

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10th MAY 2010

- PRESENT** An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Murphy in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, P. Gosch, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí J. Corr, E. O'Halloran, J. Buttimer.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture.
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An t-Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders and to consider the business of An Chomhairle as set out in the Agenda.

1.1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The O'Sullivan Family on the death of Carmel O'Sullivan.
- The Hallissey Family on the death of Mary Hallissey.

1.2 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

IT TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS

An t-Ardmhéara advised members of An Chomhairle of the forthcoming I.T. Training Course, taking place on 12th May at PFH Headquarters, Little Island, Cork.

1.3 **VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to the following:-

- Christ the King Secondary School on opening of Confucius room, celebrating Chinese culture.
- St. Finbarrs Hurling & Football Club on holding an extremely successful Lá na gClub on Sunday 9th May.
- Paddy Crowley on his participation in the over 60's competition.
- Cork Constitution on their victory in the AIB All Ireland League Cup Final. .
- Vibes & Scribes on their stance against shop lifting & intimidation.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 26th April 2010, were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **EXPENDITURE ON HOUSING AID FOR THE ELDERLY, DISABLED PERSONS GRANT**

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

Could the Manager please outline expenditure on:

a) Housing Aid for the Elderly

b) Disabled Persons Grant in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.

c) What was the agreed budget on each year and what additional funding was received in the above years above the budgeted figure.

a) Housing Aid for the Elderly Grant did not become part of Cork City Council's Disabled Grants scheme until 01/11/2007. There was no expenditure until 2008 as outlined below in part b).

b)	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
DPG	800,000	1,200,000	1,240,867	179,679
Adapt	0	0	580,386	1,764,411
Elderly	0	0	303,916	788,194
Mobility	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,451</u>	<u>43,966</u>
	800,000	1,200,000	2,155,620	2,776,250

c)	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Budget	750,000	900,000	1,500,000	1,800,000
Grant	800,000	1,200,000	1,855,620	2,112,500
Top Up	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>663,750</u>
	800,000	1,200,000	2,155,620	2,776,250

3.2 **BUTTER EXCHANGE BUILDING**

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

To ask the Manager regarding the Shandon area –

- a) What is the up-to-date situation regarding the Butter Exchange Building – in particular the C.P.O.:*
- b) What is the up-to-date situation regarding the Craft Centre and what is planned for the building going forward?*
- c) When are the ESB poles in Shandon Street being removed?*

- (a) There is no C.P.O. relating to the Butter Exchange Building. Following negotiations with the representative of the occupants of units within the building, I have approved terms for them to vacate their premises.
- (b) A themed tourist attraction is proposed for the Butter Exchange Building and an application for capital funding for same is being pursued with Fáilte Ireland.
- (c) The poles on Shandon Street are used to accommodate the overhead ESB network. Underground conduits were provided when the street was renewed to allow for and facilitate the possible future undergrounding of the ESB network. The costing for the actual undergrounding of the ESB network is currently being examined. On completion of the undergrounding the poles will be removed.

3.3 **CITY CENTRE PARKING/ LOADING BAYS**

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

A lot of motions with regard to the City Centre Parking/Loading Bays etc are pending a report U.C.C. were carrying out for City Council.

- a) Has the report by U.C.C. been given to the Roads Department?*
- b) If so, can the Councillors receive a copy?*
- c) If not, when?*
- d) Will parking meters be provided or accommodated to Cork City at any time in the near future?*

- (a) The report is not yet completed. The nature of the report is to develop a methodology for completing on-street surveys to establish turnover of spaces across the pay parking control zone.
- (b) Once the report is completed, the report can be made available to Council.
- (c) Please see part (b) above.
- (d) Cork City Council engaged in a tendering process in 2009 to introduce approximately 100 on-street pay and display machines in a limited area of the pay parking control zone. The lowest tender price submitted was just under €520,000 inclusive of VAT. The tender sum did not include cash collection costs, which would be in the order of €110,000 per annum. A decision was taken not to proceed with awarding the tender as the total cost of providing the service was not economically viable. Customers currently have two alternative means of paying for on-street parking, by parking disc or the Park Magic pay by phone system.

3.4 **TOURISM PROMOTION**

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

To ask the City Manager to give an approximate breakdown on how the recently approved E80,000 on tourism promotion will be spent?

The poster campaign will take place at The Airport , City Centre and The Railway station.

Displays will take place internally within the Airport and outdoors at the Ferryport at Ringaskiddy and at Cobh . Tribunes will be in place at the entrances to the city and as other opportunities arise they will be availed of . The overall spend will evolve over the twenty week period however the current estimates are as follows:-

Outdoor media costs ie Poster sites	€37,000
Design and production of Tribunes,	
Posters and displays at Ringaskiddy and Cobh	€18,000
Project Management	€ 5,000
Total	€60,000
Plus VAT at 21%	€12,600
Total	€72,600

It is intended that the full budget will be expended with the production of the promotional brochure and ipod application

3.5 **MICRO WAVE TRANSMITTERS AT BISHOPSTOWN BAR**

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

- 1) *Could the Manager please tell Council if any planning application has been received in respect of 3 Micro Wave Transmitters on the roof of Bishopstown Bar?*

- 2) *If an application has been received could the Manager please tell the Council the proposed use of these transmitters, their frequency, their power factor and the current status of the application?*
- 3) *If an application has not been received could the Manager please confirm that such an installation would require planning permission and, if this is affirmed, what he intends to do to enforce the planning laws?*

I confirm that no planning application has been received in respect of this development.

However Cork City Council did receive notification from Vodafone Ltd that they were intending to carry out exempted development under the Planning & Development Regulations.

For your information, I set out below relevant extract from CLASS 31, SCHEDULE 2 (part one) of the **Planning and Development Regulations 2001** which describes the specific type of development which is exempt from permission and the conditions and limitations attached thereto:

Description of Development:

The carrying out by a statutory undertaker authorised to provide a telecommunications service of development consisting of the provision of—

(k) antennae attached to the following existing structures-

- (i) public or commercial buildings (other than education facilities, childcare facilities or hospitals) by way of attachment to roofs, facades, chimneys, chimney pots or vent pipes;

Conditions and Limitations

1. The antenna shall be attached directly to the structure (other than a structure with a flat roof) and not by way of a supporting fixture.
2. In the case of a structure with a flat roof, a supporting fixture may be used provided that-
 - (a) the fixture does not exceed the height of any existing parapet or railing on the roof by more than 2 metres, and
 - (b) access to the roof is not available to any person other than a person authorised by the statutory undertaker.
3. Where an antenna is attached to the façade of a building or the exterior of a chimney or vent, the colour of the antenna shall match and blend with the colour of such façade, chimney or vent pipe.
4. Where the antenna is hidden inside a chimney pot the existing chimney pot may be replaced by a chimney pot in a suitable material which shall be the same colour, size and shape as the replaced pot, and the antenna shall not protrude beyond the top of the chimney pot.
5. The planning authority in whose functional area the structure on which the antennae will be attached is situated shall be notified by the statutory undertaker in writing of the proposed location of any such structure at least 4 weeks before such attachment.
6. The field strength of any such antenna shall not result in the field strength of the non-ionising radiation emission from the radio installations on the site exceeding the limits specified by the Director of Telecommunications Regulation.

3.6 **LAW IN RELATION TO POSTERING**

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

Can the Manager please outline the current law in relation to postering?

What are the penalties and is there provision for warnings to be given to offenders?

Can the Manager finally please confirm if Cork City Council would be acting within its powers were it to introduce Bye Laws regulating the type of material to be used for posters in the interests of both the environment and in an effort to help Cork Printers maintain jobs?

Section 19 (1) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended by Section 56 of the Protection of the Environment Act 2003 states:

“Where any structure or other land, door, gate, window, tree, pole or post is in or is visible from a public place, a person who is not the owner, occupier or person in charge thereof shall not –

(a) exhibit or cause to be exhibited thereon any article or advertisement or
(b) carry out or cause to be carried out any defacement thereof by writing or other marks, unless, in either case, the person is authorised in advance to do so in writing by such owner, occupier or person in charge or by any enactment, and, in addition in the case of paragraph (a), the article or advertisement –

(i) if it relates to a meeting or an event, carries the name and address of the person who is promoting or arranging the meeting or event, and,
(ii) in any other case, carries the name and address of the person on whose behalf it is exhibited.”

The on the spot fine is €150 with a maximum court fine of €3,000.

Individuals or groups are not always aware of the provisions of the above mentioned section. Accordingly, in the case of first offenders the City Council litter wardens allow a short period of time for individuals/groups to remove the posters before implementing the provisions of Section 19 (1) of the Litter Pollution Act. In the case of persistent offenders the Litter Wardens implement the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act and may also remove the posters.

Section 21 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as substituted by section 57 of the Protection of the Environment Act 2003 outlines the purposes for which bye laws may be enacted as follows:

- (1) A local authority may make bye – laws for the purposes of preventing the creation of, and controlling, litter within its functional area.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), bye –laws made under that section may make provision for all or any of the following matters:
 - (a) the prohibition or regulation of the distribution to the public of advertising material or specified categories of advertising material,

- (b) the regulation of the movement, location, use and operation of mobile outlets so as to secure the prevention or removal of litter at or in the vicinity of such outlets,
- (c) requiring occupiers of specified premises or classes of premises to take such measures as are deemed necessary by the local authority to prevent or limit the creation of litter at or in the vicinity of such premises and provide for its removal,
- (d) requiring the promoters or organisers of events at which large numbers of persons are likely to be present to take measures to prevent or limit the creation of litter at the events and provide for its removal,
- (e) requiring the owners or managers of specified businesses or classes of business to wash, clean and brush down the public area outside of premises in which their business is carried on or cause those things to be done,
- (f) the regulation of the provision and use of supermarket trolleys, including the imposition of duties on the owners or managers of retail outlets in cases where supermarket trolleys from those outlets are abandoned.

In recent years there have been further advances in recycling of poster material and cardboard, plastic and coriboard can now all be recycled.

3.7 **GATE LODGE AT THE IDA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

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

Can the City Manager indicate what action has been taken to protect the structure of the gate lodge at the IDA industrial estate on the Model Farm Road which was significantly damaged recently by fire and which has become unsafe, derelict and a source of anti-social behaviour?

The gate lodge was last inspected by the Building control Section on 6th May 2010. The roof and chimney have been badly damaged as a result of the fire. All opes have been steel shuttered by Cork City Council to prevent unauthorized entry. The Lodge does not need to be further secured and currently does not, in the opinion of the Building Surveyors, present a danger to the public.

4. **CORK OPERA HOUSE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 6th May 2010, on Cork Opera House Finances.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager and unanimously approved the conversion of the remaining loan balance of €857,073 to a non-repayable capital grant on condition that the approval of Cork City Council is obtained by Cork Opera House to any future borrowing including overdraft accumulation over €300,000. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle also unanimously approved to underwrite/ guarantee the annual repayments of the €1.5m term loan.

5. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPERTY DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 6th May 2010, on the following Disposals:-

- a) Unit No. 31, Ard na Rí, Banduff, Cork to Affordable Housing applicant under the Affordable Housing Scheme. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, the disposal was approved.
- b) Unit No. 70, Block 1, Coppingers Acre, Cork to Affordable Housing applicants under the Affordable Housing scheme. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, the disposal was approved.

6. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 22nd MARCH, 12th APRIL & 26th APRIL 2010.**

6.1 **VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND C.E.O. OF HEALTH SERVICE EXECUTIVE**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council supports a vote of no confidence in the Minister for Health, Mary Harney and Prof. Brendan Drumm, CEO of the Health Service Executive on the grounds of the failure to adequately address the ongoing extreme seriousness and deficiencies in the Public Health Services. Calling on both the Minister for Health Mary Harney and Prof. Brendan Drumm CEO of the Health Service Executive to resign immediately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O'Leary 10/105)

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

FOR: Comhairleoirí D. Murphy, T. Tynan, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, D. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, D. Cahill, D. O'Flynn, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, L. Kingston, M. Finn, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.-(15)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Shannon, S. Martin, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.-(5)

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the motion approved. An Chomhairle also agreed that this motion be forwarded to the HSE South for information.

6.2 **24 HOUR EMERGENCY HELICOPTER COVER FOR SOUTH**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to ensure full 24-hour emergency helicopter cover for the South, South West and South East Coast and that the HSE South would immediately bring forward plans to have a helicopter landing pad reinstalled at CUH.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/108)

An Chomhairle agreed that this motion be withdrawn, as the issue regarding a 24 hour emergency helicopter cover for the South has been resolved.

7. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 12th APRIL & 26th APRIL 2010**

7.1 **INQUIRY INTO EVENTS SURROUNDING FLOODING**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘I call on Cork City Council to support Cork Chamber’s call to Minister John Gormley for an Independent inquiry into events surrounding flooding in Cork City last November and to also support their request to the Minister to establish terms of reference and related timeframe and to appoint an International expert to chair an efficient inquiry.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 10/113)

7.2 **LANDS AT ST. MARY’S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, GURRANABRAHER**

In the absence of Comhairleoir M. Barry, An Chomhairle agreed to defer the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 24th May 2010

‘That Cork City Council instructs the City Manager to immediately break off negotiations with the HSE on the use of lands at St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital, Gurranaברה, for town centre facilities. Council believes that HSE lands should be used for public health service facilities only and that health service facilities should be expanded at St. Mary’s’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 10/119)

7.3 **BAIL OUT OF ANGLO IRISH BANK**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council deplores the decision of the Government to bail out Anglo Irish Bank to the tune of a further €8.3 bn. With the declared possibility of a further €10 bn. plus bailout. In light of these events, Cork City Council declares that it has no confidence in this Government.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan, Cllr. M. Barry, Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/124)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Tynan, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, a vote was called for where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, T. Tynan, C. Clancy, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, D. Cahill, D. O'Flynn, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, L. Kingston, M. Finn, F. Kerins, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.-(17)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Shannon, S. Martin, M. Shields.-(3)

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

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle agreed that the motion be forwarded to all other local authorities for information.

8. **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th MAY 2010**

8.1 **QUARTERLY REPORT ON LIBRARY FACILITIES**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture on library facility statistics.

8.2 **THE LOUGH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture dated 28th April 2010, on water quality at the Lough.

8.3 **CLEAN UP ON BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture dated 29th April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City Council Cleansing Department carry out a major clean up on Ballyhooley Road from the eastern entrance to Glen Amenity Part to its junction with North Ring Road and that the hedged boundary of Oakpark be included in the clean up.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/110)

The report of the Director of Services stated that a Clean-up of the above length of Ballyhooley Road and trimming back of the boundary hedge will be added to the schedule of maintenance operations and carried out as quickly as resources permit.

8.4 **WALKWAY BETWEEN BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO SARSFIELD ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture dated 29th April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the walkway from the Bandon Road Roundabout to the Sarsfield Road Roundabout would be monitored on a regular basis for anti-social behaviour and littering and that any actions necessary would be undertaken to reduce and minimise the impact of these activities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/118)

The report of the Director of Services stated that littering on this walkway is generally concentrated at a number of specific locations and is collected and removed on a regular basis. Unsocial gatherings during normal working hours and at specific day-time hours at weekends is presently monitored by the Council’s Park Rangers. However, given that most anti-social behaviour generally occurs outside of these hours, it is not possible for the Council to monitor these activities given the restriction on staff working overtime.

Any incidents of anti-social behaviour along this walkway should therefore be reported to the Gardaí at Togher Garda Station for attention.

8.5 **LEISUREWORLD WEBSITE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture dated 28th April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Comhairle:-

‘That the publicity given by Leisureworld to Bishopstown and Churchfield Swimming Pools respectively be also extended to Douglas Pool (e.g. be included on its website and poster promotions)’.

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/121)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Gus Healy Pool at Douglas has its own section on the Leisureworld website. The Douglas Pool is primarily used by schools and clubs who are aware of the facility whereas the newer Churchfield and Bishopstown leisure centres cater for public pay as you go customers/season ticket holders wishing to avail of a gym, pool, sauna, fitness classes etc., facilities which are not available in the much older Douglas centre. The forthcoming summer schedule of activities organised by Leisureworld for Douglas, when the pool is not being used by clubs and schools, will also be promoted on the website.

8.6 **ENCLOSING OF ESB SUB-STATION IN CARDINAL COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture dated 28th April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Comhairle:-

‘That the ESB substation in Cardinal Court would be enclosed to ensure greater protection for young children who play on the public green adjacent to it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/117)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the issue of enclosure of an ESB sub-station is a matter for the ESB who have sole responsibility for the stations. A copy of the motion will be forwarded to the company for attention.

8.7 **ESB SUB-STATION, CAROLINE STREET – TURNED INTO ART GALLERY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture dated 4th May 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Comhairle:-

‘That the ESB sub-station on Caroline Street, presently occupied by the Triskel Arts Centre be acquired (or work with multi art agencies) and turned into a City Council Art Gallery post the re-location home of the Triskel to Tobin Street/ChristChurch proposed for October 2010.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/69)

At the request of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle agreed to forward the motion to Recreation Amenity & Culture Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

9. **FINANCE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 4th MAY 2010**

9.1 **CAR PARKING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Pat Casey, Senior Engineer, Traffic on Car Parking Income and Expenditure – On street Parking, Off Street Car Parks, Park & Ride, Clamping & Towaway.

9.2 **TOURIST & COMMERCIAL MARKETING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Council should set up a committee to oversee the wide variety of marketing and funds that it supports separately. Tourist and commercial marketing is vital to the commerce of the City. An oversight Committee would be of great benefit to the Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch, Cllr. D. Cahill, Cllr. L. McGonigle, Cllr. J. Corr, Cllr. E O’Halloran 10/33)

The recommendation of the Finance Committee stated that this was an appropriate matter to be included in the Finance Committee brief.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Letter from Donegal County Council dated 14th April 2010.
- Letter from Limerick County Council dated 27th April 2010.
- Letter from Donegal County Council dated 28th April 2010.

- Letter from Clones Town Council dated 28th April 2010.

11. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the referral of the following motions to the relevant committees:-

11.1 **PLACEMENT OF A TURNSTILE GATE ON FOOTPATH BETWEEN MEELICK AND PARK COURT**

‘On the footpath between Meelick and Park Court, that a turnstile gate be erected to prevent the use of chariots, motorcycles and other forms of Anti-Social behaviour, that the residents of the aforementioned estates have had to contend with on a regular basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/289)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT GLENHEIGHTS PARK**

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced at the junction between Glenheights Park and the entrance to St. Aidan’s school and Scoil Oilibher to curb joyriding activity in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/293)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – TORY TOP ROAD**

‘That Cork City Roads & Traffic Department carry out a survey of Tory Top Road adjacent to the Shops and Community Centre its intersection with Friars Walk adjacent to the Library with a view to installing Traffic Calming measures, 1)Green Man Crossing 2) Table Top.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/58)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.4 **DEVELOP ANGLESEA TERRACE FOR ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

‘That Cork City Council develop the site at Anglesea Terrace for the Environment Department. Permission was not given at Grattan Street and White Street Car Park is only a temporary arrangement. It is totally unacceptable situation at the moment for the staff and residents alike. We should put our resources into developing the above location for the staff and public alike at the above location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/90)

Environment Functional Committee

11.5 **YELLOW BOX OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE TO THE SCOUT HALL, DILLON'S CROSS**

‘That Cork City Council would install a yellow box traffic marking opposite the entrance to the Scout Hall on New Road, Dillon’s Cross.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/131)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.6 **30KM/H SPEED LIMIT – SILVERSPRINGS AREA**

‘That this Council would introduce a 30 km/h speed limit in the residential housing estates at Silverheights, Silversprings, Lotabeg, Inishowen, Boherboy and Ashmount.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/132)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.7 **DISABLED PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE SUNDAY'S WELL POST OFFICE**

‘That Cork City Council allocate a disabled Parking Space outside Sunday's Well Post Office on Sunday's Well Road for older people, and people with disabilities accessing the services at the Post Office.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 10/141)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.8 **FREEZE MORTGAGES – RENT PAYMENT**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Mr. John Gormley T.D. to implement a scheme under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) by which those who in the current economic climate have found themselves unable to make repayments to their mortgage, be assisted by the having their mortgage frozen with a rent payment kicking in at the same level as local authority tenants, with mortgages recommencing once homeowners can afford to do so, rather than see them currently losing their homes. This would apply to affordable housing applicants with mortgages as well.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/146)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, C. Clancy, T. Gould, D. O’Flynn, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, L. Kingston, M. Finn, F. Kerins, B. Birmingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.-
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AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, M. O’Connell, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, S. Martin, M. Shields.-(8)

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

11.9 MONASTERY HILL HOUSING ESTATE

‘That Cork City Council take Monastery Hill Housing Estate in charge as soon as possible.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 10/147)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

11.10 PYRAMID STYLE CAPPING ON PARTITION WALL AT MARKET GARDENS

‘That City Council erect a sufficient pyramid style capping on the partition wall between houses of 56 and 57 Market Gardens leading over to Deanvale Estate, in order to prevent youths congregating, and creating anti social behavior and disruptions climbing over the wall.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/157)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.11 MONITOR SEATING AREA ON THE NORTH MALL

‘The seating on the North Mall facing the River Lee is a much appreciated amenity provided by Cork City Council but of late residents have seen an increase in the number of people consuming alcohol in the area and request that Cork City Council monitor the area and take whatever measures are necessary to put a stop to the drinking in this public area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/159)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.12 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MARTINS SHOP BALLYVOLANE

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department put in place a pedestrian crossing at the vicinity of Martins Shop, Ballyvolane to facilitate the 1,500 children attending the local schools and wider community.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/160)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.13 **REMOVE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES FROM SOUTHERN SIDE OF WELLINGTON ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council remove the double yellow lines from the southern side of Wellington Road from St. Lukes Cross to St. Lukes Avenue as they are causing a loss of business to some local traders.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/162)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.14 **RESTORE QUARRY AT BALLYHOOLEY**

‘That Cork City Council restore the quarry, Ballyhooley Road following the destruction caused during the recent work at St. Lukes Cross which saw the quarry used as a depot for vehicles and rubble. Its now time to reinstate as a green area. The Council has no authority to do otherwise and in fact is obliged to restore it.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/163)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.15 **RESIDENTIAL CAR PARKING SPACES IN LORETTO PARK**

‘That Cork City Council carry out a study with the intention of putting in place, additional residential car parking spaces in Loretto Park, Friar’s Walk, along similar measures to those carried out in “The Square” in Upper Connolly Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 10/164)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.16 **PARKING/ LOADING BAYS IN CORK CITY**

‘That the views of both the business community and City Councillors be taken into consideration with regard to the parking/ loading bay and signage in Cork City. Also survey’s conducted or data to be referred to Councillors when guidelines are devised and not deviated from by City Management. Trial periods should at the very least be conducted to verify the correctness of traffic management.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/165)

Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

11.17 **“MAHON SOUTH” AREA EXTENDED**

‘That the area designated ‘Mahon South’ be extended to include the Avenue de Rennes area in the current Mahon Plan that is being drafted. This area is seen as the heart of Mahon and should not be ignored.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/166)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

11.18 **INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE FOR ENGLISH MARKET**

‘That interpretative signage regarding its history and significance be instated in the interior of the English Market.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/168)

Corporate Policy Group

11.19 **REPLACE WORN PLAQUES IN BALLINURE PLACE, BALLINURE LAWN AND AVENUE DE RENNES IN MAHON**

‘That the worn name plaques in Ballinure Place, Ballinure Lawn and Avenue De Rennes in Mahon be replaced.’

(Proposer: Cll. K. McCarthy 10/169)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.20 **CLOSES ROAD, FARRANREE BE INCLUDED IN THE 2010 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That Closes Road Farranree be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme for 2010.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 10/170)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.21 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT TRAMORE ROAD & TOGHER ROAD JUNCTION**

‘That Cork City Council would immediately put in place a mechanism for managing pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow at the junction of Tramore Road and Togher Road and remove the traffic lights which have been set to ‘flashing mode’ for the past eighteen months.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/173)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle deferred the following motions to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 24th May 2010:-

12.1 **LAND ASSOCIATED WITH ST. MARY'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL**

‘That Cork City Council would agree that all land associated with St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital be retained for use as a medical and community facility and that Cork City Council would not purchase any of the land to enable the development of a retail park on the grounds of the hospital.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 10/171)

12.2 **RECONFIGURATION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN CORK CITY & COUNTY**

‘That the HSE South would be invited to attend a meeting of the Planning SPC to outline plans for the reconfiguration of Health services in Cork City and County and how this will impact on access to health services in the region, public transport, parking and other planning requirements.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/172)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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