

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 13th MARCH, 2006

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

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

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

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

- The Wallace Family on the death of Nina Wallace.
- The Horgan Family on the death of Peggy Horgan.
- The McEvoy Family on the death of Mr. McEvoy.
- The Campbell Family on the death of Donal Campbell
- The Horgan Family on the death of James Horgan.

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

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to:

- Comhairleoir C. Lynch on his appointment as chairman on the Health Forum.

2. **MINUTES**

a) The Minutes of Special Meeting of Committee of Whole Council held on the 27th February 2006 were considered and approved.

b) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 27th February 2006 were considered and approved with the following amendment:-

Reference to Comhairleoir M. Barry's objection to recommendation number 1 on Douglas Swimming Pool should read that Comhairleoir M. Barry objected to recommendation number 2.

3. **QUESTION TIME**

3.1 **PROMOTE THE INNOVATIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANTS SCHEME**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Chris O'Leary, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Cork City Council strongly supports and welcomes the Renewable Energy Grant Programme. Cork City Council have been active in the implementation of energy actions, supporting European and National policy and actions at a local and regional level for a number of years. Local Authorities can be a key component to achieve the successful roll-out of the Grant Programme.

The Cork City Energy Agency (CCEA), a Department within the Environment Directorate of Cork City Council are currently investigating the new grant scheme outlined by government and if an opportunity arises that is consistent with 2004 City Council's Energy Policy outlined in Cork City Development plan, we will apply for funding. (A list of existing Cork City Energy Agency initiatives is available on request.)

3.2 **THE AREA ALONG THE CITY/COUNTY BOUNDARY IN THE NORTH EAST WARD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tim Brosnan, a written reply was circulated which stated that close co-operation takes place on a regular basis; in particular on the North Ring Road, elements of CASP, the County Development Plan and major planning applications and the review of the local area plans.

This co-operation will be reviewed and enhanced, if required.

3.3 **BISHOPSTOWN TO CITY CENTRE (NO.8 BUS SERVICE)**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Sean Martin, a written reply was circulated which stated that the full programme of work for the Bishopstown to City Centre (No. 8 Bus Service) Green Route includes:

- Installation of bus priority measures by the use of bus lanes and bus priority at traffic signals
- New traffic signals at various junctions
- Upgrading of bus stops and bus shelters
- Installation of pedestrian crossing facilities
- Improvement of road surfacing
- Upgrading of footpaths
- Installation of cycle facilities including cycle tracks and advance stop lines
- Improvement of public lighting.
- New 'slip' bus lane at Wilton Roundabout

The contract is completed. The tender price for the contract was €3.4 million and the project is fully funded by the Department of Transport.

3.4 **BIRD FLU CURRENTLY SWEEPING EUROPE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Michael O'Connell, a written reply was circulated which stated that the monitoring and control of Class A animal diseases including Avian Influenza is the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture and Food. The Department has prepared contingency plans to deal with the unlikely event of an outbreak. A number of meetings have been arranged by the Department with relevant agencies since October 2005 including the City Council's Chief Veterinary Officer as part of the plan preparation.

At present, the Department is collecting all dead birds likely to carry the disease (migrating water fowl) and native birds if more than two are found dead in the same location. The City Council is co-operating fully with the Department and is collecting all dead birds found on amenity areas throughout the City. All post mortems to-date have proved negative. All staff have been advised on safety procedures relating to handling of dead birds.

The Department has established a helpline 1890 252 283 to deal with queries.

3.5 **DERELICT SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF WALLACE'S AVENUE AND BOREENMANNA ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Deirdre Clune, a written reply was circulated which stated that the derelict site at the junction of Wallace's Avenue and Boreenmanna Road was previously the subject of court proceedings, directing that the

property be sold. Cork City Council chose to await the outcome of that sale, prior to instituting any proceedings under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.

The property was sold in July 2005. It is Cork City Council practice to allow the new owners a period of 6 months to progress development proposals for the site.

As no obvious progress has been made in progressing the development of the site since purchase, Cork City Council has placed the site on the Derelict Sites Acquisition Programme for 2006.

3.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN MEADOW PARK LAWN, MEADOW PARK GROVE, MEADOW PARK AVENUE, BALLYVOLANE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Catherine Clancy, a written reply was circulated which stated that the new public lighting scheme in Meadow Park Lawn, Meadow Park Grove, Meadow Park Avenue, Ballyvolane has been installed for some time. Several contacts have been made with ESB Networks, ESB Contracts and ESB Energy in order to affect the last item of work to be done, i.e. the connection to the energy supply.

The current information is that the connection is on the works programme and it is hoped to be completed in the next few weeks.

3.7 **CIVIC AMENITY SITE IN MAYFIELD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Mairín Quill, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Cork Joint Waste Management Strategy adopted by both Cork City Council and Cork County Council included the provision of two civic amenity sites in the city. One of these is in place at the Kinsale Road Landfill Site. Under the Strategy the second site is to be placed in the northside of the city. The Waste Management Plan 2004-2009 identified Tinkers Cross, Mayfield as the site for the second civic amenity facility.

Detailed design is underway at present and is close to being finalised. Funding towards the project is being made available by the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government.

It is proposed to engage in the appropriate planning process in the near future. It is estimated that procurement and construction will take nine to twelve months post planning.

3.8 **SHANDON CRAFT CENTRE**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Gary O’Flynn, a written reply was circulated which stated that the Cork City Council have reached agreement with the IDA for the transfer of the Shandon Craft Centre to the Council.

The Council took the initiative in this to bring about a more attractive tourism package for the Shandon area.

The City Council in advancing this objective has also acquired a number of rundown and derelict properties in this area and is in the process of developing new housing units on these sites.

The Council has also secured the relocation of the Graffiti Theatre to Blackpool and the Council is now the owner of the Former Weighmasters House in Shandon. The Council will now consider how to advance with the property it has acquired in order to develop Shandon as an important tourism and culture centre.

In this regard, the Council will in due course have discussions with existing tenants of the Centre.

3.9 **BELLVUE CRESCENT FLATS**

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

- (a) 6 (times have pest control companies been called by Cork City Council to attend to problems at Bellvue Crescent flats in the flats history)
- (b) 4 (times have pest control companies been called by Cork City Council to attend to problems at Bellvue Crescent flats since January 1st 2003)
- (c,d) Repair requests regarding rodents are passed on to a pest control company who attend at the location and deal with the problem as appropriate. Generally no report as such is commissioned. Copies of the Ecolab docketts received regarding the recent situation can be made available to interested parties as required.
- (e) Instances of complaints regarding rodents are dealt with locally by Housing Maintenance staff.

3.10 **HOUSES PROVIDED TO CORK CITY COUNCIL UNDER PART V OF THE PLANNING ACT**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Tom O'Driscoll, a written reply was circulated which stated that:-

1. Developers have provided eighty-three units to Cork City Council under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended 2002). Preliminary agreements have been reached for approximately a further 310 units.
2. One site has been made available in lieu of social and affordable housing to date.
3. Cork City Council received the following financial contributions in lieu of social and affordable housing:
 - €390,727 in 2004
 - €1.175 m in 2005
 - €510,000 in 2006

3.11 **DISC PARKING CONTROL ZONE [DPCZ] TO THE AREAS OF THE SOUTH WEST WARD**

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

- (i) The number of traffic wardens in the City is 13 plus 2 supervisors. At present, the traffic wardens tend to concentrate in the City Centre due to the high demands there and only visit the suburbs on an irregular basis. The towing and clamping crews carry out more regular attention to the suburbs.
- (ii) There are no arrangements with An Garda Síochána to police the (DPZ). While the Gardaí also do parking enforcement, the bulk of parking enforcement in the City is carried out by the City Council.
- (iii) The clamping/towing crews police the South West Ward on 1/2 days per week while the traffic wardens police the general suburbs once per week.
- (iv) Income from parking fines in 2005 was approximately €700,000
- (v) This information is not currently available. Councillor Buttimer will be informed of the figure when available.

3.12 **DISC PARKING - LOUGH ROAD**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Ciarán Lynch, a written reply was circulated which stated that the current Disk Parking Zone (DPZ) extension scheme will be implemented in discrete stages, due to the large amount of resources required in implementing the controls. It is anticipated that the proposed extension will be completed over the period 2006 - 2007. The procedures involved include:

- Consultation with local residents and the Gardaí
- Drawing up of parking schedules
- Installing the signage and road marking controls on the ground.

- Enforcing the parking controls in the new areas.

It is anticipated that the parking controls will be installed on the Lough Road between Gould Street and Pearse Street in the latter half of 2006.

1. Lough Villas, Valentine Villas, Lough Park, Fairy Lawn and Fairyville Lawn will be included in the scheme if the local residents so wish.
2. A 2 hour permitted time of parking is usually recommended to local residents. This is short enough to deter commuters or “outsiders, while facilitating those with genuine reasons to be in the area. The actual permitted time will be agreed with the local residents in each area, subject to a consistency among adjacent areas in order to avoid confusion.
3. The proposed changes in the disc parking system as outlined to the SPC are still under discussion and no changes as yet have been formulated.

3.13 **THE GLEN REGENERATION PROJECT**

In response to question submitted by Comhairleoir Annette Spillane, a written reply was circulated which stated that Phase 1 of the Glen Regeneration is now complete. Due to a number of circumstances the contract did overrun. The Contractor has submitted an interim claim which is currently being examined. Phase II of the Glen Regeneration will be advertised for Part VIII in April.

4. **CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

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

- Civic Reception to mark the presentation of a Tara Brooch & Fáinne belonging to former Lord Mayor of Cork, Tomás MacCurtain to the office of the Lord Mayor, to be held on the 23rd of March 2006.
- Castleview A.F.C., Munster Senior League Champions.
- Derval O’Rourke on her victory in the World Indoor 60 Metre Hurdles at The World Indoor Athletics Championships.

5. **SOUTH DOCKLANDS LOCAL AREA PLAN**

An Chomhairle noted presentation received from Mr. David Bosonnet of Brady Shipman Martin Consultants on the South Docklands Local Area Plan.

6. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY
COMMITTEE – 6th MARCH 2006**

6.1 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

Members approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd March, 2006, on the following motion:-

‘That all future planning applications for housing developments should include all appropriate Traffic Calming Measures’.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/16)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Burke, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, An Chomhairle also agreed to amend the wording of the motion to read as follows:-

‘That all future planning applications for housing and apartment developments should include all appropriate Traffic Calming Measures’.

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/16)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Cork City Council’s minimum requirements for new housing developments now include for appropriate traffic calming measures.

6.2 **BUDGET DIVIDED ON A WARD BASIS TO CREATE CAR SPACES**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 2nd March, 2006, on the following motion.

‘That a budget be put in place divided on a ward basis to create car park spaces throughout the city in residential areas. These would entail discussions between Ward Councillors, Residents, The Parks Department and the Roads Department’.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/05)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there is no specific provision in the Estimates for creating car park spaces from green areas and if there was, the needs of individual wards in this respect may vary.

As the work involves an element of road resurfacing, some of it is included in the 2006 Estates Resurfacing programme. Minor low cost works of this nature may be carried out under the general roads maintenance programme provided that a consensus exists amongst the local residents in favour of the work and that the work does not materially downgrade the landscaping of the area.

7. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE –
6th MARCH 2006**

7.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of Assistant City Manager dated 2nd March, 2006, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended February, 2006.

7.2 **DRAFT ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2006**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager dated 2nd March, 2006, regarding Draft Roadworks Programme 2006

The Report of the Assistant City Manager referred to letter received from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government giving details of Grants towards Non-National Roads, and letter from the National Roads Authority giving details of Grants towards National Roads, in 2006.

7.3 **TAKING IN CHARGE OF WOODLANDS, MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD, MONTENOTTE**

An Chomhairle approved the Report of the Assistant City Manager dated 2nd March, 2006, regarding the Taking in Charge of Woodlands, Middle Glanmire Road, Montenotte.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“ Pursuant to the provisions of section 11 (1) of the Roads Act 1993 , that the roads at Woodlands , Middle Glanmire Road , Cork , be taken in charge . “

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated the following:

I refer to development at Woodlands , Middle Glanmire Road , Cork . I can confirm that the development has been completed to my satisfaction .

Notice of intention to declare roads at Woodlands , Middle Glanmire Road , Cork , to be public roads was published on 7th January 2006 .

Objections or representations with regard to this proposal were invited . None were received .

The roads are of general public utility. The financial implications of declaring these roads to be public roads have been considered.

7.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – ORCHARD ROAD**

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 Cork City Council put traffic calming measures in place on Orchard Road as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/438)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Orchard 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.

7.5 **ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY – SPRING LANE**

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 Cork City Council Roads Department would do a Road Traffic study of Spring Lane Blackpool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/457)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a trial of a one-way traffic system was installed on Spring Lane on the 6th February. The purpose of the trial is to attempt to reduce rat-running and congestion on the roadway. The trial is being monitored and if deemed successful by the local residents, Gardaí, etc. the formal process to make the one-way system permanent will be implemented.

Spring Lane is also on the list of traffic schemes to be carried out in 2006 and the appropriate traffic calming measures will be installed there later on in the year.

7.6 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – SPRING LANE**

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 Traffic Calming Measures would be put in place to deal with the excessive traffic using Spring Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 05/458)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Spring Lane is on the list of traffic schemes to be carried out in 2006.

The schemes are now being designed and the public consultation process will begin with a few months. The appropriate traffic calming measures will be installed later on in the year.

7.7 **ROAD RESURFACING – SCABEG, CURRAGH ROAD, EVERGREEN**

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

‘That the T Junction comprising Scabeg, Curragh Road, Evergreen be properly resurfaced and that (b) the footpaths running up the left hand side of Scabeg to Capwell Road be immediately resurfaced and (c) the footpaths running from Scabeg to Mercier Park be also refurbished.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/03)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that,

- a) This junction will be considered for inclusion in our 2007 Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime any remedial work considered necessary will be carried out.
- b) This footpath will be inspected with a view to carrying out any remedial work considered necessary.
- c) This section of footpath is on the 2006 Footpath Renewal Programme.

7.8 **CORK CITY COUNCIL TO EMPLOY TWO FACILITATORS/ROAD INSPECTORS**

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 Cork City Council employ two facilitators or road inspectors whose only function is to liaise with the various utilities who open our roads and to organise road openings in a proper fashion which would dovetail with the various road resurfacing programmes that are on going.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/04)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Cork City Council currently has two full time Inspectors and one part-time Inspector attached to the Roads Control Division. Advance notification of our annual resurfacing programme is provided to all potential applicants to encourage planned works in advance of resurfacing. Failure to

work in advance of the annual resurfacing programme results in additional requirements being placed on the utility company before permitting them to undertake any work. These additional requirements have a substantial financial consequence for the utility company.

7.9 **BUS LANES/GREEN ROUTES**

An Chomhairle considered 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 Cork City Council introduces that all Bus Lanes/Green Routes are in full operation on a permanent basis. (24 hour/ 7 days a week).’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 06/27)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, a vote was called for on the Report of the Assistant City Manager dated 2nd March, 2006 where there appeared as follows:

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, C. Burke, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, C. Lynch, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, D. Cregan, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern. (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, J. O’Brien, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, J. Buttimer. (5)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the Report of the Assistant City Manager dated 2nd March, 2006 approved.

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that,

Buses are facilitated on Green Routes by:

- Bus priority systems at traffic signals
- Bus lanes

Bus priority systems at traffic signals gives priority to buses over normal traffic by manipulating the traffic signals such that the bus delay through the junction is minimised. This system is automated and is permanently on and occurs whenever a bus is detected on the approach to the junction.

Bus lanes are designed to allow buses to by pass congestion traffic on roadways and are provided where there is adequate width on the roadway to accommodate them. Congestion mainly occurs during the peak morning and evening traffic periods and at those times the bus lanes are required and are in operation. As congestion levels increase, consideration will have to be given to extending the operational times of the bus lanes.

However, many of the areas where bus lanes exist are also required for loading/unloading for local traders and for visitors/relatives to local residents when the bus lanes are not in

operation. The needs of local residents/businesses will have addressed when the time of operation of particular bus lanes is being considered for extension. Each location will be examined separately and if appropriate, the times of operation will be extended to suit the needs of the public transport system.

7.10 **GATE AT THE TOP OF STEPS IN EASON'S AVENUE, SHANDON STREET**

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 Cork City Council erect a gate at the top of the steps on Eason’s Avenue, Shandon Street to alleviate the ongoing problem of anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. O’Flynn 06/30)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the 2006 programme for the Closure of Pedestrian Laneways has recently been agreed by Ward Members. The erection of a gate at Eason’s Avenue is not included in the list of prioritised locations. Eason’s Avenue will be added to the current list of requested closures and will be available for prioritisation by the Ward Members in 2007 subject to funding allocation.

7.11 **REMOVE GREEN AREA IN FRONT OF HOUSES 45, 46 & 47 CHURCHFIELD GARDENS**

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 Cork City Council would remove the small green area in front of houses 45, 46 and 47 Churchfield Gardens in order that residents can gain access to their properties and also to facilitate car parking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Burke 06/31)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, The Roads & Transportation Directorate has no objection to the removal of the small green area in front of 45,46 & 47 Churchfield Gardens in order to improve access and parking facilities for the residents. The Recreation & Amenity Directorate, who are responsible for maintaining open space/green areas, will be consulted for the views on the matter. Further vehicular access to the house properties would be subject to the approval of Cork City Council’s Planning Department.

I will arrange for the Roads/Design Division to carry out a design and cost estimate for carrying out the necessary work. There are no funds in this year’s roads programme for such a scheme, however the works will be put forward for consideration to be included in next year’s programme. Alternatively Members may consider funding the work out of Ward Funds.

7.12 **LOADING BAYS FOR THE SHOPPING CENTRE**

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 loading bays would be provided for the shopping centre adjacent to the Gurrabraher Parochial Hall, the Sam Allen Complex and the Churchfield Swimming Pool in view of the traffic congestion there because of the lack of loading bays and parking for the shopping centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/32)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Knockfree Avenue and the area adjacent to the Sam Allen Complex and the Churchfield Swimming Pool will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any appropriate parking controls to improve road safety and to facilitate deliveries/collections, etc. in the area will be installed.

7.13 **YELLOW BOX – NORTH RING ROAD**

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

‘That a ‘yellow box’ be provided on the North Ring Road at the Junction with Boherboy Road, Mayfield, in order to improve the No. 8 Bus Service and assist with traffic flow.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/37)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the junction of North Ring Road/ Boherboy Road is on the No. 8 City Bus Service Green Route. The yellow box at this location has now been installed.

7.14 **ROAD RESURFACING & TRAFFIC CALMING – ARDMANNING AVE.**

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 Cork City Council will as a matter of urgency carry out road resurfacing work and put in place necessary traffic calming measures at Ardmanning Avenue as part of its 2006 Road Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/42)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Ardmanning Avenue 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.

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

Ardmanning Avenue will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Resurfacing Programme.

In the meantime any remedial work considered necessary will be carried out.

7.15 **ROAD RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC CALMING AT THE GREEN AND HILLVIEW ESTATE.**

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 Cork City Council will in light of the lane closure taking place this year between Connolly Place and The Green, ensure that necessary road works are carried out and traffic calming measures are put in place at The Green and Hillview Estate, as part of its 2006 Road Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/43)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, An Fhaitche/The Green will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. Hillview Estate is already on the list.

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

The road and footpaths in The Green and Hillview Estate will be inspected with a view to carrying out any remedial works considered necessary.

7.16 **ENGINEERING SURVEY OF CURRAHEEN ESTATE**

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 Cork City Council carries out an engineering survey of Curraheen Estate and Leesdale with a view to closing off alleyways that are a location and source of anti social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/46)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, all requested closures of pedestrian laneways within Leesdale have now been completed. Cork City Council is currently engaging with local residents in Curraheen Estate to commence the 2006 programme of pedestrian laneways closures in accordance with the allocated funding.

7.17 **ENGINEERING SURVEY OF ALL PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

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 Cork City Council carries out an engineering survey of all pedestrian crossings, in particular on Curraheen Road, Glasheen Road and Melbourn Road along with those in areas adjacent to schools in the city with a view to increasing the time allowed for pedestrians to cross and to enforce the no parking on these Pedestrians crossings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/47)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the time allowed in the pedestrian stage of a signal facility is based on the width of the road concerned and the walking speed of pedestrians. The time allowed is more than adequate and generally we have not received many complaints on the issue to date.

However, the pedestrian crossing facilities referred to in the above motion will be examined and any appropriate adjustments will be carried out on the pedestrian phase/stage. It should be noted though that many of the pedestrian facilities close to schools also have school wardens in operation who ensure the safe crossing of the children.

Parking enforcement in the City usually concentrates in the City Centre where the need is greatest, and resources only allow for a minimum amount of enforcement in the suburbs. We generally rely on the local Gardaí to enforce parking regulations in the suburbs. However, I will arrange for the Traffic Wardens, in the next few weeks, to pay special attention to the pedestrian crossing facilities, particularly those adjacent to schools.

7.18 **REPAIR ROADWAY BETWEEN NO'S 55 – 79 ARDMORE AVENUE**

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 Cork City Council repair the roadway between No.’s 55 – 79 Ardmore Ave. to prevent rainwater lodging on the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 05/456)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Roads Maintenance Division will investigate the road surface between house Nos. 55-79 at Ardmore Avenue and will carry out any remedial works that are necessary to prevent rainwater lodging on the road.

7.19 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – DOUGLAS STREET, FRIAR STREET, EVERGREEN STREET**

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 efforts be made to control the flow of traffic at the extremely busy junction linking Douglas Street, Friar Street and Evergreen Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/44)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the junction referred to in the above motion links Evergreen Road with Industry Street, Friars Street and Abbey Street/Douglas Street. The priorities at the junction are indicated by signs and road markings. Traffic on Evergreen Road, which is regarded as the main route in the area, has the main priority.

The City Council is not aware of any complaints in relation to the operation of the junction and generally it is perceived to be working well. However, the junction will again be examined to determine if there are any further measures that can be taken to improve road safety and traffic flows in the area.

7.20 **PROVIDE PARKING FACILITIES ON BAKERS ROAD**

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 Cork City Council, in a coordinated way, provide proper parking facilities on Bakers Road, near the Gurrabraher Credit Union and negotiate with the Health Service Executive and the management of St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital with a view to solving the current congestion of traffic for local people in this particular area and to provide one stop parking at the entrance to the hospital for visitors to the hospital, while at the same time retaining as much of the green area as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/49)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, there are parking problems on Baker’s Road in the vicinity of the Gurrabraher Credit Union and St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital despite the fact there is ample parking within the hospital grounds for visitors and patients.

The area in question is on the no.2 Gurrabraher Bus Green Route and work on this project is due to start later on this year. Any appropriate works required to improve the road safety and parking situation in the local area will be carried out as part of the project.

7.21 **REPLACE FOOTPATHS – BEAUMONT LAWN**

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 footpaths at Beaumont Lawn would be replaced as they are in very poor condition and are a danger to the residents that live in this park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 06/56)

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

7.22 **REPAIR ROADS – BEAUMONT LAWN**

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 roads at Beaumont Lawn would be repaired as a matter of urgency as parts of this road are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 06/57)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the road in Beaumont Lawn will be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Resurfacing Programme. In the meantime any remedial works considered necessary will be carried out.

7.23 **REPAIR FOOTPATHS ON KILMORE ROAD & COURTDOWN DRIVE KNOCKNAHEENY**

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.

- ‘A) That Cork City Council repair the footpath on Kilmore Road Lower from No 1 - 22 and address any outstanding issues relating to the footpaths which were identified during the refurbishment Programme.
- B) Also, as part of the design of the new railing and wall in front of the Sports Field and Waterpower, that Cork City Council put in place a new footpath from the top of Courtown Drive to the entrance of the Reservoir at Dunmore Gardens Knocknaheeny.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 06/58)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that,

A) Roads Maintenance Division will carry out any repairs that are necessary on the footpaths outside house nos. 1-22 on Kilmore Road Lower. Any outstanding issues relating to the footpaths will be investigated.

B) The Council plans to construct a footpath from the top of Courtown Drive to the entrance to the Reservoir at Dunmore Gardens as part of the No. 2 Bus Route Scheme planned for the area in 2006.

7.24 **YELLOW BOX ON THE NORTH RING ROAD**

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 a “yellow box” be located on the North Ring road at the entrance to Lagan Grove, Mayfield (near Tinkers Cross), so that cars of local residents can exit more easily and traffic flow can be improved.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 06/64)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, Lagan Grove is a cul-de-sac development off the North Ring Road near the junction with Old Youghal Road (Tinker’s Cross). It is not sustainable to provide yellow boxes at every location because of the costs involved and they can only be provided at locations where there is a strong need on access and road safety grounds.

The area will be visited in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed necessary and appropriate, the provision of a yellow box at the junction of Lagan Grove/North Ring Road will be inputted into the 2006 road painting programme.

7.25 **NAMEPLATE INDICATING O’MAHONY’S TERRACE**

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 a nameplate indicating O’Mahony’s Terrace would be located on Dominick Street adjacent to the Hill Lane nameplate in order to indicate where O’Mahony’s Terrace is as emergency vehicles are finding it difficult to find O’Mahony’s Terrace.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/67)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, the Roads Control office will investigate the suitability of placing a nameplate at the above location as part of the Nameplate Work Programme for 2006.

7.26 **FOOTPATH REPAIR - MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD**

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 Cork City Council will repair the footpath outside the house of 10 Mount Pleasant Road (on the corner with Doyle Road) as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/68)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, this section of footpath will be inspected with a view to carrying out any remedial works considered necessary.

7.27 **CONTRACTORS TO GIVE NOTICE OF THEIR WORK TO LOCAL RESIDENTS**

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 Cork City Council would request all contractors to give prior notice of commencement of work in estates so as to avoid incidents such as that in Deanrock Estate recently when absolute chaos was caused when roads were dug up without any notification whatsoever to the local residents. A simple leaflet drop or adequate signage would suffice.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Dennehy 06/73)

The Report of the Assistant City Manager stated that, in accordance with the General Conditions issued with each Roadworks Licence, all premises and residential properties likely to be affected by the works shall receive a written notice of the intended works and their likely duration from the Licensee at least two days in advance of commencement. The notice shall contain the Licensee’s contact telephone number and the contact telephone number of the contractor’s representative who can be contacted if residents have any queries in relation to the works or if problems arise.

A minimum of two signs shall also be displayed on site indicating the name and local contact telephone number for the contractor.

Roads Maintenance requires its resurfacing contractors to carry out a leaflet drop for each road in advance of commencement of work on that road.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6TH MARCH, 2006**

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

8.2 **DEVELOPMENT BY CORK SIMON COMMUNITY AT TIR NA NOG, BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 2nd March, 2006 in relation to the proposed loan facility to Cork Simon Community for the development of accommodation at Tir na nOg, Blackrock.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir A. Spillane, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following Resolution:

“**RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 that a loan facility not exceeding €2,063,551.00 be granted to the Cork Simon Community subject to the conditions of the Capital Assistance Scheme and the approval of the Department of the Environment & Local Government.”

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government had approved funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme of an increased loan not exceeding €2,063,551 (previous loan being €1,974,746) in respect of the completion of a thirteen unit residential house at Tír na Nóg, Blackrock, Cork.

The scheme involves the Local Authority advancing a loan to the voluntary body to cover costs in providing social housing accommodation.

The loan has enabled the Simon Community to provide permanent supported housing for long term hostel residents.

8.3 **PROPERTY AT KILEENREENDOWNEY AVENUE**

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

‘That the refuse be removed from the front garden of the vacant Council Property at Kileenreendowney Avenue as soon as possible as it is clearly visible from the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 06/54)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council have made arrangements to remove the refuse from this property.

8.4 **FLATS AT COMERAGH PARK**

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

‘That Cork City Council proceed to demolish the remaining blocks of derelict flats at Comeragh Park the Glen as a matter of urgency as they are both a fire hazard and a danger to children and residents alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/60)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members were aware that the demolition of four blocks of flats is currently underway as part of Phase 2 of the Glen Regeneration Project. It is envisaged that this phase will be advertised for Part 8 planning in April. Three blocks of flats will remain in Comeragh Park as they currently accommodate a number of social service providers in the area. These service providers include the Glen Neighbourhood Youth Project, Youthreach, Foroige and the Glen Pre-school.

The report also stated that discussions have taken place between the City Architects Department and the above groups and it is proposed that they will be relocated to purpose built facilities in Phase 2 and accordingly once the remaining blocks in Comeragh Park are decanted, proposals will be brought forward for their re-development in Phase 3 of the Glen Regeneration Project.

8.5 **REFUSALS BY HOUSING APPLICANTS**

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

‘That Cork City Council carry out an investigation into the alarming high number of refusals by housing applicants of properties over the last number of months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 06/63)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members were aware that accommodation is allocated in accordance with a Scheme of Letting Priorities that has been adopted by Members. The allocation of properties is under constant review. A further investigation will be carried out in the coming months and a report will issue to Members thereafter.

8.6 **FLATS AT NOONAN'S ROAD**

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

‘That the Housing Directorate of Cork City Council will carry out an examination of the flats and immediate environs of Noonan’s Road with the intention to:

- Deal with anti-social behaviour.
- Carry out work to improve the overall appearance of the area.
- Identify other specific actions that would result in a positive regeneration for the overall area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/69)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council are currently in the process of carrying out a survey of flat complexes in the City. On completion of the review and where deemed necessary, appropriate refurbishment proposals will be presented to Members for consideration.

8.7 **CHARGE FOR BROKEN WINDOWS**

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

‘Council recognises that the current Council policy of charging tenants for windows broken as a result of anti-social behaviour by people who are not members of the household and over whom the tenant has no control is unfair. Accordingly, Council calls for this policy to be reviewed and replaced with a fairer policy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/70)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Members were aware that both the Letting Agreement and the Tenants Handbook clearly state that broken windows are the tenant’s responsibility. Where windows are broken as a result of alleged anti-social behaviour each case will be examined on an individual basis and resolved locally by the relevant Area Housing Manager.

8.8 **GUTTERING ON HOUSES AT SUNVIEW, FAIRHILL**

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

‘That the guttering on the houses in Sunview Fairhill be cleaned.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/29)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the cleaning of the guttering on the houses in Sunview, Fairhill should be completed by the end of June 2006.

8.9 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Property Disposals:

- a) Disposal of derelict site at No. 47, Cove Street to Charles Haly and Eileen Haly, c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors, 12, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €360,000.00.
- b) Disposal of site approximately 76m² adjacent to No. 7, Corrib Lawn, Mayfield, Cork, to Denis and Susan Desmond, c/o Doody, Solicitors, 21, South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €500.00 plus costs of €650.00.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

10. **CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:-

10.1 **THE COUNCILLOR AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir C. Clancy at the Councillor and Civic Leadership Conference on the 3rd – 4th March, 2006 in the Raheen House, Raheen Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

10.2 **TIMELESS LEADERSHIP**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. Cregan at the Timeless Leadership Conference on the 7th March, 2006 in the T.F. Royal Hotel & Theatre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

10.3 **CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, C. Lynch & D. O'Flynn at the Conference of the Association of County and City Councils on the 9th, 10 & 11th March 2006 in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

10.4 **L.A.M.A CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O'Flynn, P. Gosch, B. Bermingham & J. Buttimer at the L.A.M.A. Conference on the 20th – 21st April, 2006 in the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny.

10.5 **‘DOES MEDIA REPORTING OF OPINION POLLS DURING AN ELECTION AFFECT THE RESULT?’ CONFERENCE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. Counihan & J. Buttimer at the ‘Does Media Reporting of Opinion Polls During and Election Affect the Result?’ Conference on the 31st March & 1st April, 2006 in the Great Southern Hotel, Rosslare, Co. Wexford.

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

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the ‘Future of our past – the role of Heritage and Culture in Tourism Development’ Conference on the 23rd – 24th March, 2006 in the Dolmen Hotel, Carlow.

11. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

Comhairleoir C. Burke proposed and Comhairleoir J. Buttimer seconded that the meeting be extended beyond 8.00 p.m.

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, J. O’Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, D. Clune, D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, C. Lynch, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer. (13)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí M. Barry, D. Wallace, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, M. Ahern. (9)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried, and the meeting continued.

12. **MOTIONS**

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

12.1 **2006 FOOTPATH PROGRAMME PARK OWEN**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.2 **BOND SECURED ON PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS**

‘That Cork City Council Planning Department index link the Bond secured on Private Developments.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/52)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.3 **CHAPEL GATE/ KEMPTON BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council Planning Department take in charge Chapel Gate/Kempton, Ballyvolane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 06/53)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.4 **GYM FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘Due to the demand from parents in Cork I am calling on Cork City Council to write to the Minister for Education to ensure that every school in the city has gym facilities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 06/78)

12.5 **LIGHT RAIL BETWEEN CITY AND BALLINCOLLIG**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.6 **SURVEY OF DRAIN – SEWAGE PIPES, SKEHARD ROAD**

‘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)

Environment Functional Committee

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

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

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

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

12.8 **LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR GREENMOUNT**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/105)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.9 **SPEED RAMPS IN THE CITY**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.11 **CLEAN UP OF SUGÁN LANE AND CORRIB LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a thorough clean up of Sugán Lane between Mt. Brosna and Boyne Crescent and that the opening to Corrib Lawn be cleaned thoroughly also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 06/123)

Environment Functional Committee

12.12 **REPAIR OF THE FOOTPATHS ON MCCURTAIN VILLAS**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.13 **GATES ON OPPOSITE ENDS OF RIVER LANE**

‘That Cork City Council would provide gates at the opposite ends of River Lane, Blarney Street in order to eliminate very serious antisocial behaviour on the laneway, especially at night time, which is most upsetting for the residents in the surrounding areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 06/126)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

12.14 **PHOTOGRAPHIC I.D. FOR VOTERS**

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

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

Deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.16 **CLEAN UP OF FRANKFIELD STEPS**

(a) ‘That this City Council carry out an immediate clean up of the area known as Frankfield steps and also ascertain whether it is possible to increase the level of public lighting in the area.’

(b) ‘That this City Council take steps to close the laneway known as Blackwell Lane, St. Lukes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. A. Spillane 06/130)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.17 **ALTERNATIVE MEASURES FOR TRAFFIC CALMING**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.18 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON DEERPARK ROAD**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12.19 **CORK CITY COUNCIL RECREATIONAL AND AMENITY FACILITIES HAVING DEFIBRILLATOR EQUIPMENT**

‘That Cork City Council will ensure that recreational and amenity facilities belonging to it, such as its swimming pools and golf course, have Defibrillator equipment available on site and that designated staff are trained in its use.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 06/133)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

12.20 **PLAQUE ON VOLUNTEER HALL**

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

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

Corporate Policy Group

12.21 **GREAT SOUTHERN HOTELS TO BE KEPT IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls for the Great Southern Hotels chain to be kept firmly in public ownership.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 06/135)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir A. Spillane, a vote was called to approve the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, J. O’Brien, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, C. Lynch, D. Cregan, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern. (10)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí D. Wallace, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, D. Counihan, T. Shannon, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields. (10)

As the vote was a tie, an tArd-Mhéara issued her casting vote against the motion. An t-Ard-Mhéara declared the vote lost and the motion defeated.

12.22 **DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES**

‘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)

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

12.23 **CLEAN UP OF BISHOPSTOWN, WILTON AREA**

‘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)

Environment Functional Committee

12.24 **REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT FEES**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of development fees, which it charges to private citizens.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 06/138)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

12.25 **BOUNDARY WALL BETWEEN WOODLAWN ESTATE AND ROSEBORO HOUSE**

‘That Cork City Council would as a matter of priority and urgency agree to close the boundary wall between Woodlawn estate Model Farm Road and Roseboro House Model Farm Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. B. Bermingham 06/139)

Roads and Transportation Functional Committee

13. **TENDERS**

The following tenders were opened:

- 2 no. tenders for extension at no. 58 Courtown Drive, Knocknaheeny
- 3 no. tenders for extension at no. 28 Gweedore Avenue, Mayfield
- 2 no. tenders for extension at no. 27 Ballinderry Park, Mayfield
- 2 no. tenders for extension at no. 78 Knockpogue Avenue, Farranree
- 3 no. tenders for extension at no. 8 Inchera Lawn, Mahon
- 5 no. tenders for printing and supply of On-Street Parking discs

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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