

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2010

- PRESENT** An tArdmhéara Comhairleoir M. O'Connell in the Chair.
- NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, T. Tynan.
- NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, 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, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.
- APOLOGIES** Comhairleoir P. Gosch.
- ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. T. Duggan, City Architect.
Mr. T. Healy, Head of Finance.
Mr. T. Keating, A/ Director of Services Officer, Housing & Community.
Ms. J. Gazely, A/Meetings Administrator, Corporate Affairs.
Mr. N. Carroll, Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An t-Ardmhéara recited the opening prayer.

1. **VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

- The Carroll Family on the death of Kay Carroll.
- The Mulcahy Family on the death of Billy Mulcahy.
- The McGinn Family on the death of Martin McGinn.
- The O'Donoghue Family on the death of Jim O'Donoghue.
- The Harris Family on the death of Gerard Harris.
- The Gough Family on the death of Willie Gough.
- The Hetherington Family on the death of Margaret Hetherington.
- The Varian Family on the death of Christine Varian.
- The Quinn Family on the death of Edward Quinn.
- The Moran Family on the death of Innes Moran.
- The Hurley Family on the death of Alan Hurley.

1.2 **LORD MAYOR'S ITEMS**

- An Chomhairle unanimously approved the attendance of An tArdmhéara at the Clipper 09/10 Round the World Yacht Race in East Yorkshire, England.
- An tArdmhéara invited all members of An Chomhairle to a reception for the volunteers of Bonfire Night which will be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 15th July 2010 at 5.30 p.m.
- An tArdmhéara informed An Chomhairle of the invitation received from The North Monastery to hold a meeting of An Chomhairle in the North Monastery to celebrate its 200 anniversary. An Chomhairle considered and agreed to defer the item to Party Whips for further consideration.

2. **MINUTES**

- (a) The minutes of Special Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 24th June were considered and approved.
- (b) The minutes of Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 28th June 2010 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **RUBBISH FROM BONFIRE NIGHT**

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

When will the rubbish be removed from our estates from the bonfires?

What is the cost roughly?

Waste Operations has removed all the rubbish from bonfires on roadways and footpaths.

The cost of removal and landfilling for 2010 is €17,300

In regard to Recreation, Amenity & Culture Section input into cleaning up of bonfires in estates, it is anticipated that the clean up of open spaces will be completed by the end of this week.

The cost of this portion of clean-up has not been finalized.

3.2 **BALLYPHEHANE GAA CLUB**

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

Could the Manager confirm that Ballyphehane GAA Club will acquire a lease on the GAA pitch to be developed on the land bank at Inchigaggin Lane?

Due to planning restrictions on hedge boundary locations in this site, a suitable space of adequate size (minimum 130 x 80m) for a GAA pitch is not available at Inchigaggin Lane.

There is a potential solution to the problem. If we relocate a further soccer or rugby pitch from the Straight Road to Inchigaggin Lane it will enable a GAA pitch to be developed on the Straight Road.

This had been suggested earlier as a way of accommodating the provision of an all-weather pitch by the Cork County Board. In some quarters this was described as a 'red herring'. It was in fact a genuine effort to avoid the difficulties which will arise with the provision of a second full size GAA pitch beside the Pairc Uí Chaoimh stadium.

If the proposal is not of interest to the County Board it might be a way of accommodating Ballyphehane GAA Club.

3.3 **BYE LAWS**

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

Can the Manager please circulate the list of city Bye Laws as requested in my motion ref 09/426?

CORK CITY COUNCIL

COMHAIRLE CATHRACH CHORCAÍ

BYE-LAWS	DATE
St. Finbarrs	21 st January 1870
Orange Peel on Footpaths	9 th February 1900
Electric Trams	27 th September 1901
Public Baths	21 st February 1902
Traffic in St. Augustine Street	12 th September 1903
Employment of Children	7 th May 1903
Mardyke Walk	23 rd September 1904
Dairy, Cow Sheds and Milk Shops	1 st October 1904
Good Rule and Government of the said County Borough	24 th February 1905
Non Acceptance of Office of Lord Mayor Aldermen or Councillor	24 th February 1905
Marina	10 th March 1905
Peel, Skin or leave of any Fruit or Vegetables on Footpaths	2 nd May 1907
Hackney Carriages	22 nd May 1907
Light Locomotives	18 th August 1907
Fitzgeralds Park	17 th October 1907
Due Licensing of Theatres and Other Places of Public Amusement	19 th February 1908
Nuisances	3 rd April 1908
New Streets and Buildings	3 rd April 1908
Houses Let In Lodgings	3 rd April 1908
Slaughter Houses	3 rd April 1908

Conveyance of Meat through Thoroughfares	3 rd April 1908
Common Lodging Houses	3 rd April 1908
Removal of House Refuse	19 th May 1908
Traffic in the Streets	10 th September 1908
Regulation of the Business of the Council and of the Committees thereof.	31 st March 1911
Hoardings and Advertisements	27 th April 1912
Theatres and Other Places of Public Amusement	14 th November 1912
Regulation of the Business of the Council and of the Committees thereof	22 nd August 1913
Theatres and Other Places of Public Amusement	28 th May 1920
Omnibuses	4 th February 1927
Street Trading	24 th May 1938
Domestic Servants	28 th November 1939
Anti-Litter	11 th June 1940
Stall Trading	28 th January 1941
Public Library	14 th September 1945
Sale of Meat	23 rd August 1949
Street Noises	22 nd August 1950
Houses Intended or Used for Occupation by the Working Classes	8 th June 1954
Regulation of Water Supply	12 th November 1957
Houses Let for Rent or Other Valuable Consideration	23 rd November 1977
Removal of Household Waste	24 th January 1981
Litter Bye-Laws	4 th November 1986
Casual Trading	22 nd July 1995
Prohibition of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on the Streets and in Public Places	21 st September 1998 and June 2001
Regulation and Control of Skips	7 th June 2000
Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste in Bins	1 st July 2000
Green Gardens Shandon Street	25 th June 2004
Cork City Parking	21 st June 2005

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1994 many of these Bye-Laws have been repealed. Arrangements are being made to identify the ones which have repealed and a further report will issue.

3.4 **CLEANSING PLAN IMPLEMENTED AROUND PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH**

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

To ask the City Manager to outline the Council's cleansing plan that is implemented in the area surrounding Páirc Uí Chaoimh and the Showgrounds following major sporting and entertainment events.

And if the provision of temporary bins could be used when such events are taking place.

Waste Operations provide a clean up operation prior to, during and after major matches at Pairc Ui Caoimh. The cleanup includes the access roads from the City Centre and

Blackrock to Pairc Ui Caoimh and areas in the vicinity of Pairc Ui Caoimh. Temporary litter bins are used for collecting confiscated items at both ticket checkpoints when in operation and near the entrance to the stiles at Pairc Ui Caoimh. The Munster Council of the G.A.A. makes a contribution towards the cost of the cleanup.

Waste Operations provide a clean up operation in the vicinity of the Showgrounds on the morning following each performance at Live at The Marquee.

3.5 **ENGINEERING REPORT**

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

To ask the Manager for an update on the progress of the Engineering Report on measures needed to determine the exact location, specifications and costs involved in tackling ongoing noise issues in estates adjacent to the N27 (South City Link Road).

Cork City Council prepared a Noise Action Plan (NAP) in 2008/2009 in compliance with the requirements of Article 11 of the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006. One of the main recommendations was the carrying out of a pilot scheme on the South City Link Road (N27) where there were several residential areas with 'predicted' high noise levels. These residential areas include Slieve Mish Park, Green Lawn, Mercier Park, Capwell Road and Capwell Avenue.

Subsequent to the completion of the NAP, a consultant was engaged to carry out site noise surveys in these areas in order to validate the results of the noise mapping in the NAP. Discussions were also held with the NRA who are primarily responsible for the maintenance of the N27 and they have indicated that, if the planning and design of practical solutions to the noise problems were carried out, then the issue of costing and funding can be pursued.

Cork City Council have now engaged consultants to carry out the identification and design of noise mitigation measures on the N27 for submission to the NRA with a request for funding and the implementation of the necessary works. Arup Consulting Engineers, the consultants in the project, will have a report identifying appropriate noise mitigation measures completed by early September this year. The implementation of the measures will then be pursued in conjunction with the NRA. A report on the findings of the report with recommended actions will be forwarded to Council in the Autumn.

3.6 **FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF CORK OPERA HOUSE**

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

Could the Manager make the following information available?

- a) Full detailed financial accounts of Cork Opera House.*
- b) Minutes of all Board Meetings of Cork Opera House since its appointment in 2009.*
- c) A full report on the Cork Opera House as to why and how it has to close for the summer period.*

Cork Opera House has a Board of Directors which manages its day to day affairs.
It is a limited Company.

The operation of the Opera House is a matter for the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors were appointed by the City Council and it is my understanding that the City Council has confidence in the Board and in the actions which it is taking to address financial and restructuring issues.

Cork Opera House prepares audited accounts annually in accordance with company law.

3.7 **INCREASING ON-STREET PRACTICES OF OPEN-AIR DRINKING**

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

To ask the City Manager about the City Council's response to the increasing on-street practices of open-air drinking. In particular, George's Quay, Fr. Matthew Quay and within the small park at the eastern end of the South Mall, adjacent Parnell Bridge have regular and all day open-air drinking sessions.

Under the provisions of Prohibition of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on the Streets and in Public Places, Bye Laws 2001, An Garda Síochána issue fines to persons in breach of the Bye-Laws. The following Notices were issued in 2009/2010.

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Fines Issued</u>	<u>No. of Fines Paid</u>
2009	337	193
2010 (Jan-July)	269	150

If the Fixed Charge Penalty is not paid, An Garda Síochána initiates prosecution by way of Summons.

3.8 **BONFIRE NIGHT**

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

Following the success of Bonfire Night entertainment organized by this council over the past 3 years is there potential to extend this event to more parts of the city where illegal bonfires are currently a problem?

The various activities organized on Bonfire Night by Cork City Council in collaboration with local communities were, once again, very successful. The events attracted approximately 10,000 people.

We are very keen to build on this in 2011. This will be dependent on the resources available, a matter which will be considered by Council during the Estimates process.

3.9 **TRADE UNION PROPOSAL - APPRENTICESHIPS**

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

Could the Manager please state his position on the trade union proposal that apprentices who have been let go before coming out of their time be employed by the Council and paid by FAS until such time as they finish their apprenticeships?

Discussions with the relevant Unions are at an advanced stage on participation by the Council in this particular scheme.

Agreement with the staff side on the issue is expected shortly and we would hope to commence participation in the scheme at an early date probably after the summer holidays.

3.10 **GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROJECT**

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

Can the manager tell me at what stage the graffiti removal project is at? And does he know if all city council estates irrespective if they are in the rapid areas or not will have some work done this year?

Since February, 2010, the Probation Service is working in partnership with Cork City Council to tackle the problem of Graffiti across the City. From the period of February 9th to March 10th, a total of 1,152 community service hours has been completed with a total of 45 sites completed.

The Graffiti Project continues to work very closely with the City Council. The Community Wardens who are based in the RAPID areas have developed a close working relationship with the Project Supervisors. Over the past 2 months the Project has removed all the Graffiti that was identified in the Glen and Mayfield areas and is now working in the other RAPID areas.

The project is also responding to requests for the removal of graffiti in non RAPID areas. These are co-ordinated by the Social Housing Section. Priority is given to offensive graffiti. All requests for graffiti removal will be considered by the City Council. Applications are welcome from all City Council estates, irrespective if they are in a RAPID area or not. Response time will depend on the number of requests outstanding and the number of Supervisors available to the Probation Service.

3.11 **POWERS OF COUNCIL OVER PRIVATELY OWNED HOUSES**

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 powers Cork City Council have, under the various acts, Housing, Health, Environment, Justice to compel landlords/owner

occupants to maintain their properties to an acceptable standard. There are a number of cases in my ward where private dwellings have been left to deteriorate with overgrown gardens, broken windows, uncollected refuse, abandoned cars, no sanitation, and an infestation of rats, while the occupants still live in the house, causing major problems for neighbours.

The most relevant provisions are contained in the Public Health Act 1878, the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and the Litter Pollution Act 1997 details of which are given as follows:

1. *Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878*

There may depending on the facts of the case be scope for the City Council to take action under section 107 of the *Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878*¹ where it can be established that “*any premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health*”.

In this regard, section 107 deems the following to be a statutory nuisance:

“any accumulation or deposit which is a nuisance or injurious to health”

Section 59 of the *Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878* empowers the Council’s duly appointed inspector to give notice to the person to whom such matter belongs or to the occupier of the premises on which it exists to remove it. If the notice is not complied with, the Council may remove it themselves, sell or dispose of it and pay the expenses of removal from the proceeds of sale. The cost of removal may also be recovered from the person to whom it belongs, the occupier or in the case of a vacant house, the owner.

Additionally, section 110 of the *Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878* sets out the procedure for abating a statutory nuisance; this requires service of an ‘**abatement notice**’ on the person “*by whose act, default or sufferance the nuisance arises or continues*” or where this person cannot be found, on the owner or occupier of the premises requiring him to abate the nuisance within a specified period of time and to execute such works and do such things as may be necessary for that purpose.

If the person served with the ‘abatement notice’ fails to comply with it within the specified period, the Council must issue a summons in the District Court under section 111 of the *Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878*.

The Court, if satisfied that the alleged nuisance exists is required to make an order requiring the person to comply with all of the requirements of the notice within a specified time and to do any works necessary for that purpose. Alternatively, the Court may make an order prohibiting the recurrence of the nuisance and directing execution of any works necessary to prevent its recurrence, or an order requiring abatement and prohibiting recurrence.

2. *Derelict Sites Act, 1990*

In circumstances where the premises constitutes a “derelict site” as defined in section 3 of the *Derelict Sites Act, 1990*, the Council has a number of powers which are likely to compel landlords, owner/occupants to maintain their properties to an acceptable standard.

¹ Under section 70 of the *Waste Management Act, 1996* it is provided that section 107 of the *Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878* shall not apply in relation to waste within the meaning of that Act.

“Derelict Site” as defined in section 3 of the *Derelict Sites Act, 1990* means any land (in this section referred to as “the land in question”) which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood of the land in question because of –

- (a) the existence on the land in question of structures which are in a ruinous, derelict or dangerous condition;
- (b) be neglected, unsightly or objectionable condition of the land or any structures on the land in question or;
- (c) the presence, deposit or collection on the land in question of any litter, rubbish, debris or waste, except for the presence, deposit or collection of such litter, rubbish, debris or waste result from the exercise of a right conferred by statute or by common law”

Specifically, the Council’s powers of intervention with respect to a “Derelict Site” under the *Derelict Sites Act, 1990* are as follows:

1. Serve notice pursuant to section 11 on the Owner or Occupier requiring specified measures to be taken to prevent the land/premises from becoming or continuing to be a derelict site within a specified period of not less than one month.

Failure to comply with this notice constitutes an offence for which the Council may prosecute. The penalty on conviction in the District Court is a fine not exceeding €1,270 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or at the Court’s discretion to both such fine and imprisonment.

In the case of a continuing offence, the penalty and conviction is a fine not exceeding €127 for every day in which the offence is continued not exceeding €1,270.

If the Section 11 Notice is not complied with the Council has power to enter on the property, carry out the specified works and recover the expense thereby incurred from the person served with the section 11 notice as a simple contract debt in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

2. The Council can threaten and ultimately proceed to compulsorily acquire the property where it is a “Derelict Site” subject to the obligation to pay compensation to any person who has any estate or interest in or right in respect of the derelict site provided that application for such compensation is made not later than 12 months after the making of the compulsorily acquisition vesting order.

3. The Council may charge a derelict sites levy in respect of the property where it is an unoccupied dwelling and has been entered as a derelict site on the Council’s Derelict Sites Register.

3. ***Litter Pollution Act, 1997***

Section 3(1) of the *Litter Pollution Act, 1997* prohibits and makes it an offence to deposit any substance or object in any place that is visible to any extent from a public

place². “Litter” is defined in Section 2(1) as meaning “...a substance or object, whether or not intended as waste (other than waste within the meaning of the Waste Management Act, 1996 which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit is or is likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous, or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any other such substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit.”

Section 6(2) of the *Litter Pollution Act, 1997* requires the **occupier** of any land (other than land consisting of a building or other structure) that is not a public place to keep the land free of litter that is to any extent visible from a public place.

A person who contravenes this provision shall be guilty of an offence in respect of which the Council may prosecute. The penalty on conviction in the District Court is a fine not exceeding €1,905. If after conviction, the offence is continued, the offender will be guilty of a further offence and will be liable on conviction in the District Court to a fine not exceeding €127 for each day during which the contravention continues.

Section 9 of the *Litter Pollution Act, 1997* gives the Council power to issue a notice to the occupier of a littered property which is visible from a public place to clean it up and take specified measures to prevent a recurrence.

Any person who contravenes the Council’s notice or obstructs or impedes the Council or its employees or agents acting in the exercise of their functions under Section 9 shall be guilty of an offence and liable to be prosecuted by the Council and made subject to the same penalties as indicated above.

3.12 **SUMMER GRASS CUTTING**

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

Is there a decrease in the number of times that summer grass cutting takes place at St Finbarrs Cemetery and what measures are being put in place to ensure the upkeep of this important cemetery to an acceptable standard?

Given the reduction in staff numbers at St. Finbarr’s Cemetery, assistance with grass cutting is being provided by parks staff based at the Togher depot. It is envisioned that the grass will be cut every three weeks.

3.13 **HOUSING AID AND GRANTS**

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

Can the City Manager indicate,

i. How many people applied for the following schemes;

² “Public Place” is defined in Section 2 as meaning any place to which the public has access whether as of right or by a permission and whether subject to or free of charge

*Housing Aid for Older People,
Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme and the,
Housing Adaptation Grant for people with a Disability, in 2008, 2009 and 2010?*

- ii. *How many were successful within each given year?*
- iii. *What was the level of funding for each scheme in each year?*
- iv. *What is the length of time taken from receipt of full application to notification for each scheme?*
- v. *What is the current waiting list for each scheme?*

1		<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
	Adapt	337	193	100
	Elderly	236	106	111
	Mobility	<u>31</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>
		604	311	225
2		<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
	Adapt	236	198	67
	Elderly	64	137	52
	Mobility	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>
		312	352	119
3		<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
		2,155,620	2,776,250	2,707,916
4	The normal processing time for fully completed applications from receipt to the issue of an approval letter (before the onset of funding difficulties) would be just over 8 weeks.			
5		<u>2010</u>		
	Adaptation	344		
	Elderly Aid	331		
	Mobility	<u>25</u>		
		700		

3.14 **ELIZABETH FORT, BARRACK STREET**

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

Will the Manager include into the 2011 estimate an amount for the development of Elizabeth Fort, Barrack Street?

Declare parts of Barrack Street as a special area with upgraded roads and footpaths, new traffic management and a decrease in the Commercial Rates for those commercially weak businesses and vacant retail units to encourage a commercially viable historic district surrounding Elizabeth Fort.

The *South Parish Area Action Plan* was adopted in March 2010. The Implementation Strategy for the area action plan is included on page 31 of the adopted plan. In addition to those projects specified in Table 7.1, the City Council also intends to establish a

Working Group to review the findings of the *Elizabeth Fort and Precinct Feasibility Study 1997* and to consider the future of the fort (see page 17 of the plan). This group will identify actions necessary to develop and improve the fort and its environs. Once specific actions have been identified it will then be appropriate to consider including specific allocations in the estimates to achieve their implementation.

Since the adoption of the *Area Action Plan* the following projects have been progressed to implementation stage:

- The *South Parish Painting Grants Scheme 2010* has now been launched and includes Barrack Street within its scope. The scheme will contribute towards the improvement of the visual appearance of the area and is funded from Cork City Council resources;
- The *South Parish Tourist Walking Trail*, which includes Barrack Street and Elizabeth Fort on its route, has been designed and its installation is due to commence shortly. The walkway will officially be launched in Mobility Week in September 2010. Funding has been secured from the Department of Transport for this project.

The public realm works for the Barrack Street, Douglas Street and Friar Street areas are due to be implemented in 2011-2013. The design work for Barrack Street (to Pouladuff Road) is programmed for completion by end of 2010. The funding for these works has not yet been identified but it is likely that works will be funded directly by the City Council or from development contributions.

Commercial rates are levied based on the rateable valuation placed on commercial properties by the Valuation Office in Dublin. There is no provision in rating law to enable a decrease in the amount of the commercial rate. Any such proposal would require a change in rating law which would have national repercussions. A reduction of 50% on the commercial rate is presently available to landlords of vacant properties if the property is available for letting or under renovation.

3.15 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER – CORK SHOWGROUNDS**

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

Could the Manager please make available the following information on the compulsory purchase order (CPO) of Cork Showgrounds.

1. *A copy of the strict guidelines on the compulsory purchase order (CPO) by the Dept of Environment which applied to the Cork Showgrounds.*
 2. *A copy of the submission made by Cork City Council, which was presented to the oral hearing on the compulsory purchase order (CPO) of Cork Showgrounds.*
1. There are no specific guidelines “on the compulsory purchase order” issued by the Department which applied to the Cork City Council – Showgrounds/Monahan’s Road Acquisition Order No. 1 of 2006.
 2. The City Council sought to acquire compulsorily the land for the purposes of performing its functions under the Planning and Development Act 2000 including giving effect to and facilitating the implementation of its Development Plan.

A copy of the Compulsory Purchase Order made on the 8th June 2006 is attached.

4. **ADOPTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 2010**

An Chomhairle considered the report of City Manager dated 8th July 2010 on the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2010.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Kingston, An Chomhairle unanimously approved the report of the City Manager dated 8th July 2010 and unanimously agreed to adopt the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2010.

5. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 28th JUNE 2010**

5.1 **RECREATION AMENITY & CULTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st JUNE 2010**

5.1.1 **DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE LIBRARY SERVICES 2010 – 2014**

An Chomhairle considered the Draft Strategic Plan for the Library Service, dated June 2010.

An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to the following amendment Page 28 – “Prior to the 2009 Local Elections the Council decided to relocate the library for the North Central Ward from St. Mary’s Road to Blackpool.”

On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Barry, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Finn, a vote was called for on the following amendment.

Page 29 – “The Council has identified premises in Blackpool which will be fitted out for use as a library; the lease has a break clause after 5 years, allowing the Council to pursue its preferred option of developing a long term purpose designed library in due course, closer to the heart of the ward, i.e. Blackpool Village.”

where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, T. Gould, J. O’Brien, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, L. McGonigle, D. O’Flynn, C. O’Leary, K. McCarthy, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, M. Finn, F. Kerins, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.- (19)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, M. O’Connell, T. Shannon, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham.- (7)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote carried and An Chomhairle approved the Draft Strategic Plan for the Library Services 2010 – 2014 subject to the above amendments.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss a vote of confidence in the Board of Directors of Cork Opera House at the conclusion of the agenda.

5.1.2 **PROGRESS REPORT ON CORK CITY PARKS – OPEN SPACE STRATEGY 2010- 2015**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture, dated 17th June 2010, on progress in relation to the development of a new Parks & Open Space Strategy.

5.1.3 **BONFIRE NIGHT PROJECT**

An Chomhairle noted the report of the Director of Services, Recreation Amenity & Culture, dated 17th June 2010, on the Bonfire Night Alternative Events.

5.2 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st JUNE 2010**

5.2.1 **CORK ECONOMIC MONITOR – JUNE 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the Cork Economic Monitor – June 2010.

5.2.2 **CORK CITY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Community & Enterprise, dated 8th June 2010, on the Cork City Parks and Open Space Strategy 2010.

5.2.3 **AUDIT OF DERELICT SITES IN THE BLACKPOOL AND SHANDON STREET AREA**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 8th June 2010, on the following motion, which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council do an audit of the Derelict-Sites in the Blackpool and Shandon Street area with a view to making contact with the owners as many of these sites have been empty and rundown for a number of years.

If there is no development on the sites, that we as a Council declare them derelict.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 09/390)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the Draft Blackpool Village Area Action Plan includes an objective to update the Derelict sites Register with a view to reducing dereliction in the area. The main derelict sites in Blackpool have been identified and these will be further investigated to establish the appropriate form of action to be taken under the Derelict Sites Act, including declaring them derelict and placing them on the derelict sites register. This will be extended to other areas including Shandon as resources permit.

5.2.4 **13 ST. MARY'S PLACE**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 8th June 2010, on the following motion, which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that this property was inspected in August 2006 and found to be derelict. However the property was for sale at the time and a planning permission (TP 06/30747) had been granted to erect a side extension. The site had also been partially cleared and it was considered premature to take any action at that stage.

The property was re-inspected in 2009 and found to be litter strewn, overgrown and derelict. Managers Order No. 408/09 recommending that the property be placed on the derelict sites register was forwarded to the Property Department.

Ownership investigations were carried out and the owner advised that he intended to carry out property repairs to the property and requested time to do so and gave a timeframe of 12 months. The property has not been redeveloped within this time frame and consequently notice of intention to enter the property on the Derelict Sites Register is to be issued.

5.2.5 **“MAHON SOUTH” AREA EXTENDED**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 8th June 2010, on the following motion, which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that on submissions received on issues to be considered in the preparation of the South Mahon LAP recommends that the boundary of the plan area be extended to include Avenue De Rennes.

5.2.6 **SOUTH PARISH AREA ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 8th June 2010, on the following motion which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That the implementation of the South Parish Area Action Plan receive priority funding from Development Charges over the next three years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/45)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the *South Parish Area Action Plan* was adopted in March 2010. The Implementation Strategy for the area action plan is included on page 31 of the adopted plan.

Since the adoption of the *Area Action Plan* the following projects have been progressed to implementation stage:

- The South Parish Painting Grants Scheme 2010 has now been confirmed in principle and is due to be advertised in June 2010.
- Funding has been secured for the South Parish Tourist Walking Trail which has been designed and is in the progress of being installed on site. The walkway will be officially launched in September 2010.

The public realm works are due to be implemented in 2011-2013. Funding sources for these projects have not yet been confirmed. Development levies, other internal resources or Government grants are all potential sources of funding.

5.2.7 **DERELICT AREA TO THE SOUTH EAST OF 1 FRANKFIELD VIEW**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development dated 8th June 2010, on the following motion, which was referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council carry out an immediate inspection of the derelict area to the south east of 1 Frankfield View, Old Youghal Road, as it is in a shocking state of neglect and is functioning as a focal point for anti social behaviour. The area must be placed on the derelict sites register as soon as possible and to help the Gardaí in Mayfield will have a file on this area which is bounded to the west by the Quarry Steps as there have been hundreds of complaints over the last number of years.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/116)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the site has been inspected and is considered to be derelict under the Derelict Sites Act. The Property Section have initiated the process of putting it on the Derelict Sites Register.

5.3 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st JUNE 2010**

5.3.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended May, 2010.

5.3.2 **CORK AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM (CATS) – REPORT ON THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, regarding the Cork Area Transit System (CATS) – Report on the Public Consultation Process.

5.3.3 **ONE-WAY SYSTEM ON STRAWBERRY HILL, SHANAKIEL ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, regarding the one-way system on Strawberry Hill, Shanakiel Road and unanimously agreed to refer the item back to the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee for further consideration.

5.3.4 **CORK CITY COUNCIL'S BID TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT FUNDED SMARTER TRAVEL PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle noted the presentation on Cork City Council's bid to Department of Transport funded Smarter Travel Programme, dated 21st June 2010.

5.3.5 **30 KM/H SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING ESTATES**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion, which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Tynan 10/97)

The report of the City Manager stated that 30 kph is a ‘special speed limit’ and the guidelines for the installation of such special speed limits include the following:

- The roads with the special speed limit have been provided with appropriate traffic calming measures to ensure that that vehicle speeds are constrained to 30kph.
- All other relevant engineering safety measures should have been tried or considered not sufficient or appropriate before applying such a special speed limit.

The intention will be that this low speed limit will be used only in conjunction with traffic calming measures and will generally be self enforcing. Providing low speed limits at locations where there would not be a high level of ‘natural compliance’ or where the Gardaí could not provide a sufficient level of enforcement because of high level of

resources required could bring the principle of the special speed limits into disrepute and would be counter-productive.

For traffic calming schemes it is better that each location is assessed separately and appropriate traffic calming measures (including possible speed limits) are identified. It should be noted that Silverheights Avenue and Inishowen are due to have traffic calming measures implemented this year. Traffic calming measures for Silversprings, Lotabeg, Boherboy and Ashmount will be and put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

5.3.6 **CORK AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘Following on from the briefing in relation to Cork Area Transit System and future rollout of Bus Rapid Transit. I propose that a delegation would visit Swansea (a city we are twinned with) to view at first hand this system in operation. It could correspond with the reopening of the Cork Swansea Ferry.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 10/43)

The report of the City Manager stated that the public consultation process for the Cork Area Transit System (CATS) has just been completed. A business case for the project has been submitted to the Department of Transport. If the project is formally approved by both Cork City and County Councils in the near future, renewed efforts will be made to obtain funding to enable detailed design of the scheme to begin.

Swansea is a city of comparable size to Cork and it recently introduced a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system which traverses through the City Centre. When Dept. of Transport funding is secured it would be very informative and worthwhile for a delegation to visit the BRT system in Swansea in order to learn about issues, problems, etc. which were encountered and overcome.

Arrangements for the visit to Swansea will be made hopefully in the Autumn, when it is anticipated that a funding start for the CATS project will be obtained.

5.3.7 **TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT ST. LUKES CROSS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the dangerous and deceptive traffic/pedestrian lights recently installed at St. Lukes Cross be removed forthwith and appropriate pedestrian crossings be installed at safe locations away from the cross itself.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 10/111)

The report of the City Manager stated that the work referred to above commenced on Wednesday the 26th of May and is scheduled to be complete on the week ending the 19th

of June. In addition all other outstanding items of work on the project will be complete on the week ending the 19th of June i.e. the removal of the ESB overhead cables and related activities.

5.3.8 **PARKING SPACES – MARKET GARDENS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the City Manager stated that house nos. 1-4 Market Gardens are fronting directly onto Togher Road and these houses do not have driveways, and do not have parking facilities outside on the roadway. The twelve spaces opposite the nearby house nos. 63 -69 are designed to accommodate the needs of the 7 houses at nos. 63 – 69 and the 5 houses at nos. 1- 4. These parking spaces are on the public road and none of the spaces are allocated to any particular houses. This is not possible from a legal point of view.

If there is an issue of commuters or ‘outsiders’ using the parking spaces for long periods, the local residents should consider the introduction of disc parking controls which will eliminate this problem. Contact should be made with the Traffic Division who will meet the local residents and the public representative to discuss arrangements for the introduction of parking controls.

5.3.9 **‘WELCOME TO CORK’ SIGN REPLACEMENT**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the City Manager stated that the worn “Welcome to Cork” sign is a very old sign whose primary purpose was to encourage motorists not to park in the areas on St. Patrick’s Quay designated for tour bus or coach parking.

Studies are currently being undertaken by the Department of Transport on the feasibility of providing bus stations for private tour buses and coaches in cities outside Dublin. Such a facility exists in Galway and Cork, Limerick and Waterford are now being examined for a similar facility.

The provision of any tourist type information sign on St. Patrick's Quay would therefore be premature pending the outcome of the current studies. A report on the outcome or recommendations of the tour bus/coach station study will be made to Council when it becomes available.

5.3.10 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT GLENHEIGHTS PARK

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 09/293)

The report of the City Manager stated that Glenheights Park at the junction between Glenheights Park and the entrance to St. Aidan's school and Scoil Oilibher is already on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

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

5.3.11 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – TORY TOP ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that Tory Top Road adjacent to the Shops and Community Centre at its intersection with Friars Walk adjacent to the Library is already on the list of areas where a request for traffic calming has been received. The area will be assessed to determine the extent of the problems that exist in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Any identified traffic calming solutions, including a push-button pedestrian crossing facility and a speed table top, will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

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

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

5.3.13 30KM/H SPEED LIMIT – SILVERSPRINGS AREA

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that 30 kph is a ‘special speed limit’ and the guidelines for the installation of such special speed limits include the following:

- The roads with the special speed limit have been provided with appropriate traffic calming measures to ensure that that vehicle speeds are constrained to 30kph.
- All other relevant engineering safety measures should have been tried or considered not sufficient or appropriate before applying such a special speed limit.

The intention will be that this low speed limit will be used only in conjunction with traffic calming measures and will generally be self enforcing. Providing low speed limits at locations where there would not be a high level of ‘natural compliance’ or where the Gardaí could not provide a sufficient level of enforcement because of high level of resources required could bring the principle of the special speed limits into disrepute and would be counter-productive.

For traffic calming schemes it is better that each location is assessed separately and appropriate traffic calming measures (including possible speed limits) are identified. It should be noted that Silverheights Avenue and Inishowen are due to have traffic claming measures implemented this year. Traffic calming measures for Silversprings, Lotabeg, Boherboy and Ashmount will be and put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

5.3.14 DISABLED PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE SUNDAY'S WELL POST OFFICE

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that Sunday's Well Road outside Sunday's Well Post Office will be examined and if it is deemed feasible, a parking space will be designated as a disabled driver space and the necessary road markings will be inputted into this year's road painting programme.

5.3.15 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MARTINS SHOP, BALLYVOLANE

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that the area adjacent to Martin's Shop in Ballyvolane 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.

5.3.16 REMOVE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES FROM SOUTHERN SIDE OF WELLINGTON ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which, was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the double yellow lines between Summer Hill North and St Luke's Ave are essential for the safe functioning of St Luke's Cross. This issue was discussed at length during the Planning Stage for the street renewal project.

If parking was permitted along this stretch of roadway the west bound traffic would be forced to cross into the oncoming traffic lane in order to overtake parked vehicles. This would create a significant hazard therefore it is not possible to remove the double yellow lines.

5.3.17 RESIDENTIAL CAR PARKING SPACES IN LORETTO PARK

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/ Director of Services stated that requests for this type of parking are put on a list and assessed for suitability. Loretto Park will now be added to list and assessed accordingly.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that new nameplates for Ballinure Place, Ballinure Lawn and Avenue De Rennes will be ordered and the new sign plates will be installed this year.

5.3.19 CLOSES ROAD, FARRANREE BE INCLUDED IN THE 2010 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 10/170)

The report of the A/ Director of Services stated that Closes Road was not selected for resurfacing in the 2010 Road Resurfacing Programme. However any necessary localised repairs will be carried out in the coming months.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that final details for a new traffic management system for the operation the Togher Road/Tramore Road junction have been received from the Engineering Consultants. These are currently being assessed. The new arrangements will include:

- New pedestrian crossing facilities on the approaches to the junction.
- Replacement of the traffic signal control arrangement with a ‘mini roundabout’ arrangement.

The necessary works required to improve the road safety and operation of the junction will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

5.3.21 **RESTORE QUARRY AT BALLYHOOLEY**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/ Director of Services stated that the contractor responsible for the works at St. Lukes Cross will be instructed to restore the quarry as a green area.

5.3.22 **ROAD REALIGNMENT ON COLLEGE ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would survey the effectiveness of the road realignment on College Road adjacent to the main UCC campus and to determine if similar measures are required adjacent to the Bons Secours Hospital, the Poor Claire’s Convent and the UCC Brookfield Campus to ensure pedestrian safety.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttiner 10/109)

The report of the City Manager stated that Cork City Council in partnership with UCC recently carried out a major public realm refurbishment scheme on College Road. The new works, costing over €3 million, comprised enhanced footpath widths, new pedestrian crossing facilities, speed and junction table tops, traffic signals, etc. It is unlikely that funds will be available for any major additional works in the area in the near future.

However, if particular issues relating to road alignment adjacent to the Bons Secours Hospital, the Poor Claire's Convent and the UCC Brookfield Campus are identified, they will be assessed and any appropriate mitigation measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

5.3.23 REMOVE 'NO TURN RIGHT' SIGN AT END OF DEVONSHIRE STREET

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O'Flynn 09/296)

The report of the City Manager stated that the ban on the right turn for traffic exiting Devonshire Street onto Carrols Quay/North Link Road exists because it:

- a) eliminates the road hazard involved in traffic turning right and crossing the busy two lanes on Carrols Quay and
- b) prevents Pine Street and Devonshire Street becoming a rat run for traffic avoiding the traffic lights at Christy Ring Bridge.

A recent traffic modelling exercise confirmed that traffic volumes in Pine Street and Devonshire Street would increase as a result of the removal of the right turn ban. Accordingly it is recommended that the "no right turn" sign remain at the junction of Devonshire Street and Carroll's Quay.

5.3.24 SPEED CUSHIONS – SILVERHEIGHTS ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

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

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

5.3.25 PUBLIC LIGHTING IN DERRYNANE ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that the public lighting in Derrynane Road adjacent to St. Joseph’s and Congress Road Junction will be examined and assessed in order to identify any appropriate measures that are required to bring the lighting to modern standards.

Any identified measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme. The measures will also be brought to the attention of the Ward Meeting to determine if Ward funds are available to carry out the improvements.

5.3.26 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT STONERIDGE, BLARNEY ROAD

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that Stoneridge, Blarney Road 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.

5.3.27 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT LOWER SHANDON STREET

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the City Manager, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the City Manager stated that in view of the high pedestrian demand for a pedestrian crossing facility at the junction of Shandon Street and Blarney Street, the provision of a pedestrian crossing facility on the southside of the junction will be put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

5.3.28 FOOTPATH ON WESTERN SIDE OF DRINAN STREET

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/ Director of Services stated that the reduction of footpath width in order to provide onstreet parking will be considered for inclusion in the ‘Green Areas to Parking’ scheme but taking into account the possible redevelopment of Government Buildings on Sullivans Quay.

5.3.29 PROBLEMS FOR RESIDENTS OF CORPORATION BUILDINGS

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/ Director of Services stated that work on the first phase of the Cornmarket St Renewal Project is scheduled to be complete by the end of September this year. Upon completion traffic will revert to Northbound only as per the finished design. This will alleviate most of the current delivery problems.

The Roads & Transportation Directorate is currently in discussions with TK Maxx concerning its future delivery management therefore the problems concerning early morning deliveries will be addressed as part of these discussions.

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

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/ Director of Services stated that the location adjacent to 1-5 St. Finbarrs Road was not selected for resurfacing in the 2010 Road Resurfacing Programme. However any remedial work considered necessary will be carried out.

5.3.31 INCLUDE FOOTPATHS IN ELTON LAWN IN THE FOOTPATH RENEWAL PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/ Director of Services stated that the footpaths in Elton Lawn will be considered for inclusion in the 2011 Footpath Renewal Programme. In the meantime any localised repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

5.3.32 FOOTPATHS IN STRATTON PINES ASSESSED AS TO THEIR SAFETY

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 17th June, 2010, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the A/ Director of Services stated that the height of the footpaths vary from 100mm to 175mm which, from a safety point of view, is acceptable.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue to 8.30 p.m.

5.4 **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 21st JUNE 2010**

5.4.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

5.4.2 **REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS CONSULTATIVE FORUM – FRAMEWORK ACTION PLAN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 17th June, 2010 in relation to the Regional Homelessness Consultative Forum – Framework Action Plan.

5.4.3 **FENCING OUTSIDE IMAAL COURT, THE GLEN**

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

‘That the green fencing be continued to secure the cliff face outside Imaal Court, The Glen.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/225)

The report of the Director of Services stated that there is no funding available at present to extend the fencing at Coolamber Drive /Imaal Court/Avoca Crescent/Mangerton. Should this position change the proposal may be considered further.

5.4.4 **CRAFTSMANSHIP OF TRADESMEN**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

5.4.5 **MONTHLY REPORT ON REPAIRS & PLANNED MAINTENANCE**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 17th June, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that it would not be practical or possible to provide Council with such a report. The Members provide funding for Housing Maintenance as part of the Annual Budget process and an agreed Planned Maintenance Programme based on need will be discussed with the individual ward members.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O'Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Brien, a vote was called For or Against the acceptance of the report of the Director of Services dated 17th June 2010, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, M. O'Connell, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, J. Corr, E. O'Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields.(9)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, M. Barry, C. Clancy, K. O'Flynn, T. Gould, J. O'Brien, T. Fitzgerald, D. O'Flynn, C. O'Leary, K. McCarthy, L. Kingston, M. Finn, F. Kerins, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.(16)

An tArd-Mhéara declared the report of the Director of Services not accepted.

5.4.6 **OPEN & TRANSPARENT HOUSING LIST**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 17th June, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'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)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the motion was not approved by Council on 14th April, 2009. However, the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government are intending to introduce a National Scheme of Letting Priorities to standardise allocations throughout all Housing Authorities.

Following discussion An Chomhairle unanimously agreed to approve the motion.

5.4.7 **WALL BETWEEN HOUSES 56 AND 57 MARKET GARDENS**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the report of the Director of Services dated 17th June, 2010 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

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

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

The report of the Director of Services stated that houses Nos. 56 and 57 Market Gardens are in private ownership and it is therefore a matter for the relevant owners to deal with the partition wall.

5.5 **CORK CITY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE – 5th MARCH 2010**

An Chomhairle considered and approved the following motions which were referred to Committee by An Chomhairle:-

‘That Cork City Council would reconvene the committee on alcohol consumption in public places so as to review the effectiveness of current By-Laws, restrictions and prohibitions’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 09/408)

‘That Cork City Council calls on the Government to ban “Head Shops” in Ireland

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/26)

6. **CORK CITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

An Chomhairle considered correspondence received from Cork City Partnership dated 2nd July 2010, and nominated three representatives of An Chomhairle to the Board of Cork City Partnership.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Buttimer, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir E. O’Halloran to the Cork City Partnership Board.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. O’Flynn, seconded by Comhairleoir L. Kingston, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir C. Clancy to the Cork City Partnership Board.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, An Chomhairle approved the nomination of Comhairleoir T. Fitzgerald to the Cork City Partnership Board.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence from the following:-

- Donegal County Council dated 23rd June 2010.
- Donegal County Council dated 24th June 2010.

8. **CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR SUMMARIES**

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

Cllr. Dara Murphy– **Byrne Perry Summer School** –Gorey, Co. Wexford-25/28 June 2010.

Cllr. Dara Murphy–**Developing Vibrant Communities through Creativity and Innovation**; Bundoran, Co. Donegal – 2-4 July 2010.

Cllr. Patricia Gosch– **Transformation of the Public Service. Will Croke Park Deliver** – Tralee, Co. Kerry -4 -6 June 2010.

Cllr. Patricia Gosch–**Shanghai Twinning Visit** – Shanghai, China -24-30 May 2010.

Cllr. Ger Gibbons–**Shanghai Twinning Visit** – Shanghai, China - 24-30 May 2010.

Cllr Ger Gibbons– **National Tourism Conference** - Tullow, Co.Carlow – June 25/26 2010.

Cllr John Kelleher – **National Tourism Conference** – Tullow, Co.Carlow – June 25/26 2010.

Cllr Michael Ahern – **National Tourism Conference** – Tullow, Co.Carlow – June 25/26 2010.

Cllr Tony Fitzgerald – **Wind & Solar Energy** - Birr, Co. Offaly-25/27 June 2010.

Cllr Denis O’Flynn– **Wind & Solar Energy** - Birr, Co. Offaly-25/27 June 2010.

Cllr Kenneth O’Flynn– **Wind & Solar Energy** - Birr, Co. Offaly-25/27 June 2010.

Cllr. Sean Martin– **Transformation of the Public Service. Will Croke Park Deliver** – Tralee, Co. Kerry, 4 -6 June 2010.

Cllr. Sean Martin– **Byrne/Perry Summer School** – Gorey, Co. Wexford-25/28 June 2010.

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES (ITEM 9 ON AGENDA)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. O’Leary, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Cahill, a vote was called on whether to approve the attendance of Councillors at the various Seminars & Conferences listed at Items 9 & 10 of the agenda, and the additional Seminars/ Conferences tabled at the meeting, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, C. Clancy, K. O’Flynn, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. O’Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. Kingston, E. O’Halloran, S. Martin, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, G. Gibbons.-(15)

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

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoir M. Barry.-(1)

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

9. **SEMINARS**

9.1 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROADS & TRANSPORT SERVICES**

Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy & B. Bermingham at the “Local Government Roads & Transport Services” training seminar, held in the West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, on the 9th – 11th July 2010.

9.2 **HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2009**

Comhairleoirí D. McCarthy, G. Gibbons & B. Bermingham at the “Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009” training seminar, to be held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Straffen Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, on the 16th – 18th July 2010.

9.3 **HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK ASSESSMENT AND INSURANCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí G. Gibbons, E. O’Halloran & B. Bermingham at the “Health & Safety, Risk Assessment and Insurance in Local Government” – Training Seminar, to be held in the Maldron Hotel, Oranmore, Galway, on the 26th – 28th July 2010.

9.4 **THE NEED FOR URGENT LOCAL AUTHORITY AND HEALTH SERVICE REFORM – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí G. Gibbons & B. Bermingham at “The need for Urgent Local Authority and Health Service Reform” – training seminar, to be held in the Maldron Hotel, Oranmore, Galway, on the 30th July – 1st August 2010.

9.5 **“ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan & B. Bermingham at the “Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Public Administration to be held in the Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Bushypark, Co. Galway on the 13th – 15th August 2010.

9.6 **“WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS; TYRES & WASTE TYRES; PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISPOSAL BY BURNING; OBLIGATIONS ON FARMERS; THE INSURANCE ISSUES” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan & B. Bermingham at the “Waste Management Regulations; Tyres & Waste Tyres; Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning; Obligations on Farmers; The Insurance Issues” – Training Seminar to be held in the Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Roads, Galway City on the 20th – 22nd August 2010.

9.7 **WATER CONSERVATION; THE IMPACT OF THE NEW EPA GUIDELINES ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS; ARE WE AT RISK?**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the “Water Conservation; The Impact of the New EPA Guidelines on Planning Applications; Are We at Risk?” – Seminar to be held in the Carlton Atlantic Coast Hotel Westport, The Quay, Westport, Co. Mayo on the 27th – 29th August 2010.

9.8 **97th ANNUAL AMAI CONFERENCE – “LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUTURE”**

Comhairleoir M. Shields 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.

9.9 **“PLANNING APPLICATIONS” – TRAINING SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan & B. Bermingham at the “Planning Applications” – Training Seminar to be held in the Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Bushypark, Co. Galway on the 10th – 12th September 2010.

9.10 **2010 LA TOUCHE LEGACY SEMINAR**

Comhairleoir B. Bermingham at the 2010 La Touche Legacy Seminar to be held in the Charles Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow on the 1st – 3rd October 2010.

9.11 **LAMA AUTUMN SEMINAR**

Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Buttimer & B. Bermingham at the LAMA Autumn Seminar – “Local Government – Efficiency and Financing” to be held in the Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry on the 8th – 9th October 2010.

10. **CONFERENCES**

10.1 **IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD. AGM**

Comhairleoir M. Ahern at the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd AGM, held in the Burlington Hotel, Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4, on the 27th May 2010.

10.2 **8th NATIONAL TOURISM CONFERENCE “TOURISM – THE WAY FORWARD”**

Comhairleoir G. Gibbons at the 8th National Tourism Conference “Tourism – The Way Forward”, held in the Mount Wolseley Hotel, Tullow, Co. Carlow, on the 24th – 26th June 2010.

10.3 **PARNELL SUMMER SCHOOL 2010**

Comhairleoirí J. Corr, E. O'Halloran & M. Shields at the Parnell Summer School 2010, being held in the Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, on the 8th – 13th August 2010.

10.4 **HUMBERT SUMMER SCHOOL 2010**

Comhairleoirí J. Corr, M. Shields at the Humbert Summer School 2010, being held in Castlebar, Co. Mayo, on the 19th – 22nd August 2010.

10.5 **SHANGHAI WORLD PAVILION WITH THE MUNSTER LITERATURE CENTRE**

Comhairleoir J. Buttimer at the Shanghai World Pavilion with the Munster Literature Centre, being held in Shanghai on the 10th – 17th September 2010.

11. **MOTIONS**

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

11.1 **TRAFFIC PLAN FOR BLARNEY STREET**

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

(Proposer: Cllr. K. O’Flynn 09/379)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.2 **SENIOR CITIZEN LIAISON OFFICER**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

11.3 **ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING SPACES IN SUMMERHILL SOUTH & SOUTHERN ROAD**

‘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)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.4 **‘WHO DO YU THINK YOU ARE’ FESTIVAL**

‘That Cork City Council libraries would run a “Who Do You Think You Are” festival aimed at inciting Corkonians and Tourists to visit Cork City Libraries to trace their Cork Heritage.’

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/223)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.5 **MAINTENANCE ON JACK LYNCH TUNNEL**

‘That Cork City Council would desist from the carrying out of maintenance work on the Jack Lynch Tunnel on Thursday and Friday nights and instead carry out the work on Mondays, Tuesdays and/ or Wednesdays as Mahon Point traders are continuing to experience decline in footfall and business on these evenings due to the tunnel closure. The centre’s core trading hours are Monday – Wednesday 7 p.m. and Thursday/ Friday 9 p.m.

(Proposer: Cllr. E. O’Halloran 10/231)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.7 **MARINA – TRAFFIC FREE AT WEEKENDS**

‘That Cork City Council would run a pilot scheme, to explore the advantages of making the Marina a traffic free, pedestrianised area at weekends, with a view to permanent implementation of the scheme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 10/234)

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.8 **CORK CITY LIBRARY**

‘That plug sockets be provided for researchers with laptops in the local studies section of Cork City Library.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/235)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

11.9 **PODIUM STAND IN THE CONCERT HALL**

‘That the City Council upgrade the podium stand and purchase a roaming mike in the Concert Hall for ceremonies.’

(Proposer: Cllr. K. McCarthy 10/236)

Corporate Policy Group

11.10 **RESURFACING OF GARDINERS HILL AVENUE/ STREAM HILL**

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.12 **CAMP FIELD**

‘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)

Housing & Community Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

11.14 **DENNEHY’S CROSS CAR SALES**

‘That this Council agree to approach the developers/ owners of that piece of ground formally known as the Dennehy’s Cross Car sales depot on the Model Farm Road with a view of taking it into the City Councils ownership for free or at a nominal cost as a contribution by the developer to Cork and the Local Community as an attractive urban park resulting in exposing a clear vista of the Church of the Descent of the Real Spirit and facilitating residents, workers and others to an island of peace and tranquility in an otherwise extremely busy noisy junction.’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Bermingham 10/242)

Planning & Development Functional Committee

11.15 **PLANTERS WITH BEDDING PLANTS**

‘That Cork City Council would provide planters with bedding plants in Tiffany Downs and Brampton Court, Bishopstown.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttimer 10/245)

Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee

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

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

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

Roads & Transportation Functional Committee

12. **MOTIONS**

To consider the following motions, due notice of which has been given:-

12.1 **OPPOSITION TO A PROPERTY TAX**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That Cork City Council states its total opposition to a property tax on the family home.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Barry 10/238)

12.2 **RENAMING OF CORK AIRPORT**

An Chomhairle agreed to refer motion 10/243 to Party Whips for consideration

‘That the City Council support the renaming of Cork Airport to Terence MacSwiney Airport in remembrance of the former Lord Mayor.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Brien 10/243)

12.3 **RAS SCHEME**

An Chomhairle approved the following motion:-

‘That this council is opposed to the current trend of government policy, as most recently manifested in changes to the RAS scheme, which is progressively undermining the role of local authorities as housing providers. We believe in the central role of local councils in providing quality, affordable housing to those who need it. We deplore a situation where there are 54,000 families on the housing list and up to 300,000 vacant dwellings in the state. This council requests the government to:

- Empower local authorities to purchase vacant properties and sites at cost price for the purpose of providing social or affordable housing
- Provide the necessary funds for local authorities to provide at least 10,000 additional social homes, by compulsory purchase or new building, each year
- Enable local authorities to sell homes on the market in competition with private developers (which would keep homes affordable and help prevent a new bubble in house prices)
- Establish a state bank, part of whose remit would be to provide affordable mortgages to home buyers.

(Proposer: Cllr. H. Cremin 10/244)

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CORK OPERA HOUSE

Following the decision after item 5.1.1 to Suspend Standing Orders, to discuss a vote of confidence in the Board of Directors of Cork Opera House, on the proposal of Comhairleoir J. O’Brien, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a vote was called for to approve a vote of confidence in the Directors of Cork Opera House, where there appeared as follows:-

FOR: Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, C. Clancy, J. O’Brien, M. O’Connell, T. Fitzgerald, D. Cahill, T. Shannon, C. O’Leary, L. Kingston, J. Buttimer, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, H. Cremin, G. Gibbons.-(14)

AGAINST: Comhairleoirí K. O’Flynn, K. McCarthy, M. Finn.-(3)

ABSTAIN: Comhairleoirí T. Tynan, D. O’Flynn, J. Corr, S. Martin, F. Kerins.-(5)

The following members abstained from voting as they are Board Members, Comhairleoirí D. O’Flynn, J. Corr, S. Martin & F. Kerins.

An tArdmhéara declared the vote carried and the vote of confidence approved. An Chomhairle agreed to issue a letter to that effect to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Cork Opera House.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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