

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

- PRESENT** An Leas Ardmhéara Comhairleoir J. Corr in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, 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. Ahern, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir C. Clancy.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance.  
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.  
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. C. Dorgan, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An t-Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald, 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:-

- O'Callaghan Family on the death of Mr. Derry O'Callaghan.
- Dolan Family on the death of Mr. C.J. Dolan.
- Ewart Family on the death of Mrs. Celia Ewart.
- Spring Family on the death of Ms. Maeve Spring.
- Gleeson Family on the death of Mr. Bertie Gleeson.
- Lyons Family on the death of Mr. Ollie Lyons.
- O'Connell Family on the death of Paul O'Connell.

## 1.2 **VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS**

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

- Mr. Billy Horgan on winning the Over 60's competition.
- Cois Tine on organising Africa Day.
- Irish Referees Association on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of foundation.
- Mr. Pat Gunn, Famine Community Committee on National Famine Commemoration at St. Joseph's Cemetery.
- Deerpark CBS on the senior soccer team winning the Cork Cup.
- Daniel Florence O'Leary Association on the unveiling of sculpture at Fitzgerald's Park.
- Fr. Matthews Basketball Club on successful annual presentation.
- Mr. Paddy O'Brien nominated Cork Person of the Month.

## 2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010, were considered and approved.

## 3. **QUESTIONS**

### 3.1 **HOUSING GRANT SCHEMES**

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

*How much money was spent on the various Housing Grant Schemes in the years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 – specifically (i) D.P.G. (ii) Housing Aid for the Elderly (iii) Essential Repairs?*

- 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.

b)	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
DPG	1,800,000	780,692	1,259,721	1,181,855	178,692
Adapt	0	0	0	580,386	1,764,411
Elderly	0	0	0	303,916	788,194
Mobility	0	0	0	30,451	43,966
	1,800,000	780,692	1,259,721	2,096,608	2,775,263

c)	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>
Budget	1,400,000	750,000	900,000	1,500,000	1,800,000
Grant	1,800,000	800,000	1,200,000	1,855,620	2,112,500

Top Up	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>663,750</u>
	1,800,000	800,000	1,200,000	2,155,620	2,776,250

### 3.2 **BRIDEVALLEY PARK**

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

*Would the Manager indicate when work will be completed in Bridevalley Park as children will have nowhere to play during the summer months if works are not completed soon?*

It is expected that all works will be completed and the park opened by year end.

### 3.3 **TRAMORE ROAD AND NANO NAGLE BRIDGE**

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

*In reply to previous questions I was informed of the following:*

- *Tramore Road was to be resurfaced by the ESB in early April*
- *Nano Nagle Bridge was to be repaired before renewal.*

*Mindful that this work has yet to be carried out, can the Manager outline the updated situation?*

The surface of the eastern part of Tramore Road is in poor condition, partly because of temporary reinstatement of ESB trenches. The full width of roadway is included in the Road Resurfacing Contract 2010, including the ESB trenches, subject to agreement with them on the costs involved. The work is planned to be carried out later this year.

[Nano Nagle Bridge](#) is being considered for an extension of the adjacent boardwalk timber decking which would replace the existing brick paving which is in a significant state of disrepair. A final report including cost estimate is being compiled at present. If the cost is too high, replacement of the existing paving using stone or brick material will be considered.

### 3.4 **COUNCIL SERVICES WHICH WILL BE VATABLE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> JULY**

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

*Can the Manager please provide Council with a full list of the Council services which will be VATable from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010?*

There is a requirement for local authorities and public bodies to account for VAT on economic activities from 1 July 2010. The implementation date and legislative provisions are set out in the Finance Act 2010.

Work is currently ongoing on the implementation project in advance of this date in conjunction with the Department of the Environment Heritage & Local Government and the Revenue Commissioners,

The Revenue Commissioners have now provided a list of the main services provided by local authorities with the appropriate VAT rates. A further list of services which are regulatory in nature and, therefore, outside the scope of VAT have also been prepared. Both of these lists are attached.

These lists are still indicative in nature and subject to further clarification by the Revenue Commissioners. A full report will be prepared for Council shortly on the implications for the City Council finances.

**Local Authorities and Public Bodies – Indicative List of VATable Income Sources and VAT Rates applicable from 1 July 2010 – rates shown are those that apply when comparable activities are currently carried out by a taxable person**

<b>Principal Service</b>	<b>Income Source</b>	<b>Rates of VAT</b>
<b>Traffic/Roads</b>	Tolls	21.5%
	Off-Street-Parking	21.5%
	On-Street-Parking	Outside scope of VAT - cannot be supplied by other taxable persons
<b>Housing</b>	Supply of new houses	13.5%
	LA buys residential property from developer and sells subsequently	13.5%
	LA buys commercial property from developer and sells subsequently	Exempt or 13.5%, subject to VAT on property rules
	Rents – domestic	Exempt
	Rents – commercial	Exempt or 21.5%
	Loans	Exempt
	Dishing of footpaths	13.5%
	Sale of Land	Exempt or 13.5%
<b>Water</b>	Supply of water	Exempt from VAT under derogation - Article 371 of VAT Directive
	Acceptance of waste water for disposal	13.5%
<b>Waste</b>	Collection	13.5%
	Recycling	13.5%
	Landfill	13.5%
	Replacement of wheelie Bins	21%
	Sale of Material commercial	21% or 13.5%
	Dod protective Clothing	21%
	Sale of Bags	21%
<b>Recreation</b>	Parks letting	Exempt

	Swimming pools	13.5% - VATable from a date to be specified in a Ministerial Commencement Order
	Tennis courts, Football pitches	13.5% - VATable from a date to be specified in a Ministerial Commencement Order
	Admissions to Museums	Exempt
	Libraries internet access charges, photocopying charges, etc.	21.5%
	Festivals (Arts related) e.g. concerts	No alcohol - Exempt Alcohol - 21.5%
	Sale of Burial plots; grave reopening fees	13.5%
	Farmers Markets e.g. letting of space	Exempt or 21.5%
	Car removal service	21.5%
	Golf Courses and Driving ranges not including Pitch and Putt	13.5%
	Café and shops	Zero, 13.5% or 21% depending on the type of good sold
	Hiring of halls, meeting rooms, grounds and other facilities of a similar nature to non profit making organisations, cultural, social and community organisations	13.5% - VATable from a date to be specified in a Ministerial Commencement Order
	Hiring of halls, meeting rooms, grounds and other facilities of a similar nature to profit making organisations,	13.5% - VATable from a date to be specified in a Ministerial Commencement Order
<b>Agriculture Health ,Education Welfare</b>	Marina and harbour Fees	Exempt or 21%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Photo Vending machines	13.5%
	Photocopying income	21%
	Sales Machinery stores	21% 13.5%
	Sale of Art Work ???	13.5%
	Hiring of machines	21%
	Hire of certain machines with operator	13.5%
	Canteens	13.5%
	Maps	13.5%

**Note:** Many services provided for a fee by local authorities and public bodies are regulatory in nature, and, as such, are not regarded as economic activities, and will therefore remain outside the scope of VAT.

Above rates are based on the information available at the time of issue.

**Local Authorities and Public Bodies – Indicative List of Outside the Scope Activities (Regulatory Functions) applicable from 1 July 2010**

<b>Principal Service</b>	<b>Income Source</b>
<b>Traffic/Roads</b>	Certificates of roads & services
	Exceptional/Abnormal Load Permits
	Extraordinary road permits (off-road dump trucks)
	Hoarding licence
	Licence fee – Signage
	Road traffic fines
	Road enforcement fines
	Fee & Licence for Street Furniture
	Certificates re roads in charge
	Lane closures
	Traffic count/Signal sequence report
	Surface permits
<b>Housing</b>	Payment by Developers under part V in lieu of housing
	Voluntary Body licence fee
	Contribution from PRTB monies
	Application fee taking in charge
	Redemption of claw backs
<b>Development</b>	Planning fees
	Property entry levy
	Derelict sites levy
	Withering levy
	Building regulations fees
	Building control commencement notice fee
	7 Day commencement notice forms
	Planning enforcement fines/fees
	Objectors fees
	BIDs income
	Planning contributions
	Designated area income
	Development levies
	Sale of development plan/planning list/Part VIII documents
<b>Waste</b>	Waste permit application fee
	Fire Safety Certificate
	Waste (Litter) Fines
	Regulation of waste licences
	Registration fee for WEEE recycling scheme
	Registration fee for battery recycling scheme
	Solvent regulation application fees
	Packaging regulations application fees
	Petrol licences
	Discharge of effluent licence

	Monitoring fee for discharge licence
	Dangerous substances licence
	Trade refuse licence
	Dance licence fire report
	Fee – proc of licence for licensed premises
	Air pollution licences
	Water pollution licence
	C1 Consignment Notes
	End of life vehicles registration fees
	Abandoned car payments
	Meat inspection fees
	Oil pollution clearance
	Monitoring of trade effluent
<b>Recreation</b>	Library fines
	Caravan park licences
<b>Agriculture Health ,Education Welfare</b>	Dog licence
	Dog fines
	Slaughterperson licence
	Horse licence fee upon release from pound
	Slaughterhouse inspection fee
	Pound fee
	Casual trading licence
	Permits issued under beach bye-laws
	PLV certificate
	Taxi renewal
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Dance hall licence
	Gaming licence
	Application for road closures for events
	Community involvement schemes
	T2 Administration
	FOG monitoring

**Note:** Services provided for a fee by local authorities and public bodies which are regulatory in nature, and, as such, are not regarded as economic activities, will remain outside the scope of VAT.

### 3.5 **BIN COLLECTION AT THE ORCHARDS, GLASHEEN ROAD**

**Discussion on this question submitted by was Comhairleoir M. Sheilds was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

*Why are the mainly elderly residents of The Orchards, Glasheen Road obliged to wheel their heavy refuse bins up to Glasheen Road for collection n by Cork City Council refuse*

*trucks? I am reliably informed that the private collectors have no problem driving their trucks into The Orchards and collecting the bins at residents gates.*

### 3.6 **BLACKROCK ROAD CLEANSING**

**Discussion on this question submitted by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

*To ask the City Manager if he will outline the City Council's cleansing and litter control policy for the Blackrock Road and in particular the stretch from Church Road to Blackrock Village?*

### 3.7 **ALL WEATHER PITCHES AT RINGMAHON ROAD**

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

*Would the Manager please let me know when will the all weather pitches be up and running and the dressing rooms in place at Ringmahon Road as these facilities are well overdue*

The original plans for the Mahon Sports Project envisaged the development of a number of All Weather Pitches and associated changing facilities, at a cost of € 1m approximately. There is no funding at present to proceed with this element of the project. Funding to provide temporary dressing rooms to serve the grass pitches is being considered as part of the 2010 Capital Programme.

### 3.8 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MOBILITY STUDY**

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

*To ask the City Manager if management at the Cork University Hospital and the HSE South have submitted a traffic management mobility study and if he can outline what discussions have taken place and the outcome of such discussion with either the HSE South/CUH management and/or representatives of the Beacon Group (developers of the co-located hospital) in relation to traffic management on this site in the past twelve months?*

Policy 14.5 of the Cork City Development Plan 2009-2015 states that proposals for major development at the Cork University Hospital will be subject to:

- (a) a 5 year strategic Masterplan for the future development of the hospital campus and
- (b) a five year Mobility Management Plan.

Consultants have been appointed by the HSE regarding the latter and discussions have commenced with Cork City Council regarding same.



The HSE/Cork University Hospital are undertaking a major development plan for the hospital campus. The production of a new mobility management plan is incorporated in this study.

In the recent months, the Traffic Division has attended meetings with the consultants responsible for the overall development plan and has also met separately with the traffic consultants who are working on the mobility management plan. No meetings have been held with the Beacon Group since planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála.

The mobility plan involves comprehensive surveys and engagement with staff and visitors, and the results of these surveys are currently being assessed. Any identified measures will be subject to consultation with all relevant stakeholders. The major development plan, which is still in the initial stages, will also involve a large scale consultation process.

### 3.9 **MUNSTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

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 clarify the following in relation to the lands purchased by the City Council by way of CPO from the Munster Agricultural Society.*

*(a) At the time of the CPO was there any request from the GAA for lands in relation to the development of Páirc Uí Chaoimh?*

*If yes, what was the request?*

*(b) Following the recommendation not to dispose of lands to the GAA, can the Manager state if Elected Members who ignore this advice and vote for the sale of lands are leaving themselves open to legal action by any third party?*

(a) The GAA were seeking to transfer approximately 12 acres of land to them at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

(b) It is not possible to say whether any third party would initiate legal action in the event of the Councillors ignoring advice from the City Manager. It should be noted that the advice given to the Elected Members was that all of the lands necessary to facilitate the refurbishment of the Páirc Uí Chaoimh Stadium should be made available at a price pro rata to the purchase price paid by the Council. The difficulty arose with regard to the request for additional lands to accommodate a second full size GAA pitch.

### 3.10 **PLANNING PERMISSION AT TANK FIELD**

**Discussion on this question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan was deferred to the next meeting of An Chomhairle.**

*In relation to a recent Notification of Decision to Grant conditional permission Ref TP 10/34310 to construct temporary first floor extension for 2 years for pre fabricated classrooms at Tank Field, Baile na mBocht, could the Manager explain:*

*How the City Council official has the legal right or authority to grant Planning Permission to change the zoning of lands, as outlined in the City Development Plan 2009, without first obtaining the approval of the elected councilors via a motion for the Material Contravention of the Development Plan for the change of zoning requirement on the relevant land.*

*What are the implications of the decision for future planning applications which would contravene the zoning in the City Development Plan 2009.*

### 4. **CORK DOCKLANDS REGENERATION**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010, on Cork Docklands Regeneration.

### 5. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL & 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

#### 5.1 **LANDS AT ST. MARY'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

*'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)*

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Tynan, a vote was called for on the approval of the motion where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, D. McCarthy, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, D. O'Flynn, L. Kingston, M. Finn, H. Cremin.-(11)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, K. O'Flynn, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Birmingham.(12)

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

**An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to deal with item 14.1 as this matter also referred to St. Mary's Orthopaedic Hospital.**

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

An Chomhairle considered the following motion:-

‘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)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O’Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, a vote was called for on the motion where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, D. McCarthy, J. O’Brien, M. O’Connell, D. O’Flynn, K. McCarthy, L. Kingston, M. Finn, H. Cremin.-(12)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, K. O’Flynn, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, T. Shannon, J. Corr, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham.-(11)

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

6. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP – 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

6.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Financial Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

6.2 **BANK OVERDRAFT FOR HALF YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and the renewal of the existing level of overdraft facility of €10m.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, An Chomhairle further approved the adoption of the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT** Cork City Council approves, pursuant to Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, the renewal of the existing level of €10m (Ten Million Euro) of Cork City Council’s Overdraft Facility for the second-half year to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010.”

6.3 **ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE 2009**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the 2009 Annual Report of Mr. J. Hayden, Chairman of the Audit Committee dated March 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.

#### 6.4 **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Corporate Affairs, dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 in relation to the following motions and noted that the payment of grant via EFT will be considered for inclusion in 2011 programme:-

##### **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER SYSTEM**

“That Cork City Council examines the possibility of introducing an electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) process in dealing with students’ maintenance grants and that it will provide members with costings and any cost implications for same.”

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/137)

##### **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER SYSTEM**

“That Cork City Council adopt Electronic Funds Transfer system for students in third level education for the academic year 2010-2011 to avoid unnecessary delays and create an efficient system of payment which has proved to be more reliable and efficient with other Council’s than the current system of maintenance grant payments.”

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher, Cllr. C. Clancy, Cllr. M. O’Connell, Cllr. L. Kingston, Cllr. M. Ahern, Cllr. G. Gibbons 10/150)

##### **ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THIRD LEVEL EDUCATION GRANTS**

“That Cork City Council would put in place an on-line application process for the application and payment of third level education grants and that the feasibility of on-line applications be considered for other grant applications to City Council e.g. Arts Grants, Community Grants.”

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/154)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that (a) The payment of grants to students via EFT is currently being reviewed by a number of local authorities. While it is envisaged that EFT may be a more efficient process, it should be noted that maintenance grants will be paid, as always, in three instalments, first in October, second in January and third at Easter. Cork City Council processes all completed applications in a timely manner. All completed new applications received before the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> August each year, are processed and paid in October, as are all renewal applications.

Our current work programme and resources are committed to the introduction of a GIS system in the Property Section. This follows from the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor.

The payment of grants via EFT will be considered for inclusion in our work programme for 2011.

(b) It should be noted that the Higher Education Grants Scheme is a national scheme controlled by the Department of Education and Science. The on-line application process for Grants is currently under review by the Department and the outcome of this review is awaited. Each year application forms are available to download from [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie) or [www.corkcity.ie](http://www.corkcity.ie).

#### 6.5 **INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE FOR ENGLISH MARKET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, Corporate Affairs, dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 in relation to the following motion:-

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

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

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that work is ongoing in the English Market on the upgrading of the electrics system and this project should be completed over the coming weeks. In total over €250,000 has been committed to improvements. When the work is fully completed consideration will be given to the issue of signage.

The management and operation of the English Market are the responsibility of Cork City Council. The management regime includes for regular formal meetings with the traders. Through this forum the traders have requested that in installing any signage, priority should be towards the promotion of trade and custom. In developing any proposals for interpretative signage, due regard will need to be given to the position of traders.

#### 6.6 **BOOST ECONOMY ACTIVITY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group on the following motion:-

“That Cork City Council calls on the Government to look beyond Dublin, the housing market and NAMA in its efforts to boost economic activity and that it must give an immediate go ahead for a the construction of the Eastern Gateway Bridge in Cork”.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/125)

The recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group stated that an immediate go-ahead would be sought for the Eastern Gateway Bridge.

### 7. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE - 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

#### 7.1 **NAMING OF NEW ROADS – PROPOSED PROCEDURE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, on the proposed Procedure for the Naming of New Roads.

## 7.2 **PROTOCOL IN RELATION TO NAMING OF STREETS & COUNCIL ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Comhairle:-

*‘That Cork City Council put protocols in place in relation to the naming of streets and Council Estates and a dedicated committee of Council be allocated this function.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/06)*

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a report has been put before this Committee and this motion can be discussed in its context.

## 7.3 **MICK BARRY ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Comhairle:-

*‘That the unmanned road linking the Kinsale Road to the South Link Road in the vicinity of the entrance to the former city land fill will be named the “Mick Barry Road” in recognition of his legendary achievements in road bowling which are acknowledged not only in Cork but also in other parts of Ireland where road bowling is a popular leisure activity.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn, Cllr. J. Corr, Cllr. S. Martin 10/112)*

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that a report has been put before this Committee and this motion will be considered as part of that discussion.

## 7.4 **FREE PARKING IN PUBLIC CARPARKS**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Comhairle.

*‘As an incentive to boost trading in Cork City and to help traders in these difficult economic times, that this Council would offer 2 hours free parking in the Council’s two public car parks on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on a trial period in early spring 2010, a period of time to be agreed upon.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 09/374)*

On the proposal of Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, a vote was called for on the report of the City Manager where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, J. O’Brien, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, D. O’Flynn, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, F. Kerins, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, H. Cremin.-(17)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí K. O'Flynn, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, B. Bermingham.-(5)

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

The report of the City Manager stated that, there are eight multi-storey car parks available to the public in the City Centre. The City Council owns and operates two; Paul Street and North Main Street Car Parks. Providing free car parking for the first two hours on Saturdays (busiest days) would have financial implications and would result in a loss of income to the City Council. It is proposed therefore that the two hour free parking facility in the multi-storey car parks will not be provided.

#### 7.5 **RESIDENTS PERMIT SCHEMES – PÁIRC UÍ CAOIMH**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Comhairle:-

*'That Cork City Council would introduce a Residents Permit Scheme in and around the residential estates near Páirc Uí Caoimh, given that these roads are often closed off when matches are being played and residents have difficulty gaining access to and from their homes.'*

*(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 08/312)*

The report of the City Manager stated that the current Residents Permit scheme only applies to pay parking areas, i.e. a resident with a permit can park in a pay parking area without the need to display a parking disc. Cork City Council does not have the legal powers to introduce a form of residents permit outside Disc Parking Zone (DPZ). However, the matter will be referred to the Law Agent to assess if a bye-law could be passed by Council to control parking adjacent to venues such as Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

The issue will also be discussed with the Traffic Gardaí who implement traffic and parking management measures in Ballintemple and surrounding areas during high attendance matches in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. These measures include preventing parking in residential estates and restriction on parking on the main traffic routes.

#### 8. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

##### 8.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended April, 2010.

##### 8.2 **ONE-WAY SYSTEM AT CLOVER HILL LANE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager, dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, regarding One-Way System at Clover Hill Lane.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, a vote was called for on the deferral of consideration on the report of the City Manager for two weeks, to allow further discussion and Members of An Chomhairle to visit area, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, M. O'Connell, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin.-(13)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham.-(12)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the report of the City Manager dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 deferred for further consideration.

### 8.3 **ROAD RESURFACING – MARIE VILLE**

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

*'That Cork City Council include Marie Ville off Pouladuff Road in the 2010 Road resurfacing programme.'*

*(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/54)*

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Marie Ville is not on the 2010 Resurfacing Programme but will be considered for inclusion in the 2011 Programme. In the meantime any localised remedial work considered necessary will be carried out.

### 8.4 **TRAFFIC CALMING FROM ARD NA RÍ AVENUE TO GOULD STREET**

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

*'That Cork City Council Road and Traffic Department investigate the need for some form of traffic calming from Ard na Rí Avenue to Gould Street.'*

*(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/55)*

The report of the City Manager stated that Ard na Rí Avenue is already on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.



8.5 **YELLOW BOX OPPOSITE SCOUT HALL, DILLONS CROSS**

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

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

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/96)*

The report of the City Manager stated that Yellow boxes which are not located at a junction of two roads do not have any legal basis and locating yellow boxes elsewhere such as outside entrances, etc. is not recommended.

However the area at the entrance to the Scout Hall on New Road, Dillon’s Cross will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and any road safety measures deemed appropriate will be implemented.

8.6 **ROAD BETWEEN ENTRANCE TO ST. JOSEPHS PARK WEST & LOTABEG TERRACE**

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

*‘That Cork City Council carry out immediate reinstatement of the section of Boherboy Road between the entrance to St. Joseph’s Park West to the junction with Lotabeg Terrace as it has been very seriously damaged by heavy work vehicles and the cold weather and in its present condition is a serious danger to motorists and cyclists.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/115)*

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Boherboy Road was not selected for resurfacing in the 2010 Road Resurfacing Programme.

However, any necessary localized repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

8.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING ON GOULD STREET**

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

*‘That this Council implement Traffic Calming Measures on Gould Street.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 10/127)*

The report of the City Manager stated that Gould Street will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to

determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

8.8 **POLES TO PREVENT PARKING ON THE FOOTPATH ON GURRANABRAHER AVENUE**

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

*‘That Cork City Council would erect poles to prevent parking on the footpath on Gurranaברה Avenue, both sides of where St. Rita’s Avenue and Gurranaברה Avenue meet.*

*Also, that the positions of the one way signs on Gurranaברה Avenue relating to St. Rita’s Avenue would be looked at to see if a more visible location can be found.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 10/129)*

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Bollards were recently installed at the junction of Gurranaברה Road and St. Rita’s Avenue.

The positions of the ‘one-way’ or ‘no entry’ signs at the junction of St. Rita’s Avenue and Gurranaברה Avenue will be examined to determine if a more visible location can be found. If more appropriate locations can be found, the moving of the poles will be inputted into this year’s roads programme.

8.9 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CAHERGAL GARDENS, BALLYHOOLEY ROAD**

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

*‘That a pedestrian crossing be put in place close to Cahergal Gardens, Ballyhooley Road.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’ Flynn 09/243)*

The report of the City Manager stated that the provision of a pelican pedestrian crossing facility on Ballyhooley New Road close to the junction with Cahergal Gardens will be examined and if deemed appropriate the location will be added to the list of requests where requests have been received for pedestrian facilities. The provision of the crossing facility will then be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.10 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT “MARTINS SHOP” AT GLEN HEIGHTS PARK**

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

*‘That a new Pedestrian Crossing be put in place at “Martin’s Shop” and the entrance of Glen Heights Park.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/251)*

The report of the City Manager stated that the provision of a pelican pedestrian crossing facility adjacent to “Martin’s Shop” at the entrance to Glen Heights Park will be examined and if deemed appropriate the location will be added to the list of requests where requests have been received for pedestrian facilities. The provision of the crossing facility will be put then be forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.11 **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN SPRING ROAD AT RIVERWAY, SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

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

*‘That appropriate traffic management measures be installed at Spring Road at Riverway, South Douglas Road in order to slow down traffic and protect local residents and children.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 10/67)*

The report of the City Manager stated that Spring Road at Riverway, South Douglas Road is already on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme

8.12 **SURVEY OF TRAFFIC USE AT HARTLANDS AVENUE AND GLENDALOUGH PARK**

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

*‘That a survey of traffic use at Hartlands Avenue and Glendalough Park adjacent to The Lough would be undertaken to determine the need for measures to control the speed of vehicles at this important and strategic amenity site.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/80)*

The report of the City Manager stated that Hartland's Avenue and Glendalough Park are already on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The areas will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme

#### 8.13 **TRAFFIC CALMING RAMPS ON ASSUMPTION HILL, BLACKPOOL**

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

*'That Cork City Council introduce Traffic Calming Ramps and other measures, on Assumption Hill, Blackpool.'*

*(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 09/267)*

The report of the City Manager stated that Assumption Road will be added to the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme

#### 8.14 **TRAFFIC FLOWS IN SOUTH PARISH AREA**

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

*'That Cork City Council Roads and Traffic Department review traffic flows in the South Parish Area*

*(1) Douglas Street one way out to Rutland Street*

*(2) Tower Street to Mt. Sion Road – possible reconfiguration of Traffic Flow*

*(3) Partial one way system on Barrack Street including a review which would look at Fort Street, Reeds Square etc.'*

*(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/44)*

The report of the City Manager stated that the South Parish Area Action Plan (AAP) was just recently adopted by Council. The making of Douglas Street one-way was considered in the formation of the AAP but was ruled out because one-way traffic flows do not generally improve road safety, particularly for pedestrians, because of:

(a) Increased traffic speeds and

(b) Increased volumes of traffic in the direction of flow.

There are other disadvantages such as:

- Reduction in local accessibility for traders and residents, i.e. local journeys in a particular direction can be made more difficult. This is important in the context of trying to improve the retail and shopping environment in Douglas Street
- One-way system may not suit service vehicles (refuse collection, deliveries etc.).

There is a proposal in the AAP to make a small section at the bottom of Barrack Street at the junction with Evergreen Street one-way in order to improve the footpaths widths to a reasonable level. This work is recommended to proceed in conjunction with improvements to the public realm in the area.

It is not clear what possible reconfiguration of traffic flows in Tower Street and Mount Sion Road are proposed but any changes or improvements in the area should be carried out in the context of the AAP.

#### 8.15 **PUBLIC LIGHTING BY ST. JOSEPH'S**

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

*'That additional public lighting be installed by St. Joseph's between Derrynane Road and Connolly Road.'*

*(Proposer: Cllr. E. O'Halloran 10/93)*

The report of the City Manager stated that the public lighting between Derrynane Road and Connolly Road will be examined and assessed in order to identify any necessary measures to bring the public lighting in the area to modern standards. Any identified improvements will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

#### 8.16 **YELLOW BOX ON SILVERSPRINGS LANE**

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

*'That Cork City Council would install a yellow box traffic marking on Silversprings Lane opposite the entrance to Silver Court, Halcon Drive and Silversprings Court as an urgent road safety measure.'*

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/95)*

The report of the City Manager stated that the junction of Silversprings Lane with Silversprings Court, Halcon Drive, Silversprings Court and Southridge will be inspected in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed necessary the installation of a yellow box will be carried out

8.17 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME – LANDSCAPE PARK**

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

*‘That Cork City Councils, Road and Traffic Department include Landscape Park in the 2010/11 Footpath Renewal Programme and also that Brendan Teahan would be written to requesting him to survey the footpath in Landscape Park with a view to having them reinstated.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/56)*

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Landscape Park is not on the 2010 Footpath Renewal Programme. However it will be considered for inclusion in the 2011 Footpath Programmes. In the meantime any localised remedial works considered necessary will be carried out.

8.18 **GREEN MAN CROSSING – GREENMOUNT NATIONAL SCHOOL**

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

*‘That a green man crossing be installed adjacent to Greenmount National School, Green Street.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/57)*

The report of the City Manager stated that the provision of a pelican pedestrian crossing facility adjacent to Greenmount National School, Green Street will be examined and if deemed appropriate the location will be added to the list of requests where requests have been received for pedestrian facilities. The provision of the crossing facility will be put then be forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

8.19 **SPEED CUSHIONS – SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

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

*‘That this Council would erect speed cushions on Silverheights Road to curb the behaviour of a minority of motorists who continue to speed along this road.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/98)*

The report of the City Manager stated that Silverheights Road is already on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

8.20 **REINSTATE FOOTPATH – REAR OF THE CENTRA SUPERMARKET, OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

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

*‘That this Council carry out the necessary work to reinstate the footpath at the rear of the Centra Supermarket, Old Youghal Road adjoining Mount Brosna which was removed without permission by the supermarket’s contractors during the construction of their shop and car park. The cost of this reinstatement should be invoiced to the developer, Jadehall Ltd.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/130)*

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this development will be referred to the Planning Enforcement Section with regard to whether the development has encroached onto a public footpath. If such encroachment has taken place appropriate actions will be taken against the developer.

8.21 **ROAD RESURFACING – SUNDAY’S WELL ROAD**

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

*‘That Cork City Council resurface the stretch of road at St. Vincent’s Church, Sunday’s Well, on Sunday’s Well Road as it is in very poor condition.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 10/134)*

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Sundays Well Road was not selected for resurfacing in the 2010 Road Resurfacing Programme.

However any necessary localised repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

8.22 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS /TRAFFIC CONGESTION – SUNDAY’S WELL AREA**

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

*‘That Cork City Council indicate:-*

- a) The time frame for the installation of the proposed Traffic Lights at the junction of Sunday’s Well Road and Shanakiel Road, and*
- b) The current status of plans to address the traffic congestion at Western Road/Thomas Davis Bridge / Sundays Well Road.’*

*(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 10/136)*

The report of the City Manager stated that an assessment of the junction at Shanakiel Hill/Sunday's Well Road has shown that the provision of traffic signals at this location will increase traffic congestion in the area. This would be caused by the narrowness of the roadway on Sunday's Well Road on the approach from the City side, and queued traffic here at the traffic signals would effectively block the roadway. The junction would then quickly become blocked during peak traffic periods. Traffic moves relatively freely at the moment because of an informal 'give way' or 'stop go' arrangements between vehicles on the main road.

As an alternative solution, it is now proposed to provide a push-button pedestrian facility on Sunday's Well Road on the western (Wellington Bridge) side of the junction with Shanakiel Hill, which will meet the needs of pedestrians from the Shanakiel area travelling in the direction of the Western Road or Fitzgerald's Park. The provision of this pedestrian crossing facility will be carried out as part of this year's roads programme.

The provision and installation of the traffic signals at Wellington Bridge (Thomas Davis Bridge) and at the junction of Shanakiel Road/Sunday's Well Road were requirements of the Part 8 planning permission of the major housing development at Shanakiel/Blarney Road under the management of the Housing Directorate.

The Traffic Division is now working on arranging for the traffic lights to be turned on at Wellington Bridge. However, there is still some 'civil work' to be carried out there and some of the poles also need to be moved closer to the junction for road safety and junction capacity reasons. It is planned that the required works will be carried out later on in the year as part of this year's roads programme.

9. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

9.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of April, 2010.

9.2 **WINDOW PROBLEM AT 23, ELDERWOOD DRIVE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

*'That the window problem at the social housing unit at 23 Elderwood Drive, Boreenmanna Road be resolved immediately. This problem was first officially logged last June 2009 but has been an unresolved issue for the past two years.'*

*(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/120)*

The report of the Director of Services stated that this issue has been referred back to the Contractor who is scheduled to carry out remedial works within the next 4 weeks.



### 9.3 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the reports of the City Manager dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 in relation to the following property disposals:

#### **Property Disposals**

- a) Disposal of property situated at Ballinlough, Cork by way of a 99 year Sporting Lease to Ballinlough Tennis Club Limited, c/o McNulty Boylan & Partners, Solicitors, 26/28, South Terrace, Cork at an annual rent of €10.00 plus costs. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, the disposal was approved.
- b) Disposal of land approximately 8 sq. metres in area situated at Clover Lawn, Skehard Road, Blackrock, Cork, by way of lease to Electricity Supply Board, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, for a fee of €1,500 plus costs and a rent of €10 per annum. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, the disposal was approved.
- c) Disposal of property approximately 165.3m<sup>2</sup> in area situated at rear of 12, Dunlocha Cottages, Blackrock, Cork to Jason Fahy & Linda Hegarty c/o Barry M. O'Meara & Son, Solicitors, 18 South Mall, Cork, for the sum of €300.00 plus costs of €1,500. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, the disposal was approved.
- d) Disposal of property approximately 348.8m<sup>2</sup> in area situated at rear of 66 Meadow Grove Estate, Blackrock, Cork to John O Regan c/o Carl O Mahony & Co Solicitors, Parliament Buildings, Sullivan's Quay, Cork, for the sum of €500.00 plus costs of €1,500. On the proposal of Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, the disposal was approved.
- e) Disposal of property approximately 84.4m<sup>2</sup> in area situated at rear of No. 64 Meadowgrove Estate, Blackrock, Cork, to Ray & Jacqueline Kelleher, c/o Anne L. Horgan & Company, 2 & 3 Convent Road, Blackrock, Cork for the sum of €200.00 plus costs of €1,500. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the disposal was approved.

### 10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Letter from Monaghan Town Council, dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- Letter from Castleblayney Town Council, dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- Letter from Dublin City Council, dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- Letter from Wexford County Council, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- Letter from Shannon Town Council, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- Letter from Cobh Town Council, dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010.
- Letter from Irish Heart Foundation, dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

### 11. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Cllr. Denis O'Flynn –*Local Government and the Environment* – 30 April-2 May 2010 Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

- Cllr. John Kelleher – ***Local Government and the Environment*** – 30 April-2 May 2010 Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
- Cllr Dave McCarthy – ***‘The Councillor, Communication & Local Development’*** - 26/28 Feb 2010- Waterford.
- Cllr Michael O’Connell – ***‘New EPA Guidelines for Single Houses’*** -23 -25 April 2010, Bushypark, Co. Galway.
- Cllr. Sean Ó Martin –***Local Government and the Environment*** – 30 April-2 May 2010 Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
- Cllr. Sean Ó Martin –***Key Strategies in Challenging Economic Climate*** – 23 April-25 April 2010 Furbo, Co. Galway.
- Cllr. Tim Brosnan –***Climate Change & Impact & Strategies*** – 26/28 March 2010 Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.
- Cllr. Tim Brosnan –***Local Government and the Environment*** – 30 April-2 May 2010 Ennistymon, Co. Clare.
- Cllr. Tim Brosnan –***LAMA Annual Conference*** – 9/10 April 2010 – Sligo.
- Cllr. Laura McGonigle –***LAMA Annual Conference*** – 9/10 April 2010 – Sligo.
- Cllr. Lorraine Kingston –***Key Strategies in Challenging Economic Climate*** – 23 April-25 April 2010 Furbo, Co. Galway.
- Cllr. Catherine Clancy –***Key Strategies in Challenging Economic Climate*** – 23 April-25 April 2010 Furbo, Co. Galway.

### **SEMINARS (ITEMS 12 )**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of Councillors listed at Item 12 at the various seminars listed, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham. (14)

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

**ABSTAINED:** Comhairleoir M. Barry. (1)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the attendance of the Councillors at the various seminars approved, as listed hereunder:-

## 12. **SEMINARS**

### 12.1 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell, S. Martin and T. Shannon at “Local Government and the Environment” training seminar, held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, on the 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010.

## 12.2 **“BUSINESS INVESTMENTS” TRAINING SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn at “Business Investments” training seminar, held in Lawlor’s Hotel, Poplar Square, Naas, Co. Kildare, on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

## 12.3 **“TRANSFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, INSURANCE FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE, WILL THE CROKE PARK DEAL DELIVER” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir J. Kelleher at the “Transformation of the Public Services, Insurance for the Public Service, Will the Croke Park Deal Deliver” – training seminar, to be held in Carlton Hotel, Dan Spring Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

## 12.4 **“WIND & SOLAR ENERGY” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher & D. O’Flynn at the “Wind & Solar Energy” – training seminar, to be held in the County Arms Hotel & Leisure Club, Moorpark, Birr, Co. Offaly on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

### **CONFERENCES (ITEMS 13)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of Councillors listed at Item 13 at the various conferences listed, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham. (14)

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

**ABSTAINED:** Comhairleoir M. Barry. (1)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and the attendance of the Councillors at the various conferences approved, as listed hereunder:-

## 13. **CONFERENCES**

### 13.1 **TREVOR/BOWEN SUMMER SCHOOL**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the Trevor/Bowen Summer School, held in the Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, on the 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010.

13.2 **THE INTEGRATION OF JOINT POLICING COMMITTEES INTO THE EXISTING LOCAL AUTHORITIES STRUCTURES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, J. Kelleher & P. Gosch at the “The Integration of Joint Policing Committees into the Existing Local Authorities Structures” conference, held in the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork, on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010.

14. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010.**

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

**An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-**

‘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)

15. **MOTIONS**

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

15.1 **NOTICES ON CORK CITY COUNCIL HOUSES TO PREVENT BALL PLAYING AGAINST THE WALLS**

‘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)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

15.2 **REMOVE ‘NO TURN RIGHT’ AT END OF DEVONSHIRE STREET**

‘That the traffic sign at the end of Devonshire Street that indicates “No turn right” be removed, to help relieve traffic upset that would be created by funeral parties and processions to Blackpool Church, the Glen Church and Kilcully Graveyard.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/296)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.3 **SPEED CUSHIONS – SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘That this Council would erect speed cushions on Silverheights Road to curb the behaviour of a minority motorists who continue to speed along this road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/133)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.4 **PUBLIC LIGHTING IN DERRYNANE ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council upgrade the Public Lighting in Derrynane Road, in particular adjacent to St. Joseph’s and Congress Road Junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/158)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.5 **CLEAN UP OF GREEN AREA ON ABBEY STREET**

‘That Cork City Council undertake a cleaning up of the green area on Abbey Street opposite Travers Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/161)

**Environment Functional Committee**

15.6 **13 ST. MARY’S PLACE**

‘That Cork City Council

- a) in the interest of the surrounding community would make contact with the owners of 13 St. Mary’s Place to clean, make safe and develop the site.
- b) If no progress is made with the owners that Cork City Council would start the process of declaring the site derelict.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/167)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

15.7 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT STONERIDGE, BLARNEY ROAD**

‘I am calling for a pedestrian crossing to be put in place at Stoneridge, Blarney Road as a matter of urgency.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 10/174)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.8 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT LOWER SHANDON STREET**

‘In view of the large pedestrian demand at the junction of lower Shandon Street/ Blarney Street, that a pedestrian crossing facility be provided on the southern side of the junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 10/175)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.9 **GUS HEALY SWIMMING POOL**

‘That Cork City Council would seek expressions of interest from likely partners to redevelop the Gus Healy Swimming Pool.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/176)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

15.10 **FOOTPATH ON WESTERN SIDE OF DRINAN STREET**

‘That Cork City Council would either remove or reduce the width of the footpath on the western side of Drinan Street, to facilitate additional parking in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/177)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.11 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MELBOURNE ROAD**

‘I am proposing the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Melbourne Road-North of Beverley Drive Junction. This would greatly assist motorists trying to access the very busy Melbourne Road from the adjoining roads. In the interest of health and safety it would also assist pedestrians especially the elderly to cross this main traffic route. Despite many measures already taken by Cork City Council motorists continue to excessively speed on this road and another pedestrian crossing would slow the traffic down and so avoid accidents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 10/178)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.12 **BARRACK STREET BAND**

‘That Cork City Council actively pursue the location of a building for use by the Barrack Street Band.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. D. O’Flynn 10/180)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

15.13 **SIGNS AT CEMETERIES**

‘That signs be placed in all cemeteries so as to inform people to keep their dogs on leads when visiting their loved ones resting places, to prevent dogs fouling graves.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 10/183)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

15.14 **PROBLEMS FOR RESIDENTS OF CORPORATION BUILDINGS**

‘That Cork City Council takes enforcement steps to address the ongoing problems being experienced by residents of Corporation Buildings in the Middle Parish caused by early morning deliveries to a major outlet and by the development works at Cornmarket Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/184)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.15 **MAINTENANCE WORK AT THE LOUGH**

‘Following the retirement of the caretaker at the Lough – and mindful of the problems experienced there last year – that Cork City Council moves to ensure that a responsible person is put in place to carry out the regular and necessary maintenance work at the amenity.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/185)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

15.16 **SOUTH EAST WARD BIN LOCATIONS**

‘That a review take place of where the bins and dog fouls bins are in the south east ward with an eye to providing more bins especially to combat dog fouling.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/186)

**Environment Functional Committee**

15.17 **LAND BEHIND ST. FINBARRE’S HOSPITAL ON SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘To get a report from the Director of Planning on the status of development on vacant land behind St. Finbarre’s Hospital on South Douglas Road (western side) adjacent the eastbound bus stop.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/187)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

15.18 **WATER METERS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENCES**

‘That Cork City Council does not support the introduction of Water Meters for principal private residences.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/188)

**Environment Strategic Policy Committee**

15.19 **GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROJECT**

‘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)

**Environment Functional Committee**

15.20 **ORCHARD COURT AMENITY PARK**

‘That Cork City Council replace the damaged seat in Orchard Court Amenity Park and also repair the damaged fencing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/190)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

15.21 **ROAD ADJACENT TO 1-5 ST. FINBARRS ROAD BE INCLUDED IN ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME**

‘That the road adjacent to 1 – 5 St. Finbarrs Road be included in the Road Resurfacing Programme. It is totally worn out and is dangerous.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin , Cllr. M. Shields 10/192)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

15.22 **INCLUDE FOOTPATHS IN ELTON LAWN IN THE FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME**

‘That the footpaths in Elton Lawn, Bishopstown be included in the footpath renewal programme and that any necessary repairs would be undertaken in the interim.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/195)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**



15.23 **FOOTPATHS IN STRATTON PINES ASSESSED AS TO THEIR SAFETY**

‘That the footpaths in Stratton Pines, Bishopstown would be assessed as to their safety with respect to the height demarcation between the footpath and the roadway, and that the height differential would be increased as appropriate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/196)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

16. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

16.1 **E.U. HOTLINE FOR MISSING CHILDREN**

‘That the 116000 – E.U. Hotline number for missing children be set up in Ireland without further delay. This number has been reserved by the European Commission since 2007 for the entire EU, and it called on member states to get it up and running.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy, Cllr. C. O’Leary, Cllr. M. Ahern 10/179)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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