

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2010

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell in the Chair and subsequently Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O' Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr.
- SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins.
- SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. T. Lucey, City Manager.
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.
Ms. V. O'Sullivan, Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture.
Mr. D. Joyce, A/Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. N. Mulcahy, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An t-Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Verling Family on the death of John Verling.

1.2 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

- On the proposal of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that a Civic Reception be held in honour of Commodore Frank Lynch on his Standing Down in December.

2. **MINUTES**

- (a) The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 13th September 2010, were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **WHITE STREET CAR PARK**

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

- A) Why is White Street Car Park being enforced by the towing and clamping contractor and not City Hall staff?*
- B) Who made the decision to exclude residents from using the car park? There was a long understanding that residents could use this car park.*
- A) White Street car park is owned by Cork City Council and the Council is responsible for the management of the car park. APCOA Parking Ireland Ltd. previously provided parking management services on site under a service level agreement with the City Council which has now ended.
- B) There is no record on file of any formal agreement between residents and the City Council, to allow resident permit holders to operate within White Street car park. An informal arrangement did exist, extending back over a number of years with residents of parking control zone 'N', which includes the White Street car park area, whereby they were allowed to park in the car park without the need to pay for parking within the car park itself.

It should also be noted that pay parking controls only apply during the hours from 8:30am to 6:30pm, Monday to Saturday, and there is nothing to prevent the residents (or any members of the public) from parking in the car park outside of those hours, free of charge.

There is no legal right to use a resident's permit in White Street Car Park. The permit only allows the holder to park without limitation as to time in a disc parking area in the zone to which the permit relates.

- C) When it came to light that residents were parking in the car park on foot of the resident's parking permit system, they were advised to cease this informal practice. The City Council is satisfied that there are adequate spaces on the street to accommodate the parking needs of residents.

It is important that the Council maximizes the opportunity for income from car parking fees. It is therefore reasonable for the Council to expect their residents would not use the car park between the hours of 8.30 am and 6.30 pm Monday to Saturday.

3.2 **SITE AT DEANROCK**

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

In relation to the disposal of land by Cork City Council some years ago to construct TSB Bank at No.1 Clashduv Road, Togher, could the Manager outline the terms and conditions/deed of covenant of the disposal, in relation to its future use in the event of the Bank ceasing trading and the subsequent sale of the land by the Bank.

Would the Manager envisage Cork City Council now seeking the site as part of Deanrock Regeneration Scheme?

The subject land was sold to Cork Savings bank by deed of transfer dated 14/9/1981. This disposal was for the freehold of the site for a sum of £15,000. There were no conditions relating to the future use of the site.

The City Council has made no decision with regard to the acquisition of this site.

3.3 **QUAY WALLS AT SUNDAYS WELL AND AT THE MERCY HOSPITAL**

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

- a) Is the funding committed by the Government drawn down by Cork City Council to repair the Quay Walls at Sundays Well and at the Mercy Hospital?*
- b) If so, is there sufficient funding secured to complete the works?*
- c) When will the work commence and when is the expected date of completion?*

- a) The funding will be drawn down in arrears as expenditure is incurred.
- b) Tenders are being invited shortly and we expect the funding will be sufficient to repair the quay walls at Sundays Well and at the Mercy Hospital.
- c) We hope to commence on site before the end of this year and complete the works in mid 2011.

3.4 **PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH**

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

Would the Manager please outline the city's position with regard to Páirc Uí Chaoimh?

- a) Has the GAA accepted the city's offer?*
- b) Clarify the time line between the GAA, ie the time limit when the offer is available and also the time limit if the offer is accepted, when full planning will be required?*

- a) The GAA has not yet accepted the City Council offer.
- b) The letter of offer issued to the GAA on the 15th of May. No time limit for acceptance or otherwise of the offer was specified. The GAA responded on the 25th of May to say that the finance committee were reviewing same. There has been no further correspondence.

3.5 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF WESTERN ROAD AND SUNDAYS WELL ROAD**

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

Can the City Manager please state when the traffic lights at the junction of Western Road and Sundays Well Road will become operational?

Funding for the traffic signal project was not available in 2009 and it was felt that a public consultation process could not begin until a funding source was identified. It has now been agreed that the Green Route Project will fund the project as it is adjacent to a green route and because traffic congestion at the bridge junction cause delays to the Bus No. 8 Green Route on the Western Road.

It is now planned to start the public consultation process and subject to a successful outcome it is envisaged that the installation of the traffic signals will begin early in 2011.

3.6 **SHANDON CRAFT CENTRE**

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

Could the Manager update the Council on plans for the Shandon Craft Centre and inform Councillors what stage negotiations are at between Cork City Council and Fáilte Ireland at present.

Cork City Council has now (September 2010) received vacant possession of Shandon Craft Centre.

A proposal was made to Fáilte Ireland for funding under Iconic Tourism Attraction Scheme in May 2008 for the development of the Shandon Butter Exchange incorporating Irish Food and Traditional Irish Music and Dance elements.

Fáilte Ireland sought a modified plan for the proposed development and this has been submitted. Fáilte Ireland has not yet indicated its decision on the application or indeed on other applications nationally, under their capital investment programme for such proposed tourism infrastructure development.

3.7 **NEW APPRENTICES SCHEME**

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

In the event of the scheme being sanctioned by the Department of the Environment, how many places does the Manager envisage being available to any new apprentices scheme and when does the Manager envisage such a scheme being up and running?

The Council has sought approval to employ 8 people under the FAS Redundant Apprentice Placement Scheme and sanction is awaited from the Department. Once sanction is received and the necessary budgetary provision made for their employment it is intended to engage with FAS immediately thereafter to select and recruit the staff.

3.8 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND 2007 - 2010**

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

To ask the City Manager what did Cork City Council receive from the Local Government Fund in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 and if he can indicate the nature and extent of communications received from the Department of Finance and/or other Government Ministries regarding budgetary planning at local authority level for 2011 and if these would be made available to Members of Council?

The general purposes allocation from the Local Government Fund to Cork City Council from 2007 to 2010 is as follows:

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Gross Allocation	26,892,180	28,383,759	25,764,998	25,014,462
Less Pension Related Deductions	-	-	3,456,151	3,558,698
Less Pay Cut Adjustment	-	-	-	1,192,088
Nett Receipts	26,892,180	28,383,759	22,308,847	20,263,676

No indication of the 2011 allocation from the Local Government Fund has been notified to the City Council to date from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government. There also has been no communication from any other relevant department to date.

3.9 **BLACKPOOL BRIDGE**

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

To ask the Manager:

- a) What remedial work has been carried out on Blackpool Bridge in order to avoid a recurrence of last years floods?*
- b) What outstanding work needs to be done?*
- c) What additional funding is required for the completion of same?*
- d) What is the current status of the Bridge?*

Severe flooding occurred in Blackpool in late 2002. Subsequently, the old Blackpool twin arch bridge was replaced by a box culvert and a new enlarged culvert was installed downstream of Blackpool Church. In addition steel grids were installed in the river on the upstream side of the two bridges in Orchard Court and of the bridge at Blackpool Commercial Park to collect floating debris. These have since been monitored and cleaned as necessary.

In 2008 portion of one bank collapsed upstream of Orchard Court. In late 2009 the portion of the bank upstream of the vehicular bridge in Orchard Court was eroded, creating a gap adjacent to the screen at this location. In January of this year on the occasion of a day of heavy rain a tree stump complete with roots was washed downstream. The aperture at the first grating was sufficient to allow the stump to be forced through and it then became trapped on the second grating. This created a blockage causing the river to overflow. The City Council staff called to the scene, were able to clear the debris and stop the overflow. Subsequently the bank erosion at the upstream side of the vehicular bridge was repaired.

During the course of the early summer it became evident that the eastern bank of the river adjacent to the pedestrian bridge into Orchard Court had been undermined causing partial collapse. As a result the pedestrian bridge was closed. Remedial

works to correct this erosion is due to commence shortly, enabling the pedestrian bridge to be re-opened.

The completion of the bank repair will bring the river channel back to status of early 2009.

4. **CORK OPERA HOUSE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager dated 27th September, 2010 and on the proposal of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, unanimously approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“RESOLVED THAT, Cork City Council approves the making of an interest free loan in the sum of €0.25m, in addition to the interest free loan of €1.0m previously approved by An Chomhairle on 14th June, 2010 to Cork Opera House to facilitate the making of exceptional one off costs associated with the restructuring of the Opera House operation. The said additional loan is to be repayable within a period of 15 years with a moratorium on payments for the first three years of the term.”

5. **ITEM FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2010**

AMEND STANDING ORDERS

‘It is rightly accepted in society that discrimination of any form is no longer acceptable.

There is a particular responsibility on elected members at every level to ensure that discrimination does not occur at any level in our country. With this in mind I propose that one of the last forms of discrimination that occurs at local authority level be consigned to history where it belongs.

I propose that Cork City Council standing orders be amended to allow for an independent councillor to transfer his or her seat to a person of their choice as is the case with political parties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 10/257)

The above motion was moved by Comhairleoir J. O'Brien on behalf of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy and duly seconded by An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell at the meeting of An Chomhairle held on 13th September 2010, and stood adjourned to this meeting.

Noting that Comhairleoir D. McCarthy was not in attendance, on the proposal of An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, a vote was called for to defer discussion on the motion where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S.

Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.-(27)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, J. Corr.-(2)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and discussion on the motion deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 11th October 2010.

6. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 13th SEPTEMBER 2010**

6.1 **SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on Special Speed Limits.

6.2 **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS AT SPECIFIED SCHOOLS – SECTION 9 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 2004**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the Introduction of Special Speed Limits at Specified Schools – Section 9 Road Traffic Act 2004.

6.3 **BIKE SHARING SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager dated, on the following motion which was referred to committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City joins the long list of European Cities to have its own bike sharing scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/322)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a project team has been set up under the auspices of the Roads Control Division to investigate options available to fund public amenity projects such as a Public Bike Scheme. This team comprises representatives from both the Roads Directorate as well as the Planning and Development Directorate. It is expected that this team will report on its findings in December 2010.

6.4 **DISPLAY ‘TOW-AWAY’ CONTRACTOR NUMBER ON DISABLED DRIVER SPACE SIGNAGE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 9th September 2010, on the following motion which was referred to committee by An Chomhairle, and agreed to refer the matter back to the Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

‘That the telephone number for ‘tow-away’ contractor be visible on poles/ disabled driver space signage. This will enable people who are entitled to park in disabled space contact ‘tow-away’ contractor if an unauthorised vehicle is occupying the space.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/102)

The report of the City Manager stated that The Report stated that, the tow-away contractor personnel, Traffic Wardens or the Gardaí are the only people who are trained and competent to decide if a vehicle is parked contrary to the national parking regulations or contrary to the local parking bye-laws. Allowing the general public to make these decisions would cause serious confusion and could bring the whole parking enforcement regime into disrepute. For example, vehicle in disabled driver spaces are only required to be used in the transport of persons with disabled driver badges and the vehicle can be driven by an abled bodied driver. Many people in the general public are not aware of this.

It is also recommended that the telephone number of the tow-away contractor not be displayed on poles in parking areas for the following reasons:

- o The telephone number could be used to make malicious, time wasting or abusive calls to the towaway contractor.
- o People may use the telephone number to pinpoint vehicles whose owners they may have a grudge against for some particular reason.

Accordingly it is recommended that the current system where trained competent persons are the only people who can summon the tow-away truck be retained.

6.5 **CLAMPING POLICY**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 9th September 2010, on the following motion which was referred to committee by An Chomhairle, and agreed to refer the matter back to the Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration.

‘That Cork City Council immediately stops its policy of clamping vehicles without valid parking discs in designated parking zones and instead increase fines and reserve the practice of clamping for vehicles parked on double-yellow lines, loading bays or those that cause obstruction for other vehicles, including emergency services.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 09/271)

The report of the City Manager stated that Cork City Council has three means of parking enforcement:

- Tow-away
- Clamping
- Fixed charge penalty notices (parking fines)

Fines are not a deterrent to many illegal parkers and the introduction of clamping and tow-away some years ago has greatly improved the compliance levels of the parking regulations. The results were:

- The turnover of disc parking spaces doubled in some areas, resulting in increased availability of parking in the City Centre.
- Public safety improved with reduced parking on footpaths, near pedestrian crossing facilities and adjacent to junctions.
- Bus stops, taxi ranks, disabled spaces are kept clearer.

Illegal parking resulting in traffic congestion and a poor road safety environment lessens the attractiveness of the city centre for shoppers, visitors, employment

centres, etc. Vehicles which interfere with the flow of traffic, particularly on emergency vehicle routes, or are causing a danger to pedestrian and other road users should be towed away. Clamping these vehicles may only result in the danger and obstruction being prolonged for a longer period than it should.

Relying on fines only for the enforcement of disc parking area would be a retro step and would result in a reduced availability of parking on the street which ultimately will affect the attractiveness of the City Centre as explained above. Clamped vehicles in pay parking areas are a huge deterrent to the abuse of parking spaces. Increasing fines is not an option for Cork City Council as this is controlled at national government level. Accordingly, it is recommended that the policy of using the three current enforcement tools in an appropriate and reasonable manner be retained.

At this point Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn took the Chair.

7. ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 13th SEPTEMBER 2010

7.1 PARKING/LOADING BAYS IN CORK CITY

Members considered the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the City Manager stated that Signs and road markings associated with parking and loading bays are governed by national regulations and there is no discretion in this matter. Failure to abide with the regulatory signage and road markings would compromise Cork City Council’s ability to enforce parking controls.

The views of the business community in relation to parking controls were recently taken on board where it has been agreed that loading bay controls in parts of the City Centre will be relaxed on Saturdays.

This will allow for additional parking facilities for cars in loading bays which are not required for deliveries/collections on Saturdays.

7.2 TRAFFIC PLAN ON SILVERSPRINGS LANE

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council introduces a full traffic plan on Silversprings Lane to facilitate residents of Silverheights, Silversprings and Lotabeg.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 09/297)

The report of the City Manager stated that At the time that the Green Route Project was being installed on Silversprings Lane, the needs and demands of the various housing estates for access/egress were examined by our consulting engineers. Following a competitive tendering process appropriate traffic controls were installed. Whilst additional traffic lights and pedestrian crossing points were installed on Silversprings Lane, due to the proximity of the various junctions, it was not possible to install traffic control facilities on all junctions.

Whilst delays can be experienced by residents during periods of peak traffic flows, it should be noted that traffic volumes on Silversprings Lane will however, greatly reduce when the north-eastern section of the proposed new outer north ring road is constructed. This new road forms part of the 'Atlantic Corridor' between Cork, Limerick and Galway and the National Roads Authority is committed to constructing the corridor in the next phase of road building in the Country .

In the meantime, the Traffic Division will examine with An Garda Síochána, the possibility of introducing 'yellow box' junctions to relieve the access/egress difficulties being experienced by some motorists at present.

7.3 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT GLENHEIGHTS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That traffic lights be installed at the junction of Glenheights Road with Glenheights Park (at the church) and Mervue Lawn to provide road safety and pedestrian crossing facility.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 10/197)

The report of the City Manager stated that the junction of Glenheights Road/Glenheights Park/Mervue Lawn is a busy location for pedestrians during the operational times of the local schools and the church in the area. The provision of traffic signals at the junction will be investigated in order to determine if they are necessary to improve road safety for pedestrians in the area.

If they are deemed necessary, the provision of the traffic signals will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

7.4 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT GLENHEIGHTS ROAD AND CHAPEL GATE JUNCTION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'In view of the major road safety issue that exists at the junction of Glenheights Road and Chapel Gate, that traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing facility be provided at this junction.'

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 10/198)

The report of the City Manager stated that the provision of traffic signals at the junction of Chapel Gate and Glenheights Road will be assessed. If the provision of the traffic signals, which will incorporate pedestrian crossing facilities, is deemed to be necessary, they will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

7.5 **CLOSURE OF THE “TARRY PATH”**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with residents of Mount Brosna, Avonmore Park and Glenamoy Lawn make provision for the closure of the “Tarry Path” which runs east to west behind the above estates and which by being open to all and sundry serves to facilitate illegal dumping, anti social behaviour and crime in general, access should only be available to adjoining residents and council workmen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/215)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the closure of the laneway known as the “Tarry Path” which runs east to west behind the above estates will be included in the list for requested laneway Closures.

7.6 **LEFT – TURN – ONLY AT MOORE STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council enforces the left-turn-only junction at Moore Street and moves immediately to prevent motorists exiting Moore Street onto Sheare’s Street against the flow of traffic in order to take a shortcut (via Little Hanover Street) to Washington Street, in the interest of both motorist and pedestrian safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/208)

The report of the City Manager stated that the manoeuvre by vehicles exiting Coach Street onto Sheare’s Street and travelling to Washington Street via Anne’s Street is carried out regularly by motorists despite the presence of a “no right turn” sign. This sign is blatantly ignored by motorists in order to avoid delays at the traffic signal junctions adjacent to the Courthouse.

The enforcement of the sign is a matter for the Gardaí only and the City Council has no enforcement powers in the matter. The Gardaí will be consulted on the problem and the area will be assessed if additional signage could be provided to further highlight the requirement to turn left only when exiting either Moore’s Street or Coach Street onto Sheare’s Street.

7.7 **SLIPWAY ROAD AT TORY TOP ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make the slipway road outside AIB at the end of Tory Top Road one way to avoid motorists using the road as a way of avoiding the traffic lights.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/221)

The report of the City Manager stated that the slipway road outside the AIB at the junction of Pearse Road/Old Kinsale Road will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any measures necessary to improve road safety in the area will be implemented.

7.8 **SMARTER TRAVEL PROJECT FUND**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That part of the Sustainable Travel initiative grant arising from the Department of Transport’s Smarter Travel Project Fund be given towards the heritage and artistic bodies within Elizabeth Fort. That this be given to create Elizabeth Fort and its environs as a central hub for the area’s heritage. The aforementioned bodies within the fort are anxious to put history murals on the walls of Keyser’s Hill and to develop a community project called Cork Begins Here, which aims to work with Cork tourism and arts bodies, local community groups and local schools to raise awareness of Cork’s earliest history.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy & Cllr. M. Shields 10/225)

The report of the City Manager stated that the Traffic Division has previously advised members that an application has recently been made to the Department of Transport for funding to build on a series of ‘awareness’ initiatives related to sustainable travel that have been progressed in the city in recent years. The general objectives of the funding sought are to:

- Underpin the economic vitality of Cork City by improving transport options and accessibility by all transport modes;
- Set up SMART measures and services which bring about travel behaviour change such that significantly less travel is undertaken by individual car drivers
- Obtain the support and engagement of local stakeholders such that Smarter Travel initiatives will become ‘owned’ by communities
- Create support measures to improve the health of our citizens and
- Set up a skilled team of travel planning experts who will provide advice and assistance on an on-going basis to local communities and businesses in Cork on how to travel in a more sustainable manner.

Accordingly, the proposal to transfer funds from the Smarter travel application, if successful, would not be considered appropriate to the Department of Transport’s sustainable travel agenda.

7.9 **ROAD ALIGNMENT ON TOGHER ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a survey of the road alignment on Togher Road at the junction of Togher Road and Pearse Road to determine if a dedicated right turn lane can be incorporated for traffic turning right off Togher Road onto Pearse Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/228)

The report of the City Manager stated that this area will be examined with the Roads Design Division and if appropriate space is available, the provision of a dedicated right turn lane from Togher Road to Pearse Road will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

7.10 **TRAFFIC PLAN FOR BLARNEY STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place a full comprehensive traffic plan for Blarney Street and surrounding areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/379)

The report of the City Manager stated that in general terms, the current traffic plans for the City are incorporated in the CASP strategy, City Development Plan and in Local Area Plans where the implementation of high level strategies will improve transportation and mobility generally in the City. There is no specific “traffic management plan” for Blarney Street/Sundays Well area. However, the following local issues have been identified:

- Removal of disc parking controls on a section of Blarney Street and replacement with yellow lines.
- Improvement of the junction of Upper Cattle Market Street/Boyce’s Street/Glen Ryan Road.
- Reduction of footpath width at Horgan’s Pub/Winter Hill to create a loading bay.
- Reduction of footpath width at other sections of Blarney Street in order to improve traffic flow.
- It was proposed that traffic be banned from entering Friar’s Avenue from the Blarney Street direction in order to improve road safety and traffic movements at the junction. This has been implemented.

All the above matters are being dealt with by City Council’s Road’s Divisions and are subject to funding being available.

7.11 **LATE NIGHT TAXI RANK ON PEMBROKE STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council investigate the concept of creating a late night taxi rank on Pembroke Street where the disabled parking bays run parallel to the Imperial Hotel. Consultation to take place with all interested parties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/232)

The report of the City Manager stated that The disabled driver parking bays on Pembroke Street are legally road marked and signposted as disabled driver parking spaces, and therefore are permanently designated as such.

Discussions have been held on the matter with the Cork Taxi Federation and if it can be established that the spaces are not required for disabled drivers at night-time, the Gardaí will be asked to consider the use of the spaces concerned as ‘ad hoc’ night-time taxi ranks. This arrangement has been used in the past in the City Centre at bus stops which are not required after 11.15 pm when the City Bus Service ceases to operate.

It is planned to have the situation clarified before the next meeting between the City Council and the taxi representatives.

7.12 ‘NO U-TURNS’ AT CUH/WILTON SHOPPING CENTRE JUNCTION

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council reintroduce the no u-turn signs at the junction of CUH/ Wilton Shopping Centre, because traffic coming from both city and the west are making u-turns while the green man is showing for pedestrians to cross also.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/241)

The report of the City Manager stated that This area will be examined with members of An Garda Síochána and if deemed appropriate the ‘No U Turns’ signage will be erected.

7.13 FILL IN POT HOLES ON AVENUE DE RENNES, MAHON

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 13th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the City Council fill in the pot holes in the town centre car park on Avenue de Rennes, Mahon.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/202)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that there are two pieces of property involved here – the car park and the access road. The car park is private property and therefore outside the remit of the City Council. The access road is owned by the City Council and any potholes here will be attended to.

7.14 **INCLUDE HALLDENE WAY IN ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 13th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Halldene Way would be included for roads to be resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/213)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Halldene Way will be considered for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme.

7.15 **FLYOVER AT BANDON ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 13th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council having regard for the impact that the development of a flyover at the Bandon Road Roundabout will have on residents of Tiffany Down’s and Brampton Court would see to have a specialist wall/fence constructed between our estate and the flyover to help to deflect some of the traffic noise.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/212)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that due consideration is being taken of noise implications of the flyover and appropriate noise barriers will be a feature of the design of this road.

7.16 **MCDONAGH ROAD – GREEN AREA TO PARKING PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 13th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this council include McDonagh Road in the Green area to parking programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 10/239)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that it was proposed to convert the green area in vicinity of houses numbered 5-31 to parking in 2009 but the work did not progress due to objections. There are no other areas on McDonagh Road that are suitable for the conversion of green areas to parking.

7.17 **ROAD SURFACE IN HALLDENE GROVE, BISHOPSTOWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 13th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a survey of the road surface in Halldene Grove, Bishopstown in light of complaints from local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/246)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Halldene Grove has been surveyed for resurfacing but was not included in the final list for 2010.

However it will again be considered for inclusion in the 2011 Resurfacing Programme.

8. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2010**

8.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services on Housing for the period June to August, 2010.

8.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 9th September 2010, on Housing for the quarter ended 30th June, 2010.

8.3 **NOTICES IN RELATION TO BALL PLAYING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That notices be erected on the gable end of all Cork City Council housing stock indicating that ball playing is not allowed against the walls of said properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/294)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that although there may be some specific cases where this matter needs attention, I would consider the imposition of a general blanket ban to be unreasonable, impractical and unenforceable.

However, as with complaints of nuisance brought to the attention of Housing Officials by Council tenants, each case will be investigated and considered on its merits. Appropriate action to address the nuisance will be taken, as required.

This would be a more efficient and effective method of addressing the matter.

8.4 **EXTENSION OF GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROJECT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council discuss with the Probation Service the possibility of extending the Graffiti Removal Project to include the removal of Fly Posting from street furniture.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/189)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the remit of the project as currently constituted confines the work to Graffiti Removal. It is likely that the focus of the project will continue to remain graffiti removal for the foreseeable future as work continues to be referred from the Community Wardens and other Cork City Council staff for clearance of graffiti in Cork City locations.

It should be noted that the issue of fly posting on street furniture is a matter for the Environment Directorate.

8.5 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN DESMOND’S SQUARE & GRIFFITH’S COURT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 9th September, 2010 on the following motion referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That because of extensive problems with anti-social behaviour, that is upsetting local residents (many of them elderly), Cork City Council should embark on a consultation process with those living in Desmond’s Square and in Griffith’s Court with a view to addressing the problems caused by open access, possibly looking at a gate option for the lane or some other control measure.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/201)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that The Housing & Community Directorate will carry out a canvas of the residents in the area to determine support or otherwise for control measures. The Directorate will also raise the matter with the relevant Garda authorities who bear responsibility for the maintenance of public order.

8.6 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the City Manager dated 9th September, 2010 in relation to the following property disposals:

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

1. Disposal of the former chapel building at Assumption Convent, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork, by way of lease to Graffiti Theatre Company Limited, c/o Noonan Linehan Carroll Coffey Solicitors, 54, North Main Street, Cork for

- a term of 199 years at a rent of €20.00 per annum plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Murphy, the disposal was approved.
2. Disposal of property approximately 79.7 m² in area situated adjacent to No. 31, Maglin Grove, Deanrock, Togher, Cork to Kathleen Donovan, c/o J.M. Cronin & Co., Solicitors, 8, Sullivan's Quay, Cork for the sum of €2000.00 plus costs of €750.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, the disposal was approved.
 3. Disposal of property approximately 513.5 m² situated at the rear of No. 48 Mercier Park, Kinsale Road, Cork to Patricia O'Driscoll c/o Nancy O'Driscoll, Solicitor, No. 11, South Bank, Crosses Green, Cork for the sum of €25.51 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir E. O'Halloran, the disposal was approved.
 4. Disposal of part of former laneway situated adjacent to 14C, Iona Road, Mayfield, Cork to Joseph and Marie Spillane c/o Finbarr A. Murphy & Co., Solicitors, Lee White House, 8 Washington Street, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, the disposal was approved.
 5. Disposal of part of former laneway situated adjacent to "Villa Maria", 42, Murmont Crescent, Mayfield, Cork to William Cyril Walsh c/o F M Foley, Solicitors, 24 South Bank, Crosses Green, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons, the disposal was approved.
 6. Disposal of Stall No. 51, Grand Parade Market, Grand Parade, Cork to Frank Hederman, c/o Coakley Moloney, Solicitors, 39, South Mall, Cork by way of lease at an annual rent of €1,980.80 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir E. O'Halloran, the disposal was approved.
 7. Disposal of part of former laneway situated between 28 & 29 McSwiney Villas, Gurranabraher, Cork to Oliver and Khatia Butz c/o Carey Murphy & Partners, Solicitors, 23, Marlboro Street, Cork for the sum of €100 plus costs of €1,500 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir E. O'Halloran, the disposal was approved.
 8. Disposal of 2 Antonia Villas, Southern Road, Cork to Ronnalton Limited a subsidiary of The Dublin & Belfast Property Company Limited, c/o Coakley Moloney Solicitors, 49 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €10,000.00 plus costs of €2,000. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. Kingston, seconded by Comhairleoir G. Gibbons, the disposal was approved.
 9. Disposal by way of lease of property located at and known as "Riverview Café", Fitzgerald's Park, Cork, to Bernadette Meade and Mark Vaughan, c/o Whelan Solicitors, Grattan Court, Washington Street West, Cork by way of lease for a period of 3 years subject to a rent of €75.00 per week plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.
 10. Disposal of portion of the buildings at 107/108 Douglas Street, Cork (formerly the Old Post Office Building) by means of long term leases to the City of Cork Vocational Education Committee, 21, Lavitt's Quay, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, the disposal was approved.
 11. Disposal of freehold interest in premises situated at and known as Unit 3, Tramore Road Industrial Estate, Tramore Road, Cork, to John & Kay Harrington, c/o Nancy O' Driscoll, Solicitor, 11 South Bank, Crosses Green,

Cork, for the sum of €15,000.00 plus costs of €1,500.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the disposal was approved.

12. Disposal of property comprising the bar/restaurant area at Blackrock Castle, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork to Ricardo Vallebella c/o Anne L Horgan & Co, Solicitors, Blackrock, Cork, by way of lease for a period of 3 years at a rent of €30,000 per annum plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, the disposal was approved.

FEE SIMPLE

1. Disposal of freehold interest in the premises situate at and known as “Raymarie” No. 4, Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork to William Lynch for the sum of €77.00 together with costs in the sum of €550.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the disposal was approved.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence for the meeting.

10. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted the following summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended:-

Cllr. Kenneth O’Flynn – *Housing (Misc) Provisions Act 2009*–16/18 July 2010 - Maynooth, Co.Kildare

Cllr Kenneth O’Flynn – *Risk Assessment & Insurance*– 26/28 July 2010 - Oranmore, Co. Galway

Cllr Kenneth O’Flynn - *Local Authority & Health Service Reform* –30 July /1 Aug 2010- Oranmore, Co. Galway

Cllr Kenneth O’Flynn - *Waste management regulations; Tyres & Waste Tyres; Prohibition of Waste Disposal By Burning* –20/22 August -Galway

Cllr Kenneth O’Flynn – *Water Conservation-Impact of new EPA Guidelines* - 27/29 August 2010 - Westport

Cllr. Mary Shields –*AMAI 97th Annual Conference* –8/11 September 2010 –Buncrana, Co. Donegal

Cllr. Mary Shields –*Shanghai Expo* –24-30 May 2010, –Shanghai, China

Cllr. Tim Brosnan –*AMAI 97th Annual Conference* –8/11 September 2010 –Buncrana, Co. Donegal

Cllr. Tim Brosnan – *Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Public Administration* – 13/15 August 2010 –Bushypark, Co. Galway

Cllr. Lorraine Kingston –*AMAI 97th Annual Conference* –8/11 September 2010 – Buncrana, Co. Donegal

Cllr. Dara Murphy –*AMAI 97th Annual Conference* –8/11 September 2010 –Buncrana, Co. Donegal

Cllr. Terry Shannon –*AMAI 97th Annual Conference* –8/11 September 2010 –Buncrana, Co. Donegal

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES(ITEMS 11 & 12)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Gould, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of the Councillors listed at Agenda Items 11 & 12 and also tabled on the night, for the various seminars & conferences listed below, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons. (17)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, H. Cremin. (8)

ABSTAINED: Comhairleoir M. Barry (1)

As the numbers voting in favour exceeded those voting against, An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the attendance of the Comhairleoirí at the various seminars & conferences approved, as listed hereunder:-

11. **SEMINARS**

11.1 **THE NEED FOR URGENT LOCAL AUTHORITY AND HEALTH SERVICE REFORM**

Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at the “Need for Urgent Local Authority and Health Service Reform” training seminar, held in the Maldron Hotel, Oranmore, Galway, on the 30th July – 1st August 2010.

11.2 **ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at the “Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Public Administration” training seminar, held in the Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Bushypark, Galway, on the 13th – 15th August 2010.

11.3 **LA TOUCHE LEGACY SEMINAR – “LOCAL DEMOCRACY, IN CHANGING TIMES”**

Comhairleoirí M. Shields, K. O’Flynn & T. Fitzgerald at the La Touche Legacy Seminar – “Local Democracy, in Changing Times”, to be held in the Charlesland Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, on the 1st – 3rd October 2010.

11.4 **“REPORT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY REVIEW GROUP” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn, T. Brosnan, G. Gibbons, D. Murphy & B. Bermingham at the “Report of the local Government Efficiency Review Group” – training seminar to be held in Whites Hotel, Wexford Town, on the 1st – 3rd October 2010.

11.5 **LAMA AUTUMN SEMINAR – LOCAL GOVERNMENT – EFFICIENCY AND FINANCING**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the LAMA Autumn Seminar – Local Government – Efficiency and Financing, to be held in Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry, on the 8th – 9th October 2010.

11.6 **“PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2010” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, T. Brosnan & G. Gibbons at the “Planning & Development Amendment Act 2010” – training seminar to be held in Hannon’s Hotel, Athlone Road, Roscommon, on the 15th – 17th October 2010.

11.7 **“ALTERNATIVE ENERGY; COMPETNG WITH THE REST OF EUROPE” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn, G. Gibbons & B. Bermingham at the “Alternative Energy; Competing with the Rest of Europe” – training seminar to be held in The Glenroyal Hotel, Straffen Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, on the 22nd – 24th October 2010.

11.8 **“CRIMINAL LAW (DEFENCE AND THE DWELLING) BILL 2010; INSURANCE ISUES FOR THE HOME AND BUSINESS; ENFORCEMENT OF SOCIAL STANDARDS IN LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, G. Gibbons, T. Fitzgerald & B. Bermingham at the “Criminal Law (defence and the Dwelling) Bill 2010; Insurance Issues for the Home and Business; Enforcement of Social Standards in Local Authority Housing” – training seminar to be held in the Maldron Hote Galway, Oranmore, Galway, on the 29th – 31st October 2010.

11.9 **ICSH FINANCE SEMINAR 2010 – “FINANCIAL MANAGEMETN IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT”**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the ICSH Finance Seminar 2010 – “Financial Management in a Changing Environment, to be held in Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Co. Kilkenny, on the 18th – 19th November 2010.

12. **CONFERENCES**

12.1 **HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MAYOR/CHAIRPERSON**

Comhairleoir D. Murphy at the “How to be an Effective Mayor/Chairperson” conference, to be held in the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, on the 30th September – 2nd October 2010.

12.2 **GETTING A GRIP 2010 CONFERENCE – BUILDING A SOCIAL RESPONSE**

Comhairleoirí D. Murphy & B. Bermingham, at the Getting a Grip 2010 Conference – “Building a Social Response”, to be held in The Europe Hotel and Resort, Killarney, Co. Kerry, on the 7th – 8th October 2010.

12.3 **DR. DOUGLAS HYDE CONFERENCE 2010**

Comhairleoir M. Shields at the Dr. Douglas Hyde Conference – “Inside Creativity: Education, Innovation, Economy and Society”, to be held in the Abbeyfield Hotel, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon, on the 15th – 16th October 2010.

12.4 **A NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE – “ACHIEVING WORLD CLASS TOURISM”**

Comhairleoirí T. Fitzgerald & B. Bermingham, at the A National Tourism Conference – “Achieving World Class Tourism”, to be held in The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, on the 25th – 27th November 2010.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir E. O’Halloran, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue after 8.00 p.m.

13. **MOTIONS**

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

13.1 **COMMUNITY BBQ NIGHT**

‘That this council would put in place a blanket ban on bonfires in the city 365 days a year. In particular the 23rd June would no longer be known as ‘Bonfire Night’ but rather ‘Community BBQ Night’ similar to block parties that are organized in the United States.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/230)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.2 **DISH FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO BUS STOP OUTSIDE SKIDDYS HOME, POULADUFF ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council dish the footpath adjacent to the bus stop outside the Skiddys home in Pouladuff Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/248)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.3 **TAXI RANKS OUTSIDE MAJOR CITY CENTRE HOTELS**

‘That Cork City Council place taxi ranks outside all the major City Centre Hotels, such as The Imperial, The Clarion and The Metrople.

That Cork City Council place taxi ranks outside all City Hospitals such as The South Infirmary, Cork University Hospital and the Mercy Hospital.
And that a night rank be added at 66 South Mall and at Albert Quay between the Sextant and Idle Hour Public Houses.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/252)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.4 MOBILE CAMERA UNIT

‘That Cork City Council allow €10,000 in the budget for the purchase of three mobile camera units which could be used to alleviate

- (1) Illegal dumping
- (2) Anti-social behaviour’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/265)

Corporate Policy Group

13.5 ONE-WAY SYSTEM ON HIGHFIELD AVENUE/ HIGHFIELD WEST, COLLEGE ROAD

‘That in the interest of the free movement of traffic and the health and safety of residents, pedestrians and other road users that a one-way system be implemented on the above roads, this measure would help alleviate the problems residents and other road users are experiencing whilst accommodating the needs of modern day traffic.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 10/268)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.6 TIMEFRAMES ON DEALING WITH DERELICTION

‘Given the large amount of dereliction in Blackpool, that Cork City Council put in place a policy with timeframes on dealing with dereliction in the city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/270)

Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee

13.7 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR ARDFOYLE AVENUE, BALLINTEMPLE

‘That Cork City Council would survey Ardfoy Avenue, Ballintemple, with a view to installing additional public lighting as a matter of urgency – given the high occurrence of burglaries and car thefts that have taken place in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/271)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.8 SECURE AREA ADJACENT TO SOUTH LINK ROAD NEAR WILLOW PARK

‘That Cork City Council ensures that the area adjacent to the South Link Road, near Willow Park on the South Douglas Road is secured, to prevent groups loitering, as it is proving a nuisance to local residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/272)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.9 **IMPROVED PUBLIC LIGHTING ON ARDFOLYE AVENUE, BALLINTEMPLE**

‘That improved public lighting be introduced to Ardfoyle Avenue, Ballintemple. Currently the poor lighting is contributing to an increase in crime in one area. This is a major worry from the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/273)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.10 **OWNERSHIP OF BEAUMONT AVENUE BE PURSUED BY CORK CITY COUNCIL**

‘That ownership of Beaumont Avenue be pursued by City Council. This would enable the City Council to implement a safer pedestrian access for the area of Ballintemple.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/274)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.11 **BLACKROCK PIER IMPROVAL PROJECT**

‘That Cork City Council get a status report from the relevant directorate of when the Blackrock Pier improval project will begin as sanctioned by Council before the summer.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/280)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

3.12 **DOG FOULING BINS ON BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council get dog fouling bins on Ballinlough Road and also to get dog fouling bins fixed on the old Railway line amenity walk in the South East ward.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/281)

Environment Functional Committee

13.13 **MEMORIAL TO HONOUR SAM MAGUIRE AND LIAM MCCARTHY**

‘That Cork City Council – in light of Cork’s terrific success in bringing the Sam Maguire home after two decades and mindful of an international campaign to honour the memory of Liam McCarthy – cooperates with the GAA to honour the two Cork

men after whom the All Ireland trophies are named by erecting a fitting memorial near the new Pairc Uí Chaoimh development and the planned new regional park.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/282)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

13.14 MAINTAIN AREAS ALONG SOUTH PARISH WALK

‘That Cork City Council will endeavour to ensure the areas along the newly launched South Parish Walk (as well as the Shandon Walk) are maintained to the highest possible order, and will work with property owners and local groups to eliminate certain litter blackspots, so that users of the route do not have to contend with the unsightliness of rubbish, graffiti and dereliction as they enjoy this new amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/283)

Environment Functional Committee

13.15 SURVEY ROADS & FOOTPATHS AT ELTON LAWN, BISHOPSTOWN

‘That Cork City Council would immediately undertake a survey of the road and footpaths at Elton Lawn, Bishopstown and that it be included in the road estates resurfacing and footpath renewal programmes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/286)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

13.16 COSTS IMPOSED BY THE COUNCIL ON THE RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL SECTOR

‘That Cork City Council would produce a single comprehensive report outlining all costs imposed by the City Council on the retail and commercial sector in the City for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 with corresponding figures for expected income and actual income received from those charges (up to and including the third quarter for 2010) and that this report would be available by the end of October 2010.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/287)

Finance Functional Committee

13.17 “RIGHTS BASED SERVICE CHARTER”

‘That Cork City Council will implement a “Rights Based Service Charter” for local authority clients and service users setting out minimum standards for how they are dealt with by the council. Cork City Council service should be prompt, efficient, and accountable. This “Rights Based Service Charter” would include the following

- Queries to council officials being answered promptly
- Respect for people's privacy - nobody should be asked to discuss private details at a public desk
- Knowing who you are dealing with.

- Queries should be redirected immediately to the correct department and to a named official
- A points-based housing list which lets people know where they are placed
- A guaranteed response time, not aspirational targets, for emergency maintenance
- Complaints being resolved quickly and efficiently – in general within 10 working days.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/288)

Corporate Policy Group

13.18 DIRECTORY OF CITY COUNCIL WORK MOBILE NUMBERS

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘All Councillors should be provided with a directory of city council/ work mobile numbers of all staff members that are relevant to Councillors everyday workload.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/285)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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