

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O’Connell in the Chair.
- 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.  
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.  
Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation.  
Mr. F. Long, Senior Engineer, Housing & Community.  
Mr. P. Moynihan, Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. N. Carroll, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Keating Family on the death of Billy Keating.
- The Philpott Family on the death of Mary Philpott.
- The Cremin Family on the death of Mrs. Cremin.

1.2 **LORD MAYORS ITEMS**

- An tArdmhéara informed An Chomhairle of details of proposed Week of Civic Commemoration “Cork 1920 – Enduring the Most” being held from 8<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010, commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the deaths in 1920 of Lord Mayors MacCurtain and McSwiney, and also to mark the Burning of Cork in the same year.
- An Chomhairle considered the Draft Schedule of Meetings – November to December Budget Meetings 2010 and agreed dates for meetings relating to Budget 2011 as follows:-

15<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 p.m.  
22<sup>nd</sup> November at 4.30 p.m.  
23<sup>rd</sup> November at 4.30 p.m.  
24<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 p.m.

- An tArdmhéara informed An Chomhairle of the invitation received from the Board of Management of Scoil Oilibheir, Ballyvolane to the Premier Showing of the School's latest film project, "Terence McSwiney" on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

## 2. **MINUTES**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Sheilds, seconded by Comhairleoir K. O'Flynn, the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010, were considered and approved.

## 3. **QUESTIONS**

### 3.1 **REGENERATION OF NOONAN'S ROAD**

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

*To ask the Manager to please inform Council as to what funds were sought for the regeneration of Noonan's Road?*

*When were these monies sought?*

*What response to date has been received regarding same?*

The Council applied to the Department of the Environment under the Remedial Works Programme 2009 to undertake refurbishment works at Noonan's Road - the cost of the works was estimated at €5.5m.

Following an evaluation process the proposal did not receive funding at that stage.

A new application encompassing a greater number of units is currently being prepared for submission to the DOEHLG for consideration under the 2011 funding allocation.

### 3.2 **RESIDENTIAL DISC PARKING TIMES**

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

*Why is it necessary to have residential Disc Parking times extended until 20.00 hours, particularly around Hospitals and Educational Institutions. Is the setting of times an Executive Function or a function of Council? The initial concept was to restrict parking between 4.00 and 6.00.*

The primary purpose of introducing pay parking controls in residential areas is to deal with the problems caused by long stay parkers who use these areas as convenient free parking zones close to their work place. This can cause a severe nuisance to local residents who

may not be able to avail of parking spaces close to their home until commuters, etc. go home.

Problems also exist outside third level institutions such as UCC where night class attract a large number of parkers and they again can cause a large disturbance and nuisance to local residents. It is for this reasons that pay parking controls extend to 8:30 pm in areas off College Road and was done at the request of the local residents. This area is also close to the Bon Secours Hospital where evening visitors may sometimes park on adjacent residential roads.

The setting of times of pay parking controls in residential areas is done to suit the needs and requirements of the local residents. The designation of areas as ‘pay parking areas’ is a reserved function of Council but the actual implementation by signage, etc. is an executive function in consultation with the Gardaí

There was never a concept of introducing pay parking controls between 4:00 and 6:00 pm in residential areas as the resultant free parking during the rest of the day would attract large numbers of “outside” long stay parkers.

### 3.3 **AMENITY WALK AT WILLOW PARK**

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

*To ask the Manager to outline to Council what action he proposes to take to secure the partially completed amenity walk at Willow Park, South Douglas Road. Will he have the area cleaned up, glass removed, hedges cut back and the river cleaned out and, the fence between the walk and the South Link Road repaired, as this area has now become a major venue for anti-social behavior at the expense of the local community.*

This amenity walkway is situated adjacent to the South Ring Road and was partially constructed from the South Douglas Road westwards some year ago. It was envisaged that this walkway would eventually extend to the South City Link Road via Black Ash when a permanent slip road would be constructed between the South City Link Road and the South Ring Road through the Black Ash. However due to lack of funding this work was not carried out and therefore the amenity walkway was never completed as far as the South City Link Road and onwards to the Kinsale Road as originally intended. The walkway was never opened to the public, being fenced off at the South Douglas Road. This fenced off area has suffered some vandalism and unsociable behaviour but remains closed to public use.

### 3.4 **CURRENT BUSINESS PLAN FOR CORK OPERA HOUSE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir E. O’Halloran, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Can the Manager supply Members of Council with a copy of the current business plan for Cork Opera House and the Deloitte Report for same?*

Members will be aware that Cork Opera House Ltd., is a private company responsible for all matters associated with the operation of the Opera House. Accordingly, it is not within the remit or authority of the City Manager to circulate any documentation of the Opera House Company to any third party.

In view, however, of the significant level of reliance that the Opera House Company places on Cork City Council for financial support, the Chairman and Executive of the Company have agreed to attend a future meeting of the City Council to brief the Members of Council directly on the future plans for the Opera House.

It is proposed that this briefing would be held in advance of the next full meeting of Council on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 at 4.30 p.m. I trust that Members will respect the fact that the meeting shall be held in Committee and are agreeable to same.

### 3.5 **SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

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

*Can the Manager outline in relation to planned safety improvements to Edward Walsh Road:*

- *What progress has been made with local residents with regard to the introduction of speed controls that have been promised for some time and what are the next steps to be taken?*
- *If there is a reluctance on the part of the Council to place speed ramps on the road in question because it is considered a shortcut for emergency vehicles?*

Edward Walsh Road is included in the list of traffic calming schemes to be carried out in the 2010 Roads Programme. Traffic calming schemes which are being carried out in the six wards of the City are incorporated into this year's road resurfacing contract and it is anticipated that the implementation of traffic calming measures in Edward Walsh Road, which will include speed ramps will be completed in the coming weeks.

### 3.6 **UPGRADE OF BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

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

*Could the Manager confirm the following:*

- a) *When will the approved €1.2m upgrade of Blackrock Village begin and projected time frame.*
  - b) *When will the Slip-Way be constructed on the Marina, which has funding already approved?*
- (a) Preparation of draft proposals for the provision of a local park and playground on the northern half of the Ursuline Convent lands as outlined in the City Managers report to Council on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, will be completed in the next 3 weeks, and consultation will then be undertaken with Ward Members and local stakeholders. It is expected

following this consultation process to proceed with Part 8 Planning by early January with works scheduled to commence in Spring 2011.

- (b) The slipway which serves the Lee Rowing Club at the Marina has separated from the quay wall and has become dangerous. At its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, An Comhairle approved a recommendation from the City Manager to replace the existing structure with a floating pontoon, estimated cost including consulting fees being €170,000 approx.

Tenders have now been received, giving a final cost of €223k for the works, including fees. Lee Rowing Club, who are the main users of the slipway have agreed to contribute €20k towards the project, despite the club being stretched financially, the Council's contribution then being €203k.

An application for a Foreshore Licence to allow the work proceed has been made to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with a decision expected shortly. A decision on the commencement of the works will be taken in the context of available funding for the Council's Capital Programme 2011..

The pontoon will be owned by the City Council and made available to the Lee Rowing Club and the general public.

### 3.7 **CAPITAL COST OF THE PARK AND RIDE AT KINSALE ROAD**

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

- a) Could the Manager please tell the Council what was the capital cost of the Park and Ride at Kinsale Road?*
- b) How many parking spaces are provided there?*
- c) What is the capital cost of each space?*
- d) How many years is the site in operation?*
- e) When operating costs are paid (including bus service) what is the average surplus income per space per annum?*
- f) Given that there is a proposed new commitment for Park and Ride on the Carrigrohane Road:*

*Is the Manager aware that, each day, there are many unused off- street parking spaces already available in Sports Grounds and in front of private residences on main routes to the city that could be organised to provide a Park and Ride service that would be free of capital cost.*

- a) The final capital cost of the Black Ash Park and Ride facility at Kinsale Road was €7.8 million
- b) 940 spaces
- c) €8298 per space
- d) The facility opened for Christmas parking in 2004
- e) It is anticipated that the income from the facility this year will be balanced by the operating costs and no surplus income will exist.

- f) The use of private residential off-street spaces is not recommended for a park & ride facility because the use of each driveway would require separate planning permissions and neighbours would complain of additional traffic attracted to their estate, a problem we continually try to ameliorate with pay parking controls and traffic calming measures.

Park & Ride schemes only work where the parked cars are in the same parking area and the shuttle bus has a quick and frequent route to the main destination of the motorists. While it is known that sports club parking areas in the Bishopstown Area are being used by UCC and CUH as Park & Walk locations, there are no obvious ones that could be used as part of a Park & Ride facility. The Traffic Division will investigate any proposals in this regard which are brought to its attention

### 3.8 **RADON GAS ACROSS THE CITY**

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

*On a number of occasions I requested the former City Manager to obtain a map from the Radiological Protection Institute showing the incidence of radon gas across the city, and on each occasion I was assured the information would be requested, but to date Council has not received any such information. This is a very serious public health matter and people living in high incidence areas should be made aware of that fact. It is unacceptable for any public body to take the view that individual citizens should pay for a test when the general information is already known to RPII. Can the Manager please ask RPII to supply a general view on Cork City identifying known areas where higher radon incidence has already been shown to exist.*

In response to the Council's request, RPII have advised that the up to date information on radon gas is presented on their website <http://www.rpii.ie/radon-map.aspx>. As well as general information on radon gas the website provides access to radon level maps for the country.

In examining these maps it will be noted that the RPII have divided the Republic of Ireland into a geographic grid with the average radon levels shaded in each grid area. (100 km<sup>2</sup> per grid). These grid shadings are based on radon levels monitored in various locations on each grid. RPII exhibits an electronic interactive map of Ireland which can be accessed to show local levels of radon. The Environment Directorate will be happy to assist members in downloading any of the information presented.

### 3.9 **HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS**

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

*Can the Manager provide the following information:*

*How many first-time applications for the Higher Education Grant have been received this year by Cork City Council?*

*What proportion of these have been processed to date?*

*How many first-time grants have been paid out?*

*When does the Council expect to complete the processing and payment of grants?*

Cork City Council received 574 new applications under the 2010/2011 Scheme (closing date (31/08/10).

The 574 received have been processed as follows;

208 have been awarded a grant

60 have been deemed ineligible

201 require further information

105 sent to other authorities

First instalment cheques for

a) eligible new applications received before the closing date of 31/08/10 and

b) all renewals will be forwarded to colleges on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Cork City Council received 127 LATE applications to date and these have yet to be processed.

All outstanding LATE applications will be processed and paid on a first come first served basis, with a second run of the first instalment planned for December 2010. This will also cover those received by the closing date, and whose further information has allowed them be validated.

### 3.10 **SERVICING THE BOILERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY TENANTS**

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

*Does the Council have responsibility for servicing the boilers of local authority tenants and if so, has it any plans to prioritise servicing the boilers of elderly tenants in advance of the winter?*

Subject to available funding, Cork City Council has decided to arrange servicing of gas central heating boilers for its tenants. A programme for carrying this servicing during the 2010 / 2011 winter period is scheduled to commence shortly. Priority will be given, as far as practical and within available resources, to boilers not serviced last year and to elderly tenants.

### 3.11 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

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

*Can the City Manager inform Council as to (a) the number of requests for traffic calming measures currently on Council's "waiting lists" (b) the estimated amount of time it will take the Council to deal with the backlog?*

a) There are over 500 requests currently on file for traffic calming measures in the City. While some of these requests relate to the same roadways, the number of roads involved is far too numerous to list here. It is suffice to state that traffic calming requests have been received for a very large proportion of the residential roads and the majority of local distributor roads in the City.

- b) The time involved in completing all the traffic calming requests will depend of available funding. Funding for traffic calming measures has been reducing in the last two years and it is not clear what funding will be made available in the immediate future. Another difficulty is that each selected traffic calming scheme for a roadway has to be individually assessed to determine the appropriate traffic calming measures for that area.

Resources are only available to carry out this design work for those schemes selected to be included in the Roads Programme, and combined with the lack of knowledge of available funding in the future, it is impossible to estimate the amount of time it will take to deal with the backlog of traffic calming requests. It should also be noted that the list of requests for traffic calming is continuously being added to.

### 3.12 SCHOOL WARDEN FOR GLASHEEN PRIMARTY SCHOOLS

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

- a) *Due to the long term absences of the dedicated School Warden for Glasheen Primary Schools, who supervises one of the most dangerous school crossings in the city, could the Manager outline what measures are being taken to ensure this dangerous school crossing on Glasheen Road has a School Warden at all appropriate times in the interest of the health and safety of the children attending the schools.*
- b) *At this crossing on Glasheen Road, with traffic going down a steep hill going west and coming at speed around a blind bend going east, would it be possible to provide a **guard rail** along the footpath from the junction of School Avenue and Glasheen Road to ensure the children do not run across this busy road until they cross at the dedicated pedestrian crossing?*
- c) *Could the Manager ensure the existing flashing lights on Glasheen Road are in operation from 8.15 – 9.15 in the mornings and 2.15 – 2.50 in the afternoons, especially with the onset of winter and darker morning and evenings?*
- a) The school warden attached to the Glasheen Primary Schools is at present, on sick leave. The two substitute or ‘stand-in’ school wardens are already engaged with other schools. It is anticipated that one of the substitute school wardens will become available in the near future and the replacing of the school warden at Glasheen Road will get priority.
- b) The provision of a guard rail at the junction of Glasheen Road and School Avenue will be investigated and if deemed appropriate will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme. It should be noted though that a provision of a railing may have undesired effects in that a child or a person who ends up on the outside or ‘wrong’ side of the railing could be at a higher risk than if the railing was not there at all.
- c) The school flashing lights on Glasheen Road on the approaches to the school crossing point at the junction with School Avenue were examined last month and the necessary repairs were carried out to ensure they were working properly.



### 3.13 **NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY**

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

*That the City Manager would make a statement on the discussions he has with Government on the Cork projects contained in the National Spatial Strategy and on the recently re-opened Gateway Innovation Fund.*

Members will be aware that the City Council submitted a number of projects for funding under the call for proposals for the Gateway Innovation Fund in 2007. No decision was made by Government on the allocation of funds to projects nationally.

In the Governments programme “Infrastructure Investment Priorities 2010-2016, launched in July 2010, it is stated that:

*“The Gateways Innovation Fund will also be re-established with an indicative level of funding of €200m from 2012. The objective of the Fund will be to stimulate and support innovative and locally co-funded projects that will prioritise Gateway development in line with the National Spatial Strategy”.*

To date, there has been no official notification to the Council to the effect that the Gateway Innovation Fund is re-opened. Neither has there been any formal discussions between the Council and Government on the matter. I therefore await notification on the nature and scope of the proposed re-established Fund.

In view of the importance attached to the Fund in terms of the progression of the Cork Docklands Project I do, however, plan to meet and seek clarity on the matter from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government at an early date. I will keep Members informed as matters develop.

### 3.14 **STREET LAMPS ON THE GRAND PARADE**

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

*To ask the Manager about the energy efficiency of c.400 street lamps on the Grand Parade plaza.*

The lighting design on Grand Parade was designed by ARUP to match the concept developed by Beth Gali on St. Patrick’s Street and took account of the Cork City Council Guidelines for street lighting schemes. The lighting design complies with the relevant Code of Practice. The use of energy efficient SON lanterns on Grand Parade is similar to normal road lighting but the scheme is configured as a floodlighting arrangement to enhance the amenity aspect of the paved area as well as catering for the illumination of the carriageway.

SON discharge lighting incorporating electronic control gear continues to be one the most efficient forms of lighting available for carriageway lighting despite the emerging

developments of LED and white light sources that could be considered on narrower streets and for dedicated pathways or cycle routes.

### 3.15 **HOUSING APPLICATIONS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

*Could the Manager please outline the following on housing applications:*

- a) How many offers does an applicant receive?*
  - b) How many offers can an applicant decline?*
  - c) Is the applicant’s preference taken into account?*
  - d) What is the procedure if an applicant reaches their quota of refusals?*
  - e) Does the applicant go to the end of the housing list?*
  - f) Is the Community Welfare Officer informed of offers/refusals?*
  - g) If yes, whose decision was this and when did it commence from?*
  - h) Have all applicants been informed of this process?*
  - i) How many applicants have been affected by this process to inform CWO?*
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- a) An eligible applicant may receive two offers of accommodation in a twelve month period.
  - b) Per Scheme of Letting Priorities 3.7 “Where two offers of accommodation suitable to an applicant’s housing needs in areas of the applicants stated preference have been made and refused by him, Cork City Council reserves the right not to make a further offer of accommodation to the applicant for a period of twelve months from the date on which the last of the two offers of accommodation was refused.”
  - c) Applicants are offered accommodation in their stated areas of preference only.
  - d) Note b) above – “Cork City Council reserves the right not to make a further offer of “accommodation to the applicant for a period of twelve months from the date on which the last of the two offers of accommodation was refused.
  - e) The applicant will not go to the end of the list. When the twelve month period referred to above has elapsed, the applicant will be considered for accommodation that may become vacant in his/her area(s) of preference.
  - f) The Community Welfare Officer is informed of refusals, not offers.
  - g) Local Authorities are required to put in place a procedure for notification of refusals to the Community Welfare Services as directed by Circular N09/09 from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009.
  - h) Applicants are informed of this process prior to signing a Refusal Form and they are required to read the Refusal Form before signing a declaration which states “I am aware that if I refuse 2 offers of social housing accommodation within a 12 month period my application for housing will be deferred for 12 months. I am also aware that Cork City Council will notify my Community Welfare Officer if my application for housing is being deferred which will result in my Rent Allowance also being suspended.”
  - i) Cork City Council provides the Community Welfare Services with a monthly report of refusals of offers. However, the decision whether or not to withdraw rent allowance is only considered by a Community Welfare Officer when an applicant has refused a second offer. The applicants’ circumstances are taken into consideration before the

service is withdrawn. The number of people affected by this process is not available from Cork City Council's records.

3.16 **PARKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRADITIONAL TRADERS IN CORNMARKE STREET**

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

*Can the Manager inform Council what parking arrangements he is making for the traditional traders in Cornmarket Street.*

Work on the refurbishment of Cornmarket Street is now nearing completion and consultation is ongoing with key stakeholders (including traditional traders, Saturday traders, street retail outlets, etc.) in relation to a number of matters, including the issue of arrangements for loading areas as well as parking for disabled, traders and the general public.

4. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE - 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

4.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for months ending July, August and September 2010.

4.2 **REPAIR GATE TO 2<sup>ND</sup> ENTRANCE TO HOLLYVILLE ON HOLLYHILL LANE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council as a matter of urgency repair the Gate and erect Palisade fencing at the 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance to Hollyville on Hollyhill Lane in order to create a safe, health and wellbeing atmosphere in the homes close to the Lane.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 10/210)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that repairs will be carried out to this gate in the near future.

4.3 **STREET FURNITURE IN EMMET PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That street furniture be provided in Emmet Place to cater for the large number of citizens that like to meet and socialize in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. McCarthy 10/211)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the street furniture on Emmet Place will be re-examined when the Saturday Market is transferred back to Cornmarket St and if additional elements are required they will be provided at this stage. These additional elements are likely to include Bike Racks, Bollards etc. To date we have chosen to limit the provision of seating on Emmet Place due to the concerns of local business owners and we recommend that this policy remains in place.

#### 4.4 **ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING SPACES IN SUMMERHILL SOUTH & SOUTHERN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council investigate the possibility of creating additional car parking spaces in (1) Summerhill South (2) Southern Road by realignment of the roads and use of wide footpaths.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/204)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that both Summerhill South and Southern Road are important pedestrian access routes in to the city centre from the Ballinlough, Douglas and Turners Cross areas. To undertake any realignment of existing roads and reduce footpath widths to accommodate increased parking in the area, would require agreement with service providers to relocate underground services and also the input of significant financial resources. In addition, as it is City Council policy as stated in the City Development Plan, to encourage more sustainable alternatives to the private car along such an important car and public transport green route, the Council should not be seen to apply resources to encourage the use of private vehicles by providing additional car parking spaces that reduce road capacity.

The width of the existing footpaths on Southern Road are too narrow to facilitate the provision of parking. However the possibility of creating additional car parking spaces on Summerhill South will be investigated.

#### 4.5 **RESURFACING OF GARDINERS HILL AVENUE/ STREAM HILL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council proceed with the resurfacing of Gardiners Hill Avenue/ Stream Hill without delay.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/237)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Gardiners Hill Avenue / Stream Hill are included on the 2010 Resurfacing Programme, approved earlier this year, and work will be completed in the coming months.

#### 4.6 **MAINTENANCE AT GREEN LAWN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council a) clean and maintain the laneway connecting Green Lawn to Slieve Mish.

- b) Maintain, trim and cut back overgrown trees in Green Lawn.
- c) Put in place ‘signage’ for dog owners to clean up after dog fouling.
- d) That the Traffic Department look once again at the slipway outside A.I.B. Bank to make it safe for pedestrians using the area by closing it off to motorists which is causing obstructions and endangering lives.

That the residents in same location are issued with an update on the Cork City Council noise pollution report.’

(Proposer: Cllr. Lorraine Kingston 10/220)

The report of the City Manager stated that:-

- a) This matter will be investigated and followed up with the appropriate Directorate.
- b) This issue will be referred to the Parks Department.
- c) This matter will be investigated and followed up with the appropriate Directorate.
- d) This area is an important parking area for the adjacent shop and AIB Bank. In order to improve pedestrian safety in the area, it is now proposed that no direct access would be permitted to the car parking areas adjoining the AIB Bank from the Kinsale Road. Cars would only be allowed egress the parking area onto the Kinsale Road and only then permitted to turn left on to the Curragh Road direction. Consequently, it is not recommended that the area would be closed off to motorists, but the proposed traffic routing measures outlined above be installed that will greatly increase pedestrian safety.

#### 4.7 **TAXI USE OF PAUL’S AVENUE ON TO PAUL STREET**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council look at allowing taxis use St. Paul’s Avenue on to Paul Street for the duration of the works on Cornmarket Street, Paul Street and Castle Street. We have to compensate for the above closure, to allow access to Paul Street Shopping Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/233)

The report of the City Manager stated that this proposal will be examined and discussed with both the Roads Design Division and the Traffic Corps of An Garda Síochána. A further report will issue to Council with recommendations.

#### 4.8 **DISH FOOTPATH ON EVERGREEN ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council dish the footpath on Evergreen Road adjacent to Listowel Avenue.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/247)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this will be put on our Works Programme for attention.

#### 4.9 **PARKING AT BOYNE CRESCENT, NORTH RING ROAD, MAYFIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Bearing in mind the problems facing all residents in relation to car-parking in what is a very crowded and congested cul-de-sac, that part of the green area adjoining house numbers 19 to 30 Boyne Crescent, North Ring Road, Mayfield, be removed and replaced with tarmac.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Kelleher 10/255)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the green area adjoining houses numbered 19 to 30 Boyne Crescent will be assessed for suitability of converting same to provide parking. If suitable the location can be included in the works programme for 2011.

#### 4.10 **RESURFACE THE MARINA ROADWAY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Assistant City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would resurface the Marina roadway, given the poor condition it is in.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/260)

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

#### 4.11 **HIGHFIELD AVENUE/ HIGHFIELD WEST, COLLEGE ROAD TO BE MADE A ONE-WAY SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that The provision of one-way systems has several well established disadvantages including:

- Increased traffic speeds and volumes in the direction of traffic flow, thus reducing road safety particularly for pedestrians;
- Difficulty in terms of local access and circulation for residents and visitors;
- Difficulty in terms of access for delivery vehicles and service providers such as refuse collectors and emergency vehicles;
- Attracted road users because of increased ease of access in the direction of flow;

Accordingly, the Traffic Division would not be recommending the provision of a one-way system in the area. However, In order to further progress any proposals for a one-way system, it is essential that the majority of the local residents are in favour of the proposal in order to avoid any potential local disputes and conflicts. Before any of the above disadvantages are examined further, the agreement of the local residents would have to be clearly established.

#### 4.12 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MELBOURNE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘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)

The report of the City Manager stated that Melbourne Road, north of Beverley Drive junction will be examined and if it is deemed appropriate that a pedestrian crossing facility be provided there, it will be added to the list of requests for pedestrian crossings and it will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

5. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

5.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

5.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010, on Housing for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

5.3 **GALTAN LTD – PROJECT AT 2, FERNHURST VILLAS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 in relation to an increased loan facility for Galtan Ltd's project at 2 Fernhurst Villas, College Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, An Chomhairle also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“**RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €1,148,085 (Previous loan being €1,127,000) be granted to Galtan Ltd subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”.

5.4 **POLICY ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council steps up its policy – or come up with a more enforceable one – on addressing and controlling anti-social behaviour in large social housing estates and flat complexes, to ensure that the majority of residents in these places are not made prisoners in their own homes.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/209)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Housing & Community Directorate is currently consulting widely on an Anti Social Behaviour Strategy in accordance with Section 35 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009. The purpose of the Strategy is to develop an inter agency approach, in conjunction with the District Policing Fora, to combat anti social behavior on our estates. The strategy will be submitted for approval to Council in November 2010 in accordance with the timescale outlined in the Act.

It should however be noted that public order issues are primarily the responsibility of the Garda authorities.



## 5.5 **SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON OFFICER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council introduce the position of a Senior Citizen Liaison Officer to deal with issues surrounding senior citizens such as housing allocation, housing maintenance, grants and other aids.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/09)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Housing Management System allows for the relevant Executive Housing Officer in conjunction with the Area Manager to deal with issues relating to Senior Citizens. Within the current Housing & Community Directorate operational framework, the housing needs of our Senior Citizens are catered for in the assessment of housing need and the allocation of social housing.

## 5.6 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LANDS AT THE CAMP FIELD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council confirm if it has withdrawn its offer to purchase the Camp Field from the Department of Defence for the purpose of undertaking an Affordable Housing Scheme and that a report be prepared for outlining the Councils intentions, if any in relation to the Camp Field and that report should include a confirmation that the Council will continue to support the continuation of Collins Pitch & Putt Club and also comment on the lands zoned for Sport.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/240)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council remains in negotiation with the Department of Defence with regard to the above lands. It remains the Council’s intention, should agreement be reached, to accommodate the continued use for pitch and putt purposes. The remainder of the lands excluding the tennis courts would be used for housing purposes.

## 5.7 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the City Manager dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 in relation to the following property disposals:

### **Property Disposals**

- a. Disposal of properties situated to the rear of Uam Var Drive, Bishopstown, Cork to various applicants for the sum of €1.00 together with costs of €100 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, the disposal was approved.

- b. Disposal of land approximately 6m<sup>2</sup> in area situated at Green Street, Greenmount, Cork, to Electricity Supply Board, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2 by way of lease at a rent of €10.00 per annum and a fee of €1,500.00 plus costs plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, the disposal was approved.
- c. Disposal of land approximately 8m<sup>2</sup> in area situated at Beaumont Drive, Ballintemple, Cork, to Electricity Supply Board, Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2, by way of lease at a rent of €10 per annum and a fee of €1,500.00 plus costs plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the disposal was approved.
- d. Disposal of freehold interest in the premises situated at and known as 1a, St. Anthony's Villas, Friar's Walk, Cork to James Hayes for the sum of €5000.00 together with costs in the sum of €675.00 plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. O'Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the disposal was approved.
- e. Disposal of part of premises situated at 107/108 Douglas Street, Cork by way of lease to Sophia Housing Association at a nominal rent of €30.00 per annum plus VAT if applicable. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Ahern, seconded by Comhairleoir L. McGonigle, the disposal was approved.

## 6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Monaghan Town Council dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- North Tipperary County Council dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

## 7. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

- Cllr. Dara Murphy – *Shanghai Twinning Visit* – 24-30 May 2010, Shanghai, China
- Cllr. Dara Murphy – *How to be an effective Mayor/Chairperson* - 30 Sept-2 Oct 2010, Athlone.
- Cllr. Dara Murphy – *LAMA Autumn Seminar 2010* – 8/9 October 2010 - Listowel, Co.Kerry
- Cllr Tim Brosnan – *LAMA Autumn Seminar 2010* – 8/9 October 2010 - Listowel, Co.Kerry.
- Cllr Tim Brosnan – *Report of the Local Government Efficiency Review Group* – 8/9 October 2010 - Wexford
- Cllr Tim Brosnan - *Planning Applications Professional Indemnity The Essential guide for Public Representatives* – 24/26 Sept 2010 –Galway
- Cllr Catherine Clancy – *LAMA Autumn Seminar 2010* – 8/9 October 2010 - Listowel, Co.Kerry.
- Cllr Kenneth O'Flynn – *La Touche Legacy Seminar 'Local Democracy in Changing Times'* – 01/03 October 2010 - Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
- Cllr Kenneth O'Flynn – *LAMA Autumn Seminar 2010* – 8/9 October 2010 - Listowel, Co.Kerry
- Cllr Kenneth O'Flynn – *Planning and Development Amendment Act 2010* – 15/17 Oct 2010- Roscommon.
- Cllr Laura McGonigle – *Report of the Local Government Efficiency Review Group*

- 8/9 October 2010 – Wexford
- Cllr Denis O’Flynn – ***Report of the Local Government Efficiency Review Group***
- 8/9 October 2010 - Wexford
- Cllr Terry Shannon – ***LAMA Autumn Seminar 2010*** – 8/9 October 2010 - Listowel, Co.Kerry.
- Cllr Emmet O’Halloran - ***The Need for Urgent Local Authority and Health Service Reform***
- 30 July -1 Aug 2010 – Galway
- Cllr Sean Martin – ***LAMA Autumn Seminar 2010*** – 8/9 October 2010 - Listowel, Co.Kerry
- Cllr Mary Shields – ***La Touche Legacy Seminar ‘Local Democracy in Changing Times’*** – 01/03 October 2010 - Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

### **SEMINARS & CONFERENCES (ITEM 8)**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir C. Clancy, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of the Councillors listed at Agenda Item 8 and also items tabled on the night, for the various seminars & conferences, where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, 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, M. Barry, T. Gould, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, K. Kerins. (8)

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:-

#### 8. **SEMINARS**

##### 8.1 **LAMA AUTUMN SEMINAR “LOCAL GOVERNMENT – EFFICIENCY AND FINANCING”**

Comhairleoir C. Clancy at LAMA Autumn Seminar “Local Government – Efficiency and Financing”, held in the Listowel Arms Hotel, Co. Kerry, on the 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

##### 8.2 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2010**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the “Planning and Development Amendment Act 2010” training seminar, held in Hannon’s Hotel, Athlone Road, Roscommon, on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

8.3 **ICSH FINANCE SEMINAR 2010 – “FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT”**

Comhairleoirí C. Clancy & L. Kingston at the ICSH Finance Seminar 2001, “Financial Management in a Changing Environment”, to be held in Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Co. Kilkenny, on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

8.4 **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY; COMPETING WITH THE REST OF EUROPE**

Comhairleoir K. O’Flynn at the “Alternative Energy; Competing With the Rest of Europe” training seminar, held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Straffen Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

8.5 **CRIMINAL LAW (DEFENCE AND THE DWELLING) BILL 2010; INSURANCE ISSUES FOR THE HOME AND BUSINESS; ENFORCEMENT OF SOCIAL STANDARDS IN LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING**

Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn & G. Gibbons 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 Hotel, Oranmore, Co. Galway, on the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

**CONFERENCES**

8.6 **FACEBOOK FOR COUNCILLORS, A BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE**

Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the Facebook for Councillors, A business Perspective, to be held in the Killarney Heights Hotel, Killarney on the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

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

Comhairleoirí C. Clancy, L. Kingston & J. Kelleher at the A National Tourism Conference – “Achieving World Class Tourism”, to be held in Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, a vote was called for to Suspend Standing Orders to discuss Members attendance at Conferences where there appeared as follows:-

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, D. Cahill, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin.-(10)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, J. Buttimer, M. Ahern, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons.-(16)

As the number voting in favour was less than the 2/3 majority of those present and voting, An tArdmhéara declared the proposal defeated.

9. **MOTIONS**

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

9.1 **WINDOW BOX SCHEME IN SOUTH PARISH AREA**

‘That a window box scheme be introduced in the South Parish Area. This could be done through the Planning Directorate and would greatly enhance one of the oldest parts of our city.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/266)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

9.2 **WINDOW BOX SCHEME IN MIDDLE PARISH AREA**

‘That the Planning Directorate would introduce a window box scheme in the Middle Parish Area of our city, thus enhancing the local environment.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/267)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

9.3 **DOWNLOAD APPLICATION FOR iPHONES TO PROVIDE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TOURS AROUND THE CITY**

‘That Cork City Council build a download application for iPhones which can also be downloaded on Satellite Navigation devices, which would provide a historical and cultural tour of Cork City which can be downloaded for free by internet or Wi-Fi. This application would pay particular attention to the walking tours and places of historical value around the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/276)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

9.4 **WALK OF FAME IN COOKE STREET**

‘That Cork City Council put in place a walk of fame in Cooke Street to commemorate the Corkonian’s who have contributed to the reputation of Cork City both locally and internationally in a wide variety of fields.

Not only would this serve as a commemoration to these great people but also as a tourist spot in the City Centre.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 10/277)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

9.5 **INFILL HOUSE BETWEEN LAGAN GROVE AND LIFFEY PARK**

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the possibility of placing an infill house in the small open space between Lagan Grove and Liffey Park, Mayfield which has on numerous occasions been used for indiscriminate dumping’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/298)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

9.6 **DESIGNATED AREA FOR SMOKING AT C.U.H. CAMPUS**

‘That Cork City Council would ask the H.S.E. to consider placing a designated area for smoking on the campus of Cork University Hospital, as the current designation of the CUH as a non-smoking campus means that many staff and visitors are congregating in residential areas to smoke.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/304)

**Corporate Policy Group**

9.7 **DANGEROUS TREES BETWEEN UAM VAR DRIVE AND THE CRESCENT, CURRAHEEN**

‘That action be taken to remove the dangerous trees growing between Uam Var Drive and The Crescent, Curraheen as they are a health and safety hazard and causing concern for residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/307)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

9.8 **90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATHS OF MCCURTAIN AND MCSWINEY**

‘This year we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the deaths of the first two Republican Lords Mayor of Cork City – McCurtain & McSwiney, Council proposes to update the existing National Monument on Grand Parade, to include a suitably inscribed Memorial honouring all those who in the fight for Irish Freedom during the years 1916 – 1923, changed the face of Ireland and laid the ground for our present Democratic and Sovereign State.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 10/308)

**Party Whips**

9.9 **BUNKERS HILL, ST. MARYS ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with the residents of Bunkers Hill, St. Marys Road examine the possibility of putting gates at the entrance to Bunkers Hill in order to create a safe and healthy environment for the residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/312)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

9.10 **PRESERVE THE SYNAGOGUE IN CORK**

‘That this council in association with the Cork Jewish Community acknowledging and honouring the Jewish Community in Cork throughout the years and our former Lord Mayor Gerard Goldberg (1977- 1978), favourably consider:-

- Preserving the Synagogue not only as a place of religious worship but as a reminder that Jews were part of the City and
- Developing a museum in the Synagogue aiming to become a small but thriving centre of Jewish History and Culture.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 10/314)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

9.11 **UPGRADING OF PUBLIC LIGHT FITTINGS AT DEERPARK ESTATE**

‘That following a recent inspection by Council officials, provisions for the upgrading of some 20 public light fittings at Deerpark Estate – at an approximate cost of €15,000 – be included in the programme of work for 2011.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/315)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

9.12 **TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PARKING AT PERIPHERIES OF DISC PARKING ZONES**

‘Mindful of the serious impact that traffic congestion and parking is having on residents on the peripheries of disc parking zones in Ballypheane, that Cork City Council (traffic division) carries out a survey of the major junction of Lower Friars Walk and Pearse Road, near Ballypheane Credit Union/ Ballypheane Church/ HSE Local Health Centre with a view to alleviating serious problems at that location.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/316)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

9.13 **BUS SHELTER ON NO. 5 BUS ROUTE IN ROSSA AVENUE**

‘That representations be made to Bus Eireann to provide a bus shelter at the no. 5 Bus Stop on Rossa Avenue. This bus stop is the one most used by students of CIT and also used by local residents, is one of the busiest in the city and as such should be priority for a bus shelter.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 10/320)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

9.14 **CONFERENCE ON THE “EFFICIENCY AND COST OF THE IRISH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT”**

‘That Cork City Council in conjunction with the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government host a conference on the Efficiency and cost of the Irish Central Government model inviting speakers from the World Bank, the IMF and European Commission with a view to helping the country identify a new model appropriate to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ireland.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/321)

**Corporate Policy Group**

9.15 **FORMER OFFICERS QUARTERS – CAMP FIELD**

‘That Cork City Council officials report to Council on the former Officers Quarters in the Camp Field, the number of such houses and why they have been wrecked by vandals while officials in Department of Defence seem not to be taking any action.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/322)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

9.16 **O’GROWNEY CRESCENT**

‘That this council include O’Growney Crescent in the green area to parking programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. F. Kerins 10/323)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

9.17 **CORK PROJECTS IN THE NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY**

‘That the City Manager would make a statement on the discussions he has with Government on the Cork projects contained in the National Spatial Strategy and on the recently re opened gateway innovation fund.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/324)

**Planning & Development Strategic Policy Committee**



9.18 **SCHOOL WARDEN AT GLASHEEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

‘That due to the long term absences of the dedicated school warden for Glasheen Primary Schools, who supervises one of the most dangerous school crossings in the City, could the Manager outline what measures are being taken to ensure this dangerous school crossing on Glasheen Road has a school warden at all appropriate times in the interest of the health and safety of the children attending the schools.

At this crossing on Glasheen Road with traffic going down a steep hill going west and coming at speed around a blind bend going east, would it be possible to provide a **guard rail** along the footpath from the junction of School Avenue and Glasheen Road to ensure the children do not run across this busy road until they cross at the dedicated pedestrian crossing?

Could The Manager ensure the existing flashing lights on Glasheen Road are in operation from 8.15-9.15 in the mornings and 2.15-2.50 in the afternoons especially with the onset of winter and darker mornings and evenings?’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 10/325)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

9.19 **TARMACADAM THE “ROUGH” LANEWAY ON HIGH STREET**

‘That the City Council tarmacadam the ‘rough’ laneway behind High Street Launderette on High Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/326)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

9.20 **“NO TURN RIGHT” SIGN ON BALLINLOUGH ROAD**

‘That the Council take down the ‘no turn right’ sign for Ballinlough Road on Douglas Road (city facing, outside St. Finbarre’s Hospital) plus instate a ‘no heavy vehicles sign’ at the base of the hill of Bernadette Way.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/327)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

9.21 **PRUNE TREES ON TORY TOP ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council will prune the trees on Tory Top Road as a matter of priority as they are extensively overgrown and are causing a substantial blockage of daylight into residents homes and causing damage to the pavements in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 10/328)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

9.22 **REVIEW OF ANIMAL POUND CHARGES**

‘That Cork City Council would undertake a review of its animal pound charges in order to bring them in line with other cities and towns and so that these charges will be at such a level as to act as a deterrent to irresponsible owners who allow them to wander in such a way as to endanger lives and as well as causing danger to properties.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 10/332)

**Finance Functional Committee**

9.23 **€4,700 ALLOCATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

‘That Councillors should not be permitted to go over the €4,700 allocation for conferences and seminars. This limit can be set by City Council. What is left in the overall fund can be discussed during Budget 2011 debate.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/318)

**Corporate Policy Group**

9.24 **LAWS RELATING TO WANDERING ANIMALS**

‘That Cork City Council would call on the government to update and implement the laws related to wandering animals.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 10/333)

**Joint Policing Committee**

9.25 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

‘That Cork City Council would publish and open for public consultation, it’s revised Emergency Response Plan.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/336)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

10. **MOTIONS**

10.1 An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion:-

**ST. MARYS ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL**

‘That Cork City Council support the continuation of St. Mary’s Orthopaedic Hospital as a public health delivery site. That any talks between Cork City Council and the H.S.E. regarding development of the site must include ring fencing part of the site with adequate space to roll out the long awaited rehabilitation hospital and services for the south.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/313)

10.2 An Chomhairle considered and discussed the following motion:-

**FUNDING FOR ELECTIONS**

‘In light of the strict guidelines set down with regard to funding for elections, can it be verified that the Labour Party did not use funds through SIPTU, which were obtained by the HSE inappropriately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/319)

This concluded the business of the meeting

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