowed and if the City Council would work with the relevant Government Department and the Housing Finance Agency with a view to setting up a new structure for the repayment of these loans.

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/531)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

25.7 **JUNCTION OF BLARNEY STREET AND SHANDON STREET**

‘That Corks City Council’s Roads and Transportation Department would examine the area at the junction of Blarney Street and Shandon Street with a view to putting in place a pedestrian crossing to allow pedestrians cross from one side of Shandon Street to the other in safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/536)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.8 **TRAFFIC CALMING – TEMPLE VALE ESTATE**

‘That Cork City Council make provision in the forthcoming estimates for a traffic calming measure at the entrance to Temple Vale estate, which is located off Beaumont Drive, in Ballintemple Area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 06/545)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.9 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ENTRANCE TEMPLE VALE, BEAMOUNT**

‘That traffic calming measures would be provided at the entrance to Temple Vale, Beamont.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Clune 06/547)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.10 **POT HOLES – LEAFDALE, ASHFORD ESTATE & HILLSIDE DRIVE**

‘That the three short sections of interconnected roadway, servicing Leafdale, Ashford Estate and Hillside Drive, which are pot-holed and in a dangerous state, be made safe immediately and that the road be included in the 2007 Roads Resurfacing programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/548)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.11 **STOP SIGN – GENERAL LIAM LYNCH PARK & GLASHEEN ROAD**

‘That a stop sign be erected as a matter of urgency at the junction of the General Liam Lynch Park with Glasheen Road in an attempt to control the very dangerous situation arising from traffic exiting quickly onto Glasheen Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/549)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.12 **COURTLANDS MAYFIELD – 2007 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Cork City Council include Courtlands, Mayfield in the 2007 Road Resurfacing Programme as the road surface there is in a very run down condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/551)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.13 **RESURFACE SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

‘That Cork City Council would make a determined effort to completely resurface Silversprings Court under the 2007 Roads Programme as the estate has had a significant increase in traffic due to the construction of Southridge and the Council itself received of the order of €100,000 from developer O’ Brien & O’ Flynn and the Council also levied substantial development charges. The construction traffic also caused significant wear and tear to local road surfaces and as Silversprings Court was the access road, it should be prioritised.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/552)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.14 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, BALLINLOUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

‘That in order to curb the anti-social behaviour in the area surrounding the Ballinlough Community Centre, a public lighting scheme be devised and implemented as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 06/554)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.15 **LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM**

‘That this Council reports on the future provision of a light rail system within and to the city from Ballincollig, Carrigaline, Blarney, Middleton etc with Park and Ride provision at these locations.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/556)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.16 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – TEMPLE VALE, BALLINTEMPLE**

‘That traffic calming measures would be put in place at Temple Vale, Ballintemple, to slow down traffic going through the estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’ Flynn 06/557)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.17 **SIGN – WELLINGTON BRIDGE**

‘That Cork City Council would in the short term erect a sign advising motorists to indicate their intention to turn left on to Wellington Bridge when approaching from the Sunday’s Well Road side until such time that the proposed traffic-lights are in place.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/558)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.18 **SIGN – DANGEROUS JUNCTION SHANAKIEL ROAD & BLARNEY ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would erect a sign advising motorists of a Dangerous Junction Ahead at the top of Shanakiel Road and Blarney Road. There have been a number of accidents at this junction over the years and serious consideration should be given to modifying the corner in conjunction with the proposed City Council Housing development in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’ Connell 06/559)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.19 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION – GARRAN LANE & BISHOPSTOWN ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would in light of difficulties being experienced by pedestrians and also by motorists install a yellow box junction and a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Garran Lane and Bishopstown Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/560)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

25.20 **IMPROVE – ROAD SURFACE MURPHY’S FARM AND BISHOPSTOWN HOUSE**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately as part of the overall development of Murphy’s Farm and Bishopstown House carry out a development programme of works to include complete resurfacing of the parking area and to improve the road surface in the area adjacent to the house.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/561)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

26. **TENDERS**

- 4 no tenders for extension to 119 Greenhills Court
- 3 no. tenders for extension to 3 Innishannon Road
- 4 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 14, Michael Fitzgerald Road
- 4 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 36 Willow Park
- 4 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 3 Loughmahon Court
- 5 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 51 St. Johns Well, Fairhill
- 5 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 45 Bridevalle Park
- 5 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 55 St. Colmcille Road
- 5 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 60 Mt. Nevo Avenue
- 5 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 12 Barretts Terrace
- 5 no. tenders for LTV Contract 2006 - 15 Evergreen Buildings

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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