

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 26th APRIL 2010

- PRESENT** An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Murphy in the Chair and subsequently Comhairleoir J. Corr.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould.
- NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, J. O’Brien, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald.
- SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí D. Cahill, 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, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoirí M. Shields, M. Ahern.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance.
Mr. D. O’Mahony, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community.
Mr. D. Joyce, Senior Executive Officer, Roads & Transportation.
Mr. P. Moynihan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An t-Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

1.1. VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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

- The O’Flynn Family on the death of David O’Flynn.
- The Desmond Family on the death of Noreen Desmond.
- The Williams Family on the death of Bridget Williams.
- The Murphy Family on the death of Ann Murphy.
- The O’Sullivan Family on the death of Rose O’Sullivan.
- The Brennan Family on the death of Madge Brennan.
- The Creedon Family on the death of Billy Creedon.
- The Cegielka Family on the death of Ariel Cegielka.

1.2 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

An Chomhairle considered the proposal of An t-Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Murphy to confer the Freedom of the City of Cork on Mr. Peter Barry.

On the proposal of An t-Ardmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Murphy, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, a vote was called for on the conferring of the Freedom of the City of Cork on Mr. Peter Barry where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, K. O'Flynn, D. McCarthy, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, M. Finn, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons.-(20)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, C. O'Leary, H. Cremin.-(6)

An t-Ard-Mhéara declared the vote carried, and the conferring of the Freedom of the City of Cork on Mr. Peter Barry approved.

CIVIC RECEPTION

An Chomhairle approved the holding of a Civic Reception for the Cork County Senior Football Team.

1.3 **VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS**

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

- Cork City Council Planning Department on organising the Work Shop/ Planning Exercise on the South Mahon Area Plan.
- Mr. Jim O'Loughlin who is a dedicated member of Cork Adult Education.

1.4 **BEST WISHES**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of Best Wishes to Comhairleoir E. O'Halloran and his fiancée Carole on their forthcoming marriage on 1st May 2010.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 12th April 2010, were considered and approved with the following amendments; *“Item 16 of the Minutes-Motions, should read – An Chomhairle agreed to defer to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 26th April 2010”.*

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **GROTTO AND MURIEL IN CORPORATION BUILDINGS BE RESTORED**

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

When will the Grotto and Muriel in Corporation Buildings be fully restored to its former splendour?

The Feasibility of providing a replacement mural will be investigated and costed over the coming weeks and a further response will be issued at that stage.

3.2 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON FAIRFIELD ROAD**

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

When will traffic calming measures on Fairfield Road be completed?

Fairfield Road traffic calming is included in the Road Resurfacing Contract 2010 which was finalised following approval of the Roadworks Programme 2010 last month. The contract is currently out to tender and we expect to have a contractor appointed and a commencement on site by June. We plan to have the contract substantially completed by the end of this year with the traffic calming work being carried out during the autumn.

3.3 **ELIZABETH FORT IN BARRACK STREET**

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

Following a visit to Elizabeth Fort in Barrack Street last summer by Minister Martin Mansergh, and his onsite discussions with City Council officials and the OPW about the need to get all the agencies with interests in the Fort (City Council, OPW and the Gardai) to get the ramparts open to the public, can the Manager outline what progress is being made to this end, particularly with the safety audit of the timber structure being carried out by Recreation and Amenity as proposed by the City Council official who attended that onsite meeting.

The OPW have responsibility for Elizabeth Fort. The City Councils Building Control Department recently inspected the site and noted that it was closed to the public, and not considered a danger at present to the people in the vicinity.

3.4 **ST. MARY'S LIBRARYS, ST. MARY'S ROAD**

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

To ask the Manager what is the proposed use for the former St. Mary's Library, St. Mary's Road?

The former St. Mary's Road Library building will be used by the HSE to provide accommodation for the North Lee Community Work Department, for a Community Welfare Officer, for Adult and Paediatric Occupational Therapy and shared usage, as required and scheduled, by other therapies and members of the local Primary Care Teams.

There will also be potential for the HSE to operate a drop in service for older people.

3.5 **PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF OPEN GREEN SPACES**

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

To ask the Manager to outline the programme of work for the upkeep and maintenance of open green spaces and to ask if there will be any reduction in service in 2010 to the grass cutting programme relative to 2009 and 2009?

Maintenance of Council open space areas consists of litter collection and grass mowing on a 12-14 day cycle, fly-tipping and illegal dumping is attended to as and when required.

A reduction in the level of service of these areas is inevitable given the reduction in the grounds maintenance budget for 2010 and the non-filling of 25no vacancies including three senior Foremen.

However, all maintenance operations and schedules are presently under review with a view to keeping any reductions in service to an absolute minimum.

This review will also include resident associations/groups becoming more actively involved in the upkeep of their areas and they will be actively encouraged to do so.

3.6 **SALE OF LANDS AT MAYFIELD CROSS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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

Can the City Manager please inform Council as to the current position regarding the sale of lands at Mayfield Cross to the Department of Education for the purpose of the construction of a new junior primary school for children with autism?

The proposed disposal of site comprising approximately 2.05 hectares at Mayfield Cross, Old Youghal Road, Mayfield to The Commissioners of Public Works / The Minister for Education and Science is to be considered by An Chomhairle today under Item 10.6.6 of Agenda.

3.7 **DEVELOP GUS HEALY POOL IN DOUGLAS**

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

To ask the City Manager if there are any possible routes that can be explored by Cork City Council in order to develop the Gus Healy Pool in Douglas? Can the Manager outline these to the Council?

Cork City Council secured a proposal for the provision of a new pool in Douglas by way of public private partnership. However, a majority of the members of Council did not wish to see any private sector involvement and accordingly the proposal was rejected by Council.

If it is the wish of the Council to reconsider this approach, the matter can be revisited. It is unlikely that funding will be forthcoming from the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism in the foreseeable future, for such projects.

3.8 **FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF CORK**

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

With regards to the Freedom of the City could the Manager give a detailed reply to the following:

- 1. In each year since 2000 to 2009 what has been the full cost including breakdown of the ceremony, entertainment, catering, travel, hotel, presentation pieces etc.?*
- 2. In each year since 2000 to 2009 what has been the attendance of City Councillors to the event, give breakdown of each year?*

(a) Freedom of the City 2004 (Mr. John Hume) –

- Overall Cost: €33,778.76

Breakdown of Costs

Entertainment	Catering	Travel	Accommodation	Presentation	Video Screens, Photography, Printing
2317.30	14,349.85	150.00	615.85	5158.34	11,187.42

(b) Freedom of the City 2005 (Ms. Sonia O' Sullivan and Mr. Roy Keane)

- Overall Cost: €45,188.24

Breakdown of Costs

Entertainment	Catering	Travel	Accommodation	Presentation	Video Screens, Photography, Printing
5,430.73	10,417.12	400.43	Nil	11,088.64	17,851.32

(c) Freedom of the City 2006 (President Mary McAleese)

- Overall Cost: €23,974.52

Breakdown of Costs

Entertainment	Catering	Travel	Accommodation	Presentation	Video Screens, Photography, Printing
6342.68	9312.75	nil	Nil	4,757.72	3,561.37

(d) Freedom of the City 2007 (Mr. Michael Flatley)

- Overall Cost: € 21,363.24

Breakdown of Costs

Entertainment	Catering	Travel	Accommodation	Presentation	Video Screens, Photography, Printing
5,684.28	7,258.41	nil	Nil	5,497.30	2,923.25

(e) Freedom of the City 2008 (Sir John Major and Mr. Albert Reynolds)

Overall Cost € 31,920.34

Breakdown of Costs

Entertainment	Catering	Travel	Accommodation	Presentation	Video Screens, Photography, Printing
5,036.88	12,155.61	1,700.00	550	11,626.60	3,392.25

(f) Freedom of the City 2009 (Sr. Eucharika Buckley and Dean Denis O' Connor)

Overall Cost € 30,836.56

Breakdown of Costs

Entertainment	Catering	Travel	Accommodation	Presentation	Video Screens, Photography, Printing
5,508.41	8,488.05	nil	nil	12,132.20	4,707.90

3. Attendance by Members of Cork City Council at Special Meetings of Council to Confer Freedom of the City

Special Meeting of Cork City Council held on 14th June 2005

Attendance: Comhairleoiri – S. Martin, M. Quill, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Clune, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, C. Lynch, T. O’ Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern.

Special Meeting of Cork City Council held on 30th May 2006

Attendance Comhairleoiri – D. Clune, M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, M. Barry, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, M. O’ Connell, D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields.

Special Meeting of Cork City Council held on 2nd June 2007

Attendance: Comhairleoiri – M. Ahern, J. Kelleher, A. Spillane, M Barry, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, J. O’ Brien, D. McCarthy, C. Burke, M. O’ Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Counihan, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, J. Buttimer, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham

Special Meeting of Cork City Council held on 20th June 2008

Attendance: Comhairleoiri – D. Counihan, M. Quill, T. Brosnan, D. Murphy, G. O’ Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch, T. Fitzgerald, C. O’ Leary, D. O’ Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, T. O’ Driscoll, F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, M. Ahern, J. Buttimer.

Special Meeting of Cork City Council held on 22nd May 2009

Attendance: Comhairleoiri – B. Bermingham, D. O’ Flynn, C. O’ Leary, D. Cregan, J. O’ Brien, C. Clancy, M. Shields, D. Counihan, P. Gosch, T. O’ Driscoll, J. O’ Callaghan, J. Corr, K. O’ Flynn, D. Murphy, L. Kingston, M. Barry, T. Fitzgerald, M. O’ Connell, J. Buttimer, M. Quill, M. Ahern, F. Dennehy, D. Wallace.

3.9 **HOUSING LIST**

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

Given that Cork City Council have 6,764 applicants on the Housing List and we had only 12 allocations of houses for the month of March.

- a) How many vacant houses have Cork City Council at present?*
- b) How many have been vacant more than a year?*
- c) How many are awaiting repair or upgrading prior to allocation?*
- d) What effect is the embargo on staff having on repairs / allocations?*

(a), (b), (c)

TOTAL HOUSING STOCK AT 31 MARCH 2010

8,660 UNITS

	Total	Vacant > 1 YR
Vacant For Refurbishment	127	90
With Maintenance Dept. for Repair	230	86
With SHARE for Repair	19	7
Awaiting Tenancy(Under Offer)	29	18
Newly Vacant for Assessment	16	2
Undergoing Contract Repairs	36	30
On Legal Hold	17	11
TOTAL:	474	244

It is anticipated following the allocation of approximately 5million euro that 200 units will be returned for letting by the year end. This coupled with the return of units from existing refurbishment programmes will see the overall number decline by approximately 400 by 31/12/2010.

- (d) While the no. number of staff in Housing Maintenance has reduced due to the embargo every effort is being made to minimize the impact.

4. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

An Chomhairle noted the Draft Annual Report 2009.

5. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

An Chomhairle considered the Draft Schedule of Meetings from May – September 2010.

- a). On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, a vote was called for on the amendment of the Draft Schedule to include a meeting of Functional Committees to be held on 19th July and an Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 26th July, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, D. Cahill, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, E. O'Halloran, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin.-(12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, M. O'Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. O'Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons.-(14)

An t-Ardmhéara declared the vote defeated and the holding of meetings of Council on 19th and 26th July not approved.

b). **Schedule of Meetings – Annual General Meeting – 28th June 2010**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, a vote was called for on the setting of a date for the Annual General Meeting of Cork City Council for 28th June 2010, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin.-(12)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, M. O'Connell, D. Cahill, D. O'Flynn, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons.-(14)

An t-Ardmhéara declared the vote defeated and the holding of Annual General Meeting of Cork City Council of 28th June 2010, not approved.

c). **Schedule of Meetings – Annual General Meeting – 24th June 2010**

On the proposal of An t-Ardmhéara Comhairleoir D. Murphy, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, a vote was called for on the setting of a date for the Annual General Meeting of Cork City Council for 24th June 2010, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, M. O'Connell, D. Cahill, D. O'Flynn, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O'Halloran, J. Buttimer, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons.-(14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan, M. Barry, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald, T. Shannon, C. O'Leary, S. Martin, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin.-(12)

An t-Ardmhéara declared the vote carried, and the holding of the Annual General Meeting of Cork City Council on 24th June 2010 approved.

6. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE LAST MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 12TH APRIL, 2010**

6.1 **ENVIRONMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 6th APRIL 2010 –**

6.2 **DATABASE OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN AREAS PRONE TO FLOODING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 1st April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council compile a database of mobile phone numbers of residents living in areas that may be prone to flooding in the future. This will allow for group texts to be sent to give residents in high flood risk areas adequate warning of potential flooding.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/10)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Draft Lee Catchment Flood Management Plan, recently published by the OPW (Lee CFRAMS project) proposes the development of a flood forecasting and warning system by the OPW, in conjunction with Cork City and County Councils and other appropriate bodies. Methods of delivery of alerts including opt-in text can be considered as part of this process.

6.3 **RECYCLING PODS IN BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 1st April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the recycling pods be removed from Blackrock Village. There are ample facilities within 500m east & west of the village. Currently the amount of rubbish and rats they attract, far outweigh the benefits.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/77)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the recycling facilities at Pier Head have recently been the subject of illegal dumping and this matter is currently under investigation. The facility enjoys high level of use by the public and the area around the bottle banks is maintained on a regular basis. The continued presence of the facility will be kept under review having regard to the ongoing use by the general public and level of indiscriminate dumping.

6.4 **REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL POSTERING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 1st April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council takes a proactive role in relation to prevention and removal of an illegal poster.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/83)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Section 19 (1) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended by Section 56 of the Protection of the Environment Act 2003 states:

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

- (a) exhibit or cause to be exhibited thereon any article or advertisement or
- (b) carry out or cause to be carried out any defacement thereof by writing or other marks, unless, in either case, the person is authorized in advance to do so in writing by such owner, occupier or person in charge or by or under any enactment, and, in addition in the case of paragraph (a), the article or advertisement –
 - (i) if it relates to a meeting or an event, carries the name and address of the person who is promoting or arranging the meeting or event, and,
 - (ii) in any other case, carries the name and address of the person on whose behalf it is exhibited.

The Litter Wardens investigate any complaints received concerning illegal poster and also deal with any illegal poster they observe on their beats. The on the spot fine is €150 with a maximum court fine of €3,000. A total of 133 on the spot fines for this offence were issued in 2009. The City Council is committed to continuing to monitor and issue proceedings under the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 to 2003 for offences of illegal poster.

6.5 **DOG FOULING**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 1st April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council will proceed with a public awareness campaign against dog fouling in our City as a matter of urgency. This issue was raised with the City Manager, through question time at full Council on February 22nd 2010.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/88)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has erected signs in various areas of the city outlining the fines for failure to remove dog faeces and dog receptacle units have been installed in a number of parks and walkways throughout the city. All dog licence holders have been written to on responsible dog ownership including the removal of dog faeces. In addition bags for the disposal of dog faeces have been provided to all dog licence holders.

Cork City Council's anti litter campaign for the past number of years has highlighted the effect on dog fouling, cigarette related litter and chewing gum litter on the Environment. Advertisements have been taken on local radio, various publications, in the General Post Office and some Credit Unions. It is intended to continue to highlight the effects of dog fouling, cigarette related litter and chewing gum as the items in the 2010 anti litter campaign programme.

6.6 **CLEANING ARRANGEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 1st April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That an effective cleaning arrangement between City & County, to address the horrific condition that the County Council is allowing the access roads to Cork City, be addressed. The litter and lack of sufficient signage is having, and will continue to have, a damaging image of Cork City.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/101)

The report of the Director of Services stated that in light of the fact that most of the approaches to Cork City are in the Cork County Council administrative area, it is appropriate that this motion be put on the agenda for the City/County Joint Committee for further consideration.

6.7 **BLOCKED SEWERS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 1st April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That the City Council review and fix the blocked sewers on Albert Road by the pedestrian crossing.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/103)

The report of the Director of Services stated that this matter is currently being investigated with a view to removing any blockages/restrictions.

6.8 **CORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM BASIC CARBON FOOTPRINT CALCULATOR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 1st April 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

'That Cork City applies the Cork Environment Forum Basic Carbon Footprint Calculator to establish our current carbon footprint.

This will provide a starting point for Cork City Council in endeavoring to reduce our carbon emissions going forward. The Cork Environmental Forum is part funded by Cork City Council and have made this request to me of Cork City Council'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 10/107)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council Environment Directorate is currently compiling a climate change strategy which will be finalised in draft format in late April 2010. As part of this plan it is necessary to establish Cork City Council's energy usage and convert same into CO₂ emissions arising. This conversion was facilitated using C.C.M.A. Carbon Management calculating tool which is used by each Local Authority.

As part of the Climate Change Strategy various carbon reduction measures are identified again using the C.C.M.A. Carbon Management Tool.

The details of the Cork Environmental Forum Calculating Tool has not been used but it may be considered as a comparator in regard to a small sample of energy conversions.

7. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 8th APRIL, 2010**

7.1 **INTERIM REPORT ON THE SMARTER TRAVEL AREA STAGE 2 BID.**

An Chomhairle noted a presentation from Mr. Pat Casey and Ms. Niamh O'Brien on the Interim Report on the Smarter Travel Area Stage 2 Bid.

8. **ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING - 19TH APRIL 2010**

8.1 **SOUTH WEST RIVER BASIN DISTRICT (SWRBD) MANAGEMENT PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 6th April 2010 on the South West River Basin District Management Plan. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Environment dated 6th April, 2010 on the SWRBD Management Plan and also agreed to adopt of the following resolution;-

"Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT** Cork City Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 131 of the Local Government Act 2001 (N0.37 2001) hereby resolve to make the South Western River Basin District Management Plan covering the period to 22nd December 2015 and to establish the associated SWRBD water body objectives and programme of measures for the said period in compliance with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (WFD)."

9. **CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING - 12TH APRIL 2010**

9.1 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST MARCH 2010**

An Chomhairle approved the Financial Statement to 31st March 2010.

9.2 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager on the Annual Financial Statement 2009. On the proposal of Comhairleoir T. Shannon, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the Annual Financial Statement 2009 and the City Manager's report thereon and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT** the Annual Financial Statement for 2009, and pursuant to Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, the over expenditure as outlined in Note 17 are hereby approved”.

9.3 **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUNICIPAL RATE ON RATE COLLECTION FOR 2009**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Collector of Municipal Rate on Rate Collection for 2009.

9.4 **CORK CITY COUNCIL LOW CALL NUMBER**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager dated 12th April, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council put in place a low call number for Cork City Council.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/63)

The report of the City Manager stated that the vast majority of Cork City Council customers reside within the city. Increasingly in recent years the trend has been that people are replacing their landline with a mobile phone. Therefore people are either calling from the 021 area code or from a mobile phone.

Calls from mobile phones to a lo call number, depending on the service provider, will either have little or no benefit and in certain circumstances result in an increased charge over a local number.

The introduction of a lo call number will have a minimal effect on 021 landline users.

Cork City Council has operated a free phone number in the past for refuse/wheelie bin enquiries and more recently for the civic emergency at the end of 2009. In this situation the calls are free of charge to the customer and Cork City Council covers the cost of the call.

It would be the intention to continue to use free phone numbers in special circumstances.

At the present moment it would not be beneficial or cost effective to introduce a lo call number for Cork City Council.

9.5 **CITY TOURISM AMBASSADOR**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager on the following motion which was referred to the Group by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in consultation with the owners would appoint City Tourism Ambassadors to be appointed to the Julia and Brittney Ferries to promote the many delights of Cork City to the tourists on board before they disembark. This proposal would help to promote Cork City as a tourist destination.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 10/68)

Following discussion An Chomhairle agreed to refer this item back to Corporate Policy Group for further consideration. **An Chomhairle also agreed that contact should be made with the 3 ferry companies in order to establish their views on the proposal.**

9.6 **MEMORIAL TO MARY HARRIS JONES**

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

‘That this Council would install a suitable memorial in the Blarney Street area to Mary Harris Jones, better known as Mother Jones, who was a pioneer of the struggle for the rights of women and working people in the United States in the 19th and early 20th century and who was born in Blarney Street, Cork in 1837’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/94)

10. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE - 19TH APRIL, 2010**

10.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

10.2 **QUARTERLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the quarter ended 31st March, 2010.

10.3 **ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT HOMELESSNESS CONSULTATIVE FORUM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15th, April 2010 in relation to the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 – Establishment and Membership of the Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum. On the

proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir E. O'Halloran to the Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum.

10.4 **HOUSES IN E, F, G & H AREA OF KNOCKNAHEENY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 11th March, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council would include houses in the E.F.G.H. area of Knocknaheeny in the planned maintenance programme for 2010.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O'Connell 10/18)

The report of the Director of Services stated that houses in Knocknaheeny Blocks E,F,G & H are included in the overall regeneration scheme for the area under the Social Housing Investment Programme. Accordingly, it would be inappropriate to allocate planned maintenance resources to these houses in 2010.

10.5 **TAKING IN CHARGE – GLENVIEW PARK, DILLONS CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Housing & Community dated 15th April, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council take Glenview Park, Glen Avenue, Dillon's Cross in charge as soon as possible and advise Council the reason why it was not taken in charge before now.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O' Flynn 09/242)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council will take Glenview Park in charge by the year end. The necessary works to bring the estate to the standard where this can happen will be completed in this period.

10.6 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle considered the reports of the City Manager dated 15th April, 2010 in relation to the following property disposals:

PROPERTY DISPOSALS

1. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald the disposal of property situated at Foyle Avenue, Knocknaheeny, Cork, by way of lease together with a right of way to St. Mary's Senior Citizens Club Knocknaheeny Hollyhill Limited c/o, Fitzgerald Solicitors, 6 Lapps Quay, Cork at a rent of €260 per annum was unanimously approved.
2. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr the disposal of Freehold Interest in property situated at and known as Site 2, Tramore

Road Industrial Estate, Tramore Road, Cork to O.S. Sheet Metal Limited, c/o Comyn Kelleher Tobin, Solicitors, 29 South Mall, Cork for the sum of €15,000 plus costs was unanimously approved.

3. On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. O'Connell, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy the disposal of a grant of a shared Right of Way situated adjacent to numbers 8 and 9 Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Cork to Fergus McGonigle, the Affordable Housing Purchaser of No 9 Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Cork for the sum of €1.00 was unanimously approved
4. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir H. Cremin the disposal of a grant of a shared Right of Way situated adjacent to numbers 13 and 14 Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Cork to Sabrina Cooper & Colm Horgan, the Affordable Housing Purchasers of No. 14 Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Cork for the sum of €1.00 was unanimously approved.
5. On the proposal of Comhairleoir G. Gibbons, seconded by Comhairleoir P. Gosch the disposal of a grant of a shared Right of Way situated adjacent to numbers 18 and 19 Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Cork to the Affordable Housing Purchasers of the adjacent properties namely (i) Richard Long & Fiona Finn, 18 Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Cork and (ii) Diane Ward & James Duane of 19 Kilbrack Grove, Skehard Road, Cork for the sum of €1.00 was unanimously approved.
6. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin the disposal of site comprising approximately 2.05 hectares at Mayfield Cross, Old Youghal Road, Mayfield, Cork to The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland / The Minister for Education & Science for the sum of €800,000 was unanimously approved.

11. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING – 19TH APRIL, 2010**

11.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010 on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended March, 2010.

11.2 **EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT (PART OF THE) BALLINURE ROAD, MAHON ROAD, CORK.**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Assistant City Manager dated 15th April 2010 regarding the Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at (part of the) Ballinure Road, Mahon Road, Cork. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir C. O'Leary An Chomhairle approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, regarding the Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at (part of the) Ballinure Road, Mahon Road, Cork and also agreed to adopt the following resolution:-

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT** having considered the representations and/or objections which were received in writing within the prescribed statutory period set out in section 73 (1) (a) of the Roads Act 1993, it is now hereby Ordered that the Public Right of Way at Ballinure Road, from the projection of the rear of the southern footpath at Inchera Close, in a southerly direction for approximately 281 metres, truncated by and

as far as the road known as the Mahon Link Road, forming a cul-de-sac be extinguished forthwith”.

11.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING RAMPS – MAC SWINEY’S VILLAS AND SAINT BRIDGET’S ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming ramps be installed MacSwiney’s Villas and Saint Bridget’s Road, in order to slow down the increased traffic in the area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’ Flynn 09/241)

The report of the City Manager stated that MacSwiney’s Villas and Saint Bridget’s Road 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.

11.4 **GREEN TO PARKING PROGRAMME – CLARKES ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Clarkes Road be included in the Green to Parking Programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/30)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that Clarkes Road is due to be assessed for Green Area to Parking work shortly. If it merits GAP works, they will be carried out later this year.

11.5 **GREEN TO PARKING PROGRAMME – CONNOLLY ROAD & PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council:-

a) would consider Connolly Road and Pearse Road to be included in the Green to Parking Programme.

b) That the Green to Parking Programme be considered for wider footpaths through out the City especially where residents are already parking on the footpath.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/31)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that:-

- (a) Connolly Road and Pearse Road are due to be assessed for Green Area to Parking work shortly. If they merit GAP works, these will be carried out in those locations later this year.
- (b) Any requests for adjustment of footpaths or verges, that are wider than necessary, can be considered under the GAP Scheme with a view to creating extra road space for parking.

11.6 **PUBLIC LIGHTING FEVER HOSPITAL**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Public Lighting be improved on the Fever Hospital Steps’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/62)

The report of the City Manager stated that the public lighting on the Fever Hospital Steps was examined to determine any measures to improve and upgrade the system. As a result of the assessment, the installation of an additional public light was identified and this will be provided as part of this year’s roads programme.

11.7 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MARDYKE WALK**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be introduced to the Mardyke Walk immediately due to the fact that residents have very serious concerns for their safety due to dangerous driving along the Walk.’

(Proposer: Cllr. G. Gibbons 10/71)

The report of the City Manager stated that Mardyke Walk was recently completely refurbished at the cost of approximately €2 million. The major scheme included:

- New footpaths
- New road surfacing incorporating a red/maroon colour
- Speed tables,
- New layout parking arrangements to improve footpath areas
- New public lighting

The effect of the improvements was to greatly improve the pedestrian environment in the area. The speed tables and the coloured surface are very effective in this regard. It should be noted that the area is also a cul-de-sac. Any dangerous driving now occurring is as a result of bad driver behaviour. The Gardaí will be requested to monitor the situation and to take any action necessary in order to improve the road safety along the Walk.

11.8 **FOOTPATHS AT BALLYVOLANE ROAD & BALLYHOOLEY NEW ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would install a footpath on the left hand side of Ballyvolane Road at the junction with Ballyhooly new road. This footpath would facilitate pedestrians who use the pedestrian crossing at this junction and provide a safer and more accessible access for them.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Gould 10/73)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this footpath will be included in the 2010 Accessibility Works programme subject to funding becoming available under Accessibility Works Scheme.

11.9 **WALL IN BLACKROCK VILLAGE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the wall in Blackrock Village from the entrance to the community centre around to near the entrance of the Ursuline Convent be taken down. It is in the city plan to do so, and in the short term it would open up the green area in front of the community centre to the benefit of the public.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/78)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that ownership of this property and wall is currently being verified. Depending on the outcome, Cork City Council will consider the suitability of lowering/removal of the wall subject to sufficient funding being available.

11.10 **CLOSE OFF WALKWAY BETWEEN ST. VINCENT’S STREET AND MARY AIKENHEAD PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Council close off the walkway between St. Vincent’s Street and Mary Aikenhead Place near St. Anne’s Road, Gurranabraher because of the serious anti-social behaviour and criminal acts being carried out by youths gathering in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/270)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that the closure of the laneway between St. Vincent’s Street and Mary Aikenhead Place was included in the list for requested

laneway closures in January 2009. A feasibility study at the location during 2009 shows that it is not feasible to close off the laneway.

At Ward Meeting discussions held in February 2010, it was decided to include the location for gates in the Roadworks Programme 2010 – subject to the required conditions being met.

11.11 INCLUDE ROAD FROM PARKHILL SKEHARD ROAD TO WELL ROAD IN RESURFACING PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the Road from Parkhill Skehard Road to the Well Road/ Churchyard Lane roundabout be included in this years Resurfacing Programme as this road is in very poor condition after the severe bad weather we had over the last few weeks and is a danger to motorists using this stretch of road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 10/85)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that this section of Skehard Road is on the 2010 Resurfacing Programme.

11.12 BOLLARDS ON THE FOOTPATH OPPOSITE THE HUT, GURRANABRAHER

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of Assistant City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That bollards be erected on the footpath opposite “The Hut”, Gurranabraher Avenue before St. Rita’s Avenue junction to prevent cars parking on footpaths and allow safe passage for pedestrians and motorists.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 10/91)

The report of the Assistant City Manager stated that bollards will be erected at this location in the near future.

11.13 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN ROCKFIELD, BLACKROCK

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of City Manager, dated 15th April, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That appropriate traffic management measures be installed in Rockfield, Blackrock in order to slow down traffic and protect local children who play here.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 10/66)

The report of the City Manager stated that Rockfield, Blackrock is 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.

11.14 **RESOLUTION OF CORK CITY COUNCIL AUTHORISING THE MAKING OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CORK COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 85 OF LOCAL AUTHORITY ACT 2001 IN RESPECT OF THE N25 SOUTHRING ROAD, SARSFIELD ROAD TO BANDON ROAD, ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

An Chomhairle considered the recommendation of the Road & Transportation Committee that an Agreement be made with Cork County Council for the purposes of Section 85 of Local Authority Act 2001 in respect of the N25 SouthRing Road, Sarsfield Road to Bandon Road, Road Improvement Scheme. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, An Chomhairle approved the following resolution of Cork City Council authorising the making of an Agreement with Cork County Council for the purposes of Section 85 of Local Authority Act 2001 in respect of the N25 SouthRing Road, Sarsfield Road to Bandon Road, Road Improvement Scheme.

“Now Council hereby **RESOLVES THAT NOW THEREFORE** Cork City Council hereby resolves to enter into an Agreement with Cork County Council for the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993 that the said function with respect to all matters pertaining to or arising out of the Scheme within the administrative area of Cork County Council (excluding the acquisition whether by agreement or compulsorily of any land situated within the administrative area of Cork County Council which may be necessary for the construction of the Scheme) shall be performed on behalf of Cork County Council by Cork City Council in accordance with the said Agreement.”

12. **DOCKLANDS POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – 12TH APRIL, 2010**

12.1 **PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE ON CORK DOCKLANDS**

An Chomhairle noted the progress report of the Director of Services, Docklands dated 12th April, 2010.

12.2 **DIGITAL BUILDINGS TELECOM ACCESS GUIDELINES**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services dated 30th March, 2010 on the Digital Buildings Telecom Access Guidelines for Cork Docklands.

12.3 **SOUTH DOCKS DISTRICT CENTRE DEVELOPMENT BRIEF 2010**

An Chomhairle noted the South Docks District Centre Development Brief 2010.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Letter from Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, acknowledging letter to Minister, dated 11th March 2010.
- Letter from Carlow County Council, regarding resolution to Council, dated 15th April 2010.
- Letter from Carlow County Council, regarding resolution to Council, dated 15th April 2010.
- Letter from Bus Eireann, acknowledging correspondence, dated 16th April 2010.

14. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

An Chomhairle noted summaries by Members of Conferences/Seminars attended.

- Cllr. Michael Ahern –*Climate Change: Impacts and Strategies; Going Forward* Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
- Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald – “*Public Liability, Health & Safety Issues in Local Government*”– 12-14 March, Bunclody, Co. Wexford

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS (ITEM 15 & 16)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir K. McCarthy, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of Councillors listed at Item 15 & 16 at the various seminars and conferences listed, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí J. Kelleher, C. Clancy, P. Gosch, T. Fitzgerald, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, S. Martin, J. Buttimer. (10)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, T. Gould, D. Cahill, 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 and conferences approved, as listed hereunder:-

15. **SEMINARS**

15.1 **THE COUNCILLOR, COMMUNICATIONS AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir D. McCarthy at “The Councillor, Communications and Local Development” training seminar, held in the Day’s Hotel, 1 Merchant’s Quay, Waterford, on the 26th – 28th February 2010.

15.2 **“NEW EPA GUIDELINES FOR SINGLE HOUSES; THERE IMPLICATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí M. O’Connell & K. O’Flynn at the New EPA Guidelines for Single Houses; there implications to Local Government, training seminar, held in the Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Bushypark, Co. Galway on the 23rd – 25th April 2010.

15.3 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn, S. Martin & T. Brosnan at the Local Government and the Environment - training seminar, to be held in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare on the 30th April – 2nd May 2010.

15.4 **“BUSINESS INVESTMENTS”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir P. Gosch at the “Business Investments” seminar to be held in the Lawlor’s Hotel, Poplar Square, Naas, Co. Kildare on the 14th – 16th May 2010.

15.5 **THE COST OF INSURANCE AND CLAIMS TO YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan & M. O’Connell at The Cost of Insurance and Claims to your Local Authority training seminar to be held in The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on the 21st – 23rd May 2010.

15.6 **DEFAMATION SEMINAR FOR COUNCILLORS**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan & M. O’Connell at the Defamation Seminar for Councillors to be held in the Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick on the 28th – 29th May 2010.

16. **CONFERENCES**

16.1 **97TH ANNUAL AMAI CONFERENCE – “LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUTURE”**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the 97th Annual AMAI Conference “Local Government for the Future”, to be held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal on the 9th – 11th September 2010.

17. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 22nd MARCH 2010 & 12TH APRIL 2010.**

17.1 **AN TAOISEACH TO RE-ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOCIAL PARTNERS**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council calls on An Taoiseach to re-enter negotiations with the social partners in order to formulate a programme for national recovery thus eliminating the current industrial guerrilla warfare and terminating the current hostility between the public and private sectors, which is corroding social cohesion in our society.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy, Cllr. P. Gosch, Cllr. D. Cahill, Cllr. J. Corr, Cllr. E. O’Halloran, Cllr. J. Buttimer, Cllr. B. Bermingham. 10/92)

Comhairleoir M. Barry requested that his objection to the above motion be noted.

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

An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 10th May 2010:-

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

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/105)

17.3 **24 HOUR EMERGENCY HELICOPTER COVER FOR SOUTH**

An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 10th May 2010:-

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

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

18. **MOTIONS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 12th APRIL 2010**

An Chomhairle deferred the following motions to the next meeting of An Chomhairle to be held on 10th May 2010:-

18.1 **INQUIRY INTO EVENTS SURROUNDING FLOODING**

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

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

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

‘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)

18.3 **BAIL OUT OF ANGLO IRISH BANK**

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

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

19. **MOTIONS**

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

19.1 **BOULDERS BE PLACED BETWEEN PARK COURT AND MEELICK PARK BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Cork City Council put into immediate effect a line of boulders to be placed between Park Court and Meelick Park, Ballyvolane, to stop the use of motorbikes, quad bikes and chariot racing which is defined as illegal under ‘public place’ in s.3 (1) of the Act of 1961 as amended by s.49(1)(iv) of the Road Traffic Act 1994.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/287)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.2 **FENCE BETWEEN MEADOW PARK AND MEELICK PARK HAVE IMMEDIATE REPAIRS**

‘That the fence between Meadow Park and Meelick Park have immediate repairs carried out and that the fence be reinforced to avoid further vandalism and cutting of the aforementioned fence.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/288)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.3 **FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME – LANDSCAPE PARK**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.5 **SPEED CUSHIONS – SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.6 **BOOST ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**

‘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 the construction of the Eastern Gateway Bridge in Cork.’

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

Corporate Policy Group

19.7 **CITY'S HOUSING STOCK**

‘That Cork City Council commends the dedication and craftsmanship of the tradesmen who work to maintain the City’s housing stock’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/126)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.10 **ERECT LIGHTING ON WALKWAYS AND PUBLIC PARKS**

‘That this Council will produce a programme of work to erect lighting on our walkways and public parks with solar, light and wind energy.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 10/135)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

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

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.12 **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)

Corporate Policy Group

19.13 **ENFORCEMENT MEASURES TO TACKLE DOG FOULING**

‘That Cork City Council takes enforcement measures to tackle dog fouling in all public parks, playing pitches and green areas, including the Lough (mindful that there have been no fines issues to date), including the erection of signage outlining the fines for contravening the Litter Act.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Finn 10/138)

Environment Functional Committee

19.14 **COUNCIL’S MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME AND TIMESCALE FOR COMPLETION OF WORKS BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT**

‘That Cork City Council will implement and improve the timescale for all necessary maintenance and repairs to Cork City Council tenant dwellings by providing to Council on monthly basis a report on each unit and an update on where each unit stands with regards to a completion time, giving accurate timescales, stating when repairs were reported, expected timescale and final date for completion. A planned maintenance programme be provided on a ward by ward basis outlining time scales for waiting and completion of repairs i.e. painting, window repairs or replacements, door repairs or replacement, gutters, roof, electrical works, structural problems etc., other problems relate to the older dwellings, which may require complete rewiring, the installation of central heating, the provision of proper kitchen and bathroom facilities, damp proofing and insulation.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/139)

Housing & Community Functional Committee Meeting

19.15 **OPEN AND TRANSPARENT HOUSING LIST**

‘That Cork City Council will implement the motion on Open and Transparent Housing list as approved by Council on Tuesday 14th of April 2009. The recommendation of Council has not yet been implemented on the allocation of housing using the new system.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. O’Leary 10/140)

Housing & Community Functional Committee Meeting

19.16 **LIBRARY IN NORTH CENTRAL WARD**

‘That Council aspires to have its own publicly owned state of the art library, and library built in a central location in the North Central Ward and instruct the Recreation, Amenity & Culture Directorate to prioritise this objective within the next 5 years.

Furthermore, Council instructs the Recreation, Amenity & Culture Directorate to submit an annual report to Council on the new North Central Ward library which will include the following headings:

- a) Number of active members, both adult and children
- b) Number of new registered members
- c) Number of members from the City and the County
- d) Numbers and names of schools using the facility and frequency of use
- e) Book Club
- f) Gramophone Society
- g) Internet Use
- h) Children’s Fun Activities
- i) Photocopying
- j) Number of Books issued to adults and children.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan, Cllr. M. Barry, Cllr. C. Clancy, Cllr. P. Gosch, Cllr. K. O’Flynn, Cllr. T. Gould 10/142)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.17 **PASSAGEWAY AT LEEDS FC GROUND, BALLYVOLANE**

‘That Council calls on the relevant department to ensure that the passageway leading into and parallel to the Leeds FC ground in Ballyvolane be swept and cleaned on a weekly basis.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry, Cllr. C. Clancy, Cllr. P. Gosch, Cllr. K. O’Flynn, Cllr. T. Gould 10/143)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.18 **BIRD SPECIES SIGNAGE**

‘That the interpretive signage concerning bird species in Mahon Estuary at the entrance to Joe McHugh Park, Mahon be corrected and that the extant images be lined up with the right bird titles.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/144)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.19 **'WELCOME TO CORK' SIGN REPLACEMENT**

'That the worn "Welcome to Cork" sign, adjacent to the tourist bus stop on St. Patrick's Quay, be replaced with a new vibrant sign and an interpretative panel – guide to Cork City and map.'

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/145)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

19.20 **LANDLORDS TO USE FRONTAGE IN A MORE POSITIVE WAY**

'With over 100 retail units vacant in the city, as a Council we are encouraging Landlords to allow their frontage be used in a more positive way. Therefore would Council consider reducing the rates to these premises who partake in this scheme to a reduction in their rates from 50% to 25%.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/148)

Finance Functional Committee

19.21 **MC CARTHY MEMORIAL – MAXIMISE POTENTIAL OF THE SITE**

'The McCarthy memorial on the Blackrock Road could be a wonderful amenity. However in its present state it is not. Would the Council investigate the possibility of maximizing the potential of this site.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Cahill 10/149)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.22 **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)

Corporate Policy Group

19.23 **REPAIR DAMAGED BENCH – SOUTHERN ROAD**

'That Cork City Council would replace or repair the damaged bench on Southern Road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O'Halloran 10/151)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.24 **RELOCATE BOTTLE BANK FROM OUTSIDE AIB TORY TOP ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would open discussions with Aldi on Tory Top Road to explore the possibility of relocating the bottle banks from outside the AIB Bank on Tory Top Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E O’Halloran 10/152)

Environment Functional Committee Meeting

19.25 **MANAGEMENT AUDIT ON THE SAFETY OF PUBLIC PARKS**

‘In recognising the significant expenditure and investment by Cork City Council in the development and maintenance of public parks and open spaces, that a safety and vandalism risk management audit be undertaken to determine what additional measures are required to enhance the safety of these spaces for the general public and to minimise episodes of anti-social behaviour.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/153)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

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

‘That Cork City Council would put in place an-online 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)

Corporate Policy Group

19.27 **FENCING AND BOLLAREDS – AT MURPHY’S FARM**

‘That City Council review the fencing and bollards at Murphy's Farm in order to prevent access to joyriders to soccer pitches, thus preventing damage to playing fields.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/155)

Recreation, Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

19.28 **PARKING SPACES – MARKET GARDENS**

‘That City Council allocate parking spaces in the front car park opposite houses no 63 to 69 to residents living in nos. 1-4 of Market Gardens due to the fact these dwellings have no driveways, and are the only occupants in the estate without a guarantee of a car space in the evening. There are 12 available parking spaces.’

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/156)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

This concluded the business of the meeting

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