

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 10th APRIL, 2006

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

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

An tArd-Mhéara proposed and Comhairleoir J. Corr seconded that the Freedom of the City be conferred on President Mary McAleese.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, A. Spillane, G. O' Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O'Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Birmingham. – (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, M. Barry, C. Clancy, M. O' Connell, C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, C. Lynch. – (7)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and that the Freedom of the City be conferred on President Mary McAleese.

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

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

- The McNamee Family on the death of James McNamee.
- The Nation Family on the death of Mary Nation.
- The Nagle Family on the death of James Nagle.
- The Crean Family on the death of Mary Crean.
- The O'Brien Family on the death of Michael O'Brien.
- The Creamer Family on the death of Timothy Creamer.
- The McGahern Family on the death of John McGahern.
- The Collins Family on the death of Evelyn Collins.
- The Rafferty Family on the death of Geraldine Rafferty.
- The Reid Family on the death of Michael Reid.

1.(c) **BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended best wishes to Martin O'Donovan and Kevin Fitzgerald and wished them a speedy recovery.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- Sean Kelly, who is retiring as President of Cumann Luithcleas Gael and that best wishes be sent to his successor, Nicky Brennan.
- Lifelong Learning Festival on a comprehensive and inclusive programme.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27th March, 2006 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **NEW NOSE TO THE KERB PARKING NEAR HENNESSY'S NEWSAGENTS**

In response to question submitted by Councillor Tim Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that the parking arrangements in the area adjacent to Hennessy's Newsagents were put in place after consultations with the Gardaí and local traders of St. Luke's Cross. They are in place for over 12 months

St. Luke's Cross and Wellington Road have been designated by Cork City Council as one of the areas of special character in the City and a review of the road layout and parking arrangements will take place as part of the production of a plan for the area. In the meantime, the area will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí in order to determine if there are any immediate steps that need to be taken to improve road safety and traffic flow in the area.

3.2 **5 MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE**

In response to question submitted by Councillor Sean Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that complicated title matters have to date prevented any redevelopment of the property at 5 Mount Pleasant Avenue. A large amount of time and work has been spent on ascertaining title to this property and Cork City Council's Property and Law Departments are currently finalising title investigation.

While this property is a priority site for acquisition, Cork City Council is obliged to complete a full title investigation prior to initiating a compulsory acquisition of this site.

Once title investigation is complete Cork City Council will be in a position to progress the compulsory acquisition of this derelict site.

3.3 **NATIONAL ROADS AUTHORITY**

In response to question submitted by Councillor Brian Bermingham, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

1. The interurban motorway linking Cork to Dublin is scheduled for completion by the end of 2010.
2. (a) The following projects are under construction:
 - Fermoy By Pass
 - Cashel to Mitchelstown
 - Naas Road Rewidening.

- (b) The following projects scheduled to commence on site between 2006 and 2008 and which will complete the Cork to Dublin motorway link by 2010 are:

Portlaoise to Culahill
 Culahill to Cashel
 Mitchelstown to Fermoy.

3.4 **KILMORE ROAD, KNOCKNAHEENY**

In response to question submitted by Councillor Tony Fitzgerald, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

- (a) Yes. The Council are currently looking at upgrading this area.
- (b) Plans have been developed as part of the upgrade of the Knocknacullen Reddevelopment Programme and will form part of the 2006 Programme.
- (c) The painting of the traffic calming islands and the renewal of the associated signs, are part of the 2006 road marking and sign posting programme. It is anticipated that the work will be done during the coming weeks.
- (d) The footpath on Kilmore Road (house nos. 1-22) will not undergo any significant alterations at this time. However, some surface repairs are necessary. These repairs are on the Roads Maintenance Programme for 2006 and will be carried out at the earliest possible time.
 However there has been a trench dug through one part of the footpath. The reinstatement works for this cutting are not up to the required standard. The Roads Control office will issue a violation notice to the Contractor requesting that the reinstatement on the above footpath is completed as a matter of urgency.
- (e) This will be done in 2006 as part of the Northside public realm programme and works will commence in 2006.
- (f) Plans have been developed as part of the Northside public realm programme and works will commence in 2006.

3.5 **CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

In response to question submitted by Councillor David McCarthy, a written reply was circulated which stated that most existing housing areas in the suburbs of the city are 2 storey in height and the appropriate height limit for new infill development is 2-3 storeys. Exceptions to this would be areas where existing older houses are over 3 storeys, for example in parts of Sundays Well, Blackrock Road, St Lukes, Blackpool Valley and some older inner suburban areas or where other existing buildings are over 3 storeys in height such as near County Hall. Similarly significant greenfield sites can accommodate a variety of types and heights of accommodation, including some over 3 storeys where they do not impact on existing residential areas. In mixed uses areas, such as close to District centres, like Blackpool and Mahon or certain brownfield sites close to good

transport links some residential development over 3 storeys in height may also be appropriate. In conclusion, while a height limit of 2-3 storeys is generally appropriate in established residential estates in the suburbs, there are some suburban locations where flexibility in height above this limit is appropriate, in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the city.

The issues of urban design, density and building height in the suburbs are complex and will be a central issue to be considered in detail in the Bishopstown/Wilton Action Plan which is in progress at present. The existing provisions of the City Development Plan will be examined in this context and variations if appropriate could emerge from this process. It is hoped to have a draft Local Area Plan available by the summer.

In the meantime the approach outlined above will be followed. In the context of the debate on this matter at Council Meeting held on the 27th March 2006 the statement which I made and which has been recorded in the minutes of that meeting represents current practice and accords with the approach outlined above.

3.6 **FIRE PREVENTATION AT BELLVIEW CRESCENT**

In response to question submitted by Councillor Mick Barry, a written reply was circulated which stated that it is considered that residents of Bellview Crescent flats have no cause for concern regarding fire safety and prevention. In relation to the issues raised :

(i) Fire Department have confirmed that chimney arrangement is in accordance with regulations and normal standards, and that the two recent chimney fires resulted from soot build up within the chimneys. Residents will be advised that chimneys in use should be cleaned regularly and that chimneys not in use should not be blocked with combustible materials.

(ii) Smoke infiltration into living accommodation had not been reported to Housing Maintenance depot. Condition of the flue lining will be investigated.

(iii) Building regulations do not require a separate fire escape for dwellings of this design.

3.7 **PART V SCHEME**

In response to question submitted by Councillor Catherine Clancy, a written reply was circulated which stated that having being present at the developers speech, I confirm that the Developer excluded Cork City Council from his general comments and commended the City Council for its professional approach in dealing with Part V.

3.8 **PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES BOARD**

In response to question submitted by Councillor Ciarán Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

1. Since the establishment of the PRTB in September 2004 €133,004.00 has been received to end 2005.
2. Receipts from the PRTB are exclusively dedicated to the inspection of private rented dwellings pursuant to the Housing (Private Rented Dwellings Standards) Regulations 1993.
3. From September 2004 to date 1,208 inspections of private rented dwellings have been completed.

3.9 **TP 05/29464 BORD PLEANALA PL288.212996**

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

I refer you to my previous response dated 24th March, 2006 to Cllr. J. Buttimers's question on the planning issues arising in respect of the development at Caterham, Looney's Cross, Bishopstown.

In response to the specific issues raised in the question –

- (i) Of the 4 pre-conditions, 3 had been agreed with the Planning Authority by the 31st January 2006. Details to comply with Condition no. 3, which addressed the matter of access arrangements, crossover of the public pavement, boundary treatment to the front of the site & finishes to the car parking area, were initially submitted to the Planning Authority on the 8th December 2005. Following ongoing negotiations, this pre- condition was deemed acceptable by the Planning Authority on the 24th March 2006. These documents are on the planning file, (TP 05/29464 Bord Pleanala PL28.212996).
Planning officials met with Representatives of the Bishopstown Community Association on the 29th March 2006 to outline the details and chronology of the Planning file and enforcement proceedings (E 5828 & E 5902).
- (ii) Inspection report attached.
- (iii) The penalties are as set out in the attached schedule.
- (iv) As all conditions precedents have been complied with to date, it is not proposed to impose any penalties in respect of this development.

INSPECTION REPORT OF C. DUGGAN

The An Bord Pleanala decision which was granted on the 9/11/2005 in respect of a planning application by Mark Kelleher for the

- a) Demolition of existing single storey building; b) Construction of new two storey unit to provide the following: (1) 1 no. retail unit at ground floor level (Area=97.6sqm); (2) 1 no. one-bed apartment and 1 no. two-bed apartment at first floor level; c) provision of 5 no. car parking spaces to front of new-build unit, and 3 no. car parking spaces to rear of building and associated landscaping and site works at Caterham, Looney's Cross, Bishopstown, Cork was subject to 9 conditions. 5 of the conditions are statements of fact & are to be complied with by the Developer in carrying out the development. Of the 4 conditions precedent, the only outstanding condition is condition no. 3 which requires details of the access arrangements, cross over of the public pavement, boundary treatment to the front of the site & finishes to the car parking area shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for written agreement prior to the commencement of development.

A compliance submission on condition 3 was received on 08/12/2005 and appears to have been deemed as unacceptable on the 31/01/2006. However, although the City Council's Planning file records the issuing of a letter to this effect, the Developer has advised that they were unaware of same as they do not have any record of receiving same.

They have advised that, due to time frames and the minor nature of the compliance matter, they wrote to the Director of Services, Planning & Development on 09 February, 2006, advising that as the submission had been submitted and was not responded to within 2 months, they were proposing to commence development.

Following communication with the Developer, a further compliance submission has been received by the Planning Authority on the 15th March, 2006 and is at present being assessed by the relevant Planning Officials. The Developer has advised that he will implement any requirements of the Planning Authority with regard to this matter.

I called to the site on 21/03/2006. The house has been demolished.

P.S. Note:

The further compliance submission relating to condition no. 3 was approved by the Planning Authority and a letter was issued on 24/03/06 confirming that all conditions precedent had been complied with.

SCHEDULE
CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE & PENALTIES FOR
OFFENCES
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000
(hereinafter called “The Act”)

1. Pursuant to Section 156(1) of the Act a person who is guilty of an offence under Section 151 and 154 shall be liable –

2. Pursuant to Section 156(2) of the Act, where a person is convicted of the offence referred to at No. 1 above and there is a continuation by him or her of the offence after his or her conviction, he or she shall be guilty of a further offence on every day on which the contravention continues and for each such offence shall be liable-
 - (a) On conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding €12,697.38 (£10,000) for each day on which the offence is so continued, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both, provided that if a person is convicted in the same proceedings of two or more such further offences the aggregate term of imprisonment to which he or she shall be liable shall not exceed two years, or

 - (b) On summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding €507.90 (£400) for each day on which the offence is so continued or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both, provided that if a person is convicted in the same proceedings of two or more such further offences the aggregate term of imprisonment to which he or she shall be liable shall not exceed six months.

3. Pursuant to Section 156(3) of the Act, where a person is convicted of the offences referred to at No. 1 above involving the construction of an unauthorised structure, the minimum fine shall be –
 - (a) On conviction on indictment, the estimated cost of the construction of the structure or €12,697.38 (£10,000), whichever is less, or

 - (b) On summary conviction, the estimated cost of the construction of the structure or €634.87 (£500), whichever is less,

except where the person convicted can show to the court’s satisfaction that he or she does not have the necessary financial means to pay the minimum fine.

4. Pursuant to Section 156(8) of the Act, on conviction of an offence under Section 154 of the Act, the court may, in addition to imposing the penalties specified in Nos. 1 and 2 above, order the person convicted to take the steps specified in the enforcement order.

4. **DOCKLANDS POLICY COMMITTEE**

An Chomhairle approved the nomination of the following six members to the Docklands Policy Committee.

- An tArd-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Clune & An Leas Ard-Mhéara Comhairleoir D. Murphy were nominated to the Committee on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr and seconded by Comhairleoir C. Burke.
- Comhairleoir D. Wallace & Comhairleoir T. Shannon were nominated to the Committee on the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace and seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields.
- Comhairleoir C. O’Leary & Comhairleoir C. Clancy were nominated to the Committee on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Brien and seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher.

5. **SEAMUS MURPHY RHA SCULPTOR**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager dated 6th April 2006 on commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Seamus Murphy. An Chomhairle agreed that the Arts Committee would prepare proposals.

6. **PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the City Manager dated 6th April 2006, on Public Service Excellence Awards.

An Chomhairle congratulated the City Manager and staff on providing an excellent public service.

ITEMS WHICH WERE DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 27TH MARCH, 2006:-

7. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 13th MARCH 2006**

7.1 **BLACKROCK AREA PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer on submissions received.

Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn proposed and Comhairleoir T. Brosnan seconded an amendment to the plan to leave the Grotto in its present position.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. O’ Flynn, C. Lynch, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy. – (5)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, B. Bermingham. – (16)

An tArdmheara declared the amendment lost.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Quill An Chomhairle unanimously approved the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED that the Blackrock Village Area Action Plan is hereby made as set out in the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development & City Engineer dated the 13th of March subject to the amendment of Paragraph 3 of Section 2.3 by the addition of the following... Cork City Council does not consider that an off-licence is an appropriate use for the Blackrock neighbourhood centre and will seek to resist any development proposals for an off-licence use.”

8. **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 20th MARCH, 2006**

8.1 **SANITARY AND OTHER SCHEMES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on Sanitary and Other Schemes for the year to the 28th February 2006.

8.2 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on Environmental Matters for the year to 28th February 2006.

8.3 **MOTIONS**

8.3.1 **FLOODING PROBLEMS IN ARAGLEN COURT, ARGIDEEN LAWN AND DEANROCK ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Araglen Court and Argideen Lawn, Deanrock Estate be examined to try and alleviate the flooding problems that occur at specific locations in those areas during the winter months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/74)

The report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer stated that this matter has been reported to the Gully section of Roads Department who are undertaking cleaning of clogged gullies and channel drains in the area.

An investigation of the storm sewers is also being undertaken by the Drainage section to eliminate any silting in the pipes. A further review can be undertaken if these measures do not eliminate any problem

8.3.2 **EXAMINATION OF WATER PRESSURE AT MOUNT PLEASANT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will carry out an examination of water pressure of households in Mount Pleasant Avenue, along with testing fire hydrants in the general area and bring a report before Council on the matter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/90)

The report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer stated that an examination of the water pressures in a number of properties in Mount Pleasant Avenue was carried out in recent days was also considered. The pressure in each property was acceptable and no further action is proposed at this time. If particular householders have a problem, the water section will investigate individual circumstances.

8.3.3 **REMOVAL OF PUMP HOUSE FROM CURRAHEEN ESTATE**

An Chomhairle agreed that the following motion referred back to Environment Functional Committee.

‘That Cork City Council would remove the pump house from Curraheen Estate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/103)

Referred to Environment Functional Committee

8.3.4 **BISHOPSTOWN WILTON AREA CLEAN UP**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake an audit of the litter in the greater Bishopstown, Wilton area and take immediate action to clean up the area and to make provision out of its own resources for new litterbins and develop and implement strategic litter management policy in the greater Bishopstown area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/137)

The report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer stated that Cork City Council is currently undertaking a Review of the Litter Management Plan 2002. This will incorporate an assessment of the extent of the litter problem throughout the city and the development of integrated strategies to combat this problem. Provision has been made in the 2006 programme of new and replacement litter bins to provide two new bins in the Model Farm Road/Rossa Avenue area. This will be kept under review and, subject to the availability of resources, may be amended as required.

8.3.5 **ADDITIONAL STORM DRAINS ON SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a survey of the main drain & sewerage pipes under the centre of the Skehard Road and release any blockages. This area is constantly flooded during heavy rain, so additional storm drains should be installed.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 06/97)

The report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer stated that An investigation of the sewer network serving Skehard Road will be carried out in order to identify any blockages or deficiencies. Specific local problems will be investigated if identified.

8.3.6 **DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle and noted Comhairleoir M. Barry's objection to the report.

‘That Cork City Council would reject outright the proposal recently made to the Minister for the Environment by consultancy firm Indecon International that domestic water charges should be brought back as a means of financing Local Government.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/136)

The report of the Director of Services Planning & Development & City Engineer stated that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government recently published a report prepared by Indecon International Economic Consultants in association with the Institute of Local Government Studies University of Birmingham. This report reviews Local Government Financing and makes recommendations which the Government is considering. Among the recommendations are matters which impact on the water pricing policy, however I am not aware that a specific recommendation with regard to the reintroduction of domestic water charges was included.

9. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 20th MARCH 2006**

9.1 **MOTION**

MEMBERSHIP RATE FOR PENSIONERS

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would reduce the annual membership rate for pensioners at the Rory Gallagher Music Library from 30 euro to 20 euro.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/101)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that a review of library charges including those of the Music Library will be undertaken later this year.

10. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd APRIL, 2006**

10.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30th March, 2006, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended March, 2006.

10.2 **PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 30th March, 2006, regarding Public Service Vehicles.

10.3 **NEW FIXED CHARGE PENALTY SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Assistant City Manager's dated 30th March, 2006, regarding the New Fixed Charge Penalty System.

10.4 **NORTH WEST BY-PASS**

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

‘That Council calls on Management to arrange for representation from the National Roads Authority to attend a full meeting of City Council in Committee to discuss the proposed North West By-Pass and that such a meeting should be held within two months.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. C. Burke, J. Corr, J. Buttimer, P. Gosch, D. Murphy,
B. Bermingham 06/81)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that he will forward this request to the National Roads Authority that an early meeting take place with Members of Cork City Council to discuss the North West By-Pass.

10.5 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT WILTON ROAD JUNCTION**

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

‘In order to make the area safer for traffic and to facilitate residents of Wilton Gardens in exiting safely from the area onto the Wilton Road, that traffic lights be erected at the junction of Wilton Road and Wilton Gardens as a replacement for the existing hatched box which has not worked.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/83)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the purpose of the yellow box on Wilton Road at the junction with Wilton Gardens is to keep the junction clear for right turning traffic exiting Wilton Gardens. It is generally kept clear and the enforcement of the yellow box is a matter for the Gardaí. There are concerns from the local residents in connection with exiting right turning traffic from Wilton Gardens on to Wilton Road because of the presence of the bus lane, which is part of the No 8 Bus Green Route. However it could be argued that the inside lane for buses is usually empty, and for the majority of the time, motorists only have to contend with one lane of traffic. This contrasts with former times when at peak traffic periods, there would have been two full lanes of traffic, blocking back from Dennehy’s Cross junction. There are several reasons why installation of traffic signals at the junction with Wilton Gardens is not recommended. One is the nearness of Dennehy’s Cross and Wilton Roundabout junctions which will result in reduction in traffic carrying capacity of Wilton Road. A provision of a necessary right turning lane into Wilton Gardens would reduce the length of bus lane on Wilton Road and thus would also reduce the public transport capacity of the road network. Another reason is that the presence of traffic signals here will make the exit easier for motorists and thus making The Ridgeway, Laburnum Lawn and Wilton Gardens a more attractive route for rat runners. Many more motorists would then use this route to avoid the traffic signals at Dennehy’s Cross and this would severely impact on the residential environment of the area. This situation is being monitored the situation and will be reviewed on a continuous basis.

10.6 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT SUMMERSTOWN JUNCTION**

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

‘That in order to facilitate the residents of Summerstown and surrounding estates, traffic lights be fitted at the Summerstown/Glasheen Road junction, as it is almost impossible to exit that area at, or near, peak traffic times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/84)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that traffic counts will be carried out at the junction of Summerstown Road and Glasheen Road in order to determine if sufficient traffic movements exist to warrant the installation of traffic signals. The area will also be visited, in conjunction with the Gardaí, during peak traffic periods to examine the extent of the traffic problems there. The junction is only approximately 100 metres from the very busy Wilton Roundabout and this will be a major factor when consideration is given to the provision of traffic signals there. A further report will follow when the traffic counts are carried out.

10.7 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD**

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

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with National Roads Authority and Bus Éireann erect a pedestrian crossing on the Lower Glanmire Road to cater for people living at Lover’s Walk, the Acres, Tivoli Woods and all the new developments east of Silversprings Hotel who wish to cross to the southern side of Lower Glanmire Road to get a bus to the city centre. This whole public safety aspect seems to have been ignored by the Planning Authority when granting permission for hundreds of apartments.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/88)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Traffic pedestrian counts will be carried out on the Lower Glanmire Road in the vicinity of Lover’s Walk and Silversprings Hotel in order to determine if sufficient warrants exist for a pedestrian crossing facility. If the warrants exist, the provision of a crossing facility will be put forward for consideration in the roads programme or if necessary, inserted as a planning condition for any future planning developments in the area. It should be noted though that there are only 2 city bus services from the area into the city centre each day and these occur during off-peak traffic periods.

10.8 **IMPROVE AND EXTEND THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**

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

‘That this Council supports the view that Washington Street from the Courthouse to Grand Parade needs substantial upgrading /improvement [lighting, footpaths, etc] as it is very dull in comparison with the modernised Patrick Street / Grand Parade, and should be considered part of an extended Central Business District. The Courthouse & St. Augustine Church should be dressed with a special lighting feature giving prominence to these two splendid historic buildings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/91)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that at present Cork City Council are undertaking the Urban Street Renewal Scheme on Grand Parade. It is expected that this scheme will be completed at the end of 2007. We will consider further urban renewal schemes in the future and this area of Washington Street from the Courthouse to Grand Parade will be considered among other schemes for street refurbishment. However in the interim, we propose to carry out replacement/renewal of the paving slab footpaths along the north side of Washington St between the Courthouse and Grand Parade during the current year. The quality of public lighting on Washington Street between the Courthouse and the Grand Parade is relatively poor and a consultant has been engaged to assess the situation and to design a scheme to bring the lighting quality up to modern standards. This work is in progress and when the design and cost estimates are completed a source of funding will have to be sought. The Courthouse is already flood lit. However the flood lighting of this and the St. Augustine Church will be reviewed and incorporated into the new public lighting design for the area.

10.9 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR SHANAKIEL ROAD**

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

‘That the traffic lights which were approved for Shanakiel Road/Sunday’s Well and Wellington Bridge be put in place as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/93)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the provision of the traffic signals at the junctions of Shanakiel Road/Sunday's Well and at Wellington Bridge (Thomas Davis Bridge) will be done as part of the 2006 roads programme. The work will form part of the contract for the building of the residential development at St. Anne's Hospital/Shanakiel and the contractor for this scheme will carry out any necessary works required to facilitate the installation of the traffic signals.

10.10 **CHERRY LAWN ESTATE, OFF CHURCH ROAD, BLACKROCK**

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

'That City Council, in relation to Cherry Lawn Estate, Off Church Road, Blackrock put in place the following items in order to enhance the estate:-

- a) Name Plates
- b) Children at play sign
- c) Cul-de-sac.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 06/102)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that:-

- a) The 2006 Work Programme for Nameplates is been compiled at present. Cherry Lawn Estate has been included in the list of works requesting inclusion on this programme. The above area will be assessed and if it is identified as being in need of signage an order for the required name plates will be placed, subject to available resources in 2006.
- b) "Children at Play" signs are not provided by the City Council out of normal maintenance budgets. They are generally obtained by residents groups and erected at agreed locations by the City Council at the residents' expense. They are also regularly paid for out of local ward funds. Residents who wish to have "Children at Play" signs erected in their area should contact the Traffic Division who will give whatever help is necessary to have the signs erected.
- c) The area will be examined by the Traffic Division and if deemed necessary a cul-de-sac sign will be erected.

10.11 **TOMAS MACCURTAIN MONUMENT IN BLACKPOOL**

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

‘That this Council carry out immediate work on the Tomas Mac Curtain Monument in Blackpool. The monument is in the ownership of Cork City Council and is in need of cleaning and some minor repairs.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane & J. O’Brien 06/82)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that The Tomas Mc Curtain Monument in Blackpool will be inspected, and any repair work and cleaning will be undertaken.

10.12 **2006 FOOTPATH PROGRAMME PARKOWEN**

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

‘That the footpaths in Parkowen be included in the 2006 footpath renewal programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/36)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the footpaths in Parkowen will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Footpath Renewal Programme. In the meantime any remedial works considered necessary will be carried out.

10.13 **LIGHT RAIL BETWEEN CITY AND BALLINCOLLIG**

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

‘That Council calls for the long term plans to develop light rail between Cork City and Ballincollig listed in the Cork Area Strategy Programme to be advanced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/87)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Cork Area Strategic Plan (CASP) states that: *“The economic development of heavy and light rail services is very dependent upon having sufficiently high population densities close to potential routes to support frequent high volume services. Although present forecast demand does not support the future extension or construction of new routes, a review of the situation is proposed at the CASP mid term review”*. (page 47 Main Report) It further states that: *”In developing the high quality bus corridors, such as that proposed between Ballincollig and Mahon via the City Centre and Docklands, the possibility of upgrading to light rail in the long term should be considered at the planning stage.”*

The Ballincollig Green Route is being designed at the moment and the Consultants are aware of the recommendations in CASP and there are no measures being taken that could undermine a light rail corridor in the future. The mid term review of CASP which should happen around 2010 and will again investigate the feasibility of light rail corridors in Cork and then presumably make any necessary appropriate recommendations.

10.14 **SPEED RAMPS IN THE CITY**

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

‘That Cork City Council place a moratorium on the installation of any further speed ramps in the city until such time as an assessment has taken place on the effectiveness of these measures in the control of traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Wallace 06/121)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Over the past several years the City council has been inundated with requests for traffic calming in residential estates. Residents generally looked for ramps, and the installation of ramps in an estate quickly results in requests for similar traffic calming devices in neighbouring estates. Ramps are very effective in reducing maximum and average speeds, however they are less effective in reducing rat running, as routes generally tend to remain attractive for those avoiding traffic signals, etc. albeit at reduced speeds. Ramps are regarded as “vertical deflection devices”, and “horizontal deflection devices” such as build out and chicanes have been tried at a few locations in the City. ‘Build outs’ provided in the Rathmore Buildings area were eventually removed as a result of requests from local residents. A trial of chicanes in the Mervue Lawn area had to be abandoned because of local opposition. The problem with horizontal deflection devices is that they can cause severe problems for those exiting and entering driveways of houses. There is no doubt that the presence of ramps on a roadway is not visually attractive, although

in the last two years we have improved and lowered the profile of the ramps which has lessened their visual impacts, without reducing their effectiveness. The design of traffic calming devices will again be assessed and reviewed, and views of Councillors and local residents will be taken into account in the design of the 2006 schemes. We are also investigating the use of “environmental cells” which would eliminate through traffic, and thus reduce the need for further traffic calming devices.

10.15 **NAME PLATES AT TRACTON LAWN AND TRACTON AVENUE**

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

‘That Cork City Council paint the name plates at Tracton Lawn and Tracton Avenue and that footpaths on Middle Glanmire Road adjoining both be upgraded as soon as possible and finally that the road surface at the exit from the estate be reinstated properly following last years poor effort by Bord Gais.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/122)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that The 2006 Work Programme for Nameplates is been compiled at present. Painting of the nameplates at Tracton Lawn and Tracton Avenue has been included in the list of works requesting inclusion on this programme. The above area will be assessed and if it is identified as being in need of improvement in the signage the signs will be repainted, subject to available resources in 2006. The Roads Maintenance Division will inspect the footpaths fronting both Tracton Avenue and Tracton Lawn on the Middle Glanmire Road. Any defective areas found will be made good. The road surface at the entrance to Tracton Avenue will be repaired.

10.16 **REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS ON MCCURTAIN VILLAS**

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

‘That Cork City Council repair the footpaths on Mc Curtain Villas with a particular focus on the footpath from No 1 to No 42.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/125)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Most of the footpaths in Mc Curtain's Villas have been replaced or resurfaced in recent years. The footpath from No 1 to No 42 Mc Curtain's Villas will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Footpath Renewal Programme.

10.17 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON FR. DOMINIC ROAD**

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

‘That Fr. Dominic Road be considered for Traffic Calming measures under the next programme as it is being used extensively by motorists seeking to avoid the junction of Pearse Road and Pouladuff Rd.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T O’Driscoll 06/128)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Father Dominic 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. Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

10.18 **ALTERNATIVE MEASURES FOR TRAFFIC CALMING**

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

‘In relation to traffic calming measures to ask that the City Council would seek out options as alternatives to ramps in an effort to deal with speeding in a manner less intrusive and less visually ugly than the current craze for ramps.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Quill 06/131)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that over the past several years the City council has been inundated with requests for traffic calming in residential estates. Residents generally looked for ramps, and the installation of ramps in an estate quickly results in requests for similar traffic calming devices in neighbouring estates. Ramps are very effective in reducing maximum and averages speeds, however they are less effective in reducing rat running, as routes generally tend to remain attractive for those avoiding traffic signals, etc. albeit at reduced speeds. Ramps are regarded as “vertical deflection devices”, and “horizontal deflection devices” such as build out and chicanes have been tired at a

few locations in the City. 'Build outs' provided in the Rathmore Buildings area were eventually removed as a result of requests from local residents. A trial of chicanes in the Mervue Lawn area had to be abandoned because of local opposition. The problem with horizontal deflection devices is that they can cause severe problems for those exiting and entering driveways of houses. There is no doubt that the presence of ramps on a roadway is not visually attractive, although in the last two years we have improved and lowered the profile of the ramps which has lessened their visual impacts, without reducing their effectiveness. The design of traffic calming devices will again be assessed and reviewed, and views of Councillors and local residents will be taken into account in the design of the 2006 schemes. We are also investigating the use of "environmental cells" which would eliminate through traffic, and thus reduce the need for further traffic calming devices.

10.19 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON DEERPARK ROAD**

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

'That Cork City Council will as a matter of urgency:

Put in place traffic calming measures on Deerpark Road as the speed of traffic using the road has increased dramatically since the introduction of disc parking in the area.

Provide an update to Council as to when the cycling lane on Deerpark Road, as stated in the ARUP Cycling Report and agreed by Council, will eventually be put in place.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/132)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that:-

a) Deerpark 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. Appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

b) Deerpark Road is also part of a designated cycling route proposed in the Arup Cycling Report. It is the City Council's intention to produce detailed design schemes and to begin implementation of the various cycle routes in the City subject to availability of funding. Deerpark Road will be examined separately and if it is appropriate, the installation of cycle lanes on this roadway will be brought forward and installed early in the programme of installation.

10.20 **PARKING AREA FOR CARS AND TOUR BUSES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager on the following motion which was held in Committee.

‘That the City Council provides a parking area for cars and tour buses at a suitable vantage point near the City so as to provide visitors with a panoramic view of the City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/39)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it is likely that vantage points with a panoramic view of the City would mainly be used by tourists and visitors, and in order to be well used and successful, they should normally should be on routes generally used by tourists such as the approaches to/from Kinsale, West Cork and the Airport. These locations would necessary be in the County areas and discussions will be held with officials from the County Council in order to identify possible sites. However, there are possibly other sites in the north west of the City such as Knocknaheeny and Churchfield, which could offer good panoramic views of the City, and they also will be examined. A further report will follow when possible site(s) are identified.

10.21 **UPGRADE PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE LOUGH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd March, 2006, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the standard of public lighting at the Lough be upgraded in view of the increasing number of people availing of this excellent amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/38)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the Lough is a public park and the maintenance of which is the responsibility of the Recreation & Amenity Directorate. Discussions have been held with officials 27 from this directorate and a source of funds has been identified for the carrying out of public lighting improvements.

A scheme for the upgrading of the public lighting at the Lough will now be designed and it is planned that the work will be carried out later on this year.

11. **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.

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 3rd APRIL, 2006**

To consider, and if so decided to approve the following recommendations of Housing & Development Functional Committee held on 3rd April, 2006:-

12.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

12.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 30th March, 2006.

12.3 **PART EIGHT DEVELOPMENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the reports of the Director of Services dated 2nd March, 2006 and 30th March on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle with the amendment that the Housing Committee Members be advised of proposed developments being advertised.

‘That protocols and procedures in relation to Part Eight housing developments be drawn up to facilitate best practice for elected public representatives and staff of Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/12)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the protocols and procedures in relation to developments carried out by or on behalf of a Local Authority are clearly set down in the provisions of the Local Government Planning & Development Act, 2000 (As Amended) and extended by the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (As Amended). Developments are publicly advertised and a site notice erected. The proposed development goes on public display for a period of four weeks followed by a two week period for submissions. The Manager thereafter considers the submissions and reports on

same to the Members. The report also stated that the Members should then consider the Manager's Report within 6 weeks from the date of the said report being circulated and if so considered, decide whether or not to proceed with the development as advertised or subject to amendment. Should the Members fail to consider the Manager's Report, the development may proceed in accordance with the terms of the report.

12.4 **REGENERATION PLANS FOR KNOCKNAHEENY**

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

‘That Cork City Council’s Housing Department do an up-to-date report on the proposed regeneration plans for Knocknaheeny. The Report should clearly identify the time scale for full implementation of the plan and the overall cost. It should also clarify the situation of existing tenants as to whether they may have to be offered alternative accommodation elsewhere to facilitate the plan and would potential tenants be consulted at the earliest opportunity if they have to be transferred.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/94)

The report of the Director of Services stated that plans are being prepared by the City Architect’s Department for the next Phase of the Knocknaheeny Regeneration Project. This Phase will cover the area known as Blocks E, F, G & H and will involve the refurbishment of a total of 244 houses. It is intended to advertise the project for Part 8 in early May. The budgeted cost should be in the region of €60m but this will depend on the outcome of the Tendering Process.

The Director advised the committee that he will give a further briefing to Members when the plans have been advanced sufficiently.

12.5 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Property Disposals.

PROPERTY DISPOSAL

- (a) Disposal of part of laneway approximately 60m² in area situated at side of 4, Silversprings Court, Tivoli, Cork to Liam Fahy c/o Ms Rita Fitzgerald, Hickey, Fitzgerald Solicitors, O’Brien Street, Mallow Co. Cork
- (b) Disposal of part of laneway approximately 52.5m² in area situated at side of 5, Silversprings Court, Tivoli, Cork to Mel Nolan c/o Hickey Fitzgerald, Solicitors, O’Brien Street, Mallow, Co. Cork.

- (c) Disposal of part of laneway approximately 109.3m² situated at the side of 59, Silversprings Court, Tivoli, Cork to John Mullane and Regina Mullane, c/o Mr John Boylan, McNulty, Boylan & Company, Solicitors, South Terrace, Cork.
- (d) Disposal of part of laneway approximately 97.8m² in area situated at the side of 70, Silversprings Court, Tivoli, Cork to Timothy Murphy c/o Colm S. O’Riain & Company, 4, Washington Street West, Cork.
- (e) Disposal of part of laneway approximately 55.8m² in area and situated at the side of 71, Silversprings Court, Tivoli, Cork to Liam McLoughlin, 71, Silversprings Court, Tivoli, Cork for nil consideration.
- (f) Disposal of part of ground at 27, Templeacre Avenue, Gurrabraher, Cork to Brian and Fiona Forde, 87, Mount Eden Road, Gurrabraher, Cork for the sum of €250.00 plus legal costs which represents the best consideration reasonably obtainable.
- (g) Disposal of property measuring approximately (a)81m² and (b)22m² by way of exchange at Wherlands Lane, Blackpool to Eymet Developments Limited c/o Irene O’Donovan, O’Flynn, Exhams, Solicitors, 58, South Mall, Cork and in exchange, Eymet Developments Limited is to transfer an area of ground approx 82m² at Wherlands Lane, Blackpool, Cork to Cork City Council .

FEE SIMPLE INTEREST

- (a) Disposal of its freehold interest in the plot at the rear of No. 10, Bandon Road to Jeremiah C. Lombard and Catherine P. Lombard c/o Babington, Clarke & Mooney, Solicitors, 48, South Mall, Cork for the sum of €100.00 plus costs of approximately €650.00.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

- (a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 163, Greenhills Court, South Douglas Road, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated 1st August 2002 to Stuart Campbell and Anne Marie Campbell for the sum of €105,460.00

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted the correspondence.

14. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

14.1 **DOES MEDIA REPORTING OF OPINION POLLS (DURING AN ELECTION AFFECT THE RESULT?)**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin and G. O'Flynn at the Does Media Reporting of Opinion Polls (During an Election Affect The Result?) Conference held on 31st March – 1st April in the Great Southern Hotel, Rosslare, Wexford.

14.2 **LAMA CONFERENCE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT – DELIVERING THE FUTURE NOW**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Counihan, D. Murphy and M. Ahern at the LAMA Conference held on 20th – 21st April, 2006 in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny.

14.3 **EXERCISING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at the Exercising your Mental Health Conference – The Role of Elected Members in Promoting Health and Well Being through Physical Activity, on the 26/27 May 2006 at the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

14.4 **HOUSING SERVICES – LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the Housing Services Conference, on the 28/29 April 2006 at the Shannon Key West Hotel, The River Edge, Rooskey, Co. Leitrim.

14.5 **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF PEACE CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the International Festival of Peace Conference, on the 21/23 April 2006 at Tipperary Town.

14.6 **TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ELECTED MEMBERS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí S. Martin and T. Fitzgerald at the Training Programme for Elected Members of Strategic Policy Committees Conference, on the 12th May 2006 at the Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Galway.

15. **MOTIONS WHICH WERE DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 27TH MARCH, 2006:-**

15.1 **CORK AIRPORT**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/144)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

15.2 **MOBILE SCANNING UNIT**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

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

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Connell 06/149)

15.3 **CUTS IN HOME HELP HOURS**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

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

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

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, C. Lynch, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham. – (9)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, S. Martin. – (7)

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

15.4 **AMEND COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS**

Comhairleoir M. Barry proposed and Comhairleoir C. O’Leary seconded the following motion:-

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

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

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.

16. **MOTIONS**

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

16.1 **INNER CITY & SUBURBAN RENEWAL**

‘That Cork City Council commission a report to study the ongoing problem of inner city and suburban renewal vis a vis quality family accommodation including the possibility of tax incentive – structure planning enforcement and to create a more living vibrant City Community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/108)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

16.2 **CONNAUGHT AVENUE DEVELOPMENT**

(A) ‘That Cork City Council take immediate action to clean up the Monument in Connaught Avenue dedicated to the Cork people who died in the Boer War. This was agreed by a previous Council, money was allocated but nothing happened.’

(B) ‘That a plan is brought forward to develop the park for the people of the surrounding area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/109)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

16.3 **UPGRADE THE PARK IN SPRING LANE, BLACKPOOL**

‘That Cork City Council Recreation, Amenity & Culture Department would upgrade the park in Spring Lane, Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/124)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

16.4 **ACQUISITION OF 20% OF HOUSES/APARTMENTS IN ALL NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

‘That Cork City Council would acquire 20% of houses/apartments in all new developments under Part 5 Planning and Development Act 2000.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/129)

Housing & Community Strategic Policy Committee

16.5 **EXTRA PARKING FOR RESIDENTS IN ARDMORE HEIGHTS**

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the possibility of providing extra parking places for residents in Ardmore Heights.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/146)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.6 **REPAIR THE FOOTPATHS OF ST. CLARES AVENUE**

‘That Cork City Council will urgently repair the footpaths of St. Clares Avenue as a matter of priority.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/147)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.7 **NAME PLATE SIGN IN MOUNT ST. JOSEPHS DRIVE**

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of urgency, erect a name plate sign in Mount St. Josephs Drive as Doctors, ambulances etc are having great difficulty in finding the park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/160)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.8 **PAYING FOR PARKING FACILITIES**

‘That Cork City Council takes steps to ensure that motorists have the option of paying for parking facilities using mobile phones or from the Internet in order to (a) reduce the amount of cardboard tickets and (b) to provide important information concerning parking requirements of motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/163)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.9 **SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PART 8**

‘That a Special Meeting of the Housing Functional Committee be called to discuss Part 8 before they go before Council and that all information pertaining to that Part 8 be made available to members at that meeting.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. S. Martin & T. Shannon 06/175)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

16.10 **SPORTS FACILITIES & GROUNDS - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004**

‘To delete the concept that in exceptional circumstances limited development may be considered if the proposed development:

- a) only affects land incapable of forming part of the playing pitches and does not result in the loss of any playing pitch.
- b) Is ancillary to the principal use of the site as playing pitches and does not affect the quantity or quality of the pitches or adversely impact upon their use i.e. chapter 8, paragraph 8.59 – 8.64

Delete the concept that only development that is ancillary to the principal use of the site for sports e.g. clubhouses and which will only affect land incapable of forming part of the playing pitches will be considered in these areas.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, T. Shannon & D. O’Flynn 06/177)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

16.11 **DRESSING ROOMS FOR KNOCKNAHEENY CELTIC F.C.**

‘That Cork City Council make funding available as a matter of urgency to provide for dressing rooms for Knocknaheeny Celtic FC.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/178)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

16.12 **REZONE LAND BANK IN MAHON**

‘That Cork City Council rezone the Land Bank in Mahon that was been suggested as a site for a swimming pool in order to maximise its value and the capital contribution for the new pool in Ballinlough.’

(Proposer: Cllrs. S. Martin, T. Shannon & M.Ahern 06/179)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

16.13 **MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION TO CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

‘That this City Council would enact a Material Contravention to Cork City Development Plan 2004 – 2009 to the effect that all Planning Applications for Residential Apartments of over 3 storeys high would be deemed inappropriate and contrary to good planning.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 06/180)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

16.14 **CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004**

‘That Cork City Council would alter its City Development Plan 2004 to include the wording of the City Manager as stated at Council Meeting of 27/03/06 re “the Building of Apartments 3 storeys in layout within established residential community will not receive Planning Permission from Cork City Council in the interest of good and proper planning and development and having regard to the provisions of the current City Development Plan.”’

(Proposer: Cllrs. B. Bermingham & J. Buttimer 06/181)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

16.15 **DEVELOP RECREATION PARK ON KILLALA GARDENS**

‘In relation to NuFarm Park that Cork City Council

a) Develop the recreation park on Killala Gardens / Knocknaheeny Avenue with a view to a new play area for the children near Churchfield Green and put in place a railing on the bend of Killala Gardens to address anti social behaviour in this area and

b) That in the event of the North West Housing Office moving to the new community building that this area be considered for an Affordable Housing Project or a similar Housing Development *while at the same time retaining and developing the NuFarm pitch.*’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/182)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

16.16 **AREA PLAN FOR BALLYPHEHANE**

‘That Cork City Council would prepare an area plan for Ballyphehane and surrounding districts in order to encourage greater co-ordination between the many agencies serving the community in this locality.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/183)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

16.17 **TWINNING WITH AFRICAN CITY**

‘That this Council

- In recognition of Council’s expressed desire to form a Twinning relationship with an African City,
- In recognition of the Irish-African connection through it Missionaries as highlighted in the recent 150th anniversary of the Society of African Missions SMA.
- In recognition of African’s first female [Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf] democratically elected President in Liberia after years of Civil Strife.
- In recognition of the Irish Soldiers contribution to Africa i.e. the Congo and currently Liberia who were named peace contingent of the year by Liberia’s leading newspaper.
- In recognition that the City of Cork, is a prosperous City, in a prosperous State, in a prosperous European Union now wishes to extend its support, in whatever way it can [development of democratic local government, education etc] to Liberia by entering into a Twinning arrangement with Monrovia its Capital City.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/184)

Twinning Committee

16.18 **REWARDS TO MOTORISTS WHO “CAR POOL”**

‘That incentives and rewards such as cheaper parking, the use of bus-lanes, etc. be given to motorists who “car pool”, by sharing their cars and travelling together, which is the case in various cities around the world.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/185)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

16.19 **PARKING AND ROAD RESURFACING - 'THE SQUARE' UPPER CONNOLLY ROAD**

‘Cork City Council will carry out an examination ‘The Square’ between No. 1 and 47 Connolly Road with the intention to introduce measures, such as improving the present road surface, along with providing appropriate parking space outside resident’s homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/186)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.20 **REPAIR HALF MOON BRIDGE ON SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will urgently carry out an examination of the cladding on the Half Moon Bridge on the South Douglas Road which crosses over the South Link Road (N27) and make necessary repairs. Presently sections of the cladding have broken away and should further deterioration take place it has the potential to result in a very serious accident.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/187)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.21 **FINANCE FOR CENTRAL HEATING FOR TENANTS**

‘That City Council calls on the Government to provide finance to enable the City Council install central heating for tenants who do not already have it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/188)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

16.22 **CUTTING BACK OF HEDGING AND BUSHES**

‘That Cork City Council carry out an immediate cutting back of hedging and bushes on the southern and eastern side of Ballyhooley Road from Callaghan’s Cross to the city side boundary of Oakpark.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/189)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

16.23 **FOOTPATHS IN SOMERTON PARK**

‘That the footpaths in Somerton Park, would be included in the Estimates for 2006, as they are in very poor condition and are a danger to the public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 06/190)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.24 **ROADS IN SOMERTON PARK**

‘ That the roads in Somerton Park, would be repaired as a matter of urgency, as they are in very poor condition. Also that they would be included in the Estimates for 2006.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 06/191)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.25 **STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH ONGOING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN HAWTHORN MEWS**

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of urgency introduce a proper strategy to deal with the ongoing traffic problems in Hawthorn Mews, Dublin Hill.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 06/192)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

16.26 **CLAMPING OF VEHICLES IN PUBLIC PLACES BE TERMINATED**

‘That clamping of vehicles in public places be terminated as the new parking fines are introduced nationally and enough of a deterrent to vehicles parking illegally.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 06/193)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

16.27 **ELIMINATE THE PRACTICE OF CONSUMERS BEING FORCED TO PAY STAGE PAYMENTS**

‘That Cork City Council calls on the government to introduce legislation to eliminate the practice of consumers being forced to pay stage payments for houses in housing estates across the country.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/194)

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

16.28 **CUT OR PRUNE THE TREES AT LINARO AVE.**

‘That Cork City Council would cut and or prune the trees at Linaro Ave.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/195)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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